

ding have done for Dr. Ford. But
he wishes, most justly that
Bentham should have the
fruits of his collections. So:
some weeks & Cambridge &
days ago to arrange all about
that.

I send you & Mr. Gray most
favorably spoken of at Dr.
Ford. — Wallis went with
us, & so enjoyed himself
that I think to have added
a year or so to his life.

Thank you for all you
have sent me, since your
return. It was not so:
suppl. to when the Queen gave
a Kinner, and one: — that one
which was Sir G. Lentin's,
between the Dukes of Cam-
bridge & Lady Jocelyn's.

There is besides a large wa:
some piece of ground there
which is occupied with the
Office of Woods (Gov. Paul).

Royal Gardens,
Kew. Friday May 28.
1852.

My dear Dr. Gray

If this paper were filled with ap-
ologies from beginning to end it could not
be sufficient atonement for my
sins towards you & apparent neg-
lect of you. I have promised &
not performed: — & so I fear I shall
continue to do to the end of this
chapter. The little business
that I have had to send you in
the shape of the parcel has ap-
peared in my eyes to be far con-
sequer, till a parcel came for
me from Dr. Vries (I think).

I hurried to a mistake some
days ago to send that & all the
rest of the "Scones" waiting to you
& Mr. Delf, with the request they
may go in his first book parcel.

I am not sure too but I have mis-
led my daughter by telling her
that I intended writing to you when
I was not. But that is it may be
happening this was American Post-day
comes to me at this moment. "Are
you going to write to Dr. Gray?" I say

yes & she throws down a letter I
presume for Mrs. Gray. I quite
suspect to be in time for Dr. Gray's
post. Look here in old Nuttall
(yell. or green & as ready as ever)
calling off my attentions to
his remarks on *Heimodendron*
Aluandendron. His nephew
was in Boston & discovered
& brought home June 18 to 20
Aluandendron: - some quite
different from Joseph's & one
with a flower almost twice
as large as the largest of the
Sikkim ones (Dr. Nuttall's of
Boston). Nuttall has just
brought a specimen to me con-
firming the correctness of the
statement.

Make haste & publish your
Tijes island plants. We have
just sent a surveying ship with
a most able Commander (Gardner)
to the Tijes, New Caledonia &c.

I was the means of having Macgil-
laway removed from the
Rocklesmole to the "Herald" &
was further advanced by the
Admiralty to send a Collector
on behalf of the Garden. I
^{appointed} ~~have~~ Mr. Milne, strongly re-
commended by Dr. Baillie.

Bentham has just left
there where he had been staying
chiefly with Joseph. He had
had to make a journey to Ox-
ford, to coax the Oxford dons
into accepting from Fielding
magnificent legacy of Her-
barium & books. He came
here & took your lodgings, &
made enquiry as to what he
should do with his collections
- & he went home & died be-
fore Bentham & our Ex-
ecution. And now from Lenson is
dying & he is anxious to do
for Cambridge what Mil-

drugs &c.) There, adjacent to my House we have
planned for building a Long Museum; & under
the same roof, communicating with my House,
is to be ample accommodation for my Lib.
Cabinet & Herbarium. Thus my House will
be exclusively for my family (man, wife &c.)
and almost entirely for my Wife & self)
& for the improvement of that St. George's Esti-
mate amount; & £1075. So we may look to
comfortable accommodation, but not to the
quiet & retirement of "West Park". I am con-
tent either way. Lady Hooker is I think
on the whole better than when you were here.
Her sister, Lady Polgrove, as hard as can be to
be alive. Elizabeth, whether she tells Mr. Gray so
or not, has been very ill this Spring with the stone.

Emma is much better & almost well, & is
in the way for perfect recovery. The weather
all in her favor. To morrow she & I propose
going to the "American flower show" in the Regent
Park. An American flower show means a
show of Rhododendrons & Azaleas from all
countries save America.

We are rapidly advancing with our new Vic-
toria House, on which we propose to expend
£2000. However it will be very handsome.

Dr. Hooker sends his best regards to you.
Mind if you please to Mr. Gray & to Mr. &
Mrs. Greene when you see them. Come

Only & affectionately Yours,

W. J. Hooker.

May 1852

David L. G.

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