

And March 28

Columbus July 4 1843

Dear Gray — The White Mountain Muses & 3 Mt. Ruoth has at last reached me — The muses are a beautiful little collection, mostly alpine & nearly all new to me — I shall have a pleasant treat in examining them — In my next I will give you what I make of them —

Dr Montagne's letter with your postscript & Endlicher's Montagne enclosing 4 papers from Dr M. all arrived in due time — The ~~unfavorable~~ surmises in my last, about Dr M.'s supposed long silence must be taken back — I thank him much for his attention — His determinations are valuable — It is curious to see how he & Schwaegrichen differ in not a few cases — However between them, I am enabled to make my list more correct — The "Tharsus potens" I see has escaped Dr M. as I did Schwaeg. — The Musc. is *Eckstedium serratum* H. & W. Dr M.^a Lounan. Musc. — the same I regretted you to correct in some of my last lists. — One of Dr M.'s papers was particularly interesting — the one from *Annales des Sciences* (Oct. 1837) — establishing the genus *Conomitrium* & clearing up an old difficulty about certain muscs of Micheli Dillenius & Hedwig (now species of *Oetodisceros* Brid. Bryo-Utrin). — It appears that *Oeto. fipidentoides* (= *Fipidens semicompletus*, Hedw.) of my last lists is the Michelian musc. (*Conomitrium Julianum* Montag. l.c.) found more than 100 years ago in Italy — the fruit however never made known until in the above paper (1837) —

I found the fruit here a year ago and as it was evidently unknown to Hooker & Wilson at the time ¹⁸⁴¹ of the publication of Dr M.^a Lounan. Musc. I supposed that I was alone in my good luck. — Strange, Hooker & Wilson had not met with Dr M.'s paper. — Neither is it referred to in Endlicher's Gen. plant. —

matter tell me how much & I will read it you
In your next give me some acct of the garden
situation, extent, contents, your views - intended &c &c
what are your duties &c — and, now, how are you

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pleased with the situation - of course it cannot
be otherwise than very pleasant - when can we to
expect Dr. Irving's part of the Geological Survey —
- send me the Flora by mail as soon as printed —
Sincerely your friend Wm Sullivan



Sullivant, William S. 1843. "Sullivant, William Feb 4, 1843." *William Starling Sullivant letters* –.

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