

Almond Nov. 30,

Columbus Nov. 25th 40

My dear Sir

The very acceptable joint letter
of yourself & Dr. Torrey was received a few days since —
I was much pleased to find that some
of my plants were new. — There was one thing
more however, that I wished to have your opinion
about — that was my conjecture as to the identity of
your two Thaspium cordatum & arvense. When
time & convenience permit let me hear the opinions
of you & Dr. T. on this subject. — Turning my
Bideens into a concepis, I must confess took me
rather by surprise & I hardly know now, ~~but~~

but what it would be better to so alter the
genus as to let it be a *Nidus* still. — It has
so much the habit of the *Nidus* & unites the
features of the *Conospindes*, as far as my specimens
go, appears to be an irregular & imperfectly developed
organ. — However in these matters, I am in "deep water"
— It surprised me much, that my *Asclepias*
turned out to be the "*A. purpurascens*" so little do
the descriptions in the books apply to it —

There is a draft for \$60 — intended to cover the
expenses of Hedding & Sprengel — which you will
please order for me — It was inconvenient to get

a draft in New York — this I suppose can
be put into parcels by a draft of 1 or 2 per cent

I suppose by this time Endlicher's *Iconographia*
& Bridel have come to hand; I wish I could
get them & Hooker & Taylor's *Muscologia* this winter
I shall try & find some private connoisseur.

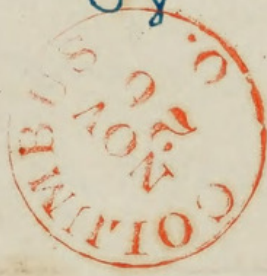
Don't forget to send me the parts of the *Flora*
as soon as published — & let me know of any
thing new, strange or interesting, in the botanical
all that I ever hear is through your way —
& Dr Long. — I have four sets of our plants
packed up for you & Dr J. but they are so
bulky I am afraid I shall not be able to
get them on your *Navigators* before in the
spring — I shall be on the lookout in your
next letter for a seed of the *Cornithella californica*
— remember me to Dr J. —

Truly & Cordially Yours

W. M. Sullivan

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