

Arrived Mil 30,

Bottom Lodge
Sept. 10th 1844.

My dear Sir,

I had the pleasure of receiving your most valuable package of dried plants a few days since from Messrs. Killmer & Smith, quite safe. I assure you that it affords me the most sincere pleasure to be able to say that they have supplied very many of the desiderata in my North American collection which I had hardly any hope of receiving. Moreover, they came ~~just at a~~ most opportune ~~time~~, when I had received little or no novelty for some time, and to one labouring under but indifferent health, it was rendered doubly so. The *Bakinia* was the gem, of *Sullivantia*. I have not been able to find any generic character not possessing the Journal in which it is described, I fancy it was unknown at the time of the

publication of your first volume. Several of the
'Cares' were also particularly valuable to me, my
Herbarium being exceedingly rich in that Order, &
I feel certain that many of those sent are not
amongst mine, tho' I am unable to compare them
the bulk of mine being with Dr. Booth, who is
engaged upon a Monograph upon them, and truly
surprising are the variety of forms they assume.

I am sorry it is not in my power to supply
any of your desiderata in Ericaceae, most of them
are very rare, and are only unique specimens
with me. Cavendishia I believe is little known
of, I have Nathus' own herbarium, and there
is a specimen marked in Hooker's writing as
probably being this plant, but I believe it only
to be a species of Thibaudia, the specimen is but
a bad one, & Lindley may have received better
materials for founding the genera upon. Anthoteros
I have never seen, and Bryanthus I fancy very
rare indeed, my Siberian specimen being in fruit,
and a very poor one.

By the next packet I hope to be able to
forward to you another packet of plants, many



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