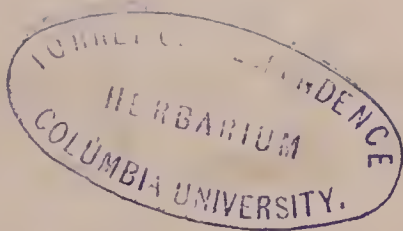


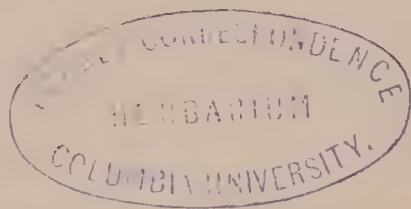
Feb. 1820. No. 5.

Dear Sir,



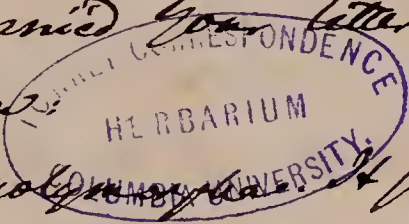
Your friendly, indefatigable and unparalleled carefulness and diligence in furnishing me with plants of Your country and procuring me the valuable correspondence of those gentlemen, who unite the same humanity and benevolence, You are possessed of, with as much zeal for the promoting of that fascinating science, to which I have consecrated my life, requires my hearty and deserving thankfulness. I have received Your kind letters of Feb. 2. and March 17., the latter being accompanied by a package of Yours and of Dr. Halley. But the box, Your former letter speaks of, is not arrived till I returned it from Holland, on whose coasts I am informed the ship did strand. This is the reason of the retardation of my answer. Now, being in possession of all the books and collections of plants, You and Your friends had the kindness to favour me with, I feel myself highly indebted to You, and I wish nothing more, than to be thankful to You and to ever prove my feelings towards one of my most beneficent correspondents.

I have the honour, to offer You the accompanying



box, whose contents are inscribed:

1. To Dr. Torrey, N. 1. 2. 3. 4. You shall find therein a small collection of cryptogamous plants, with two new genera, dedicated to Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Nuttall, and I entreat you, to forward these plants to those gentlemen. As for the Torrey, you have lost, I do regret, that I have but one specimen, drawn just now by my son and engraved by one of our ablest artists. As soon as the publication, to which belongs this engraving, is come out, I shall not fail to furnish you with it. In the same package (To Dr. Torrey N. 3.) you shall find the catalogue of plants, received by you in the box. Concerning the last collection, that accompanied your letter of March 17., I copy here my remarks thereon.
- N. 2 *Marthalia polytricha* It seems not the same, that I returned as *Saxifraga pinguis*.
49. *Polytrichum pilosum* * Already determined formerly.
- 80^{xx} *Alga Pettinicua* *
- 84^{xx} *Leucia luteo-alba* var. *d. digitata* (on ferns New York).
142. 143. *Aspidium petas* L.
144. *Polytrichum tetragonum*
146. *Muscipia patula* Willd.
- Agaricus alveus* sp. *Chizothylus* Fr. The *Septalaria* in the



Hudson's river near New York, seeming not to be yet described, is
Dynamena operculata Lamouroux.

Finally the same package N. 3. contains a letter to Mr.
Schäfer, n. r. 1. 2., answering to his letter. N. 4. is a copy of the
fungi, published by Kny and Ficker, and never set to sale. N. 1. 2.
contains the copy of Bridel's work on mosses, you have wished for.

2. To Dr. Lewis C. Beck, a package, containing dried plants.

3. To Dr. Alphonse Dewey ditto.

4. To Dr. Hofacker, a package of books.

5. To Dr. Aspl. Jves, ditto.

6. To J. la Conte Esq. a copy of Schwägrichen's
work on mosses. I expect you to forward these packages
to those gentlemen.

Your *Seleotium giganteum* is a very interesting one, and
I am extremely desirous to read your publications thereon.

The greatest joy I could perceive, your fungus n. 108.
found in your herbarium, has afforded me with, finding the most
rare plant, Willdenow has named *Mandovicis*. It has his place
between *Anthracos* and *Taxionia*. Could you afford me some
other specimens and inform me also of his origin and habitat,
I should be very grateful. In concluding this letter, I repeat
my solicitation on seeds of your country, and of dried plants.

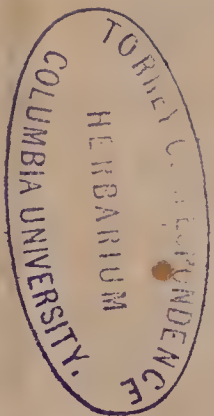
[The author of this letter has strangely forgotten to sign it! It was
certainly written by Kurt Sprengel.]

John Torrey,

Went Sprague,

July 5th, 1820.

Ac. P. 24. 115th 1821



To Dr. John Torrey

Accompanied with
a box, &c.

D. Torrey; New York
containing books and dried
plants.

New York.