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[1850]

My dear Gray

Your & Mr. Gray's letters received yesterday were the more acceptable as we had begun to be anxious at not hearing from you so long after having been told that you were expected last week at New and on Tuesday I wrote to Harvey to ask whether you were still there or not.

Thanks for the information about "Upper Louisiana Botany"; there is an *Eriogonum pauciflorum* Pursh which I saw in Lambert's herbarium but which I now cannot recognize in any of our collections.

I have finished the *Eriogonum* all but a little copying out - I worked hard at them expecting every day a letter from Dr. Coulter.

to say that the vol. was in the
printer's hands & that my
MS was wanting immediately
The letter has since come but
instead of immediately it will not
be wanted till 1852 - which is
very provoking - The Solanum and
Plantaginaceae are to be commenced
printing immediately and the
14th vol only commenced when
they are done - The Laurineae
for the 14th vol. will not be
begun working till the end of
1851 so that my MS stands a
good chance of not being published
these two years. In the mean
time my names will be taken
or some "Pastor Scheuch" will
be publishing my species under
other names unless I can get
a synopsis printed somewhere
and in 1852 I shall be called
upon to go over the same ground

a third time which is far
from agreeable.

Among your Pezize plants
there was a *Melastoma* to
which you gave the MS name
of *M. vitense* - Waudin has
just published a new Pezize
Melastoma under that same
name a probably that
same species. I see he entirely
ignores the *Melastomaceae* I
published above a twelvemonth
ago in the *Niger Flora*.

With heartfelt wishes for
your speedy & complete recovery
and that you and Mr. Gray
may enjoy driving the coming
and every succeeding year all
those blessings you both so
well deserve - believe me

Ever yours most sincerely
George Bentham



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