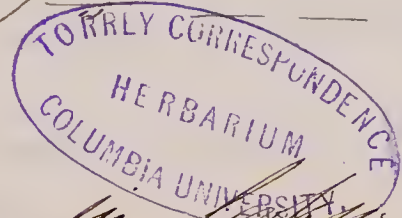


Am. J. Feby 5th 1833 .

Nov⁴ 19th

Dear Sir,



I have just found in ~~my~~ my attic, a young shoot of the Ficus Indica,

— not that kind of fruit renowned,
But such as at this day to Indians known
In Western Ind. or Deccan spreads her arms,
Branching so broad and long, that to the ground
The bending twigs take root, and daughters grow
About the mother tree, a pillar'd shade,
High over-arch'd, and echoing walks between:
There oft the Indian herdman, shunning heat
Shelters in cool, and tends his pasturing herds
At loop-holes cut through thickets shade." —

The specimen wh. accompanies this, — I cut
from a tree growing upon a plain in La. Coix;
one is more attracted by the strangeness of
the sister grove, than by any beauty either
in outline or foliage; — but I wish I could
have transported to you a broad-fruit-tree,
wh. I think boasts the most beautiful
structure of leaf I have ever noticed — I do

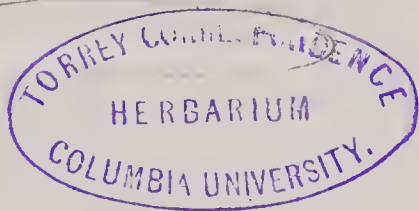
Mr. remember to have seen any representation
wh. seemed to do any justice to the
grace, colouring, and whole appearance of this
elegant & exquisite production. —

Natural History wh. I so much delight in,
has the past few months been so excluded
from my thoughts, that I hardly presume
to take her name upon my lips. I still
hope better things of the future. —

After such an acknowledgment of
defection from the couch of natural science,
I must not expect favour from one of
her faithful devotees — so that
I am constrained to make my
communication brief & dignified
very foreign topics. —

Respectfully — Sir,

P. L. Dix.



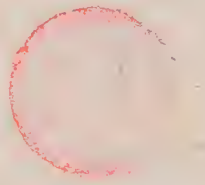
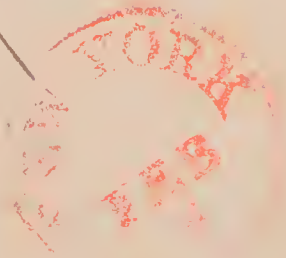


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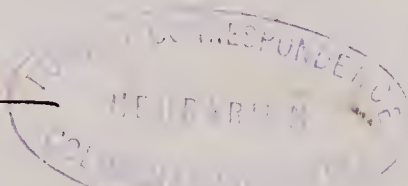
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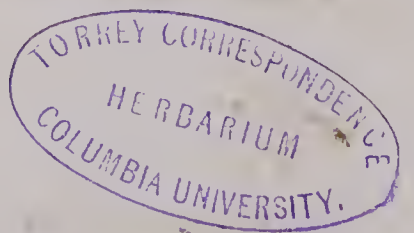


John - I this morning
procured from the market below Philadelphia
some specimens of the Lotus - in bud -
the flowers being too large to pack up -
there I forward to you two in the order
I wish but accompanying myself to
circumstances. As you doubtless are aware,
the plants were originally brought by the
elder Bartean from Gloucest. and
planted on the market south of Philadela.
This - show they now flourish admirably.
Yours are now in flower. I cut one
the Corolla of which measured 13 inches in
circumference - and a leaf 15 long - - the
stem just measured 6 feet in circumference,

waiting these weeks - I have ordered
some collected in September when they will
be fully ripe - and will send a parcel
to N. York - I request my secretary to
secure fine specimens of this very
beautiful floral production.

The motto of the Bow
permits my using the same
advantageously, and I only add the
hope that you may have pleasure in
getting the birds which I forward -
them I have found will expand
in water if placed in a cool and
rather dark place -

Respectfully,
D. J. Cox.



Mr. Weber had not a vast quantity of numerous
fibres which form a sort of web-work beneath the
water in the deep mud. They are easily suspended,
and have been established in several countries
adjacent to Philadelphia as Chester, Bucks, &c.,
and in New Jersey, where they thrive well.

Mr. Townsend Shaplen, Merchant, of Phila-
delphia first called my attention to this really
significant and useful plant and flower. It is
found in the creeks and pools below the city,
upon the estate owned by Lord Ashburton. It is
not indigenous, but I have been unable to account
for its first growth there in a wholly satisfactory
manner. Some assert that Barton, more than
sixty years since, brought it from Florida - and
planted here both the roots and the seeds.

Again others assert that it was brought quite differently,
attempting to convince the eyes require that it
originated in Calcutta, thence sent from a vessel
which arrived at an equal remote period from
Calcutta: others again declare that a seed from
the Nile bore the seeds and cast them with other
 refuse at chance upon the shores of the Delaware
near the present habitation.

I have not leisure to bestow time upon clearing up
this mooted point which I think capable of
satisfaction through personal inquiry. —

In the prairie, in the western part of Ohio, is
a smaller variety of the W. columbiana; flowers of a
pure white. In the Swamps of Western Illinois,
opening later, like the Mississippi specimens
may be collected of a fine variety; - flowers deep
flame color. In the Boons of Western Tennessee
and Mississippi it is found of a dull flower of a
dull red color. Size of corolla, leaf, and fruit
about the same as those produced in Eastern
Pennsylvania. It is found near Louisville, Kentucky, of a
pure white. - Beside the above localities, I
am not acquainted with the growth of the
W. columbiana in North America. -

P. L. H. G.



Communicated

J. Popper Henry and
Popper Jones.

