

tropical - few of them within your
special districts and none that I have
specially to observe upon except the
Bletia aplylla which to my mind
has none of the characters of Bletia but
is really very near Corallorhiza and for
which I must adopt Rafinesque's
generic name Hepatocoria. I think
that the relative position of the pollen,
makes a character of more importance
than their absolute number - 2 or 4 -
or 4 or 8 - except that in Vandea there
are never 8, a large number of Lindley's
Reichbatacks and other monotypic or
small genera have been or must be reduced
and on the other hand no less than four
of Lindley's ^{small} sections of Epibendrum have
not the generic character and must be added
to the rank of genera - otherwise diadelphic
genera are usually more numerous than
Reichbatacks. Yours very sincerely
George Bentham
growing very old and impatient to see you
and Mr Gray

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My dear Gray

I have had one or two
little notes from you through
Hooker which however called for
no answer and you will probably
have heard from him of our going
down to Monty Court to see to the
sending off General Munro's
Herbarium etc. It was a melancholy
task to me especially as I had
now during four summers regularly
spent three or four weeks with him
at Monty Court and I had long
enjoyed his intimate friendship

We found Mr Munro bearing up
very well but she has much to go
through with the sad state of her
hopelessly imbecile daughter and the
very uncertain career of her eldest
son - who could not pass the medical
examination for the military career
to which he had been brought up ^{and} ~~has~~
now no other one to cater upon.
He is a very amiable well conducted
youth and everything that could be
wished towards his mother - but he
certainly is not bright.

General Munro had left some
portions of his Gramineae - Digitariae
Pennisetum etc ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ^{which} was actually

at work upon in some confusion and
the different borrowed collections rather
mixed up - I have however gone
through them genera and think I
have rightly distinguished the different
herbaria by their paper labels etc
with which I am pretty well acquainted
and amongst the ten or twelve sets
to be returned there are three that are
sent off to you - your own herbarium -
the Gramineae of Welches Exploring
Expedition and D. Naez; Gramineae
marked to be wholly or partially returned
and as those to be kept were not
distinguished we have returned all. I
trust they will be found all right.

I still continue working at Beche-dea
six hours a day and am now reviewing
them with operculate authors - mostly



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