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Pantiles House
Hereford
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My dear Gray

I hasten to write a few words to save the mail (having been too busy of late to write at length) to announce the safe arrival of the box you sent in Dec containing both from yourself and Torrey vast numbers of species I had not yet in my herbarium. They are come just in time for the Compositae to be immediately laid in - I hope you will find that Order in tolerable arrangement when you come. I have just got through them in the arranging and cataloguing my herbarium - As far as

the end of Compositae I have
about 26,000 sp. of which
Leguminosae 5,200 and Compositae
5,300 - I shall write to Tony
next mail - His Californian
Corethrogyne virgata is the
same as mine only that my
specimens are old and the
wool is almost all gone.

When you land at Liverpool
you had better read your
boxes of whatever you do
not want to take abroad
with you - straighten her
they will be taken in and
good care taken of them
should we not be at home
or is most likely. We go
up to town about Whit Tuesday
stay there till about the
10th or 12th June and then
make a tour in Shropshire

and Wales was to be back
here in the end of July.

September is still a very
good month here and
indeed is all the autumn
only that the days get
so short late in the year
so that I trust you will
not arrive here much
later than September -
however at any time
most convenient to you
for I have no engagements
for autumn or winter.

Yours sincerely
George Bentham



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