

Answered
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Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

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My dear Sir

Many many thanks for your letter
& for the living plants which are very
acceptable to me you may be sure. I
wish you could see our Garden now &
you would not think plants ill bestowed.
To insure ample room & scope enough I
have added to the Bot. Garden 46 acres, tak-
ing from the Queen's pleasure ground, &
all bounded by an elegant open wire fence.
On this new ground we are preparing to
build a stove 340 long & 60 feet high. Here
too we have a fine piece of water. I trust
by next parcel to send you some handy
plants, but our general herbaceous collec-
tion is still very poor. We shall do what
we can for you. In tender plants we
are getting very rich. My thin parcel
through Wiley & Putnam I send you the
continuation of Bot. Journal. I hope I
made your sets complete previously up to
January. I send also the first part of my
"Species Liliacearum". Much of my time is
unhappily devoted to an examination of
Lacaille's plants & he has a great number of

beautiful drawings prepared. I cannot squeeze a single specimen out of the American Exploring Exped. Dr. Pickering must have noticed by Jappon mail any note remarks on Am. Botanists & second at least as if he was much anxious we should show in some of the 10,000 species they brought home. But nothing has come or will come & the good Dr. in your another voyage, to Bombay & the coast of Africa: & I gave him letters to my friend. Apparently he never saw anything but about Nichol in connection with these plants. But was it intended that Nichol should return again to Africa? It is said he is fixed to a residence in Laraca: where if he wishes Benjamin Lin. property. Then if he undertakes it in England, he has no library & not a book to refer to of any consequence. The French with all their advances in Paris are making sad work of their antitoxic flora. Of the two really good species of Laprus of Turner del Guise (we have them alive) the French have made 2 new Genera: & they are confusing the names worst of all.

Then handed over your two parcels to Bent: Lewis & Beattie: - that is Bentham's will go from the Horticult. Socy with their first

parcel: - for he now lives in Hertfordshire.

I am afraid there has been some mistake about a new edition of Commerson's American Mosses. I do not think there is any. There may have been an intention of preparing one, but the labor is so great, the sale so slow, that there is no encouragement for a thing of the sort.

Glossa written my of the Scorus Plantarum was sent out in my last parcel to you (through Wiley & Putnam). I wish there must be some foreign. I have sent. Looked as far as Part 13, or part 12 vol. 7.

We are now raising some readers & if we succeed we shall be able to send some to you with other Pines.

I have not failed by this Post to write to Dr. Loomis, - a man I would not willingly neglect for the world. But I find it difficult to write a letter long before the post is ready to take it, & more difficult still to remember the exact time of the Post. I am reminded of it now from several circumstances & am consequently at this moment overwhelmed with letter writing for North America & the West Indian, & packing up parcels for both. I have a Col. Adair your friend in the W. Indian & one in the Purley W. (Purley). He will be at the East.



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