

Smithsonian Institution

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My Dear Dr

We shall be glad to commence the publication of the work on forest trees as soon as you have a part prepared for the press.

I think there is at present some prospect that the farther printing of the results of the exploring expedition will be stopped. There is in congress a great prejudice against printing Reports of a scientific character and this is not much to be wondered at considering the abuses which have been practiced.

You may have seen that a resolution was introduced into the senate by Mr. Pearce in behalf of the Librarian asking for a statement of all the facts connected with the

preparation and printing of the
Reports of the expedition.

Mr. Pearce says that he cannot
ask for any farther appropriation
that he was assured that the
last appropriation was sufficient.
I cannot say how the matter
will end though I think it
very probable that no appropri-
ation will be made for this
purpose at the present session.

I was much pleased to
learn that you have been studying
the flora of Japan in connection
with the subject you mentioned.
It is not the gift of any one indi-
vidual to be equally well developed
in every direction and though our
friend Agnew is a man of generous



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