

Brooklyn April 4th 1853

My Dear Dr

Your last two letters have remained
I believe till now unanswered. The draft on Boston is
cashed and the article on Myctigens is laid away for
future use. I have been reading Payer on the
Arctic. Time however hangs rather heavily.

Can't you help me by advice about some books
to fill up the gap between the end of De Candolle &
the end of Tournefort. I can get at Baillien's a little book
on the Coniferæ Endlicher's I think but I have nothing
on the Limentaceæ or Capuligeræ nor on the Mosses
or Ferns or Orchids. I shall have to depend on Dr
Gorey for a copy of Lindley (he borrowing Dr. Purdy's)
till one can be imported for him.

Had I better have Agardh's Algae. I have Harvey's
British marine Algae (Manual). Will it pay to purchase
Agardh myself. What few books I get now will be
at my own expense.

Is the Text-book nearly finished and how soon
will you have any of the Expl. Exp. printed. That
would be of great use to me.

If I had known how slow we would be in starting
and how disproportionate my requisition ^{would be} to Stimpson's
I would have had more books ordered from Europe but
it is now too late. Rumr says will be off the last of the
week or first of next. So must it be and the quicker the

better I want to get into a warmer region and particularly
where there will be something to do

I will find out before we finally sail how letters
must be sent and let you know and then you can give
directions how Lilliman may be sent which I will be
glad & thankful to receive We will stop awhile at Nor-
folk Va when I shall be glad to hear from you I may have
a chance to botanize a little then by way of keeping my
brand in at least I can get a few mosses & lichens if
the Phalaropes have not come into flower

Dr Torrey has moved into his new house Fanny is helping
him put his abundant materials in order Bigelow was
here a few days since and began a sort of good natured quarrel
with me because you did not give him credit for every
thing he and I jointly found I told him he ought to be very
thankful that he got ^{to me} any credit at all

Adieu for yourself & Mrs. G. my kindest regards

Yours very truly

Charles Wright



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