

New York. March 17 1856.

Dear Doctor - I found your letter
of Monday Esq. on my office table this
morning. That Amaranthus reflexus
was for you to keep - I have more of it
somewhere & you shall have a good speci-
men of the plant when I can get at it.
The inflorescence of Amaranthus was doubt-
less fig. ^{fructuosa} from a article that had burst hau-
sely by accident. I have seen other
species do the same.

I have no specimen of the Whiteall Ama-
ranth. in my herbarium. My notes in H.N.Y.
were made from Carey's Specimen. But how
could you regard it as a form of Amaranthus
tamanicus! The inflorescence & other char-
acters are very dissimilar.

My herbarium is very defective in specimens of
Acrida: for I robbed myself to make out a
good set for the State. Of A. ruvula Carey
I have none, so that I cannot revise what
I did some years ago for H.N.Y. What does

Moguin mean by placing that species
in a different section from A. Camtschatica.
- & even asking if it be not a prophyllous.
Do you know his A. tuberculata? Can it
be a N. American plant? I used to
suspect that there is but one species with
variable fruit. Elliott knew but one, &
this he was doubtful about:

The Milwaukee plant must be an Acimda
- but it looks as if it were an introduced
plant. Is it not strange that we have
it from but two places?

You say that Moguin did not know the
delicacy of Montelia - but he says of Acim-
da, of which it is a section "fructus evanescit"
Do you mean to say that the Milwaukee
plant ^{has} a utricle that opens regularly?

I shall be glad to take several
of your Spec. - & so will Thunber. No
doubt at least half a dozen copies
will be taken in N.Y. & Philad.



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