

provinces of Prussia has two plans, and the prospects of the future are more than ever. Our university, to which I have been attached for thirty years, was a wonderful place of tranquillity and of the most careful care of the Prussian government, now it is a provincial establishment subjected to a centralising power: the first result to us has been dissension of its members, the risk of going away, just want as lately the German universities will be in the same situation as the French provincial establishments.

During the summer we had suffered much from heavy garrisons in our back town, but having spent the autumn in a cold climate and isolated from all personal impressions of the time, I returned in fresh spirits of stoicism, and giving up all other reflecting, I seek and find consolation in busy toil, to wit labour, having begun a general work of special geography of plants, which will be an occupation of years, though prepared from a great length of time. My chief aim is to show by the exposition of the features of the different Floras the adaptation

Glad you are at so important a work -
but fear it will take you all too much time
- history of Imp. America.

of plants to climate.

You are aware, that much study is an
impediment or an interruption rather to my
wondered systematic labours, though I often feel
much active interest in my collections and have
constantly in view to increase them. Thus all
contributions are welcome, and I beg to thank
Mr. Wright in my name for the much wanted
contribution in his letter of Oct. 24. When receiving
specimens I regard it now as a convenient ac-
cession for certain hours, if I feel exhausted
from reading too many ^{volumes} of the innume-
rable literature of travel - however, often without
much justification.

1833
I hope that now at last you will be in possession of the copies of the Catalogue which you are aware, that in the month of May 1833, I sent the whole edition to Leipzig, and since that time I have in my possession only a single copy, my Leipzig publisher not having answered to any of my letters, even when requiring a few copies for my own use and for my friends. I had no news from him but saw, when at the outbreak of the war he died, that he could not care of the Catalogue, but when tranquillity in the Trade was restored



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