

Hobson seems determined to go to N. Grenada if possible. He is almost desperate about getting employment of some kind.

I have a few seeds from Bergelund which I can spare you - but you probably have most of them from Wright. Do you care much for "Botanical Plants" for the Garden?

"Mary Ann" & Lindgren work together, & help one another in many ways. They have gone out to-day to look for Mopes on Sisten Island.

March 24th All well to-day. Midge has gone to spend the rest of the week at Mrs. Roberts - her first visit since Christmas. She improves slowly, & we hope will be able to walk comfortably in a few weeks. She reads better than she has done for two years - Much love to Jane - I hope to see her in six weeks. when I think I shall be able to spend a few days with you.

Yours  
John Torrey

New York, March 20th 1852.

Dear Doctor - Your letter of the 18th came in to-day.

Would it not cost less to return these numbers of Beechey to Delf & pay him handsomely for his trouble & expenses - than to take them at his price? I was unprepared with the idea that I had told you of my acquisition - at least so late as in my holiday visit to Cambridge - but it seems that I was mistaken. I supposed ~~that~~ too, that you had got all of my *Dendroica* that were to be had - & so there was an end of the matter. If Delf will take back the books I will order the same amount in other works -

I will take half a dozen copies of your Wright paper - & give you one dozen of my Pt. Fremont. Come - there's a bargain for you!

I hear nothing yet of Baird & know  
not where he is. The printer cannot work  
for want of paper!

I meant that you should keep the front of  
Gibbes's new plates. That plant seems to  
be well known to the mountaineers of N. Calif.  
- who warned G. that it was very poisonous.  
Elliott says it was ~~the~~ <sup>R. prunifolia</sup> which poisoned  
Lyon. It ought to be figured

March 23.

Lundgren is still working in my study at  
the college - & I have said nothing <sup>to</sup>  
him about your proposal, till I see  
what may turn up here.

Thoreau's book is worthy of him. Every  
one praises him, but they think that  
the printing of paper are not equal  
those of other Smithsonian volumes.

I have letters from Parry, to Jan'y. 14<sup>th</sup>  
(above El Paso), Bagelow to Feb'y. 4<sup>th</sup> & Wright  
to Feb'y. 10<sup>th</sup>. You have probably heard  
something yourself. & therefore are posted  
up. It seems that Emory started with  
a small party (including Parry) in pursuit  
of Bartlett (not having heard of Cass's death  
& the Commissioner's journey to Acapulco!)  
but that an express was sent for him  
when - a few days out. I infer that

Mr. Radzinski, who arrived at El Paso  
some after Maj. E. Davis, has been appoint-  
ed Acting Commissioner by the Mexican  
What is to be done with the Commission  
is hard to say. The whole business has  
been very badly conducted from the  
beginning.  
Ct. Graham has not yet arrived to  
my knowledge.



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