

Princeton, July 18th 1836,

Dear Doctor,

Your letter of July 11th, crossed my first - & since that was received I have become a second time indebted to you for your interesting epistle of Thursday last. - So your blushing honors are coming in thickly! What shall we do with all these outlandish parchments? I will sell mine - (at least some of them) for less than their first cost. I have written to Edward Shaw respecting the lost parcel of books - but I fear that it will be a long time before it reaches us. Sooner or later I suppose it will come to hand - for I have never lost any considerable parcel yet. The Brazilian grapes would aid us greatly in determining our Southern species & we must have the work if we send for it again.

I am glad that the learned Mr. Batchelder has returned my copy of the work on Palenque. Will you see if you can get it forwarded by a private opportunity, to this place, as I have promised it to Prof. Henry. I will give him, also, (as he is greatly interested in the subject) the bas reliefs from the ruins - for I did not present them to the Lyceum - & they hardly come within the limits of fossils.

Have you received any more letters from Dewey & Carey? These lovers of Caligraphy must have had a delightful meeting! But I fear we shall disturb the serenity of our Rochester friend when the Gifs. are published. Perhaps you will act prudently to break the shock by sounding a preliminary alarm. He is a good fellow indeed, & I greatly

regret having sent his feelings. When you print C. Emmanu, just
Dewey Mfg. or he may think he has reason to complain of us. ~~but~~ after
what I have said about C. North. C. oxycephus is very well - though
I should not have confused C. acuminata. How came I to make that mis-
take about the Rocky Mountain C. ~~thata~~? You must be right, if you
found other specimens under that name from the same locality. I am a little
surprised at what you say about C. nigromarginata. & yet it appears to me that
Dewey somewhere says it has pubescent fruit. That is a good bit about
C. ~~marginata~~, it must be the same as C. ~~colaris~~. Now that you print it
I wonder we did not see it before. By the way I have not seen a whole
when I can trust to Dewey respecting the proper orthography of ~~how~~ Anglicus - but
I think we may safely drop the st vowel, as is done in hyp. nocturnaceus

The proof sheet was returned yesterday. I did not get it till Saturday morning
& I was doubtful about the propriety of dispatching it by the Sabbath mail. Still
I did not let it go. to No. 30. or to the Lyceum. I made some corrections, but
left several alterations for your decision.

As to the bill of freight for the Russian parcels. I fear I was neglected - but
my receipts will show, & I will make all right or my return.
How strange that Dr. Graham's parcel should have been so long on the
way. It is welcome, however, even at this late day. William took up
will keep. the copy of Virgils & annots. How I will present to Pickering.
You must have seen Mr. Greene by this time. Did he say anything
about the Texas plants which I requested him to spare for me?
You may safely lend Darlington Leving's work. He has very few Compositae
which will fall into our hands - except the ~~Cornus~~ Polster - & these
have been worked up by Hooker in fl. Nov.-Amor. Tell Goodell
to gather 40 sp. of the Cathartes flabellifolia for me. I will give him
other plants for them. So then you have flourished out of the bag

get into in hunting hunting for a name whereunto to borrow the C. Washington
You say that all Barnard's fine specimens of the plant have 2 styles. The
sp. from Bigelow (my original C. Bigelowii) I have had but two, - but I think
some of the others (though I did not look sharply) had three. The one back again
then to C. saxatilis! - But what haha is it that is appended to C. virginiana
I remembered a case under that name in Schweinberg's herb. of I took (if
I mistake not) one of the specimens, but it cannot be the same as the
White Hills' plant, & besides in one case I doubt the original species by
the published character. It is one of Lamour's, I think. In asking C. can.
tates R. Br. remember what Dewey (in lit.?) says about it. that it a variety
of - (I forget the species at this moment) which he records in his Can. sp.
Why do you decline the offer I made you respecting the Horn? I
knew it was little that I offered. but I only wish you to devote so
much of your time as you find convenient spare, to the work. Perhaps
you think I cannot spare even so much, ^{now} the 1st year. I can, perhaps,
give up more than this without inconvenience, as you will easily see, when you
consider that I am now but a quarters salary on a ^{very} ~~be out of debt~~, but have
years from this time (with ordinary success) I shall ^{be out of debt} ~~be out of debt~~, but have
a pretty handsome surplus. If you are willing to take the chance
of ~~that~~ a share of the profits of the Horn, I will agree, cheerfully, to
anything you may propose. I think I will publish in my new account
- I mean that I doubt whether it will be expedient to sell the copy
right, unless a good price is offered. - we will talk about all the details
when we meet. Of course I shall be happy to make due acknowledgment
of the aid you afford me - not only in general matters, but in ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ seeing
several of the families for which you are responsible. I mention
it will be well for you to write several fairly full monographs
of order, that will be authorized in the 1st vol. - then you can be guided for
your species, & you will stand out in better relief than if it is merely stated in the

preface that you prepared certain families. In this way, too, I can claim a
 larger proportion of the book for myself, as the working up of the matter into
 a synoptical form, with some few additions after you have published the
 monographs, will be my own. I have just recd. a letter from Gov. Macy. - He leaves
 me untrammelled, & says he has confidence that I will do the work properly without any
 particular instructions from him. Mrs. T. & the children will probably return the last of the
 week. I will inform you by letter when they will set off: as I write ~~you~~ to trouble you with making some
 arrangements for their accommodation. The papers are received - but ~~irregularly~~. There was none
 to day, & I have not yet seen the Observer - nor the Commercial since Thursday. - I think that was the
 last. Did you send for Hitchcock's Ornithology? Have you seen the review of Colton's Rept. &c. in the
 last No. of Bib. Rep. Addison Alexander is said to be the work, & it is like a good fork. You will receive the
 Introd. to the Gyl. soon. I am greatly interested. - Ever & affectionately yours. J. Torrey.

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