

some months has been lying perfectly helpless
and is thought by all around him to be dying
I hope he is not so bad and may partially recover
however that may be he has been making
arrangements for his herbarium going at his
death to Cambridge University (I mean our
Cambridge) and I believe I shall see to the arrange-
and gluing it and get certain portions per-
myself and I may in that case want to purchase
a considerable quantity of paper for covers and
I think your mill turn out to be best paper
cost price freight & duty.

He I believe now quite settled that his
herbarium goes to Oxford University who
build for it at the Botanic garden and lay aside
an annual sum towards keeping it up.

I have been almost entirely occupied with
Indian Leguminosae - I have worked up about
100 species of Astragalus (including those) Oxytropis
and small allied genera. I hope for Foster and
P. Thomson are going to begin immediately their
Flora India and if so I shall do the Leguminosae.
I am also getting on with *Plorula longilongu*
as fast as I can get it printed but it is miserable
work only getting in 8 pages at a time and every-
now and then "no room" even for that. In the
mean time Hance is making a mess in Walpers'
Annals - his new genus allied to *Dalmanella* is the
old *Delina racemosa* and he has a new genus of
Acrobetaria of which the essential character is to
have no ovary at all! - Presl has published
an "Epimelior Botanica" validated as usual by two
georg and replete with blunders.

I sent a paper on *Aspid. micrantha* Aubrean
to Copenhagen in April - and am about to do his
Compositae.

With kindest regards to Mr Gray to
whom Mr Beatham will write shortly
believe me ever your most sincerely
George Don

Among Wrights *Polemonium*
490 = *Lilia rigidula* Benth var *pubera*
500 = — *incisa* D.
501 = — *longiflora* Don
496, 497 and 499 appear to be new
Lilia

June 2 [1852]

Before I forget it I must
mention that the Amer. Eycl. Expedition
plant from Sydney which we named
Secoma australis is not the true
plant figured in Bot. Mag. ^{F. 185} but
appears to be *Secoma jamaicensis*, Lindl.

Wright's 434 is certainly *Moneschma*
pilovella Wier and no *Moneschma* as you
suspect. - 436 must be a new genus.

I cannot rightly understand
Merr's American genera and do not
think them near so well done as the
Indian portion - and I can now after
looking at the plants again say no
more than I did in town without
reworking up Merr's *Justicoid* genera
which would take up a long time.

Gray do not send the money
for *Gymnema* etc. without hearing
from you for I may very likely
give you the commission to lay it out.



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George Bentham letters to Asa Gray

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