

+ I should like to have Kendal's
full set of Mexicana Leguminosae
at £2.2.0 the 100

I send herewith my determinations
of a few Soolchoo & Doon things
as far as I have gone with the
Hong Kong

I have read with great interest
some proofs of your Japanese paper
but have not seen quite all

I have been distributing (with
Oliver's assistance) Griseb's Parapete
collection which has much
that is very interesting - as
far as Compositae is all that I
have had time to do - your set
is left at New to go with other
things. It contains 230 in amount
to £4.15.0 —

I have settled with Mr. Hooker
that as soon as he receives the
£11.13.0 which you are sending
him he is to pay it in to my
banker - I have pretty well
made up the £200 I leave to
meet a bill ~~expected~~
expected from Brown to that amount.

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91 Victoria Street
London S.W.
June 7/89

My dear Gray

I have deferred writing to
you till the last moment and
now I have very little time
We start for the Continent tomorrow
morning

I left with Booth this morning
to forward to you the MSS of my
Revision of the Hong Kong Flora
down to Lapropoliaceae - I forget
where you said you would publish
it - but I have sent a few
preparatory words in the form
of an address to the Editor of ---
If it is in a publication which has
no editor ~~away~~ after this to
a Preface - or Preparatory note -
whatever you please

There is a blank in the first
page which I got to fill up yesterday
at New but you will easily fill
it up - I am afraid I must trouble

you to go over the proofs carefully yourself. My hand is not always very correctly read by printers besides that I am myself liable to make mistakes in copying. I have however read it all over with as much attention as I could.

You will see that for the present I have put *Actinidia* (to which you are quite right in referring *Heptaea latifolia* Gardn et Champ.) into *Dilleniaceae* and left *Pauraya* in *Convolvulaceae* that is because I feel quite convinced that *Actinidia* is *Dilleniaceae* the carpels do not meet in the centre but are in a ring round the axis (a protuberance of the torus) as in *Nymphaea* - and the calyx aestivation though very nearly valvate is not quite so - not like that of the genera of *Alseodendron*.

As to *Pauraya* that may be *Dilleniaceae* too but I am not quite convinced yet - the carpels appear to me to be much more united in the axis - but the Hongkong specimens are very unsatisfactory and do not induce me to work up the genus.

I had intended at first to quote the numbers of ~~English~~ collectors but Hance's would only be for his own satisfaction and I have sent him his list of names. Milford's are not enough for ^{general} distribution and what are given can just as well be given with names as numbers. As to Wright I know not whether they are distributed or not. At any rate I have put his numbers in pencil in the margin for your guidance.

I have given the *Leim. Soc.* a synopsis of *Dalbergiaceae* 206 species in which I have worked up all the Asiatic & African as well as American species to the best of my abilities. I include *Sorbuscorpus* and *Doris* & *Pongamia* - but I exclude *Milletia* and *Gliricidia* which have a deficient prod. I have consequently not worked up the closely allied genera *Wisteria*, *Milletia*, *Gliricidia*, *Mundulium* and *Otorema* and cannot accurately fix their limits but I presume you are right that *W. chinensis* must remain in *Milletia* *Wisteria* and perhaps the above 5 ought to make one genus.



Bentham, George. 1859. "Bentham, George June 7, 1859." *George Bentham letters to Asa Gray*

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