

Lincoln Co. N. C. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1843.

Dear Sir

Your favor of July 22<sup>nd</sup> reached me in due season. I regret you cannot make it suit your arrangements to pass through Lincoln County, & explore its resources more accurately than has yet been done by any botanist -

It is my intention, in two weeks from this time or less, to send you a small parcel of plants, consigned to the care of the Post Master in ~~that~~ <sup>Morganton</sup> place, which I hope will reach you safely. The parcel consists principally of plants doubtful to me, but perhaps old acquaintances of yours, with two or three exceptions - Dr. Torrey informed me, in making out his report on the box of plants last sent, that it contained a leaves, possibly *C. panicca* <sup>or new</sup> which interested him much, & requested a few more specimens with a view of transmitting one or two to Dr. Boott of London - These you will find marked *C. panicca*? I have also sent two or three more specimens of the new leaves, which I enclosed to you in a letter. It is correct as to size, number of ~~flowers~~ <sup>flowers</sup> in a head &c. unless it is a little more gracile on account of growing in thinly shaded upland (enclosures). A tuft of radical leaves (very glabrous except on the margins) is also sent - *Galium asprellum*? Either that or new. Differs from *G. asprellum*, in having 6-8 leaves in a whorl; mostly 6. among the upper, & 7, sometimes 8 among the lower branches, also not found in "swampy thickets" but in dry pasture grounds, & is apparently a smaller plant, from 6-12 inches high -

*Phlox setacea* var? Of this I send you the best specimen I have -  
You will observe it differs from *P. setacea*, at least as it pertains  
with us, in being more slender, having a peduncle more elongated, &  
its petals deeply emarginate. Perhaps it deserves specific importance,  
*Corydalis glauca*? Collected on Fishers Peak, a dividing point between N.  
Carolina & Virginia, at an elevation of 4000 feet -

I shall be glad to hear from you, as often  
as convenience may serve, respecting your progress,  
and "incidents of travel" among the "Blue Mountains" of  
North Carolina. They are probably yet an inexhausted field  
of exploration, & I doubt not, you will find something  
interesting on every visit you may be enabled to make.

*Piletia aphylla*, which I sent you, grows in this County  
but it is rare. If I can succeed in finding any more  
living specimens I will supply you. Of *Helianthus*,  
*Schweinitzi*, *Baptisia mollis*, & perhaps one or two others  
I may be enabled to procure you roots or seeds  
ere I transmit you the promised package -

Accept assurances of esteem & believe me

Yours sincerely

Dr. A. Gray

C. S. Hunter

P.S. Please inform me if you receive the box of plants, seeds &c  
transmitted to Morganton for you, as I expect to send it by  
stage conveyance to that place - C.S.H.

Woodlawn A.C.  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

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Dr. A. Gray

Jefferson  
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Care of Col. Brewer }

