Ebenezer near Buffalo Oct. 17th 1849.

To Asa Gray Profss.

Very dear Sir! A few days ago I received a letter from Mr. Endicott in which he charges me with $ 21 – 50 Cts for corrections & lettering the plates of the second vol. of your Genera Plantaram. Before answering him I wish to know whether you paid something to him for the first volume &

Mr. Endicott does not do right and reasonable in this matter. I struck off the proofs of most of the stones of the 2th vol. and did likewise the corrections and the many alterations myself, of which some were very difficult. I think the proofs should have been done by Mr. Endicott himself, because he has the printing of the work. I do this only for your sake, although it gives me trouble & expenses. I will not answer him untill I have received some informmation by your hand.

I hope that Mr. Sprague returned well, I was very glad to become acquainted with him personaly, and I wish I had been able to convers with him in his own language. The 3 drawings are done which he left here. Two I engraved and the Magnolia I made with chalk on stone, and am waiting now for an other to complete the stone before printing or making proofsheets.

An early reply will much oblige

Your

cordially friend
Jos. Prestele;

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