

Besides I should be
 glad to learn, whether
 you are perhaps en-
 gaged on any studies
 of plants from any of
 the islands. I fancy you
 are not, as you have in
 California a nearer &
 a more fruitful field.
 The S. Sea Islands are much
 with us in communication
 now, and thus often questions
 arise before me officially
 concerning their plants.
 Thus I ought to be posted
 well up on them.
 Did I send you the 7th
 vol of the fragments? I
 will forward my copy
 (a very short one) by next
 post, as it is only a copy
 rarely printed.
 Always with deep
 regards your
 Fr. von Mueller.

Melbourne
 7/1/59

Allow me to ask you,
 dear Dr. Gray, whether
 of poor Horace Mann's
 collections of Hawaiian
 plants still any are
 available through pur-
 chase or other wise. The
 reason for this in-
 unction question is
 simply, that of late I
 have become particularly
 interested in the poly-
 nesian flora. I always
 liked to be informed
 on the subject, as the
 plants of the Pacific
 islands bear many val-
 uable relations to those of
 tropical Australia;

Any spare time I have I now devote to the study of the Hawaiian flora.

but I had occasion to
write a chapter on the
plants of the New
Hebriides for a volume
of a young friend, who
was there for his health
last year, and who on
my suggestion picked
up a number of plants
there. This led me to
put up into some order
all the plants from
the various groups, which
I possess, but I have
only come from
Hawaii, given me by
Dr. Killbrand (a personal
friend of mine early in
life) about a dozen years
ago. Poor Prof. Mann
promised me a number
of plants from there, but
death overtook the young

and excellent and pro-
mising man early. I do
not wish to tax you
with troubles or able
you for gifts. All I
want from your kind-
ness to loan, whether
I can purchase any
plants ready anywhere.
That would save also
my time of effecting a
return-sending.
Of course I possess your
great work on the
Exposit. Poor Seemann's
volume is also a great
help for studies of the
Polynesian Vegetation.
Let me also kindly be
informed, what how I
can get any stray books
or any parts of the
publications of your
gardens bearing on po-
lynesian plants.



Mueller, Ferdinand von. 1873. "Mueller, Ferdinand von Nov. 7, 1873."
Ferdinand von Mueller letters to Asa Gray

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