

Glasgow. Sept. 24. 1839.

My dear Sir

I thank you most sincerely for  
your very kind letter. In addition to it  
I received one from Mr. William Cunningham  
that the Surgeon was filled with a  
feeling, my dear Sir. I think from  
what <sup>you</sup> say, it is as well that William  
has not accepted it. I am now dis-  
recting my enquiries to Jennings. Then  
I can get him many letters & then I  
have Dr. McTearney's business & I have  
formerly been of service & who I believe  
will be glad to help my son. He is in  
great practice & a liberal man. Living  
there however in the Town, & indeed it  
is so in all the W. Indian islands, is  
very high & I therefore advise him to  
go first by himself & see what prospects  
he would have. So high is the expense  
to a man & his wife that it amounts  
to a prohibition unless he can make  
something himself; - not less than £500  
a year, with common economy. Should



Jamaica, sent her son, Luchoah Kaveema  
on. I am now writing to friends to  
ask for letters for him & if you or  
your connections in the U.S. can be of  
any use to him please address him  
for Mrs. Dawson Hooker, care of Dr. M. D.  
Seymour, Kingston, Jamaica.

I trust he will have success in a week  
or two. Thank you too for the infor-  
mation about Joe. He has not written  
yet, unless one is profuse that Capt. Pen-  
hall who has been seeing him at Christ-  
church, & who is now coming home,  
should be bringing letters for me.

Arnott sends kind regards. We are  
working at Beechey & are amused  
this morning with an oak from Cali-  
fornia having leaves broadly lanceolate  
quite entire, parallel-nerved, & copious  
long dense ~~and~~ catkins like a Castanea. - In  
3 female flowers at the bottom of the  
male catkins: - axons beautifully set off  
the color formed of long slender bristles. It  
looks more like an East Indian than  
a N. American. I wish you could

see the Dr. of Beechey's Garden. If you have  
time just write to Helen the day before (at any  
rate) & I think you may go there & back  
again in one day. The Duke is in Scotland.

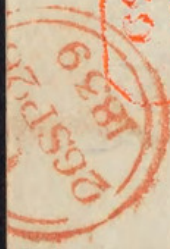
You did Helen send an all mentioning  
information about the Onchocera of N.  
Am. from Paris & his printer. I am now  
finishing the Circes of Abbott. My best  
regards to him & his family.

I will gladly write to you at New York,  
& remember Helen most anxiously and  
~~and~~ to hear what your plans will be  
on your arrival. Will you go soon  
to Michigan? & do you still adhere  
to your intention of visiting N. Mexico  
I hope you do.

How no commissions to trouble your  
friends with to Paris. Mr. Munro was  
there lately. I have had 2 long letters  
from Parthenon who has found some  
good plants in the Pyrenees: - & who will  
soon be in Paris.

With our united & best remembrance to  
you, & wishing you a good voyage & a  
happy meeting with your friends, Helen  
will be sure, faithfully & affectionately  
Yours,  
W. J. Hooker.





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