

Louisville, Ky. August 28th 1847.

My dear Sir —

Early last spring I sent to you a small parcel of Mexican plants addressed to the care of Wiley & Putnam and I have just now forwarded a very large bundle, collected in various parts of that country from Santa Fe to Beuna-Vista, and from the coast westward as far as Chihuahua. This collection was made by Dr. Josiah Gregg, whose book on "the Commerce of the Plains," the result of a long residence in various parts of New Mexico and frequent journeyings between the western outposts and Santa Fe — you have no doubt read. Although making no pretensions to a knowledge of Botany, yet as an amateur in all the natural sciences, he availed himself of the guard and escort of various detachments of the army on different marches through that country, to explore its productions; and the present parcel, which he has had the kindness to present to me, is in part the fruits of his labour in the collection of plants — you will find I think most of the specimens characteristic and well preserved. — Dr. G. has added a label to each, indicating the localities, height, time of flowering, comparative abundance or scarcity, provincial names, medicinal & economical uses. So that I think you will find it altogether a very interesting parcel of plants, from a comparatively unknown region. I will only further remark on this

head that similar parcels to this were presented during the
present summer to Dr. Engelmann and the American Institute
of New York, the latter of which you may perhaps have seen.
I forward my share with great pleasure to you in the hope,
and confident hope too, that you will find in it some addi-
tional material for the Flora of N. America, which, of course,
it is the wish of all Botanists to be as complete & comprehensive
as possible. Should you find anything new in the collection
I need hardly express a hope that you will, in the name,
commemorate the Discoverer whose labours in the cause, and
at considerable pains, deserve to be remembered.

I observe in looking over the parcel that there
are several duplicates of all the more interesting specimens,
and I have to ask the favour of you that, after examining
them and retaining such as you may need for your own pur-
poses, that you will return the remainder with their names.

The bundle is very securely put up and directed
to "Dr. Torrey & Gray, care of Wiley & Putnam, New York"—
I have forwarded it through Weston & Girvin, Boston
of this place, to their Correspondents in N. Y., so that I hope
it will reach you safely & speedily.

Be pleased to let me hear of your getting it,

I Believe me very truly & Respectfully
Yours C. C. Whort.

When may we look for another part of the Flora?

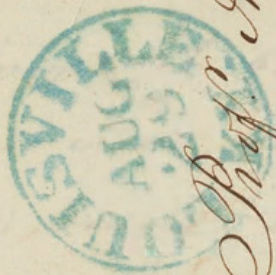
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