

forward a plan I have long had
in contemplation for the publication
of a quarterly octavo Journal of
the Linnean Society - the Zoology
and Botany separable as in the
Annales des Sciences Naturelles - If
we succeed in carrying the measure
and if Hooker & myself edit the
Botany - (we have promises of good
editors for the zoology) we shall rely
upon you to procure us some
subscribers in the U.S. for the Botany
the Zoology or both.

I have been much occupied with
the Cambridge Herbarium & also as
usual pottering at Leguminosae but I
do not get through with them as I wished.

A Brown has been very unwell
with cough etc but is better again
and I hope is getting quite over it. The
Hookers remarkably well.

With kindest remembrances to Mr
Gray ever your sincerely
George Donnan

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April 27 1855
I believe I acknowledged and thanked you
for your most valuable notice on the Am. Egg
Egg plants - but I have been so put out that
I know not to whom or what I have written
the last two or three months.
My dear Gray

I feel so much ashamed in
taking up the pen to write to you that
I really can scarcely muster courage
to do it now. the fact is that since
I have left our quiet comfortable
home at Portofino, I have almost
dropped all correspondence. We are
however going on very well. In the
point the most important for me
Mr Beutham's health & spirits nothing
could be better. We have spent the
winter in a very nice lodging in
Belgravia near many of my wife's
friends and I have been every day
(missing perhaps one in two or three
weeks) to Kew where I get about six
hours work. In the winter I distributed

a batch of Spruce's plants, consisting
of Lau Sabrier, ^{and} Rio Haupis plants
from Monopetalae to the end. Your
parcel contains 270 sp. It is being
put up with your set of Dr Hooker
a Thomson's first batch of E Indian
plants - I have also added two new
sports of *Pestolonia micallanca*
Botanica which you subscribed to
half a dozen copies of my *Plantae*
Hartwegianae and a paper I wrote
for the Hort^l Journal on the origin
of some cultivated plants being a
commented abstract of an Italian
work of Targioni Tozzetti - I owe you
for the paper for years over, I
received more than a year ago
but I cannot find out how many
it is. If you will kindly let me
know I will make out an account

~~account~~ and send it you. The
balance I suppose will be against
you but not much.

I have several more boxes
from Spruce but have not yet
had time to set about them.

We think of spending the
month of June in Paris then
to visit friends in the country
for two or three months and in
Sept or Oct^r we hope to settle ourselves
in a flat we have taken in the
new Victoria Street Westminster
In the meantime letters addressed
to Kew will always reach me

The necessity of reformation and
renewal of activity in our Linnean
Society, is now so much felt that
Mr. Hooker has taken up the matter
with his usual energy and has brought



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