

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
June 18th 1852

To the Hon. J. A. Pearce
Chairman of the Joint Library Committee
of Congress.

Dear Sir

My esteemed friend Prof.
Henry informs me that I have com-
mitted an impropriety in having forwarded
my account directly to yourself, as Chair-
man of the Library Committee, instead of
addressing it to Capt. Wilkes, the agent
of the Committee. I beg to assure
you that I was not aware of the improprie-
ty ^{and that it was not intentional on my part.} and am very desirous to correct it, now
that it is kindly pointed out. For this
purpose I wish to withdraw said account
dated March 20th 1852, as also a former

bill for \$365. (included in the above) and rendered
by me in June 1851; and I thereby authorize
Prof. Henry to receive the same for me.

I have the honor to be
with ^{high} much respect

Your Obedient faithful Servant

Asa Gray

Harvard University

Cambridge. June 11th 1852.

To Capt. Miller, U. S. A.

Agent for the Joint Library Committee of Congress.

Dear Sir

I present to you, herewith,
for your examination and approval, my account
against the Library Committee of Congress,
drawn up and vouched for in the accustomed manner.

I am informed that I have committed an
official impropriety in having forwarded these
~~documents~~ papers directly to the Chairman of the
Committee, instead of to yourself as the agent of the
Committee for passing such accounts and transacting
other business relative to the Exploring Expedition.

I desire at once to apologize for this in-
advertence, which was purely accidental, and arose
from my having at the time occasion to write
to Mr. Pearce; for I have no wish to have
my accounts presented and audited in other than
the usual ~~business~~ mode.

I have the honor to be, Your Oth. ^{faithful} Servant
Asa Gray.



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