

Near Jacksonville, Fla.
June 9, 1858-

Prof. A. Gray:

Dear Sir - I have
recd. your letter of May 30th and
the Flora - a work of inestimable
value - I am mystified about
your paying freight on the box
I sent - I certainly prepaid the
charges to Boston - probably
the receipt was destroyed after
hearing of its arrival, but there
is no question about my having
paid. To charge it against the
Hort. Cantab. is very kind in you
but the matter ought to be inves-
tigated - I dislike to appear in a
false light either through my own
fault or that of others. An instance
of the former was the sending of ^{*Gammarus*} ~~*Polanogeton*~~ instead of
undetermined *Polanogeton* - Both were
collected the same week & in the same

manner & probably got mixed -
I am sorry my first Fascicle has
caused you so much trouble, but
future Nos. can be managed differently.
There is a Bot. Directory published
in Europe & if I can obtain a copy
it will probably be of service to me.
On I right in reading the name you
gave of the gentleman in the Br. Museum
Dr. Carruthers?

When was Prof. Maximowicz's pkg.
sent? { A Boston check will serve me, tho'
 { a M.O. or N.Y. draft would be more
 { convenient.
Your notices in U.S. journal are

all I could desire certainly &
I am a thousand times obliged to you.
I think U.S. purchasers have been
pretty well supplied by Drs. Palmer
& Gorman.

I expect to spend the last half
of this month up the St. John's, travelling
in a small boat with a man to assist.
- hope he will not serve me like

Batram's boatman, get tired of
travelling with a "fuck pugy" after
a few days, give a whoop & vanish
in a convenient forest.

What a noble river is this
broad, placid, blue St. John's -
now incrimsoned by the setting
sun! Here she is old & near
her last resting place - the ocean;
ere I write you again I hope
to become acquainted with her
younger self.

Very truly yours

A. A. Bentinck.



Curtiss, Allen Hiram. 1878. "Curtiss, Allen H. June 9, 1878." *Allen Hiram Curtiss letters to Asa Gray*

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