

Ans. rec'd.

Boston, March 24th, 1877

Dear Sir,

To day, in looking over a package of books received by the way of Salem, the accompanying bill for 50cts came to light, and I fear you have never been paid.

I have hitherto been under the impression that foreign letters could be re-forwarded to their true address without additional postage, but I learn that this cannot be done after a letter has been taken away from the P. Office. I fear therefore that some one has been at expense for postage on my account.

I enclose one dollar to liquidate these claims, and should there be a balance left, would like to have it devoted to for-

sign letters that may arrive hereafter.

I duly received your Check-list of N. American ferns; and hope you will continue the subject by supplying details. Now that the Botanical Season is approaching I hope to see more of you — especially I should like to show you the spot over in Paradise where I think Higgeson found his "carvell" (chervil) nearly two hundred and fifty years ago.

Yours truly

Charles Pickering.

John Robinson Esq.

Salem, Mass.



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