

this var. with α . The genus *Sclerophyllum* is founded on an abnormal state of *Amblygonia* ~~folia~~. I have both genera on one specimen!

Schott writes to me that ^{he} lost his best collection on the Akato, owing to the bad arrangements of the officers. In their disputes as to whether ^{his} naval or the military should take precedence, the means of subsistence & transportation were not provided, & there was much lost & suffering. Nevertheless some plants were collected on the return of the Expedi. - of which I shall have a small set very soon. Very likely there will not be many new things among them. St. Granada has been pretty well explored.

Yours ever -
John Torrey

P.S. The volumes of the Pacif. R. R. Report can be purchased here for \$2.50 each. One of them is nearly filled with Bot. Whittle - including Cact. & plants - Bulbocaulis, Wucher, Bipolaris papers & makes &c. I shall purchase 2 or 3 copies for presents.

New York. July 29th 1858.

Dear friend -
Your letter of the 27th was received this morning & must have crossed mine - The cost of the 50 additional sets of Cactaceae, sent to Bigelow, is \$14.94. Mr. Thurner will pay me some time.

I am pained to hear of the Mr. Gilroy, too. It will be felt severely by all the Hooker family. Poor old Dawson & Turner must have outlived his usefulness by many years. I hope he became a truly Christian man before he ended his probation - for I am told that his earlier days were very exceptionable. - So Bonpland has gone at last - after having been announced at dead once or twice before! He seems to have done but little for Botany after returning to America - but he drew his pension to the last.

I am glad that you ^{have} Dupre's Copy of R. Br.
Prodr. - but I wonder that Vilmona does
go out of France -

If I can get off next week I will try
to run to Cambridge - but I am not sure
yet. Good news that about the Con-
servatory - but I regret that the superinten-
ding of it will prevent you & Jane from
taking the expected trip to Montreal. Our
girls would be so glad to see you both
at our Palisades retreat. - Well - we
shall hope to see you before we return
to the city. Should I go to Cambridge
- you may be sure the children will not
annoy me. Very likely I shall be with
them as much as ~~possible~~ with you in
the study.

Thurber - long ago, took out a copy of
Cactaceae plates for you. Have you
the volume of Pacific R.R. Report containing
W. Whipple? I received the whole work
lately - after many fruitless attempts.

I suppose we must be contented
with 100 extra copies (in all) of
Mex. B. Botany. There are 60 plates.
- of these cost no trifle - Perhaps
Thurber may wish a dozen copies in
to. I shall try to get several
copies of the whole volume - a each
of both volumes. Every will surely give
me more than one - & I may get others
from members of Congress. Congress
voted none for the Dept. of the Interior!

Do you know whether Engelmann will
remain here a few days before going west?
I shall be delighted to see him - I'm
about a week he ought to be here

Will you send me a character for
Memoir Berlandieri? Schott found it on the
Llanos Rio Grande

As to "Wright's No. 582 (partly)" I have it not
but it is very likely the same as a plant
of Schott, which I have called (Mex. Bound. Bot.) Sar-
ratia Berlandieri var. fimbriata. I have
specimens of a Saratia from Sonora. aff. Connata



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