

Smithsonian Institution.

Washington. March 7. 1854.

My Dear Sir,

My time has been so much occupied, since the receipt of your letter of the 14th Feb^y that I have not been able to give you a definite answer relative to the coloring of the plates before to day.

Eighteen cents a plate is a very startling price though the labor may be worth that sum and perhaps more. There is now however in the Smithsonian Institution, a Mr. Richard, who colored the plates of the Exploring Expedition, and who is said to be inferior to no person in this country in works of this kind. He offers to color the plate of the magnolia, at \$12. a hundred, and I would prefer before making a definite bargain with Prestele, that some samples should be given to him.

If you will send on a copy of the plate of the magnolia, we will put it into his hands. We will take good care of the specimens you have sent us and return them after they have been used as samples of colors.

I remain,

Very Respectfully
Your obed^t serv^t

Joseph Hurry
S^t. J. S. S.

Dr Asa. Gray.



Henry, Joseph. 1854. "Henry, Joseph Mar. 7, 1854." *Joseph Henry letters* –.

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