

Royal Gardens, Nov. 21. 1845.

My dear Friend. I have just received your letter of the 15th & thank you for the plants you announce. They will have arrived I doubt not before I close this & I trust be able to announce their safety. I immediately on receipt of your last letter ordered one of the best sets of Gay's plants to be forwarded to you as you directed.

Your account of Lindheimer's plants reached my hands the day before yesterday & I thank you for it. I wish our friend Dr. Torrey had adopted an equally economical mode of sending me the Report of Fremont's Journey. He kindly ordered an official copy to be sent to me & it certainly bore an official superscription but the power of forwarding unfortunately extended no further than the American Consulate, & then being sent by steamer from Boston & posted it came after a week's run of £3.15. This is the more vexing because I have the privilege of steam ^{boat botanical} ~~boats~~ - plants (not letters) coming free; - but they must be addressed as all my friends know to Colonel Sumner the vicar-general, "By Royal Mail Steamer."

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London Royal Gardens

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To the Secretary

Admiralty
London

A small parcel, such as a book is become rather
a dangerous thing to send by the N. Mail Steamer (for
my private only sends letters) because it is
apt (to save trouble) to be put into the bag & go as
a letter. On the same day I hear from India
3 other such letters: in all amounting to £29!!

You have already heard the news of an
lover's rejection at Edinburgh, by the honorable
the Lord Council. This was very annoying
to the Crown who have the Garden & Regium
Professorships in its gift, who supported the
Garden & the College too, & who expected aunts
that my son should be found worthy to be
one of the P.C.'s appointments too. They proposed
Raffaello & Sir J. Graham, & desired some time
whether he should not withhold the Garden
from Raffaello: - but I suppose not, for
it ought to go with the Chair, & there is no
reason why the College should be punished
for the sins of the Lord Council. The Crown
then offered the Chair of Glasgow to my son
but this he declined as he is, comparatively
(as to his age & Glasgow is of Librarian & Clerk
Lawson) with his carriage on the Globe Antiques
tour. Still he is to come to his own choice
& am not sorry to have him continue here.
Arnott & Co. will be glad to have him as their
appointee to Glasgow. Dr. Hooker now
takes up the plants of the N. Am. Expedition
& they will be published in our joint names.
There are some curious things among them &

an hour access to other tropical species
collections which will be noticed.

Linnaeus's plants are beautifully pre-
served. I wish he had collected more in
the interior & then his plants would
have been more different from Drummond's.

Our man Burke has reached Lough Kesh
in the Snake country. His collections
will be very similar to those of Tremar.
I am glad you are going to send us figures
of new N. American Genera. Your
Composites of Denmark were well executed.
Some of my son's recent plates of the
Antarctic productions are beautiful
in the extreme, especially the Myrsine
from & the anatomy of attachment
to the Antarctic Beech.

Did you get
my new ad v.
Bot Just Bot -
Now why not
notice in
London Mr Bot.

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