

Cambridge this April 26th 1840

Dr John Torrey

My Dear Sir — owing to my absence from home yours of the 5th inst has only just come to hand. —

I am glad to hear that Chemistry is in its turn laid aside, & that you and Dr Gray are now moving on with ^{the} Flora, a little slowly to the impatient 'tis true, but the waiting is well repaid when it does come. — much time and labor will be required to carry it out as it has been begun, but so let us have it — in its original design. — do not forget to mail me a copy of P. III. as soon as it is printed. —

You name in your letter several books for my selection, I must request you & Dr Gray to act for me in that matter, any thing you or he does will be perfectly satisfactory to me. — There are ^{however} two works particularly, I wish to have Hooker's & Douglas's Muscologia last Edition (and is not a copy with colored plates preferable?) — the other is Hooker's Musci exotici 2 vds, I saw it the other day at Louisville & like it much. —

In the list of my books I sent you a year since, *Panck* was not included, I mentioned I had sent for it but was not certain I could get it, it however came. — Perhaps the copy Br Gray has ordered for me can be sold in N. York if not, let it be sent on & I have no doubt it will sell here.

The microscope & what things are ready probably had better be securely boxed & put in the hands of the Baldwins No 25 William, St. to be sent on with first goods for this place, as there will be but few coming on this season. — It is quite important to have every thing well packed as boxes &c via canal & lake are subject to the roughest kind of handling particularly if they are marked "Glop" with care" ~~etc~~

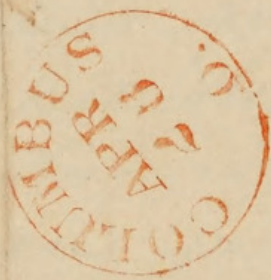
Br Gray has promised to give me some instructions about operating with the microscope — tell him I expect them & that he can not be too particular in details, many things that no doubt are quite common place with experienced observers would be valuable to me.

I am now preparing several parcels of plants including some Cryptogamia for the European botanists mentioned by you & Br Gray — I shall send them to the Baldwins & must request of you or Br Gray to see that they are so marked that they will reach their

destination. — It is my intention to visit this season many promising localities for plants within our state. — The fruit of the saxi-fragaceous plant will be ready for collecting between 1st & 10th of June — but I hope the specimens of immature fruit I sent you in my letter will enable you to determine the genus — my respects to Br Gray —

Yours truly

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