

Friday

Wash<sup>n</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>/55

Dear Dr. Gray -

I take the liberty to send you a copy of part of your letter to me which lead me, on first reading, <sup>to understand</sup> that you had named a plant after Mr Lyon of course it did not at the time occur to me that there was a botanist of that name -

- " There is already a genus *Lyonia*!  
" but a species might bear that name  
" (- --- *Lyonia*) in acknowledgment of ser  
" vices in connection with the Expedition!"

Now Mr Lyon is a strong promoter of Natural Science, as well as a warm friend of the E. & G.

Yours very truly  
J. Drayton



Drayton, Joseph. 1855. "Drayton, Joseph Jan. 26, 1855." *Joseph Drayton letters related to the United States Exploring Expedition* –.

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