

Davenport Iowa Aug 7th /74

My dear Dr Gray I arrived here in the morning
of 4th My collections have come through safely
and are in excellent condition. I shall hardly have
time to sort up under the numbers for final
distribution, but will try & make out for you
the Compositae & Boraginaceae complete under
provisional numbers, and other uncertain or specially
interesting things, so that the whole can be
promptly worked up on my return. I shall take
out some things to Engelmann to work up
a odd times at Empire. The Aetoneum of
which I enclose mature seed & capsules, will
need its character amended. I thought at first
it would make a well marked 2^d species.

A. nidulosum, but the characters do not seem to
vary materially from description & figure
mature capsule 4 valved rarely 5-6. Valves
at maturity separating 1/2 their length. plant less
hairy, fl white petals marcescent, fl grows on
stray gypsum clay hills, in large bunches, with
a deep tap root. quite showy. must try to raise
from seed. will send complete specimen soon

I shall send in the seeds for Backhouse
as soon as I can get them ready & send
on to you to be forwarded, having no definite
instructions to the contrary. You can run them
over and pick out what you want for garden.
I will send the list for Backhouse to you
so that you can see what there is
some very choice things among them

I expect to start back for Empire
about 17th to stay till Oct

Yours truly

CC Parry



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