

I know just how all this should be managed now.
Now for Dr. Blapp. Tell him that Brown in-
forms me that he does not think jewel lenses can be
depended upon as possessing any advantage over glass.
He has an excellent sapphire one, but that is a mere
chance, and no other has been made any thing like it.
They are now almost never made and appear to be going
wholly out of use. His other matters I will take in
hand, but he must not expect \$20 to procure a doublet
 $\frac{1}{40}$ to inch focus; Two micrometer glasses; and a case of
dissecting instruments! I have some engagements
before me with microscopical people, and when I
get from them all the information I can I will
set about these affairs more understandingly.

By the way Mr. Bridges desires me to present his kind
remembrances and to say he would be obliged to you to
secure from the Post Office, which he supposes must
have arrived at New York, from Canada or England I
forget which, about the 1st Decr. and to retain
them until spring when he expects to be again in America.
If they should have gone on to the General Post Office
a note to Amos Kendall! will bring them back to
you. Greene did not report himself in England, but
went straight to the Continent. No one has heard from
him. He never writes. My best regards to Bailey. Tell
him to send any microscopical curiosities he may have
to spare to Mr. Edwin J. Queckett, 50 Wellclose
Square, London, and he may depend upon a good corres-
pondent. I gave Queckett Mr. Bailey's address, and he
offered to make up a little parcel for him, when he
should be ready to send. Brown expressed himself
pleased with the Infusoria, he has all the other things
in his hands but he has I suspect not yet examined
them. Sindlay was quite delighted, and asked me for
Bailey's address that he might send a note of acknowledg-
ment. I think I told you that another E.D. of his In-
tr. to Botany would appear in the Spring. Ehrenberg's

Chief work on Infusoria is a thick short folio volume with very numerous colored lithographic plates. The Characters &c are in Latin, and the talk is German. I had it offered me in Edinburgh for about 10 pounds. It might possibly be had for £12-14 in Great Britain, where however there are very few copies. Does Bailey desire me to get the work for him on the Continent or elsewhere for say 55 dollars. — What sum may I venture upon? I have letters to the man himself and hope to see him. Does *Aplectronum* grow near West Point? If so ask Bailey to dig up a root, dry it a little, and send to Lindley. Lindley does not possess a dried specimen of the plant, which also he would like much to have.

As to the Duke of Bedford's money, I think I said something in a former letter, but am not sure. Hooker sent to Shaw & Vance first his own subscription, then that of the Duke, and received from them two letters at different times, each acknowledging the receipt of £10. When they were desired to repay the Duke's money, their answer was that they knew nothing about it (first that they had sent it to you so you are not at all concerned in it), that there was no record on their books respecting it. Hooker to prove that they must have received it, sent them their two acknowledgments; but received for answer that these both related to the same sum of £10, that is to Hooker's subscription; but to this day they have not returned to Hooker their two receipts. So that, they hold all the evidence in their own hands. I do not look very likely that they would have given two receipts of different dates for the same sum, and I really do not know how to explain this affair.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 9.

My Dear Doctor,

I have been engaged nearly the whole day upon the Herbarium you so much wished me to examine, viz: that of Walter. I have not yet finished it, and find the examination very tedious, as the specimens are very often not labelled except with the genus in his Flora, so that I have first to make out his own species, and then what they are of succeeding authors. The specimens are mostly mere bits, pasted down in a huge folio volume. I suspect this was done by Fraser, and the labels have some times been exchanged; so that it requires no little patience. Some of the things I most wished to see are not in the collection, and there are several in the collection which are not mentioned in the Flora. You would laugh to see what some of the things are that have puzzled us. — Thus for instance, his "*Cacubalus polypetalus*" is *Saponaria officinalis*! His "*Gianthus Carolinicus*" is *Fraseria*! in fruit. I will soon send you my notes on the collection, or a copy of them. Bentham looked over the Leguminosae, Labiatae &c. with me. I have had two sittings at Pursh but have not yet finished, I hope another day will do it, but am not certain. I shall still require about 3 days more at the British Museum, two at the Linnean Society, and one at Lindley's. An evening or two at Bentham's will suffice to certify his Labiatae, Scrophulariaceae &c. — I must also have a day with Brown if I can get it at his own house. I hope very nearly to finish this next week, if life and health are continued.

I received this evening a kind letter from Hooker, but it contains no particulars of especial interest.

Monday I have no time to fill this sheet but will write again soon. Don't fail to write very frequently. Love to all

Yours attached

R.G.



Gray, Asa. 1839. "Gray, Asa Feb. 9, 1839 [to Torrey]." *Asa and Jane Gray travel correspondence*

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