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Dear Sir

I received the manuscript yesterday
I have endeavored to improve the descriptions
of some of the species particularly those
in the appendix yet I fear in a manner
that will prove unsatisfactory to you
You must remember that this is my first
effort at describing plants - that I have
not access to an herbarium that few books
I as I named in a former letter the descriptions
especially of the Phacelias & those in the
supplement were drawn up in great haste
that I might place the MSS. in Dr. Torrey's
hands before he left the City You seen
no doubt that Dr. T. has spoken in favor
of the genuineness of those species. The Lib.
Quercus I told him that it might be a variety
of *Q. vericarpa* to which it certainly has some affin-
ity. He said that he considered it to be a new
good species - nor has it any affinity to Nuttall's
Moraneis as you suppose. I see you crossed it
out in the MSS. If you find that Dr. T. & I are
mistaken please cross it out again Dr. Torrey
assisted me in determining *Delphinium* fol.

* I judge from description having no distinct color to compare with it

V *Salvia puberula* Of *Philop. glutinosa* I send you
a specimen if you think it a described species
of course cross it out. I am not mistaken
in the color of the its flowers. I gave Dr. J.
a specimen of *Malva Secotii* which he
pronounced to be a good *Secotii* & undescribed
The *Dirivilla* certainly has leaves both sessile
& sub-amplexicaule In my flowering specimen
the leaves are clasping

You also seem to think that I am dis-
inclined to do Mr Carey justice - for
from it I made due acknowledgments
to him at the end of the article. In determining
the *Phacelia* the ~~Phacelia~~ the truth is as I stated
to you in a former letter - nor did he tell me whether
brevistylis or *juvella* were new & after writing out
their descriptions having previously studied all the books
to which I could gain access on the subject I showed
the specimens with the Mss. to Dr. J. who showed
me what he considered to be the real *perrisiana* Pl.
to which Carey had referred *juvella* You may perhaps
remember that you told me at my room that Carey
had found out a key to unravel *Phacelia* &
that you hoped he would do it. & after that I had
little conversation with him on the subject. I assure
you that it is not in me to be ungrateful & you
may recollect that I suggested the propriety of calling
P. *Purshii* P. *Careyana* but ^{you} said no. I also request-
ed his permission to call a species after him but he said No

I have not & accepted offers to exchange with Baker & Schumme

Moreover I intended to request him to describe all my
new species in postscripts until I heard that he was
writing or about to write an article on *Phacelia* which
information was unpleasant - but I thought let him
go ahead & publish. I supposed that he was en-
gaged in writing a monograph of them until a few
days before I handed the Mss. to Dr. J. & after I had
written out part of my descriptions he soon ^{after} ~~as~~ I
learned that he was not thus employed. I went ~~there~~
to his house & requested him to publish the *Nov. Canad.*
& *Dirivilla* but he could not. I make those re-
marks in all frankness as a friend both of you & Mr Carey
I would have written out my Mss. again - ^{after} ~~after~~
were I not so pressed for time. I wish to start for
Florida about the first of May. Mr. Golden-son
of the Scotch botanist who travelled some years
ago in this country & *Florida* Canada has agreed
to accompany me. He has not much knowledge
of botany only as a Gardener. He has agreed
that none of the plants which we collect shall
be sent out of the country until they have
passed under the eyes of you or Dr. Torrey &
been named. I will collect seeds for you
free of charge & shall expect only a mod-
erate compensation for getting notes. Please furnish
me with a Catalogue of such things as you
want I shall be under the necessity of having you
correct the proof sheets I hope you will add such
notes & suppress all that you think had better
not be published. I expect to leave the City in a week
or 10 days but shall return immediately & start for Florida
Please direct your next letter simply to New York City

Yours truly
P. B. Buckley

Dr. Gray



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