

I don't think you need trouble Dr. Booth, or yourself, to get any of John Bartram's Letters to his English Correspondents. I suspect it will be universally admitted, if I live to get through with my present undertaking, that quantum suff. of the Letters of honest John & his Correspondents, have been rescued from the jaws of oblivion: for I think I can truly say, that I have snatched some of them "ex ipsis Vici faucibus!"

I doubt whether any antiquarian Virtuoso, amongst us, would have taken the pains <sup>to decipher</sup> some of the old manuscripts, which I have copied, when I get through, you, & Mr. Sparks, & other friends, - who may choose to take a survey of my labors - shall have the opportunity. My apprehensions now are, that you will all be deterred by their fearful volume.

I have some anxiety lest you should be tempted to over-work yourself - & thus defeat the very object of your eager exertions. Remember the fate of Poor De Candolle - who, there is reason to believe, sacrificed his life among the Compositae.

I have had three letters from Dr. Brownfield, this year. I perceive, by the London Journal of Botany, that he is excessively polite & flattering to "our Village!" He is going to send up some valuable specimens of English Birds, & rare plants.

I wish in my heart, I could make you a visit, now you are happily fixed: but I fear it may not be.

Please make my respectful salutations acceptable to Mrs. E. and believe me your old & deeply indebted friend,  
Prof. A. Gray, Cambridge. -

Yrs Darlingston



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*William Darlington letters to Asa Gray*

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