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MARTIUS' FLORA BRASILIENSIS

(DR. EICHLER).

MÜNCHEN, KARLSSTRASSE 52.

Munich, Nov. 5. 69.

As you will probably soon return to America,
I wish you a safe and pleasant voyage.
Please present my compliments to Mrs Gray,
and believe me always

Yours very truly
A W Eichler

Dear Professor Gray,

Many thanks for your kind letter
of the 11th October. I should have answered
it long before this, if I had received a
definitive answer from young Mr. Shultz
regarding the herbarium of Guyana. I
wrote to him immediately after getting your
letter, yet it was a week before his ans-
wer reached me and then it was still vague.
He had not yet quite made up his mind
and would send me before long a definite
answer. If he was to let you have the
collection at £ 50, he would pack it up
at his expenses and deliver it at the
station of Seidenheim; but all the rest
of the voyage would be at your risk
and expense." Though it is now a fortnight

since

Since I have got this letter, nothing else
about this matter has reached us, probably
Mr. Schultz is negotiating with some other
merchants, and if I am not mistaken the
Archbishop Reynolds of Parma has made
him an offer. - I do not wish to defer
acquainting you with these facts; as soon
as any definite answer reaches me I shall
write again.

Mrs. Gray's letter has been immediately
delivered to Madame von Martius.

Yesterday I got a note from Dr. Fliegel
at Leipzig, with the copy of a letter from
Professor Henry, secretary of the Swissmois
Federation, informing me that consignment
of private account could not any more
be despatched by that Federation, critically
referring to the Flora Brasiliensis. I beg
you therefore to point out to me another
way by which I may send them to you
in future, or to settle with the Swiss.
Fedt. to despatch the parcels as before.
If you want to effect the payments
for

for the Flora Bras. again by Mr. Roeding,
it will be quite agreeable to us, as we are
constantly communicating with that gentleman;
but if you think it more convenient to you,
that we draw on your banker at London
(Baring Brothers & Co. ?), we shall be ready
to do so. Pray, let me know, what way you
should prefer; and, if the latter should be the
case, at which hours we are to draw.

I have spoken to the librarian of our
Academy, who is now well again, about the
desiderata noted down by you, and he is
ready to satisfy you.

The library of late Mr. von Martius will
be brought to Leipzig in the course of this
month, to be sold there on auction next Friday.
Though I shall endeavour to acquire for
myself as much as I absolutely want for
the H. Bras., it will be a very great loss
to me.

The family von Martius is exceedingly
obliged to you for the trouble you have
taken in advising the British Museum to
buy the Herbarium. Are they at all inclined
to do so?

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