

Trinity College, Dublin
Apr. 20. 1848.

My dear Friend

Three or four days ago I received your excellent parcel of Algae, for which accept my best thanks. I now send lists of names to the numbers furnished by Mr. Olney, and shall at a future time send you, as you desire, specimens of your parcel named. The rough dried ones I must send off to the country to a charitable lady who prepares such things for me, and it may be some months before she returns them. On a hasty inspection there does not appear much novelty in the box, but something may turn up at the melting.

One good thing however there is, of which I shall be delighted to get more specimens, in all ages, large & small. It*

(as figure annexed) is a large, olive leaf, with a rib - the lamina pierced with round holes. It is Agarum Turnerii.

Though probably abundant with you it is very seldom seen in our herbaria, & never in a good state. Two specimens that I picked out of your box are much the best I have seen - & infinitely better than I had before. It readily recovers its form in wetting, so that you may get it dried as roughly as possible. - Among the specimens on paper were very fine specimens of Rhodomenia cristata, which will charm many a European botanist - as the plant is very rare with us - though seemingly so common with you. I lately saw with a lady here a specimen-book of seaweeds from a Boston Bazaar which had very many specimens of this rare plant. - When you write to Mr. Olney



with you convey to him my warmest thanks for the
Alga, and Phanogamous plants which he sends. I am glad
to find more collectors springing up - as Mr. Hunt & Miss Mitchell.
By & bye we shall have a very respectable list of American
Alga. The Fresh water species from Mr. Olney will take more time.
I fear most of the dried ones cannot be recognized - but there
is so much may. I shall ask Mr. Thwaites of Bristol, who knows
these plants better than any one in England to assist me in

(Steamer Apr. 22nd)

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naming them. - I have not heard from Prof. Bailey for several
months - and am expecting a letter in reply to one I wrote in
January. I hope he is well. - You will see by the papers what a state
of political excitement we are in here. I dare say it sounds much more
terrible with you than it appears to us on the spot. The fact is, the
noisy party, however they may bluster & frame, are but a small section of
the people - & besides, are too much divided among themselves to make
head against so compact a gov^t as ours. - Yours most truly
W. B. Hawley



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