

Ebenezer near Buffalo. N.Y. Sept. 8th 1858.

Prof. Asa Gray.

Very Dear Sir.

I herewith must inform you that the Society to which I am joined here is now a few years since ready to settle over in the state of Iowa, and I also received order to leave my place here for to go to our new place in the far west, and will start in about 4 weeks.

Therefore I am obliged to make now my arrangement with you in reference to the paper I owe to the Smithsonian Institution. And now I take liberty to ask a favor of you if it is possible to you to let me have a remission, and would mention hereby that as I received \$12 & \$13 for each engraving I executed for the government of which the Drawings Prof. Torrey did send me, and who furnished me this price, and since the engravings of Trees for the Institution for which I received as you know but \$4 for each engraving, although they almost were equal in work to those of Torreys. Now as I think you will find it also a pretty low price, I therefore I suppose you will take it not a miss my request, and would be very glad for your kind advice and information & to receive by return of mail. The stones I had here for the Institution I sent some days ago to Tappan & Bradford at Boston, as you once directed me.

I am very sorry to come now so far from each other, which
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