

can hardly think it is a No:
cotton, yet I do not know
what it is.

To W^r. Long Branc a con-
nection of Mr. Gray's. He has
written a clever book on Ge-
ology - & I supposed it was
he that was imprisoned
in Australia. He is too late
now for Australia or Russia
or Prussia either.

Wright is settled down
near Reading. & looks here been
visiting. Already he finds him
self so far from scientific
acquaintance & he does
not like other society at
all. I could be noisy and
labor wholly Harmless
Kind regards to Mr. Gray.
Your very faithful &

afft. W^r. Bookers

Thur. March 30th
1854.

Dear Dr. Gray

I think I have caught
the Boston steamer of to
morrow, for a Box of Plants
sent you, yesterday to
Miss & Mr. Lovis care. You
had perhaps engine for it
at the Office. I know there
being no one can forward
things for us some few
post to post: - a List for
my personal acquaintance
with one of the partners I
should be so much more
seen, now-jjudged between
Lisb^a & here. I could not
send anything in the shape
of books, if there any to
send, - with the moist things
less worth suffer in a short
voyage with them. I also

Mr. Glazier publishes very
thin paper will care to have some
the \$1st & ½ of the last vol. of
Scenes. Have I sent you
that. I believe moreover
that books will go cheaper
on both sides, sent through
a Bookseller - for not only
is the charge for small per:
cel & a few £. very
high: - but when books
come from foreign diff^r friends
it is most difficult to
have them understood:
— a letter very easily.

Very easily this, as I send to
our neighbour Lindley a her &
I even both transcribed for his
& Tiplerius & the letter of
Linnaeus & Jussieu, & still
more familiar.

Do not send any thing in

this shape of living plants as
seeds till the autumn or winter
but when they will be most
acceptable.

Stocks is arrived & carried out
by Mr. Cruikshank, but has
taken Lewis' rooms & will work
here for some time. Beddoe
has taken a nice house 3
rooms only from the K. of Han:
over, where all his collections
will be in 3 weeks time. Poor
Wallace his family think is
dying. No one is allowed to see
him but his own family. I
could not have believed this
when I sent 2 hours by his
bedside this day yesterday.
I shall miss him exceedingly.

Lobb found some capital
things in California besides
Wellingtonias. A W^r Jeffrey
too has been sent out by the
Palm Bayle Socy. Among his
things which have pleased
me most is Lindley's Nizo:
time name, Bob. Reg. t. 833. I



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