

receive a visit from Mrs G.
and yourself.

I have not yet found time
to take up the pamphlet of
Mr Morse but intend to do so
as soon as I get through
with the business of the meeting
of the Board. The pamphlet
which you sent to Mr Stephens
of London came to hand about
10 days ago. We are all in toler-
able good health and spirits.

I had a letter yesterday from
Dr Fovey as usual full of kind
expressions and indicating a
more cheerful condition of
mind.
as ever yours L.H.

Santhronian Inst
June 10th 1836

My Dear H.

I think it probable that
an appropriation of consider-
able magnitude will be made
by the present Congress for the
promotion of agriculture un-
der the direction of the Commissioner
of Patents. He will however con-
sult me in regard to the expen-
ture and consequently I am
anxious to give such advice
as may tend to direct the
operations into the most produc-
tive channel. I beg therefore
to request that you will give

any suggestions which may occur
to you bearing on this subject.
The following objects have
been proposed by.

1. A large portion of the
appropriation to be given for
the purchase of Foreign seeds
to be distributed among farmers.

2. A smaller portion to be
devoted to improve the meteor-
ology of the Smithsonian Inst.

3. For experiments on the
economical uses of the forest-
trees of the U.S.

4. An analysis of all the
grasses used for fodder in
this country with experiments
as to the quantity of milk and

butter produced under the same
circumstances from each.
5. The analyses of the worn-out
soils of the older states to deter-
mine whether they are deficient ⁱⁿ
any particular materials.

5 & 6 continue the investigation
begun by Dr. Lewis C. Beake on
the values of the different kinds
of grain from different parts of
the United States.

In connection with this matter
I wish you would give me
some information as to the con-
dition of the Report on Forest Trees
when can it be finished in whole
or in part? Perhaps something
might be done to defray a part
of the expense by means of the agri-
cultural appropriation but of

This nothing is certain.

It is highly important that the proper persons should be employed in any investigations which may be made and therefore I write to ask what your opinion is as to the knowledge and talents of Mr Lapham of Wisconsin. He has been named in connection with researches on the grapes.

Any information you may give me will be prudently used without mentioning your name unless to give you credit for the suggestion and to enforce the proposition.

I remain very truly
your obt. servt.

Joseph Henry

Dr. Gray
Cambridge.



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