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United States Department of Agriculture,

Botanical Division,

Washington, D. C., Nov. 10 1891.

Dear Dr. Watson:

The package of crucifers came back a few days ago with your determinations and notes. Please accept my heartiest thanks for your kindness.

I shall publish the *Erysimum* from the higher Sierras, if you are willing, as *E. asperum* var. *perenne* Watson with a short diagnosis. Your *Arabis Holboellii* var. *Fendleri*, ined., will, I suppose, be published so that I can refer to it in my report.

No 778 in part, *Arabis arcuata*, I have transferred to no. 2082. The number should be altered on your label - if indeed you kept a specimen.

I did not send you all my crucifers, for I had determined several of them before I ran against *Arabis*. The first ones I would send you now, but I am very pressed for time and the specimens are not in condition to turn over to a clerk.

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I will write out a list of them, and if you want to look at any of the specimens I will send them on. The list is as follows:

<i>Barbarea vulgaris</i>	<i>Lepidium lasiocarpum</i>
<i>Biscutella californica</i>	" <i>flavum</i>
" <i>Wislizeni</i>	" <i>Fremontii</i>
<i>Capsella divaricata</i>	<i>Sisymbrium caesans</i>
<i>Cardamine Breweri</i>	" <i>incisum</i>
<i>Caulanthus crassicaulis</i>	" <i>reflexum</i>
" <i>inflatus</i>	<i>Stanleya pinnatifida</i>
" <i>filosus</i>	" <i>elata</i>
<i>Draba caroliniana</i> var. <i>micrantha</i>	
" <i>sonorae</i>	<i>Streptanthus cordatus</i>
" <i>stenoloba</i>	" <i>tortuosus</i>
" <i>glacialis</i>	<i>Thelypodium Cooperi</i>
	<i>Tropidocarpum gracile</i>

I send by mail to-day three specimens, nos 1882, 2025, and 2069, which came in later from Mr. Vernon Bailey, a trapper on the ex-

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pedition. Will you identify them, if possible, and return them to the Department?

Thanking you again for your assistance, I remain

Very sincerely yours,
Frederick Vernon Coville,
Assistant Botanist



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