

Ans'd. 13th March.

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My dear Gray — I am now in receipt of three unanswered letters from you — one of Jan 9th by Young Neel & two of the 29th do — The two packages by N. came safely — some good things in Tonga Nypas — very willing to take the Linnæa — from the Daguerreotypes highly, perfect likenesses — I have all the London Journal of Botany including that of last month — received also by mail Part II. of Linnæa for 1843 — also Wilson's determinations, this was the first set I sent Hooker & was not of much acc't. — also Montague's two letters & determinations this too was the same as Hooker's & Mr. sent me the same determinations some time ago, which he supposes ~~was~~ did not reach me — also 3 pamphlets of Griffiths Mysore, etc. Assam. — Engelmars paper & your Bibliographica of last Linnæans, Gov. — The above are all the unacknowledged receipts from you — I am heartily rejoiced to learn that my second sets of Nypas have at last reached the hands they were intended for. — You ask if Wilson has written to me direct — he has not — Every thing from my European Correspondents will come through you — at least I gave full & explicit directions to that effect.

Just this moment rec'd yours containing Schimpff's most welcome letter — I am well, very well, satisfied with my original views on nearly all the quiddities — He makes some wide mistakes — his *Leskia Tiliifolia* is the *Cladostoma purissimum* of Wilson & Hooker in Drury's Southern Nypas! — The specimens I sent him were imperfect & at the time I did not know it myself — The *Pylaisaea intricata* in his letter & the *P. heteromalla* Br. & Hook.

in the Environs of L. Ron. Not. is nothing but your old *Phragmites* introduction! — only our commonest maps. — The truth is no European has had a good opportunity of studying our maps except Wilson who understands them better than any body else — I admire the spirit of his (S) letter — he writes a great many maps — also *Selby*, *Wenckebach*, *Hedrick* etc — I shall supply him — will see that he gives me a profitable correspondence — hope to get much money out of him also — according to his letter an "error" from him must now be in the way for me —

Now comes in Mass. Allegh. — ask you? — Since New Years we have been badly interrupted by visitors of our children — they are getting better now & I hope soon to go a head again — I consider the job about $\frac{1}{3}$ done — have had a fine time for the last two months among the junipers — have made & making work with them — am glad you did not take them off my hands — records that have not been credited to this country, several nest guides among them, besides three brown-rare ones (at least so they now stand in my books!) — But a sad drawback to all this is, that *Mortagues* *Fralloina* *Araucaria* goes over board "hook & line"! — and well you know it — it is the old *Lengyel* *Tammsi* to a pastime!!!! — I have examined a dozen ^{old} ~~Authoritative~~ specimens of it in your papers & Jones' collections — the species is not even subject to varieties according to Weiss' invaluable *Carp. Lebmann* — The strong point in *Mortagues* species was the *Moniliform* nerve of upper lobe of leaf (see his paper which you have) — this is just as evident in all the European specimens, & what is very strange has never been

noticed by any author — The species occurs abundantly in the Alleghenies — we found it on every Rhododendron from Heddleton's to French Broad — It was among the oaks maps last summer —

I think I shall get through pretty early in the summer — if nothing unexpected occurs — I have got to make 3 or 4 trips of 4 or 5 days each to distant localities for specimens to file out with besides the Niagara trip or some things there & the Adirondack visit. the two last I shall probably make at the same time — Your printing matter as fast as possible — but have a great many interruptions

Well — there I suppose are stirring times with you — that special epoch — the 27th inst. is close upon us — The lectures & illustrations of course are already & all just right so you are bound to succeed admirably — Let us hear all about them —

Bivalvia is a letter for Wiley & Putnam with draft for the amount (as per Act) of Books sent & more in the hands for me — I send it to you, that you may insert in the last ^{November} ~~number~~ of *Annals des Sciences naturelles* a work on *Lampromenaceae* that I think Lindenberg is now publishing — there is a notice of it in one of the ~~Annals~~ ^{numbers of the} *Annals des Sciences* note that you loaned me, you will find it marked with an X on the table of contents on the cover of the Number — Shall we ever get the *December* number of old *Journal of Botany* for 1841? you must have touched up Dr. Short for my sketch — He wrote me a few weeks since a very friendly letter attributing his long silence to an overnight & keeping copy they had in the map line at my command — he has since sent me up piles of maps among which were a few good things in a lot collected in Louisiana by Cleenden Beck — *Mortagues* says he has published in *Annals des Sciences* a *Fungus Polyporus Silvestris* — City the

description I would like to see what sort of an animal it is —
it was among the Fungi I collected here — am glad to hear
of your arrangements for Horser-Keeping. — in furnishing
it be sure not to omit a very educated article a Mo. G.!

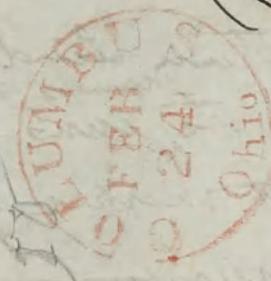
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Highly pleased with the prospect of publishing a set of the Maps
of the British Expl. Expedition — trust there will be no failure —
— attend to Wiley & Putnam's letter, so that they can send out
my Order soon — (keep the Mapagna cover until you hear again from me)

yours truly,
W. Sullivant



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