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My dear Gray

Yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> June which  
reached Reed after I had left town  
was forwarded to me here where  
we have been on a visit to an old  
friend. It was a long time since I  
had heard from you direct but I  
had seen from time to time your  
letters to Hooker and was much  
pleased with the prospect of having  
you and W<sup>m</sup> Gray at Reed in the  
autumn - I only regret that you will  
not be here in time for the Norwich  
meeting - We shall shortly return to  
town for a few days on our way to  
Norwich where we shall stay the  
time of the meeting with W<sup>m</sup> Lindley  
(Lindley's widow) who is very comfortable



settled there

With regard to *Genera Plantarum* I am afraid I put you over too many copies - If you conveniently can it might perhaps be better to bring with you any unsold ones and we would of course take them back.

I have given directions at the Linnean Society to retain till you come your copies of any numbers of the Journal that may be published - but we got through so many in the spring that I think there will probably be no more before your arrival.

You received I suppose a copy of my address I sent you - I doubted whether I should send it as scarcely worth the post - but as I had sent the previous ones I thought this might as well go also. I get more and more puzzled every year how to make up these addresses.

Hooker will have given you all the

botanical news stirring - I have been all the winter absorbed in the 4<sup>th</sup> vol of my contribution Flora which I am sorry to say is not finished yet - therefore I am however in type and a few weeks work on my return home in September will finish I hope the MS. I purpose then if I retain my health to send Compositae for *Genera Plantarum*

Ever yours most sincerely

George Bentham



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