

London Friends; and it would be well
for you at once to make some arrange-
ment for receiving the future numbers as
they are issued. I trust in a few weeks,
at farthest to forward my set, with
the Plants, Equinacials, &c. &c.

I had the pleasure a few days
since of receiving a letter from our friend
Dr. Toney - favours of a kind confer'd
by him upon me so few and far between
that they are highly prized. I learn
from him that Dr. Phinck is no longer
engaged in the New York assay office, and
consequently has more time to bestow upon
his Catalogue of trans-mississippi plants.
I must rely upon you for a copy of this,
as soon as it is published; for I have never
been able to obtain any of the publications
of the Smithsonian Inst. except a few of the
earlier volumes, which I found at Putnam's
some years ago; and the Plants Wrightianæ
which you sent me.

Very truly, my dear Sir, I am yours
C. C. Short.

Wayfield, near Lounville,

Jan 29th 1860.

My good friend -

As I had apprehended,
and as I fear'd, my unfortunate letter to
you written on a half sheet of the unfor-
tunate paper, has occasioned you uneasiness,
and set you to work to remedy the
evil; as I learn by your letter of the 23^d,
and as I had infer'd from your Telegraphic
dispatch of the same date. Now will you
permit me to intreat you to give yourself
no further trouble about this matter,
but let it rest where it is. If Messrs. R & H,
after seeing the quine I sent you by express,
are satisfied that I have not complained
without cause, and that the paper does
not come up to your order, I am satisfied.
Or if they prefer making some reparation
for the failure; and will send me at once
by Express one bundle (2 reams) of paper

twice as thick as this; almost as thick
as the common Bristol board, I would
be much obliged to them, and cheerfully
pay for the same. In arranging plants
in my Herbarium I use whole sheets and
half sheets - the latter requiring, as you know
very well, to be thick and stiff enough to
sustain themselves when held by one corner.
Now for this purpose the paper on hand
is altogether too thin and light, although
it may answer (for want of better) for the
whole sheet. As I use much more paper
in whole sheets than in halves, I am quite
certain that the amt. on hand, with 2
reams of the thicker sort, will carry me
to the end of my botanical labours.

Before I quit this subject, it is
but justice to Messrs Rice & Kimball to say
that I have only opened one of their
bundles, it being troublesome and inconve-
nient to have more than one brachial
at a time. It is therefore possible that
I may find the others better than the
first.

I have just received a letter from
my Philadelphia Bookseller, Messrs Pary
& McMillan, Successors to Carey & Hart,
saying that as they are about to close their
business it will not be in their power any
longer to supply me with Curtis's Bot. Mag.
which I have received regularly through
their agency, and that of their predecessors,
for thirty odd years, without the failure
of one single number in all that length
of time! - a striking commentary on the
safety and reliability of Oceanic commu-
cations. My receipt of this work com-
menced with Sir William Hooker's manage-
ment of it in 1827, and has continued down
to the end of 1859. I have made repeated
efforts to procure all the preceding volumes,
but have only partially succeeded. Some
years ago Carey & Hart procured for me the
earlier volumes, from Vol 1. to Vol 32, inclu-
sive; but the gap from 32 to 54 remains
still unfilled. I hope you will be able
to supply the deficiency through your Lon



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