

Pontreilas Dec 4 7
[1852]

My dear Gray

It was with great anxiety
that we waited for the post
this morning, which fortunately
brought us Mr Gray's letter
with as favorable accounts as
we could have expected although
your sufferings appear to have
been more than we conjectured
from Mr Gray's first letter. I
should have come to join you
had not I reckoned upon Dr
Harvey; being with you so much
sooner than I could have been, and
you cannot be in better hands - I
long to hear of your being over
the water and under his ~~doctor's~~
roof where you will be so much
better than in an inn. I thought
indeed you might have been carried

over before this and therefore
when a letter came for you
yesterday from Miss M'Kest
& Co I redirected it to D Harvey
at Dublin.

I am really quite ashamed at
accepting the very handsome present
of Weddell's valuable book which
came in my parcel yesterday. I
am already so much in your debt
for the important increase to
my herbarium from Newell's
etc volumes - if I had known of
your intention I should have
prevented it but now that it is
done I have only most sincerely
accept my thanks. This morning
I had a letter from DeCaine in
answer to mine offering to procure
it for me at a considerable discount
~~rather~~ which I should have
accepted had not the parcel come
just in time to save it - so again
many thanks for it.

DeCaine desires me "de vœux
très cordialement la main de
rapart" "en attendant qu'il puisse
le faire lui-même" and to say that
he has plenty of work for you if
disposed in Trécul's collections
from Texas & the Missouri.

We have much missed you and
Mr Gray - and now we have not
the consolation of thinking you
are enjoying yourselves with your
excellent friends at Dublin. I have
set to work at *Criogoneae* which
are some of them rather bothersome
- I find many of Mittah's names
different from those he publishes.
There is an old one of Pursh's from
"Upper Louisiana, Bradbury" which
I do not recognize - I saw it formerly
in Lambert's herbarium - Where is
it likely to be from?

Yours very sincerely
George Dontham
Kindest remembrances to D
Harvey



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