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My Dear friend -

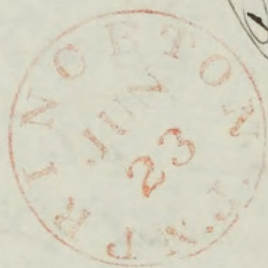
As usual I begin a new letter soon after dispatching my
last. We shall have the cheap postage in two or three weeks.
& then you will not be taxed with my epistles so dearly. I can
after this month send to you a single question, without filling a whole
sheet. Often in studying plants I come square up against a
wall, as it were - & cannot make an opening for want of means.
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I need more books, greatly - where he can ~~will~~ settle, early, so many doubt, by referring to older works. I have paged over several plants that I may both to you about them when we meet. Did you ever study *Aspidium pubescens* & *parviflorum*? They stand distinct in all our books - & Hooker gives a diagnosis taken from living specimens - but which I have never been able to verify. When I looked at *Cypripedium* last, I could make out but one yellow-flowered species - & that seems to be the *parviflorum* of Salisbury. If *pubescens* is not distinct the former name, being the older, must stand. We have all called the common one *C. pubescens*. The upper sepal is broadly lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate in all my specimens. Did you ever study the living plants? P. S. We surely have but one

plants?
Then again I am bothered about Lisynchium. We surely have but one species - which varies according to the soil of exposure - but what shall it be called. In sp. pl. (bot & 2nd ed?) it is L. Bermudeana (α) (the specific name being a proper one, which seems to have originated with Pichene or some other father. If the Bermuda plant is the same (which is not improb-
able, we must fall back on that name as Machaux has done - though

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