

will be here in a few days - but
it will be some time before I get
the plates. Many of them are printed
but there are some yet that have
not been worked off. One copy is
printed directly from the stone - all
the others 23,300 copies! by transfer.

Thanks for the proceedings of the Lin. Soc. -
Linnæa, Stakke &c. Keep an account
of the charges against me, & we will
settle account when we meet -

Surely you will think I have
forgotten you - but such is not the
fact - Every day - & almost every
hour you have been in my mind
- but I have not written (except
a few lines) to you; in a long time

I ought to have told you, that I tried my
best to have proofs of all Whipples But - sent
to you - but without success - & they would
not send me replies

So Hooker talks of coming out! It is almost too good news to be true. If he comes in the summer I shall have to receive him at my cottage on the Palisades - except a day or two at our house in town. Let me know what further news you have on this subject. Eliza has probably written you about her plans. She means to make you a visit - but I do not know at what time.

Apart from my ordinary duties, I got interested in a chemical investigation respecting the means of preventing counterfeiting bank bills & other printed papers of much value. The difficulties were great - & my ambition was a little excited by the failure of not a few chemists to accomplish a certain result. I have done the thing & have gained \$100.

The enclosed letters I ought to have sent you long ago. They were laid aside to go with my next letter - & this duty was neglected when I put off writing again. Please ask Hockstein to sign the paper that I send - & forward it to the Major Ensign. The Major said that the rules of the Dept. required this formality.

You probably rec^d. from me, lately, a parcel containing 50 sets plates for Post. Paper. You can return the 10 extra copies of Beckwith's letter press - & I will send you the plates for them - just as you like. My parcel for England will go soon - a friend will take care of it. I will send Papers of Beckwith's Rep. to Hockstein.

What did you make of that Galois you saw from Expt-Exped. Plant? I could not refer it to any gen. that I was familiar with.

Those drawings of Hockstein were admirable. He is a good fellow. & will be soon as good an artist as Sprague - besides being an easy man to get along with. There is a comfort in having him near one - I sent his bill to Wilkes - who, perhaps, has written to you on the subject. What is H. doing now? Is he willing to do any more work for Expt-Exped.?

I hope you will soon have time to put in order those Comps. for Mex. Bound. The job will not be a difficult one for you.

Thurman says he will write to you about the paper -

I shall soon have for you, such a quantity of letter press & plates of P. Whipple that there will be a balance against you. I think the plates are to cost \$1.30 a hundred, but I am not sure just now.

My extra copies of the letter press



Torrey, John. 1857. "Torrey, John Jun. 23, 1857." *John Torrey letters* –.

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