

Glasgow. Jan. 3. 1839.

My dear friend.

I greet you on my this time in
Edinburgh & hasten to make up a little
parcel for you. I saw in the Island
room below stairs 2 or 3 specimens of
yours. They go with this letter & some
letters of introduction for the Conti:
nent & one or two when you are en-
route to London. As for London.
You will feel quite at home there:
- or if any people are strangers to you
I will take you to them myself: -
for I think I shall be in London
about as soon as you. I told
the Duke of Bedford candidly, that I
knew Lindley would not cooperate
with me: & though his Grace quite
agrees with me in this, he still seems
to wish me to see Spring Rice. And
I, that nothing may be wanting on my

bank, that may by possibility, contribute
to the furthering of good a cause, have
agreed to go. I fear I cannot start
till Thursday of next week: but I
will let you know in Edinburgh.
I have told Dr. Graham of my plans,
for I know he wishes well to New &
to me.

Lady Hooker thanks you for your
letter. We were all glad to hear of
you. You have been over head & ears
I dare say in Ethiopian Botany at
belony. William made a little
excursion to the coast during the
holidays & made some very nice
sketches. Joseph has been working
most indefatigably at Botany: - in
a way that would not discredit an
Lacey or a Gray & has described
several Orders of Van Diemen's land

Plants. He is still lingering about
them, though his College duties call
him another way. My father is well
& sends kind regards by you. I have
been completing the 3^d Part of General
Felicium: - a small book I trust to spend
a fortnight in London without much inter-
ference.

Perhaps when you write to the excellent Lory
you will ask to have the Hudsonia sent from
N. Jersey to Woburn. - They were eating fresh
bees venison there on Xmas day, which was
killed in your American forest! It was very
jolly sweet & good. Your Boxes are
not forgotten: - but there was no space
for London last Saturday & your Box to them:
never mind, must wait by steamer, which will
be a little more expensive, but much quicker.
I also send a Box at the same time to Penrhyn
by the same conveyance.

With the very sincere regards of all this
family & with every good wish believe me to
be, my dear Sir, most faithfully Yours,

W. J. Hooker.

P.S. I have told Mr. Seligman that you
will be good enough to convey to him the accom-
panying little pamphlet.

John Gray



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