My dear Gray,

I have to thank you for various pamphlets and extracts from journals which are very gratifying as showing they you keep to work although I see no signs at present of what we all want most from you—a complete North American Flora outside what is wanted as a work for public use. Amongst other your note of the 20th May received in August with Dr Caron's paper on Alypogonum which requires special mention. We are lamentable deficient in specimens of that genus and when I described the Brazilian one for all that those 3 do not feel at all confident in my identification that Mr. Harkness has been collecting materials for some time and has been investigating the different species and varieties with great care therefore referred the pamphlets to him and he tells me that he had already sent you the written that Caron on the subject referring from his conclusions.
and certainly are not in a position to
question Mr. D. B. B. D.'s conclusion that
the plant described by Persiea and since
discovered named by Rottb. M. H. Opp. N. Persiea is in my opinion quite distinct
from all perennes, & c. The latter is a conoateut posteromorphous plant with an
extensive range.

We left town in the middle of July,
and spent a month in the Channel Islands
which I had never seen, and which I much
enjoyed. I continued however on party then
the connection of the proceeds of my Flora
Australiae, and returned to town for a
fortnight in August. I finished up a few
queries still wanting for the vols. I then
now just corrected the last sheet octavo
and sent the index to the printer, and hope
it will still be a few weeks before it is
actually out when I will take care to
send you an early copy.

Regrett to learn the other day that
you had concluded it was a mistake not
doing only a last part of the American
Flora Journal. The fact is that obtaining
matter for the journal accumulates so
much that we are obliged now and then
to publish it in short lots. Our Zoological

paper are chiefly such as require
more matter for the late transactions of
which we shall publish two parts in this
next winter. Zoologists read their pure
systematic matter in their own country
Apart of the Journal is now just out with
both Zoology and Botany.

We are now visiting friends in
Newfoundland, &c. and shall
return to town at the end of the month
My first business will be to finish
up my portion of the &c. part of the first
for which H. Fisher has done a good deal
and we hope to print this winter. I
had wished to have completed a double
part before printing so as to finish a volume
with one index, but I fear that will be
too long and that we shall be obliged to
issue a part as soon as we come to hand
of the next set. I shall have at the same
time to do myself some post-flora
Australiae, which will be almost as long as the present

With kindest remembrances, still
Sincerely yours,

George Bentham

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