

New Haven - Feb'y 20. 1846

Friday -

Dear Gray: - I have at last got my title page & table of Contents, with the closing form of the volume - and two of Hales - which I shall give tomorrow to the Express - I have also signatures 29, 30, 40, 52, 72, 107 & 164 - for my volume which have been reprinted (more a month ago or more); but as they will be of no particular use to you I retain them - The two first you have perfect in the separate copy of the Introduction - I have packed up half a dozen copies of the Introduction (or Structure) for you and send the whole with other copies for Bostonians to Dr Gould - to save you the trouble of distinguishing - I have put up a copy for Decaisne of Paris & for Forbes of London & but for no other Botanists ~~to go~~ to go with the Journal of Science. - In your bundle there

is a copy ^{box} of Dr Harris, which you will
oblige me by giving him. —

I hear nothing yet from Washington —
It is most provoking. — Had you not better
have a review of Hales in the Lepid much
of the North American; it will give you an
opportunity to express the opinions you
suggested. — As you say, there is no time to
be lost.

One word about the plan of my book. —
I have considered corals as animal, and
whatever characters belonged to the
living Zoophyte have been mentioned
first in the descriptions — afterward, if any
other characters of importance were presented by
the coral, (that is, characters not determinable
except when ^{it was} stripped of the fleshy portion,) they
have been given — As with an animal, the
animal as a whole is first described, and
then any peculiarities of the skeleton are
mentioned. ~~For~~ coral is in general an internal
secretion; you might as well say that a
man lives in his skeleton, as that the coral

contains polypus. —

I have not inserted a copy to the
Academy, as I have supposed that they
would undoubtedly have the complete work.
Yet tell me — had I not better send one? —

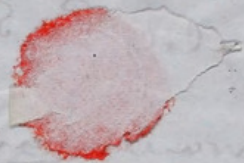
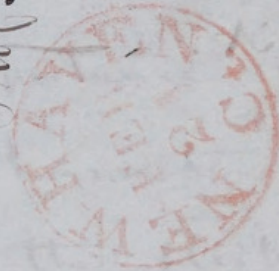
As ever sincerely yours

James D Dana

Prof. Ann Gray }
Harvard

P. S. The bundle for you at Fox
is a heavy one — 7 copies — I have desired
him to send it to you; but perhaps you had
better recd it. — yours J. D. D

Prof. Wm Gray
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Mass.





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