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Dear Mr. Davenport.

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. rec'd  
In substituting Grays name intermedia  
it does not agree with Aspidium.  
The name should read Aspidium  
intermedium, Davenport. and a description  
should follow. but in truth the name  
is pre-occupied by Willd. who uses it  
as you say to describe another form,  
hence according to the rules of the  
Congress on nomenclature it must  
be thrown out. It would be good  
to say A. Ameracanthum but that  
is too new a name for the  
multitude & would be slow to  
go. but good & best for all  
that - Your points are strong  
& with the reasons below would



explain the position -

Again by the majority of opinion  
you must not use the name  
of the authority when changing the  
genera. Gray did not write *A.*  
*intermedia* or *una*, he wrote *D.*  
*intermedia* + it puts a lie in his  
mouth — Some fools however  
still hold that the specific name  
carries the authority & have suc-  
ceeded in mixing things up well.  
see Article in Journal of Botany,  
London, June 78 page 172 line 22.  
I hold things till I hear from you  
again

Truly in haste  
J.R.



Robinson, John. 1878. "Robinson, John Sep 3, 1878." *George Edward Davenport correspondence* –.

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