

and let right  
me out

25, WILTON PLACE.

S.W.

Aug 20/77

My dear Gray

Recd yesterday yours of the  
I quite agree with you that I was wrong  
in leaving Coulter's 270 in Bottonia  
where I found it in the herbarium  
The specimens were very imperfect  
no lower opposite leaves to suggest  
its not being cotyledon etc. - and I have  
no doubt you will find many other  
improperly placed imperfectly known  
specimens - I got sometimes a little  
bewildered in the complexity of forms  
with such very unsatisfactory characters  
as those of Compactor - and I never  
forget what old Antoine Laurent Jussieu  
observed to me when he was old and I  
was young - that you can never settle  
generic satisfactorily without working



up all the species - which of course I could not do for 10000 Compositae

I have sent a small parcel to Mr Wiley the Smithsonian Agent addressed as you desire to the Herbarium of Harvard University containing the boxes addressed to the Columbia College New York and two copies of my paper on Compositae for Mr Eaton and Mr — whoever you think will care for it

I send your account on the other side and enclose the Columbia College account

There will be to deduct the amount of some part of genera which you said you should return but which you have not yet done.

Yours very sincerely  
George Engelmann

Dr A. Gray in account with G. Engelmann

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