

I think we must receive on a genus  
for that Umbellifer of *Phlox* Wright.  
It is no way like *Nummularia* - nor is  
*Nummularia* - tho' somewhat like it

Capt. Humphrey says there will  
probably be 4 plates for your *Refat*  
& *Heavis*'s plant. Can you get  
Sprague to do them? Has he nearly  
completed *Beckwithii*? If you can  
see your way clear - it may be  
as well to forward his bill to  
me, pretty soon. I have sent  
for the blanks. Was there  
not a queer *Chenopod* among *Heavis*'s  
plants by Suckley? I must have  
it - but cannot look till I  
go home -

New York. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1855.

My dear friend.

I have the drawings of your  
letters. The bill for former has been  
sent on. It is a little strange that  
mine has not yet been paid - tho' for-  
warded some time ago. I wrote yes-  
terday to remind the disbursing clerk  
that the money was expected.

The Supt. of Public Printing has  
notified me that in a few days  
he will advertise for proposals to  
engrave - & also for inscriptions of  
the plates. I am led to believe  
that I can get the engravings for  
Prebble. The drawings are to  
be left in my hands for the

applicants to see. Beekle will  
no doubt offer to do them cheaper than  
any other person who can execute  
them properly.

I write here at the Apsay Office &  
regret that I didn't make a note at  
home respecting the Nashville Apsay  
ales. In my next I will supply  
the omission. P.S. you had not the  
mature fruit before describing it  
as a n. sp.

The Ammobroma drawing I will  
pay for when I get money from  
Washington - (being a little short  
just now) - I run the risk of  
getting it from A. M. Gray - who is  
rather slow in money matters. I he-  
re,

however, that as Compt is printing  
his book (now in press) - the illus-  
trations are to be paid for by W. Sam.

You may, if you like make the desc.  
of Achroma papaver. I don't remem-  
ber anything more you are to do for  
Beekwith except the description of  
Pentstemon heterandrum -

By to-day's steamer I have written  
again to DeCaisne to urge Riviere's  
acceptance of your proposition to come  
out here - I wrote also to Hartweg  
on the same subject. We shall  
be spared if Sprague fails: In-  
deed, good Draze botanical draughts-  
men are rare, even in Europe -  
DeCaisne says he can hardly recommend  
any one in Paris except Riviere.



*S. mammosum*? It is no such  
thing as I think. You referred  
my plant in the text of *Phe*  
to - (I forget the name just  
now - one of Cavanille's species)  
- I shall give you my views about  
this of one or two allied species  
when I can get my notes - which  
are at home

Have you Bentham's - or your  
own names for any of Wright's  
*N. Mex. & Tex. Labiatae*? Or  
any names of Monpet. families, *N.*  
*Wright*? Did you determine  
that green Berlandiera plant?  
With much love to Jane - remain  
as ever - Yours J. Torrey

Jan 13, 55

Madge has almost given up all  
hope of going to Europe. We hear  
of no friend going over in whose  
charge to place her till she could  
join Harbings. - Yes - there has  
been one chance - but there was no  
room in the vessel. Indeed  
steamers & sailing vessels have every  
berth secured for a month to come

The printing of Whiffles Report - or  
rather the Nat. Hist. portion of it,  
will probably not be commenced for  
several months. Baird will try  
& shove it off for a year; as he  
needs all that time to prepare  
the Zoology & Drawings -

The family are all enjoying themselves at the Palisades. I go up on Wednesday afternoon, & come back the next morning. I again on Saturday & remain till Monday. This gives me three evenings with them. I told you (I believe)

that we rented our house to a small & very quiet family for six months, at \$100 per month. I received the 4th story. I go up after office hours - take my tea in the study, & do not go out again till 7 1/2 past 8. to breakfast - No one comes

to see me - save Thurber - who calls about once a fortnight - all my friends come to the Agency Office - & here I write most of my letters - So I accomplish considerable in Astoria - as I have no interruptions -

I hope you will make that megastiza grow, & ascertain some doubtful points about the fruit. There must be two species - as the fruit is variable. Perhaps there are three - Rev. A. Fitch says he has seen so many.

Who told you my Solanum flavo-roseum was your & Engelmann's



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