

He must have been a delightful man.
How I used to speak of him with a friend's
enthusiasm.

Will you send me your photo, too, to
add to my collection of friends all
with the same objects of study, and
whose faces I shall never otherwise
see. It is the next thing to stretching
long arms across the sea and shaking
hands. Will say the same of King.

"An nesci longas regibus esse manus?
So why not botanists. To establish
a Guarani-claim, I enclose my poor
little picture herewith, but it is
taken 10 years ago and has turned
very grey since then. Let it go however
Fecimus, as we shall all have to say
something or other.

Believe me still remain

My dear Dr Watson

Your very truly

P. MacClevee

Botanic gardens, Capetown
My dear Dr Watson,

I am today forwarding
a parcel of plants to Elkhan & Co.
11 Leadenhall St London with orders
to see it carefully delivered to Mrs
Cayton Bayly St Strand, the Lon-
don agent of the Smithsonian. All
charges this end are paid. It might
bear well to advise Bayley to see
to the extra sheathing envelope
for it for further transit, as it will
~~travel~~ going circulate, not
in company with others in a
wooden case.

I think you will find some interest-
ing things in it, among the rest
some novelties from the extreme
eastward of the colony collected by

my indefatigable pupil, Syson,
who collected there like a botani-
cal harpy.

There are one or two omissions. At
the last moment Lelage Parciflora
was not to be found among the stocks
gathered, and by the fine audacity
of atmospheric moisture Purpur
Lapidocarpum, put away not per-
fectly dry, curled up obstinately.
But these defects will be made good
hereafter. Bolus is away at Kew,
working up his book on Cape orchids,
and hence I have left his cent. vi.
for his return & put together cent-
7 & 8 pro proprio marte.

Have I to thank you for the memoirial
of Dr. A. Gray? I was very glad
to receive it, and turned up Stephen -
has he sent me long ago on his
return from European travel "with
my Egyptian beard, which I fondly cherisht."



MacOwan, Peter. 1838. "MacOwan, Peter undated [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence. Senders McA-Ma*

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