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My dear Gray

I was much gratified at receiving yours of the 21st June as it had been long since I had heard from you - but I fear it has been still longer since I wrote to you. The fact is the total change in my position has quite put me out and I have less courage than ever to sit down to write a letter even to a botanical friend and to such a one as yourself. Mr. Beatham's health is in a very uncertain state and we are consequently very unsettled. We have our home at Kew till the middle of next month and where we go after that is quite undecided. I shall hope to be within

reach of the Herbarium - but even
that is doubtful - In the mean
time I devote as much time
to my pursuits as my present interrup-
tions allow - and these will at any
rate be my address for some time
to come.

I am naming a fine set of
specimens plants from Rio Janeiro
and the rest of the same I submit
ones - I cannot make much of
your Leguminous 646 of Thunberg's
Mexican collection. I should have
thought it something in the
Brongniartia way but that you
say the radicle is deader and
incurved - at any rate I know
of no Galegeous genus to which
I should at once refer it - and
Galegeous it must be.

So long as I can work at the
Herbarium I shall be most happy

to look at any plants for you
In the moving the *Acacia? craspeda*
has got mislaid but I suppose I
shall find it in arranging some
otherwise I have to work upon
very shortly.

I look forward with great
pleasure to seeing your first part
of Exploring Expedⁿ plants I cannot
help still taking an interest in the
herbarium and library as if they
were still my own and am
equally gratified as before by any
contributions towards it.

With kindest regards to Mr
Gray believe me

Ever yours sincerely

George Dontham



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