

New Haven - Feb'y 9. 1845

Dear Gray: -

I intended to have had the books in your hands before this; but the remaining sheets have not yet arrived from Philadelphia - I think that Monday or Tuesday next, the express will have charge of them for you - My Introductions have come, and I will send on some of them at the same time. The measures your Society are to take about increasing the number of Copies, must effect something, I am confident - As to Cost of increasing the edition to 500, I cannot say very definitely - The plates printing & coloring of the plates of the Coral volume (61) - may cost about 12 dollars a copy - cannot be less than \$10. - The paper of the text (740 pages) (which is very heavy

near \$9 a ream) comes up to \$2 a copy.

The printing, supposing the edition 500, about  
(that is \$4 for a copy of the text, & \$14-16 for the whole work, ea. copy.)  
\$2 more. — Other volumes will be smaller.

There will be, besides the Philology & Corals,

1. Birds, Mammals

2 Botany

1 Fishes & Reptiles

1 Insects, Molluscs

1 Crustacea

1 Geology

1 Geographical Zoology & Botany — perhaps 2.

1 — Natural philosophy (wind, currents,  
soundings, &c &c)

and in all 400 or 450 plates —

I do not give this as a correct list,  
as there may be 1 or 2 more volumes.

The Maps of the Expedition, have just  
arrived here, for our College Library, and  
I presume you will find them at Harvard

They are sent by Bancroft. — If not there, they  
are <sup>hands of the</sup> at the Collector of the Port of Boston,

You will find them every way honorable  
to the Country. I wish you could see the  
March chart of the Pezzer, made by the

Expedition that was out at the same  
time with us, and acknowledges as our  
competitor in these seas. We had a better  
Chart from our Whalers to start with, than  
they have made. They were there but a few  
days, and throughout the cruise went hunting  
along from point to point, aiming <sup>only</sup> to anticipate  
us. We were nearly 4 months in the Pezzer Group.  
Not half the maps are yet finished.

Our English Journals (for Jan), somehow  
failed to come, and we have written to  
Emily Putnam for a loan of copies —

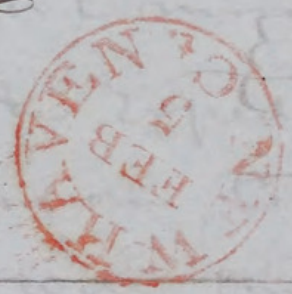
I write in great haste — and will write again  
Very sincerely yours

Saml D. Seane

Prof. Am. Gray }  
Harvard

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some words like "I have", "I do not", "I am", "I will", "I can", "I shall", "I must", "I should", "I would", "I could", "I might", "I may", "I must", "I shall", "I would", "I could", "I might", "I may" are visible.]*

Prof. Dr. Gray  
Cambridge Mass.





Dana, James Dwight. 1845. "Dana, James Dwight Feb. 4, 1845." *James Dwight Dana letters* –.

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