

I infer from your last that  
our noble friend Torrey has  
been sick, with a pulmonary  
difficulty. I hope not serious.  
The thought of losing such  
a good friend whose considerate  
kindness for many years has  
endeared him to me like a  
father causes a pang, which I  
hope later news of his recovery  
may relieve.

I have no special need  
for drawing on you at present  
will as advised notify you  
a few days before hand. I  
hope soon you would get a  
settlement from Hooker so  
that I may know how. The  
final account will stand; there  
was I believe part payment on  
one of Halls sets not included in  
last balance. to complete the \$240<sup>00</sup>  
from him. Sincerely yours B. B. Parry

Davenport April 23<sup>d</sup> 1863

My Dear Dr Gray

A year ago I  
was on my way to the Mts.  
now I am still uncertain as  
to what it is best to do. In  
the mean time I am busy  
renovating my garden, which  
has suffered from two years  
absence. I have some idea  
of making still another trip to  
Colorado Ter., what must stand  
in the way at present is to  
see clearly how I can make it  
pay. I have thought by combining  
several things and securing  
a congenial associate I might  
find profitable employment  
there. My plan would be to rig  
up a light conveyance, and go  
through in quick time, paying

attention only to rare plants &  
choice seeds. Arriving in the  
Mts say in July. I would first  
secure material for that Nephth?  
and ascertain if there is a  
chance to secure seeds for cultivation.  
Then push as far as I can to  
the west. continuing my  
geographical researches to  
collecting any new or desirable  
plants, & seeds. Also make full  
sets, 20 or more, of the Coniferae  
including sections, of wood, bark  
cones &c. to sell say at \$5 per set.  
Continue the collection of choice  
seeds through the season. collecting  
largely of the Coniferae not in  
cultivation. At the close of the  
season, put up packets of  
living plants, (100 or more) such  
as Rubus Delicatus. &c &c &c  
This is a rough outline of the  
plan I would propose if carried

out I should not care to start  
before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

No doubt my seeds will get a  
fair trial by Mr Thompson, but I  
see that choice things such as  
can be readily raised are the  
things to get. I have a very  
pleasant correspondent at  
Wexford Pa. Josiah Hooper  
to whom I sent some seeds  
he is quite enthusiastic over  
them and quite urges me to  
try again promising assistance  
through nurserymen &c,  
I suppose the bulbs of Pelochortus  
I sent do well. a few I retained  
are now shooting up strong. Have  
they this species in cultivation  
in England? or have you had  
it? & how does it turn out?  
They could be got in quantity  
of desirable.



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