

I am so glad to hear of the prosperous
state of your N. Am. B. being in so
glorious a state.

We are two much taken up with
the business war for our Mission.
Let to be finished with the Joseph
pretty affair. Still something will
be done & trust. Our ordinary
expenses £12,000 or nearly so were
unanimously carried in the House
last night. — all I asked for.
Yet our Chief Commissioner has
never once been to look into the
Journal since he was in office.

I thank him for the confidence
he places in me — but I had rather
see his bushy hair & sunny face
at times & terms. I had a

much pleasant visit from a Portuguese
Protomist yesterday, the young
King of Portugal. He knows I was
a student well, & was in extreme
he is coming and again for a
whole day.

Bentham is busy with Oppen's
recent arrivals from the Harp. —
capital things.

So your
business? Of course, of Mischance & Lane
but of P. ~~another~~ I am in good luck it came
out in that. The Census are more
little Australia (Australia). Our

affectionately Yours, W. L. Hooper.

Royal Gardens, Stew
June 9. 1854.

My dear Dr. Gray,

The enclosed have a fear been
more than a week in my hands,
& the writer Eliza Evans is coming
here with her Mother from Colby:
hall this very day — at behoves me
to show that I have dispatched it.
I hope I may have Mrs. Gray's for-
giveness. Our dear girl does not
lose Neuralgia: — a curving here and
Mr. & Mrs. Bentham come to take
up their abode here, & the latter is
just now as bad with the throat com-
plaint as our dear Bessie was.

You see our Carrier Mischance de-
layed upon Flants. I am not sure
but J. Smith was as much to blame
as Mischance, for not being more par-
ticular in his instructions. I am
glad the plants did not suffer
more.

We have no difficulty
in our grudging of payments on large
packages to a firm original. It is
the small ones that come so heavy
as I only mention them that they
may as much as possible be avoid-
ed in future. You have nothing to
repay us at all.

Parts 1 & 2 of X of Corner Plants:
can one send to you as you direct
care of Messrs Lamborn. These
complete the outwork. I hope
now to go on with you & off.
Ad.

Poor Wallis, you know
are this, is gone. He has left his
Wife & children in very com-
fortable circumstances. Ben-
thorn & I are the Executors.

Joseph is at Hitcham, with
his Wife, whose recovery
is daily expected. Thomas
is gone on a Tour to Cornwall:
— Sticks (of Scinde) who is other-
wise located here for a con-
siderable time, is in Devon.

Agardh is making a long visit
to consult Garden & Herbarium.
Dr. Alexander comes daily from
Hennington. De Vries we ex-
pect daily to work at Leuven:
& Grisebach is coming in the
Autumn. The King of Hanover's
Jardin House is temporarily con-
verted into a great Herbarium,

Pentstemon: Collectio. (a Libran.) -
now the property of the Crown, and
lying in the large rooms in the top
floor: mine all the apartments
on the ground & first floor, &
all in capital order, ready to re-
ceive you again.

Have you any *Rhododendron*
from California? I have a *Veitch*
one living. It is certainly not *R.*
maximianum: & it does not look
like the Oregon one *R. macro-*
phyllum, tho' it is more likely
to be that. As it does not re-
semble the names. *Veitch* has
2 or 3 pretty new blue *Pentstemon*.
One like *P. dentatus*: with heads
of flowers all quite as high as the
plant & mass of the deepest blue
flowers. *Nicotiana glauca* is
a good species & family friend
in both. *Ref.* This has been

a trying winter to numerous
tender plants in our gardens.
Castanea chrysophylla is quite
unharmed. I don't think *Nel-*
oxia specifically generically
distinct from *N. indica*. I have
never seen however good flowers
of the former, & would be loath to



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