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My Dear Friend

I began to be anxious to know something of your goings on, when your letter reached me on Saturday and I am delighted to see what a good use you have made of your stay at Paris & thank you for all the information you give. - As for me I have little to say or rather but little time to say it I received a few days ago the long expected sheets from Berlin and I saved from one of Lambert's clearings several of my desiderata of Salisbury's, *Erica carduifolia* &c so that I am now finishing up and being obliged to write the whole out for myself I get my wrists quite tired by the end of the day and cannot do much in the letter writing way. I have also gone on a little with the Mexican plants and found several genera and species very interesting from their connection with the Texas flora or with the Californian flora on the one hand and the warmer Mexican flora on the other - there is a new genus of Compositae close to the Californian *Agarista* - the *Croton gracilis* Humboldt of a new genus of which we have a ? species in Douglas's Californian plants, the true *Trifolium*

involutum which is not the Californian one -
Krameria exina which as well as other Kramerias I
think I can show to be yet nearer Polygala than
some appear to think - a Lemnoidium close to the
Arduana one - I hope to print the greater part
in the course of this month.

I certainly look forward some day to hunting
for *Spertia* with you on the Roan or the Grandfather
but whether this can be next year I begin very
much to doubt. However I made no plans so
long before hand.

W. Bridges left most determinately for
New York by the Great Western - & what is more
he has prevailed on his uncle to follow him
by the Liverpool on the 20th of this month.
I trust the Great Western will have had a
quid pro quo - as some little good to be derived
from their persevering East Wind which
being nothing but smoke and snow and
frost and cold. Even the lilacs a horse-dung
have not yet opened a single leaf & we have
them generally almost in flower by this time.
However they say it is all the better the flowering
will not be nipped.

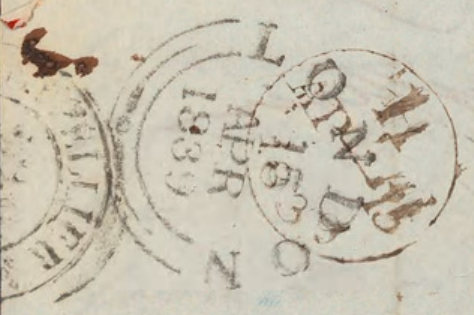
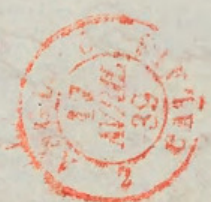
Our friend Booth to our great regret has
had a severe attack of fever but is now pretty

well again - which is I believe the only
personal news of our friends - The vessels
for the Antarctic Expedition are commissioned
and young Jor. Hooker engaged - I trust I
believe in July.

This will be delivered to you by my
mother or sister to whom I wrote three
days ago - When you have seen them I
should be very glad could you find a
moment to write me a line or two
about them.

Yours very sincerely
George Bentham

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