

which I unite *Blackwellia*
for beyond geographical origin
the characteristic characters
are fictitious as hitherto given
- purely artificial if modified so
as to give them reality.

I have laid aside for you a
few of Wilford's Hong Kong plants
which you appear to have got either
not good or not at all from Wright.
Amongst others a 5th genus of Hamamelideae.
- The *Dactyloctenium* which we call
have from Wright is curious and a
very anomalous Hamamelideae. We
have a closely allied sp. from Griffith
also in fruit only and *Chamissoa* species
(which I could not make out before seeing
yours) have only young male flowers
(should like much to see the young ladies
to make them out properly). Wilford's
new genus is nearer to *Eutima*.

With kindest regards to all
I say ever your sincerely
George Donnell

I hope to be at work again at New
early in Nov^r - We now go to Paris
for a fortnight or 3 weeks then to the
Pyrenees & in Sept on to Madrid
provided this atrocious war does not
interfere.

57 Loo Choo = *Thermopsis Chienan* Bth. (near Fortune
n. 54) differ from *T. fabacea* in the other calyx and
some other points

58 Loo Choo = *Melastoma angustifolium* L.

59 Loo Choo = *Melastoma indicum* All.

60 Loo Choo = *Astragalus totodes*

61 " = *Ormocarpus reanoides* (Diploca
cochinichinensis Lores.)

62 " = *Desmodium podocarpum* DC

63 " = *Desmodium cuneata* Don

64 " = *Pigna*? The specimen is insufficient
to determine

65 " = *Dactyloctenium* Labral.

66 Bonin = Agree with *Mucuna gigantea* ex-
cept that it has not the prominent
hairs on the pod and the foliage
is less hairy (Have they fallen off?)

67 Loo Choo = *Desmodium uliginosum* Bth. β *lanceolatum*

68 Bonin = *Desmodium (Brachypteron)* *Chienan* Bth.

69 Loo Choo = *Prunella glabra* Sieb.

71 Loo Choo = *Prunella macrophylla* Sieb. & Zucc!

72 Loo Choo = *Rubus reflexus* B. & R.

73 Loo Choo = *Rubus parvifolius* Sieb.

74 Loo Choo = *Rubus noronensis* Sieb.

75 Loo Choo = *Agrostis Eupatorium* L. (quite the
common European fern)

76 Canagae = *Rosa multiflora* var?

77 Bonin = *Raphiolepis japonica* Sieb. & Zucc! several
apparently distinct varieties - but not
R. integrum which has a fruit like
this or even larger



78 Bonin = *Osteomeles cuneifolia*

79 Loo Choo = *Rubus* - unknown to me and not in
our herbaria (R. *hirsutus*?)

80 Bonin = *Photinia* sp. 1 Both in fr. only and 1
479 Whampoa = *Photinia* sp. 2 cannot exactly match them

82 Bonin = *Terminalia Catappa* L.

- 318 Loo Choo *Balanophora dioica* ♀ (P.D.H.)
 317 " *Balanophora dioica* ♂ (P.D.H.) Jan 718
 84 Loo Choo *Melastoma nuerocarpum* Don
 85 Donin *Syzygium*. Same as *S. odoratum* but distinct
 86 Donin *Syzygium* unknown to me
 87 Loo Choo *Sehuenia*, apparently *nunerosata* W. & A.
 same as *Magyrensis* Arn.
 88 Donin *Ischoranthus*, not *T. coccineus*.
 89 Loo Choo *Parriflora*, not in our herbaria.
 89 Loo Choo More like *Kalanchoe* *variegata* than *K. pinnatifida*
 but a very good plant.
 90 Loo Choo " *Pedium* which we have also from
 280 near Hongkong } *Formosa*, but undetermined
 91 Loo Choo *Pedium*, something like *P. uniflorum* Hook
 and Arn but seems quite distinct.
 94 Loo Choo *Hydrocotyle nitidula* Rich.
 95 Loo Choo *Hydrocotyle rotundifolia* Roeb.
 96 Loo Choo & Donin *Hyd. arcuata* Linn.
 101 Kankkeah *Paratroxian Cantonensis* H. & A.
 104 Loo Choo *Ricium articulatum* Dunn. var. *R. moniliferum*
 107 Loo Choo *Sibonum* unknown to me
 260 Loo Choo *Loranthus ferrugineus* Roeb?
 28 Loo Choo *Camellia Parangua* (see Seem.)

May 1859

Just about to
 go to Europe

[1859] For Hooker's speculations as to divergence of species are rather startling but they may be as plausible as any other upon a subject which must be mere speculation. They may carry one very far. My friend Arnott used in his muscological days to call his babies *Gymnostomus*, but it seems now that we are really to consider that a man and a moff are sprung from the same stock which has diverged and produced these extremes by selection. Much as I look up to P.D.H.'s views in general I am not in this instance convinced - but I am now too old and too lazy to enter into controversies so that I shall confine myself to the old systematic routine and go on describing species as if they were really distinct and grouping them into genera etc for convenience of study. I have left with the printer for publication a short synopsis of *Hornatum* with



Bentham, George. 1859. "Bentham, George [May] 1859 [fragment]." *George Bentham letters to Asa Gray*

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