

Cambridge Jan 5. 1880

My dear Mr. Lesquereux

Your favor of the 28th Dec
was duly received

I am much pleased to have you
say your health improves greatly under
a milk diet and trust this improvement
will continue - And that you ^{are} closing
your descriptive part of your coal flora

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have
just mailed to Austin.

I have for days past been sketching a
number of the plants of our Sp. Nova
and of those he purposed to criticize
and publish - I have done this and
given accurate camera drawings
~~and sent~~ some specimens for com-
parisons and his examination
after he has thoroughly investigated
these materials I think his opinion
will be entirely changed & modified
I think it best to submit these mat-
ters to him before he commits him-
self by publishing criticisms and
provoke discussion

He is to return all the sketches and
then I will submit them to you

I have avoided as much as possible
giving him an opinion of his doubtful
^{published} species and have not informed him which
and what of his published species we have
admitted



James, Thomas Potts. 1880. "James, Thomas P. Jan. 5, 1880 [to C. L. Lesquereux]." *Thomas Potts James letters to Asa Gray*

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