

Ebenezer near Buffalo Febr. 11th 1854

Mr. Isaac Sprague Dr.

Dear Sir, I received your esteemed favour and the package. I engraved the plate 40 again by your advise and it stands correct now. My charge will be only \$2 although it was very difficult to engrave particularly the fruit. I forwarded by Rail-Road Freight Line a box containing the following numbers of Plates coloured viz. 390 of Pl. 3

390	139	4	x
50	50	35	x
100	100	46	
100	100	50	
174	175	31	x
174	175	30	
100	100	49	x
50-39 50-47	100	100	39

in all 1329 plates. -

And you will please find the bill enclosed herewith. As to plates 25 I will make the shades in the fruits behind the leaf more light. Pl. 20 I can also improve and colour the flowers more bright, which I hope will render them to your satisfaction. - You mentioned also in your letter of avoiding the creases on the plates. I have to say, that this happened generally by glueing and pressing the paper. Glueing is a very troublesome and dangerous work and takes considerable time, therefore I would prefer it much if you would please to use such a kind of glued paper as I enclosed

over

half a chest in the box as a sample. I paid 9 Dollars for a ream at New York and this colours very well.

About the prizes for colouring the different plates I have raised, of Plate 46-39-3 and 20 to 10 Cts per plate and Pl. 30 to 12 Cts. this enables me to do themso much better and with more care.

The report you gave me of Dr Gray fills me with sorrow and I hope to the Lord that he will give him soon his health again and bring him back to his native country.

Yours respectfully

Jos. Prestele

Colours	584	at 8th	45.12
	590	at 10th	59.00
	175	at 12th	21.00
Engraving	5	plates	20.00
Engraving & althg			2.00
Freight			1.70
			148.82



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