

Apalach^a Nov. 15. 1839

Dr A. Gray.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 4th came yesterday, and also Proofs from Bigelow up to p 442.

The Alabama grass is evidently of the Oryzaceae group, and very near Luziola, but apparently distinct. You see I have given it a name which, if you don't like, please try your own hand. I wish you would also insert it in the Synopsis, and to do this you will have to alter the three other genera somewhat. Put it in between Lizania & Hydrochloa.

Engelmann's grass I believe to come in here also, much better than in Chlorideae, but it's such a reduced thing we can only guess at it. None of my Chlorideae come within a mile of it, but I suppose we must put it there. Suppose you place it before Spartina. I hate to trouble you for this, but my Mrs being in Cambridge I cannot do it myself. The character of the Tribe will have to be altered to receive it. If you prefer to put it in Oryzaceae you may do so on my respon-

ibility and Engblum may scold
me as much as he likes. I have
no time to confer with him about
it.

I have been sick almost all the
time since my return, and at the
present sitting am not worth one
of ^{your} Cambridge cents. I fear the printers
will find me backward unless I
feel better soon. But I have secured
a basketful of Palmetto seeds for
you which I will send by the first
vessel for Boston unless you design-
ate some other course.

I want a French Microscope
like yours. Can you tell me how to
get it? I enclose graph &c
and remain

Very sincerely
A. R. Chapman



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