

Red Apr 5th London, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Evening, 13

My very Dear Friend

It is not long since I closed a parcel of letters for you and despatched them by mail to Liverpool for the Steam Ship Liverpool, by which I hope they will reach you early. I have since attended a meeting of the Linnean Society; Mr. Foster in the Chair, Lambert never comes now for fear of meeting Don, and also because he is a little piqued, perhaps, at not being made President. Brown seldom comes, as he would have to take the Chair in Lambert's absence, and he fears he might annoy Lambert; for Brown is extremely tender of other persons' feelings. I was most interested in the nominations to fill up the five vacancies of the Foreign associates. They were Carus, Milne-Edwards, Dutrochet, Endlicher, & Torrey. The nomination was signed by Bentham, Brown, Brooke, Foster, Owen & so on. I knew nothing of it until just before the meeting, and I may be allowed to say that I felt extremely gratified at such a very handsome compliment paid to my best friend.

Lindley has given me to-day a copy of Griffiths' most admirable paper in the last part of the Trans. Lin. Socy. on the ovula of Santalum, Soranthus, Viscum, &c. an anatomical paper of the very highest order. - about 40 pages, with eleven fine plates. I am going to buy all the other papers on Botany in the Trans. Inqns which I think valuable. They can be had of Coxhead, who buys sets and pulls them to pieces to sell separately. Let me not forget to tell you, that after having made diligent enquiry of Brown, Bentham &c. - I had nearly given up all hope of finding Walter's habarium. I spoke to Lindley yesterday, and he said he knew the son of old Fraser who would be most apt to know something about it, and would give me his address, by which I could find him if in town. But to-day, just after the adjournment



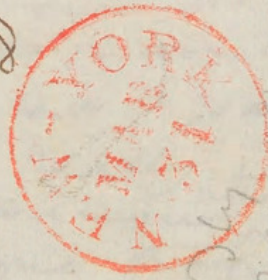
most of the Horticultural Society, and while I was  
glancing over your kind letter, Sunday came for me to  
say that he had found Walter's *Herbarium* for me!  
He introduced me to Mr. Mason to whom it belongs  
though not immediately in his possession, who offered  
to send it up for my examination to the Horticultural  
Society's Rooms, or anywhere I chose. I hope to get  
at it, with Beathan, about Friday, I shall be  
anxious to let you know the result.

The *Antislavery*, L. & K., is to be first published in the  
California Apper. to Beecher's voyage: the number  
just now published, I suppose, as I saw it in print at  
Glasgow, breaks off just in the middle of the generic  
character. It was found also by Tolmie in upper  
California: I suspect the plate will appear there  
the suppl. to *Fl. Bor. Am.* will be an addition to the  
12<sup>th</sup> part. I suspect he will not take in the *Crypt.*  
Hooker is quite inclined to work up the mosses of  
N. America for us if we can include them, - &  
Graville would like to do the Sea Algae!

- I am most clearly of the opinion that any person  
who will make extensive collections of N. American  
plants to the Northern & Southern, and include also  
a good collection from M. Tex., the Platte country  
&c. - have his sets named according to our work, and  
who would devote 4 or 5 years to the business, business,  
- could if he was really industrious & prudent re-  
ceive \$1000 pr. annum <sup>(clear)</sup>. He should continue my  
grass-book for one thing, giving from sets only for  
the present price, and while from time to time he  
sells off collections as he can should retain some  
some 50 sets in all the most interesting large genera  
or small families, get all the species, and publish  
them in monographic sets. Kneishner could make,  
with the aid we would gladly furnish, at least 10 times  
as much money, as long as he lives, as he ever will at  
physic! besides being engaged in a much pleasanter  
way.



To Dr. John Torrey



30 Macdonough Street

New York

for Mr. Torrey  
Wiley & Co.



Gray, Asa. 1839. "Gray, Asa Feb. 5, 1839 [to Torrey] [2nd item]." *Asa and Jane Gray travel correspondence*

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