

Elmenger near Buffalo January 5th 1850.

Very Dear Sir!

Your esteemed favour & proofs are before me, and likewise the boxes with the stones are received, and came safely at hand. The two Magnolien because they turned out not to your satisfaction I will do them over again, and hope they will be hereafter more to your satisfaction. Now as to coloring I would say that to strike off the impressions with an ink of a greenish hue, this would do for the leaves of the plants very well, but for the flowers & fruits, if they should be of a whitish, red or yellow color, I mean it would look not very well, but if you wish to have them done or printed in any hue, I am ready to colour as you wish them, and will say that I am willing to reduce the prize once more yet, and will do the plate for 6 Cts. although my earn^{the day} is very small, and since I have made my prize for engraving very low already. Dear Sir I have also to say, that I believe that my printer would not be able to strike off the stones which are drawn with crayon to your ^{full} satisfaction, therefore if you were inclined to have them done there, at your place, I would be very glad since the stones must be sent to you again, but those which I engrave with the pen, I would like to have myself for printing.

Very Respectfully
Your

Obed^t. Serv^t.
Jos. Prestele.



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