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Dear Doctor,

How much I pity poor Buckley! Will you not leave him the merit of a single new species?

In whatever you speak on the subject of his plants, speak only of his published species - They are the only ones of those I sent you that ~~he~~ he has named - The others, even his own 11. spec. I had labelled as the probable name or affinity, intending to examine them more carefully when he would have published, as I thought, a complete enumeration of his and Dr. Linnaecum's collections.

I have kept at a distance from him all the time he has been working, because he appeared suspicious, and afraid I would steal from him the priority of publishing them. He never consulted me in any thing and I never was so sick at heart as I have been in the awful condition in which he has set my fine Academi's herbarium of which I was so proud.

I have spoken to him of the necessity of labelling with his own hand all his new species in my herbarium. He said he would, but I cannot ask him again before you have returned them. I believe with you that the best plan would be to make the corrections in the same

journal in which the errors were consigned; but, as the Academy's proceeding is not a review, you could not criticized with the same ease as you can in Silliman's journal. The sooner you do it the better, for the man is really suffering under a monomania. There is not a meeting of the Academy that he has not a paper to present on subjects far remote from each other. We had last Tuesday a young man with a collection of plants (badly dried) from Pick's pick very much the same as those of Parry. He had them bought by the Academy and I gave five dollars for my share with privilege to have duplicates. Buckley speaks already about describing those that in his sound judgement ~~he~~ would be new, and he has made arrangements with that young man for a grand collection to be made next summer, which he, B. would describe and distribute among purchasers. He must be stopped! I have no objection to your mentioning that I have sent you his plants, at your request - and I will tell him myself, when the occasion presents - and it will be soon. I send you seeds of another Cucurbita - the Ovifera Lima. It is a curious fruit resembling

so much an egg that it would be difficult to separate it among one doz. true eggs. I send you herewith a specimen of Lithospermum prunellatum. You may keep it, I have another fine specimen with branches 12-15 inches.

Do not forget to forward copies of your paper about Buckle's discovery to several of the principal Members of the Academy, Messrs. Lea, ~~Vanux~~ Vaux, Leconte, Sedgwick, Bridges, Wilson, &c.

Now that Elidurandia is exploded, I hope your next Elidurandia will soon appear.

Believe me, in great hurry,

Yours sincerely

E. Durand

I have a letter of Prof. DeCuirne. He does not agree with my theory about the non-parasitism of our Guardia, but I do not believe in his and I think I can ultimately prove my position by actual experiment. I sent him 2 or 3 officinalia seeds to work upon.



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