

Springside,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

May 3. 1909

My dear Mr. Deane:

Your letters of April 18 & 23 were slow in reaching me, were forwarded to Washington, & then sent back to Middlebury. I am sending you a package of 14 sheets of *Viola*, which may help you out somewhat.

1. *V. palmata* L. I purpose to write up soon: It was the first Am. violet to get recognition. The Linnaean species was based on three old specimens now extant: one from Virginia (Plukenet) 1691, <sup>2nd</sup> from Florida (Plukenet) 1692, the third from Virginia (Clayton no. 793), 1743.

I send you a Florida specimen which fairly represents the Linnaean type. The northern plant is somewhat different. Cf. *V. Angellae* Pollard in *Stones* plate xxxiv: ii I send also a Water form. You will see fine plants of this in Hobbs garden, which you should visit about May 20<sup>th</sup>. The species is much disguised by frequent crossing with its allies: *V. pilosa*, *V. sororia*, *V. papilionacea*, ~~*V. Stonei*~~ - W. Stone no. 2601 is lacking in my set of his plants. His figures of leaves (xxxiv: i) have too shallow lobes & suggest to me forms of *V. palmata* x *papilionacea*, which I have extensively grown for experimental culture. But I should see Stone's specimens.

2. I return your drawings of *V. pectinata*, & *V. Brittoniana* x *fimbriatula* (?) I kept them as <sup>the paper</sup> contained, on the back, part of your letter. Cf. my figures in Rhod. VIII 151 pl. 67. I send also a flowering <sup>specimen</sup> of *V. fimbriatula* x *cercullata*, reminding you of your collecting it at Jaffrey N.H. July 4, 1897 see Rhod VI p. 218. You can't understand *Viola*, without some knowledge of its hybrids.

3. The *V. Morae* *angliae*, you will see develops in the fall a too close resemblance to *V. septentrionalis*, for specific difference.

4. The difference between *V. blanda* & *V. incognita* you will be able to make out with specimens sent. Examine seeds under a low-power lens. I should like very much to visit your Newton Fitteries Basin. I hope you will get me specimens of living plants, if you go there soon. Wrap the roots in moist sphagnum, or cotton, & they will come all right. Don't fail to see Hobbs plants when in flower, & I wish very much you could see mine. Do get hold of Dr. Kennedy, & make us a call.

Yours Sincerely, Ezra Brainerd.



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