

return at an early period  
an ample equivalent.

Truly yours  
Geo. Mueller.

The Captain of the Red  
Jacket has undertaken  
to ship the box from  
Liverpool with the first  
Boston steamer, but I  
beg to recommend, to  
instruct some party there  
to enquire, whether such  
has been duly the case.

Melbourne bot Garden  
8. March 1858.

My dear Prof. Asa Gray.  
I beg to acquaint you by  
these lines, that I forwarded  
this day a box with spe-  
cimens & seeds divided into  
10 collections by the famous  
clippin "Red Jacket" <sup>19</sup> to the  
~~for Agent in London~~ <sup>Liverpool</sup>, to be  
thence forwarded to you, as  
seldom or never a direct  
opportunity of sending to  
you offers itself. The seeds  
amount to 2340 papers,  
the specimens to about  
1350. To these have been  
added some pamphlets.  
I avail myself gratefully  
of your kind promise  
to distribute all these  
things over North Ame-  
rica, praying you will  
retain the principal col-  
lection for your own use.



hlishment. It would be extremely pleasant to receive an equivalent back at an early period from those establishments, to which you think proper to send them. I refrain from sending a list of what we require, for our garden is yet so young & so poor, that hardly any seed, native of North America, will come amiss. But I may state, that seed of our native trees & shrubs would be particularly desirable, for instance <sup>fresh</sup> acorns of all your oaks. The seeds which I try to offer are all collected within the last months & with a few exceptions Australian ones.

I expect much benefit from sharing in the annual interchange of seeds, which no doubt exists in the North American gardens. -

It was my intention to have selected a set of Compositae for you from my *Normal Collection*, but my time has been lately fully absorbed by duties as Director of this garden. I will however bear your former request in mind.

Should any North American gardener or Botanist, who can not be supplied from what I send on this occasion feel inclined to exchange seeds with this establishment, I would suggest that collections were made up for me, and I will pledge myself to



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*Ferdinand von Mueller letters to Asa Gray*

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