

St Louis Jan 11th 1853

My dear Doctor

your letter written at Christmas came to hand a few days ago — and a long and full one it is, for which my thanks. And also my thanks for your care of my wishes and desires as regards Wright's plants. But as he has sent to me formerly some packages of plants from Texas (though most of them of not much value) I propose to pay him \$100.00 and if you think that money is at present an object with him for his outfit etc, I am willing to furnish \$50. besides for which he may return collections to be made during the expedition. But I must beg you to advance this money for about 4 weeks, when I shall refund it; This is the season (after new year) to make out accounts and bills and collect fees — a most abominable business to me but also a most necessary one, which however has kept me from Cañon since 3 weeks, and I will do so for a week or two longer. After that all my energies will be devoted to Cañon — Porphyrins and Cuscuta etc. —

Your proposition in regard to Linney Graham & Wright appears to me to be a fair compromise. The paper however should be published separate in the Sm. Contributions I think so as not to offend either of the high contracting parties

but that may be left to future negotiation, as we are in no hurry about it; meanwhile I will publish with you pt. Wrightiana a short abstract, as you propose, of all new or corrected species. —

For that purpose I wish you to return to me the manuscript after Wright has looked through it and has made such notes and alterations, as he may deem proper and necessary. I desire him particularly to examine the Introduction and revise it. — Has he seen Graham and conversed with him about the love Cacti, which he claims? —

By the time that I receive the Mass back I will probably have finished the Cerei & Quanties and will be able to immediately return to you the whole abstract. —

In the fall account I can use then the material which I shall receive from Torrey and that which Bigelow, Purry & Schott are still accumulating on the Rio Grande and hope also to observe many species in Bloom by that time.

Have you at Cambridge good figures of Cactaceae in the Library, which an artist may study, so as to see how such things are best done — for it is not even the most skillful artist, who can do justice to such specialties without studying them as you well know, I see the same in a full drawing sent me by Mr A Schott of the new Anhalonium — Singularly

enough it is almost impossible for me to make out what he means, though the drawing is a good one!! — If Emory will furnish plates, they ought to be creditable.

I am glad you got the parula from Dreis — what do you say about the new *Syrax* — is the form of the leaves not very different from all other species? I shall send specimens of wood of this species and of many others shortly for you, Lowell & England.

I hope Torrey sends by Express without any further delay — have not heard from him yet.

I shall soon write to you again, whether I can find an opportunity to send obtain your parcel or whether you have to send by Express.

Wait a little with Howard's plants yet — but if he can not sell, we will send them to Braun. I have had a long letter from him lately after long silence — he appears to be very busy and very much pleased in Berlin, but it will be some time before he can get things in such a train, in the Garden, Museum etc, as he wants them. —

Do you know this willow of Lindheimer's, which flowers in summer?

I shall be glad to see the Charac and shall confer with Braun about them immediately. —

I was pleased to find your name on the title page of Silliman's Journal — but is it not the same case with you as with Torrey that you have too many issues in the

five" ?

How is Walpers *Annales*? apparently necessary to possess! I shall send for the work; but he should be made aware of his mistakes or oversights mentioned by you in *Sillim* journal. —

Would it be possible for you to give a list of Fendler's Chagres plants as enumerated by Leman? —

I shall soon write again, and expect soon to hear from Wright.

Very truly
yours

Anything you might have for me you can give to Little & Brown publishers Boston care of John Halsall bookseller, St Louis

Enquire however if they send soon so that not too long a delay occurs.
Not only now but also in future

Glazebrook

What is the work on north American fruit trees to be published by you, mentioned by the annual report of the Smithsonian

NB. I got specimens of the eastern *Quercus tinctoria* & compare with fruit from Mr Porter which appear distinct but *corrorea* is different from our plant, which therefore appears to belong to *Q. tinctoria*, but mostly with more finely cut leaves & smoothness of scales of bud and of cup appears almost the principal difference!



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