

Providence November 28 1857,

My Dear Gray

Many thanks for your kind letter and for the honor
done me in the new genus "Chrysa" - I could have waited
until I better deserved it. Surely you never found me in the mood
to take any thing from you otherwise than kindly - I don't know
however, what I should have said if my name had been applied
to that ugly, scraggy thing, but of Thunberg finding I will
thank Thunberg for his agency in the matter of the new genus
and beg a specimen from him or somebody else.

Low spoke to me relative to a gardener. One who
now acts as gardener for Geo W Chapin of this City is I think
the most enthusiastic Florist and successful cultivator of
green house plants of any of the Gardeners of this vicinity.
I shall hate to lose him from the place. I know not
what you can afford to allow him but if you can make
terms with him I shall have no hesitation in recommending
him to you. He was appointed to the Superintendency of the President
and public grounds at Washington through Senator James
Influence, and which place he threw up, finding he could

Not get along with some inefficient under workmen. Wants to move
on this subject as I may not stay here but a few days
longer.

Ever & Cordially,
Yours
S. F. Olney



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