

Philad. March 20th 1837

Dear Sir,

I have just received a letter from Reynolds containing matters of some interest, which will be best communicated in his own words:

"I have this evening had an audience of two hours with the new President - I had my chart and text-book with me - We examined the law - examined the reports of committees - examined - the great theatre of our future exploits - the Pajeros & all - read Jefferson's instructions to Lewis & Clark - in a word - I remained thus employed from 7 till 9 - talked over the subject of the corps - the necessity of organization - shewed the necessity of the Frigate - got the fact admitted - touched gently upon our difficulties with the Secretary - I urged in general terms all the points of importance - even to the necessity of another vessel - and I know the impression was decided and for good - I started twice before I could get away and then with the request to call at all times when I had anything to say - I am satisfied of one thing - the opposition have had no encouragement from that quarter - the fact is - the whole subject was apparently new to him - in detail quite so. - I have the self-complacency to think M. D. will find some trouble to undo what I did to night" (March 17th)

Almost immediately on our return I despatched young Mr. Nutt to Washington, with specimens of his drawings, which were shown to the Secretary, President &c. & as far as I can learn with high approbation. He has now returned & I am induced to think his mission has not been without effect.

I send you a copy of your list of Botanical works, forwarded to me some time since. Several of them you

will see are already secured, either by myself or in the voyages brought home by Lieut Wilkes. Some of the works mentioned may require further consideration viz. Ruiz & Pavon qu? anything more than the prospectus Nov. Gen.? Cavanilles' plates contain a much greater number of figures & of a more convenient size. — Beauvois' flore d'Oware & Benin? — Aublet Guiane? — Sprengel Systema Vegetabil? —

The last on dit of the Secretary is that "the Coffy is now so large that they will eat up all the provisions!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" ~~Whoever~~ this insinuation was intended for I feel disposed to cast it off as regards myself.

Yours, truly
Charles Pickering

- = Foster - Gen. Plant. ins. Mas. Austr.
- = 1 Gartner de fructibus.
- = Humboldt - Essai sur la Geog. Plant. (there is a new Edit or new work published recently)
- 1 Lamarck - Illustrat. des genres.
- 1 Linnaeus - Flora Lapponea.
- 1 Persoon - Synopsis Plantarum.
- = Petit de Thouars - Plantes des Iles d'Afrique Austr.
- = — Gen. nov. Madagascar.
- = Ruiz & Pavon - Flora Temuana & Chilensis
- = Presl - Syst. Hycologiae (Dr Sedgwick & Balf has it)
- = Achille Richard - Mem. sur les Balanophores
- = Hooker & Arnott - Bot. of Beechey's voyage
- = Lindley - Introd. Nat. Syst. 2 Edit.
- = — Gen. & Sp. Orchidearum
- = Plume - Enum. Plant. Java.
- = Beauvois - Agrostographia
- = — Flore d'Oware & Benin
- = Sprengel - Systema Vegetabil.
- = Nauffuss - Enumeratio Filicum.
- = Aublet - Plantes de Guiane
- = R. Brown - Prodr. fl. N. Holl.
- = — Gen. remarks on the Geograph. & Syst. Bot. Terr. Austr.
- = — Bot. of Flinders's voyage.
- = — Tucker's voyage to Congo.
- = Secandolle - Prodr. nov.
- = — Memoirs all
- = 1 Forkal - Fl. Egypt. Arab.
- = Agardh - Synops. Algarum.
- = Gandchäud - Bot. of Freycinet's voyage
- = Post. Reliquae Hawaiianae
- = 0 Hooker & Greville - Icones Filicum
- = — Enumeratio Lycopodiace.
- = Eschweiler - Systema Lichenium
- = 1 Recharius - Lichenographia
- = Trinius - Icones graminum.
- = Martius - Flora Brasiliens. 1st vol. Cryptog. 2 Agrost. N. et S.
- = — Monog. Amaranthace
- = Rob. Richard - Mem. sur Rubiace.
- = Borg. St. Vincent - Bot. of Byles's voyage
- = Chamisso & Schlecht. - Bot. of Forster's voyage in the Linnæa
- = 0 Hooker & Arnott - Flora J. Avon. in Bot. Miscell. - Jour. Bot. & comp. to Bot. Mag.
- = Endlicher - Prodr. flor. Norfolkica (drawing by Bauer)
- = 1 Jussieu - Genera Plantarum
- = 0 Kunth - Synopsis Plant. Reginoset
- = Ad. Jussieu - Mem. Rutaceae
- = Ad. Brongniart - Mem. sur Pharnaceae
- = 1 — Classificatio des Champignons
- = — Vegetans Fossiles.
- = — Gen. Euphorb.
- = 0 Lessing - Synops. gen. Composit.
- = 0 Benthams - Gen. et spec. Labiatarum
- = 0 Des ab Ebenbeck - Notes.

- o Nees ab Erenbeck - Synops. gen Cyperacea in Linnaea
- o Kunth - Agrostographia
— 2 bot. with plates.
- 1 Stackhouse - Nereis Britannica
- 1 Papers on the Fuci by Lamouroux & D'Orbigny
- o London - Encyc. Plants
- o Wight & Arnott - Flora Penin. Ind. Orient.
- o ——— Contrib. to Bot. India
- Poeppig & Endlicher Nova Genera.

Gray M.D.

Lycium Nat. History

New York.



In addition to which the following works have occurred to me as deserving consideration

Willdenow - Species Plant.

Labillardiere - Prod. Flor. N. Holl.

Auguste St. Hilaire - Flora de Bresil

Koch - Synopsis Flora Germanic et Helvet (for a model)

Humboldt & Boupland - Nova Gen. & Sp.

Blume - Rumphia. & Bijdragen.

Guillemin - Archives de Botanique

The Linnaea

Guillemin & Perrotet - Flora de Senegambie

Adanson - Familles de Plantes.

Bridel - Muscolag. Sp. gen.



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