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The printing of Brackenridge's book commenced last September - & after two proofs were sent to me I received no more. Drayton had been to see me & we had carried on some correspondence respecting the typography of the work - after much cavilling on his part (which, of course, was only the echo of Wilkes' talk) I supposed that the plan which we had both (you & I) agreed to, was accepted by "the Committee" - & I waited patiently for more proofs - I also had a personal discussion with Wilkes, & I supposed that he also had yielded a reluctant consent to our plan - lately, however, I received a letter from him - in true Quarter-deck style - informing me that the plan of Dana's volume is to be strictly adhered to in every particular - & that there must be a translation of the Latin Specific Character. - I had already worked for several weeks on Brackenridge's

ms. - correcting the language - adding
many references, & - & making the
work conform to our plan. Now,
Wilkes says he don't thank me for
this - that B. is competent to do
his own work - & that all I had to
do was to attend to the specific
character. B. himself was very
grateful for my services. I told
W. that I could do nothing further
in the matter - & that I would (also)
thank him to turn over the Oregon &
Californian Plants to you. This he will
not do. Now I wish you to say in your
next, whether you mean to submit to
these chaps - I have written to Agassiz
on the subject & hope he will soon
inform me whether he will follow
Dana's plan or have one of his own -

Extract from
Dr. Torrey's letter to Dr. Gray - dated

~~Windsor~~ New York Jan'y. 8th. 1857.



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