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New York —

Sat. 6 Nov.

My dear May —

I wrote you, yesterday,  
little expecting what I should have  
to say to you, to-day, in answer  
to yours of 4<sup>th</sup> inst.

Last evening brought me letters  
from England, which will probably  
lead to my returning thither  
very shortly, indeed — & looking at  
my growing infirmities, most  
probably for the remainder of  
my life! This, unlooked for,  
change in my prospects, has caused  
such a revolution in my thoughts  
& feelings, that until the matter  
is settled, I shall be in constant



Agitation - My son returns  
next Wed. y (10th) & soon afterwards  
my determination will be taken,  
& you, of course, will be amongst  
the first to hear of it. In the meantime  
that Mr Wright's interests may be  
in no wise prejudiced, I take  
this first moment to say that  
I decline taking the set of plants  
as they would probably be of no  
use to me - If I go, I shall  
leave my Herbar & books, in Am<sup>a</sup>,  
to be sent to me, a year hence,  
perhaps, if I live, & am perma-  
nently resident in England -  
Wherever I may be, I am, & hope  
to remain, yours &c. W. J. Gray's  
affec. friend J. G.



Carey, John. 1837. "Carey, John Nov. 6, [no year]." *John Carey letters to Asa Gray*

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