

Cambridge, Saturday
May 21, 1873.

My Dear Wright

News of the 17th is at hand,
apprizing me of your arrival
at N York, & the bad sailing
of your vessel - a great pity.
- that Uncle Sam cannot make
a vessel that will go -

I hope you will not be detained
long. Accommodations, I suppose
will improve - after a while.

But your paper ought to be
stowed away, all but a ream -
~~away~~ ship's stores - till wanted.

I have already read proofs
of 80 pages of *Exploring Exped.*,
Botany - only going however,
to the beginning of *Violaceae*.

The latter part of that family
has something to interest you, as the

Sandwich Island, I will send
you proofs before you are off.

I expect to be able to send you
sheets of the 1st vol. - or at least of
all that will interest you, to meet
you at the Sandwich Islands -

But give me an address.

I enclosed your letter to Capt.
Ringgold, informing him that
I wished to send you Sill. Trans.
while you were away - asking
for permission now. As -
to reply yet.

The degree I conferred on
you, is like to be ratified, or rather
Gale will receive you ad eundem.

If I have to pay the \$3. it will
be a good lesson for making such
a mistake. - But I am not sorry,
as A. M. looks well!

I shall send your diploma to you

brother, if it comes to me.

The garden is beginning to
look pretty.

Many of your new plants have
been kept well through the
winter - and are now planted out.

Mrs. Gray is better, but hardly
well. - She sends her best regards
to you.

There will be a good many things
to direct your attention to at the
Sandwich Ids -

The Kunle Island will be a
fine field; and I hope you can
do much among them. Collected
some specimens of every thing you
see there.

I think I will run on to Star
Bark, next week - the day after
deception, and see Tracy, - as we
have a vacation of a week.

Yours cordially A. Gray.



Gray, Asa. 1853. "Gray, Asa May 21, 1853." *Charles Wright correspondence with Asa Gray*

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