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My Dear Dr. Oliver

The case announced in  
your note of 16 Nov. - that week's  
steamer going to New York is  
not yet here, but may be  
daily expected, as the steamer  
to Boston is due in the course  
of this week.

I will make an early re-  
port on the Sandwick No.  
things.

Dr. Green, a young Surgeon  
who is to pass a part of the winter  
in London, offers me an oppor-  
tunity of sending by his hand  
Sunday mornings for Rev. -  
Among them a roll of MSS.  
& drawings of African Humming  
which a letter from Dr. Savage  
will in part explain.

The drawings & descriptions  
were made many years ago,

and were put into the hands of  
the late Dr. Tally in Connecticut  
to be published. They have  
all been dead and the specimens  
were eaten up by worms. Lately,  
Dr. Savage, returning from  
Africa, sent the roll to me  
to be published; - which I  
declined to do, and told his  
friend that these things were  
good for nothing in this state,  
but would be materials for  
you, in your Monograph. I  
advised their being consigned to  
you, and said that when  
you published you would  
render the amplest acknowledg-  
ments. - which would evidently  
gratify Dr. Savage very  
much.

Receiving permission, I send  
the roll accordingly, and  
you will see if it is of any  
use. I trust it may be -  
though it is manifestly out  
of the importance which  
the worthy man supposed.

I impose upon Dr. Green  
also the charge of a box of ~~seeds~~  
Black Walnuts (*Juglans nigra*)  
which Dr. Barker wants to you.  
Also a little parcel of speci-  
mens for Mr. Ken, which have  
accumulated since my last  
envoie - not many. But  
one of the Compositae which I  
have come upon & described to-  
day, will interest you; viz.  
my Kailardia acaulis, a  
Californian Composite or a  
Sandwich Id. type. - a re-  
payment to the Continent for  
having given to those islands such  
Madagascan Composita as Astro-  
mion & Melkesia.

Dr. Green is familiar with  
Ken, where he has experienced  
the kindness of the lamented  
Sir William. - But he has  
not seen the establishment for  
years. Without consuming any  
of your valuable time, pray  
put him in the way of a pleasant  
glance at the gardens & museums  
- and inform him ad. Yours  
very truly Jonathan



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