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Dear Mr Deane:-

I was busy all the forenoon of yesterday copying portions of Barretto's letters to Mr Abraham Halsey (1833-) and making notes. The letters are the property of Columbia College and are loaned to me by Dr Britton. Tired of writing, in the afternoon I changed off to a job that kept me on my legs until 4 o'clock - then I was tired all over. Happily just as I was through and had put away my work there came to hand the tribute to the memory of your father: (your letter had been received in the morning) and I threw myself into an easy chair and read every word of it from your personal inscription on

the title page to the last of Mr
Smith's article which I enjoyed
more on the re-reading for having
meanwhile, since you first sent it
to me, learned so much more of
the character and career of your
father - One peculiarity of your
father's mental endowment - viz
his ability to bring forth at will
the most out-of-the-way and obscure
facts of early Colonial history,
reminded me forcibly of my dear
old friend J. B. Russell Esq with whom
I was for several years associated
in the Pension Office - we having
charge together of the same division.
One of Mr Russell's sons was Colonel of
the 3^d Mass Colored Infantry - and the
father always considered himself a
Massachusetts man though he was
appointed to the Pension Office from
Ohio - having been, just before, one
of the editorial corps of the Cincinnati
Commercial. Coming down to financial
affairs however - the contrast provokes

a smile for Mrs Russell had a family, of daughters of which she was very proud and for whom she was inordinately ambitious. The consequence was that the family expenses were kept so close up to the family income that the least strain brought a break down - I think Mr R had failed twice in business before he found a safe harbor and a bit of peace as a government clerk - But I am thinking with my pen, all this will have no interest for you

Of whom do you get your book, paper and how much does it cost you? I have always bought in rather large lots - getting thereby the trade discount - And the other day in getting things ready for the winter work I was surprised to find that ^{my} stock of mounting paper

was run so low that I had not
enough for immediate use -

If you have a supply on hand
could you spare me a ream - or
half ream - till I can find time
to turn around and replenish
my stock. Be perfectly frank and
say no - if compliance is going
to inconvenience you in the
least. - I only want to mount
a lot of Willows - and am already
half inclined to tear up this
half sheet and let the specimens
lie in packing papers a while
longer.

Did you meet Prof Dudley?

What manner of man is he?

I was looking over the book for a
little list of your desiderata among
Willows but did not find it. It may
turn up. I recall *S. amygdaloides* - arctica,
S. adenophylla and now *myrtillodes* ♂.
Did I send you my *Petrolaria* & cordated hybrids -
or *S. vestita* Pursh Coll Allen.
Yours cordially
M. S. Bebb



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