

Somerset East. C. G. H.

May 1.

My dear Dr. Jay,

Enclosed are a few good
Asclepiad seeds of sp. we have failed
to send successfully in the flesh. Truly
"few"! I send them rather to convince you
I am still alive & not gone to the happy
hunting ground where dead botanists
collect anacanthaceae & asphodeleae
if poets are to be believed. My collegiate
work is still too absorbing to leave any
but the merest scraps of time for botany
When these bits of leisure do come I am
generally beaten out so fast as to be fit
only for paste-&-scissors work. By putting
these odd ends of time together I have been able

prepare sent off by the "Kemp" a box of plants
for Judge Clinton, but not an equivalent
for his large & valuable cryptogamic collection
received so long ago.

My children are collecting cryptogams for
fun, and I am sending them in earnest
to Dr. Strick of Glasgow for Lichen &c
Thurem & Malchheimer for fungi. As soon
as any considerable number are determined
there will be the wherewithal to send a
packet to you and to the Judge.

Suspecting that my last note to the latter gentle-
man did not reach him I take the liberty of
enclosing one herewith & begging you to
correct or complete the address and for-
ward it.

The "Kemp" will have sailed a few days
ago probably, tho' I have had no advice
heretofore. With my compliments I remain
Ever yours faithfully
D. A. Gray.
P. MacGowan



MacOwan, Peter. 1838. "MacOwan, Peter May 1 [no year]." *Asa Gray correspondence. Senders McA-Ma*

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