

pleasure to the correspondence with friends
which the leisure of winter will more fully
permit.

Is it decided that the little fern, I sent
you is metopidion? I have no other
specimens to send, as you will see, when they arrive.

In the New catalogue Aspid. Lancasteriana
is given as a synonym of cristatum.

I send you among the Cyrtopodiums a clump
or two of what I think you will find, if you
should flower it, to be C. parviflorum.

Truly grateful for the many kindnesses I
~~am~~ have received from you,

I remain, yours faithfully,
C. G. Pringle.

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Charlotte, N.C., Oct. 21st, 1874.

My Dear Mr. Sampson:

A package of fern roots has
come to hand under your hand-writing,
but I have not yet learned what they
are. One day last week I visited Col-
chester Pond where Dr. Robbins found
Woodwardia Virginica nearly fifty years
ago for the purpose of procuring some roots
of it. I utterly failed to find it, and
cannot think it grows there now. Forty
years have wrought great changes in
that place; the marsh has been drained
and is now quite restricted. I thought I
would surely find this fern myself, so I
would not need to trouble you to get it
for me; and I was particularly desirous of
getting it for Dr. Hooker, as it is not in the
New catalogue of 1868. I am under great
obligations to you that this last package is W. Virginica.

obligations for the numerous packages that
you have sent me since I wrote you last.
Parnassia Caroliniana is very acceptable
and is going to New, — a part has already
crossed the sea for an English amateur. I
saw it growing with *Lobelia Kalmii* in the
mountain garden above Willoughby Lake in
the wet soil at the foot of the cliff, and
in similar soil, and also with *L. Kalmii*,
I have since seen it at the foot of a cliff
on the Winoski River, where I go for
Pellaea atropurpurea.

I have found the "devil's den" near
Burlington (see Baker's Catalogue) and have
got for you a little of *Pellaea gracilis*, roots
and pressed fronds. I believe it is very rare
in Vermont.

Shortly after I wrote you last I found
Aspid. cristatum, var. *Clintonianum*, as you
said you thought I might do. It was in
a swamp in Bristol; and since I find it
common enough in all our swamps, though

believe to decidedly distinct, as when I
first saw it.

Since the frosts have come, I must close
my picking of specimens; so you may in a
few days look for a box from me. Excepting
Camptopus, which is near by, I have ^{not} all the
plants you have named.

Some time ago I forwarded a score of
Aspl. angustifolium to Mrs. Roy. I thank
you for the suggestion. Through Mrs. Roy's
kindness Mr. J. Warren Merrill of Cambridge-
port writes me requesting a few species
of *H. filices*. He offers some very desirable
specimens in exchange, and has sent me a
specimen of *Aspid. fragrans*. I wish to enquire
if you are acquainted with him.

I am making up this fall four large
collections of plants, beside other smaller ones,
and this work, added to the ordinary and
extraordinary cares of my business, as you will
see, makes me very busy. It will soon be
over; and I look forward with much



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