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My Dear Dr

The proposition to publish  
a whole volume on the Forest  
Trees of North America will suit  
our arrangements very well  
provided it can be carried  
out without fail on your  
part. For this purpose the prin-  
ting should be commenced on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan'y 1860 or in the latter  
part of the year 1859.

The tenth volume of the contribu-  
tions is now nearly completed and  
will be illustrated by the plates  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last part of Harvey's work  
with several other drawings. The



eleventh volume, or that for 1859  
will contain Brewer's paper on  
eggs and other illustrated matters.

The volume for 1860 may there-  
fore consist entirely of your memoir.

I shall send you the map  
of arable land, before it is put  
to press, for critical examination.  
I shall publish a small copy  
of it in my next Report to the  
Patent Office on meteorology.

I am not sure that I have  
given you a copy of my last  
report on this subject and  
shall therefore direct a copy  
to be forwarded with this letter.

I have made some remarks  
in this report on the character  
of the climate and soil of the

great west, which have attracted  
considerable attention and given  
rise to a number of comments par-  
ticularly in the agricultural journals  
and papers. To illustrate the same  
subject more fully is the object  
of the map now in preparation.

I doubt not your book will  
be well received by the public  
and serve to reimburse you for  
some of your losses.

I trust in due time we shall  
be able to assist in publishing  
the general map of the United States.

I remain very truly  
Your friend & servt  
Joseph Henry

Dr A. Gray  
Cambridge Mass.



Henry, Joseph. 1858. "Henry, Joseph May 31, 1858." *Joseph Henry letters* –.

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