

Albany Sept 20th 1846

My dear Gray

There is no need of apologies for my long silence, when I tell you that business calls here this summer occupied from 10 to 15 hours every day of my time —

The two boxes mentioned in my note the other day are on the way for you via Canal —

One contains 7 or 8 bundles of phanerogamous plants my entire stock of duplicates ^{mostly this coll.} including the Allegheny coll. from which last I took only a set for my Herb. — From the store I wish Mr Carey to supply his Herb. with what he may want — the remainder are yours they may be of some use to you in foreign exchanges. —

In the box are 16 sets of M.A. — 7 for Taylor — Schuman — Gottsche — Lindenberg — Hampe — Schweignocher & Müller and 9 for you which with one or two more I think will make out your 15 —

I have from you 3 or 4 envelopes enclosing divers

interesting notes — the extract from Lucorum's letter interests me much — Those Greenland & Labrador maps we must get hold of if possible — and any promises you may make as to returns in kind shall be fulfilled by me —

The package of Maps & ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~post~~ ^{post} from Montagne are safely in hand — a most valuable one — 150 of his new & rare species also 500 pamphlets — Goarlier's parcel is pretty good — Thanks for the vol. of Amer. Acad. — Delefort's Museum Book is valuable in acct of the information about voyages, collectors, Barbours & c.

The *Grassia* grows in open woods & in neglected pastures partly overgrown in dry places or rather than soil —

The paper selected for my plates is very handsome — improves the engraving greatly —

I send back Montagne's & Delefort's letters to you — I send you for perusal also Nelson's, Lockman's, Montagne's & Spencer's letters to me with notes on the same — as you are "perhaps *Crinoids*" in putting forth the M.A. you bound to read the pros & cons — They stand for well to you" — i.e. the Maps — I have heard nothing about the Hepatica — The Hookerian School would let them all stand pretty much as I have them — The German

would make a pretty considerable printing —

Well what I have predicted to you again & again is coming to pass — viz — that some Leicesters bookmaker would out of the L. & C. Flora make a five dollar & cent operation, which soon attended to by you. — Mr. Alphonso Wood made me a long call the other day, just on his return from Indiana where he had spent 5 weeks (4 of them on his back with the ferns) doing up all the Botany of the Western States with the view of adopting the 2^d ed. of his book to Western schools — The 1st ed. 3000 copies is all sold off —

The 2^d ed. is to be stereotyped this winter in Boston. — pity you have not Mercator's ready for him — it would save him a deal of bother. —

Now I'll give you my advice without changing you any thing for it — announce & have it appear in the course of the winter a manual or what Flora embracing plants found in the States only — suppose you can't get the 1st ed. in as good shape as might be, that makes no odds, fix it right in the 2^d ed. — The main thing is to get possession of the tract — and give it out that you intend to keep it — There is lots of money in the project — and who but pocket it — if you do not, others will & out of your own labors too. — I have done little more this

Summer than arrange my Maps & Publications
which was no small job - They are all now
in fine order for a good deal more I hope to put
on them this Winter - I have been compelled as
a result of my business to move into Coleman's, this will
give me much more time for Bryology &c

How is Genera illust. getting on, send me proofs -
Have you good print of Hesperis peruviana? - I have
time very fine for you - I cannot at this moment lay
my hands on it - it has got out of place in moving
in the other day -

Don't forget the Greenland & Labrador Maps -
I have heard nothing from Hooker - I suppose he is
very busy - will hear perhaps when he sends me
the promised Antarctic Maps -

I'll write you more specifically about
the notes of M.A. next yesterday their direction &c
I shall have more time now - and hereafter will not
let my correspondence get so much in arrears -
Write often & long - what's going on &c
Yours cordially
Wm. Sulistat



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