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My dear Gray

It has been a long while
since I heard from you & since
I wrote to you (about midday & about 9
believe) — you may put this shortcoming
on my part down to business engagements,
pretty close (for me) study, a little ill health, in fine
to any thing but an abatement of my old
and warm attachment to you. —

I have looked over ~~the~~ your map sheets
(which together with the "transcripts" and some specimens
of maps come in due time-ly). — They are
just right & agree, as you intended them,
But I should rather have seen more

Latin and 6p English. — English
is a very good sort of a Language
for some purposes! But it is a very poor
concern for botanical descriptions — i.e., good
English & you may make a sort of anglo-
latin lingo however that will, if they ask
it for English, do very well. —

In my descriptions I have decided
prominence to the Latin part, in which
pretty much every thing is said that I
intended to say — The English is better
than a poor translation of the other.
I will send you some specimens shortly —

I must get you to have published
for me in ^{some} Journal (Lilliesworth in any
other you may select), short descriptions

of some 20 or 30 Southern Island the
mosses — It should have been done
some time ago — I fear I may be
undisputed if I wait until the final
publication — I will send in a very
few days —

I have been at work all my
spare time this summer & fall on our
American maps for the 10th Legation & 9. are
going to publish — They will contain a good
many interesting things & matters of the —

I am now in good working order
and if I hold out this winter, by spring
I will be through with the U.S. & 9. —

Do you hear from Wright of the
Japan Expedition? —

Tell Agassiz I have got a
man hunting fish for him, from
the Seoto and its upper tributaries — the
man is an old collector of mine
and capital at all things of that kind,
fond of doing those things that are, as he says,
"of no use to any body" —

Write and tell us what you are
about — all well — kind regards to
Mrs G. —

Cordially as ever

Yours

Wm. J. Sullivan



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