

New York, Nov. 18th 1842

My dear friend -

Your letter of the 15-16th inst. came to hand yesterday - but - I have been so hurried that I could not reply to it till this evening. To day I called at Wiley & Putnam's, & supposed I had your Mem^o. for them in my hat - but it seems that I left it at the College - I went off in great haste to take a parcel to the care of Mrs Doney - Your parcel (sent there several days ago, (with a letter from me, inside) was still on hand - as also some other matters which they ought to have sent off a week or more ago. It was my purpose - after I found there was still time to add the Linnean's &c. to send this down this afternoon - but it was out of my power - Poor Jim has not been about the College this week - & I cannot spare Charles at this stage of my course. If possible I will see Mr Colver early next week & find out how many copies of your article he wishes returned. Your bills shall also be attended to immediately. I have not seen the Carey's this week -

So Luchman is going to Schenectady! This will be good for our library - He found Arthur Green's near the College!

This afternoon a letter was brought in from Sutherland - it chiefly related to the plant that he sent some weeks ago. -

A few days ago I rec^d a letter from Jager formerly of Princeton, giving me an account of some plants collected towards the Rocky Mountains by a L. Fremont in the U.S. service. He advised the gentleman to send the whole to me - & this morning a letter arrived from the gentleman himself, informing me that the box was dispatched from Washington on the 10th. It is by this time in N York. The specimens, were collected, he says "the present year, in the course of a geographical exploration ^{to} of the Rocky Mountains. The region over which the collection was made, extends from the 39th to the 42nd degree of N. latitude - & from the 95th to the 112 deg. W. longitude. The labels ~~on~~ which are affixed to the specimens, will enable us to assign them their exact localities, on a topographical map of the Country which I am now engaged in constructing, based upon numerous astronomical positions, & the Barometrical observations which I succeeded in taking up of the Mountains, will give us their limits." He writes something like a foreigner - but he signs himself J. C. Fremont, Lt. Topog. Engineer - He expects, next year, to continue the exploration to the Pacific & offer me what he collects - So here is a chance for you to get seeds &c. - How would it do to send a

collector with him. Leavenworth writes to go somewhere - & this place might suit him - but ~~not~~ us in all respects. When I get the box, I will send you the Compositae. & such duplicates of the others (if there be any) as you may desire for your own herb^{er}.

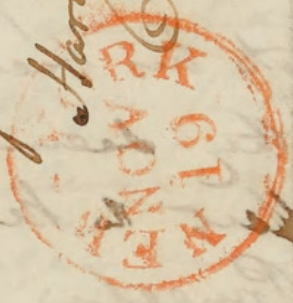
My brother William came up from the prison two or three days ago. He says the box put up by Knickerbocker for him was sent on board a ship - to be brought here. I hope you will receive it next week. ~~It is~~

When I left home last Monday all were well. Hubert was very lively, & quite patient - but I fear that his back will need a renewal of the issue - as they seem determined to keep up, in spite of our efforts to keep them from. Mary Summly is at Princeton - & succeeds admirably with the dear little fellows. I hope (Dr. J) to see them all tomorrow.

The miserable creature ~~Ed~~ stabbed himself this afternoon, about four o'clock - just before the end fixed for his execution. He wished to be left alone for half an hour - which request the Sheriff very improperly granted - & when the door of the cell was opened to admit Dr. Anthony & the officer of justice - the poor wretch was found weltering in his blood & quite dead!

Yours affectionately
J. Torrey -

Prof. A. Gray
Harvard University
Cambridge
Massachusetts.





Torrey, John. 1842. "Torrey, John Nov 18, 1842." *John Torrey letters* –.

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/310915>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/343055>

Holding Institution

Harvard University Botany Libraries

Sponsored by

Arcadia (Open Collections)

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: Public domain. The BHL considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection.

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.