

Near Louisville, Ky.
April 18th 1862. }

My dear Sir —

You will, I know, excuse my apparent neglect in writing, when I inform you that my wife has been extremely ill for nearly three weeks — so ill, indeed, that at one time I almost despaired of her recovery. But for this I should have acknowledged some weeks ago the receipt of Dr Booth's 3^d vol. together with the accompanying plants of Dr Parry's collection. A few days ago I also received your favour of the 3^d inst. enclosing Grisebach's names of some of Wright's Cuban plants. This list I stole a few hours from the sick-bed side to copy, and have sent it to Dr Engelmann as you desired.

I must beg the favour of you to forward the enclosed to Dr Booth, free of postage to him. It is all that I can do in return for his great and undeserved kindness to me, in sending me his magnificent work.

Excuse my brevity and believe me very truly yours,
Dr A. Gray. C. C. Shost.

Dr Asa Gray
Cambridge
Mass.



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