

Columbus July 31st 1846

My Dear Sir —

about the 1st of this month I received your letter together with the 12th No of Endlicher from Cleveland, — we were much disappointed that it was not convenient for you to have made us a visit — more particularly so when from the superscription of a letter from Dr. J. addressed to my care ^{we} ascertained you were in company with ladies. — (That letter will be returned in a parcel of plants to be forwarded in a few days.) —

after an absence of near three weeks from home I found on my return yours of the 16th and the 30th parts of the Flora. — The Flora is admirable. —

I have not yet had time to go over my plants with it. — The specific name of the new Saxifraga is quite grotesque. — I have laid in a large supply of that plant in all its stages, the fruit bears you out entirely in placing it among the saxifragas. — in the first parcel I will send you plenty of it. —

My absence here was on a trip undertaken to examine a portion of our state that has been (as far as I can learn) but little visited by botanists; the high table lands dividing the waters of Lake Erie from those of the Ohio river, back of Cleveland & easterly towards the Pennsylvania line. These lands are considerably elevated, and abound in small lakes & swamps

interpersed with the Lamarack (*Pinus pendula*) and other conifers. — But unluckily, I failed in my object owing to a slight sickness, not severe but sufficient to prevent active exertion. I spent most of the time at Cleveland & the Falls around which places I made a few collections — I was however able for one day to examine the Summit Lake that feeds the Akron Summit of our Canal. This was a very interesting place — I there found several plants of the rarer kind, particularly aquatics, that I had never before met with. — of these and my other collections this season, I will report to you more fully at an other time. — you say you are in want of American plants for your European friends, I am glad that I can furnish you with a good many of our Ohio plants — I shall send you in the fall a large supply & any thing you may have to spare European or North American will be acceptable. — I wish to increase my N.A. herbarium & should you or Dr. Seng come across any of our plants other than those common to this part of the country, for exchange or sale at any thing like a reasonable price, please secure them for me — exchanges I find tedious & uncertain for one living in the interior — Should you have any plants to lay by for me, put in a good proportion of Cyperaceae & Gramineae, with Kunth I am pretty well prepared for those orders. — In a week or two I shall have a good opportunity of sending

a small parcel of difficult (to me) plants for the inspection of you & Dr. Seng, among them good specimens of the *Eleocharis* sent last season to Dr. S. who rather decided that it was the *E. tatarica* Schult. since I have received Kunth I think it can not properly be that species at least his description does not answer. —

I must acknowledge the receipt of your paper on some of our *Habenaria*, — the examination of the old *Herbaria* has brought some curious cases to light. — can the Report by Dr. Seng on the Botany of the state of New York recently made to the Legislature be had? — I perceive the July No. of *Sellewans Journal* is unusually well supplied with botanical articles — It is to be hoped they will be kept up — notices of new works, extracts from them, new discoveries &c. besides being exceedingly interesting to its cultivators will draw the attention of others to the science & that *Journal* is a good medium for that purpose its circulation being so extensive. — As to a European botanical periodical, is not Hooker's *Journal of Botany* the best? — if you think so have it sent to me — I should like to have it from the beginning (1846). — I hope to receive the *Botanische Encyclopädie*, Hooker & Taylor's *Muscologia Britannica* &c. you have ordered for me before the navigation closes this fall — I must again repeat that you & Dr. Seng have had so much trouble on acct of my purchases &c. that these kind offices shall not be forgotten. — The *Besleria* plants came safe

to hand, a fine lot. — The parcel containing the 3rd ed
 of Leves plant. & the 11th no of Hookers Fl. Bo. am. has not
 yet come but expected daily. — Has there been any more of
 Kunth's Enum. plant. published? — Has the Prodromus No.
 Ind. by Wight & Arnott ^{been} continued? — When do you take
 up your residence in Michigan? We shall be near neighbors
 only one & a half days journey distant. — My respects to Dr. Torrey
 Very sincerely yours
 Wm. S. Sullivant

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P.S. Last season I sent on some of our corporate numbers,
 of which I should be glad to have the names when that
 order is worked up or works up!

(WJ)



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