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1879?

25. WILTON PLACE.

S.W.

My dear Gray

Oct 25

Just received yours of the 11th
I cannot agree to putting Coulter
603 (*Bergia vergata* Thers.
about which I wrote to you yesterday)
with *Menanthe* - the habit
corolla and capsule quite different
- unilocular and bicellular anthers
often distinguish genera otherwise
nearly allied - as *Hypochoeris* and
Psittacanthus - and often connect
genera otherwise very distinct
in *Chaptalia* - a natural genus - there
is a gradual passage from the one to the
other - In other cases it is a good
generic but not a subgeneric character
In *Bergia* as far as I can judge

from dried specimens the upper
corolla lobes though deeply divided
are erect and much shorter than
the spreading lower lip showing
the labiate corolla of *Justicia*
whilst in *Senecioium* the
corolla lobes are all spreading
as in *Chrysanthemum*. The shape of
the capsule is rather unusual in
Senecioium.

Yours truly
George Beathorn



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