Portola House
Berkford
April 11, 1850

My dear Gray

I hasten to write a few words to save the record, having been too busy or late to write at length to announce the safe arrival of the book you sent in Dec containing both from yourself and Torrey vast numbers of spines I had not yet in my herbarium. They come just in time for the Comptoir to be immediately laid in. I hope you will find that order in tolerable arrangement when you come. I have just got through them in the arranging and cataloguing my herbarium. As for a
To the end of Connecticut I have about 25,000 Y. of which
Ciprianiuse 5,700 and Connecticut
5,300 - I should write to you
next week mail - the Californian
Cotoneaster, virginia, is the
same or mine only that my
specimens are old and the
wood is almost all gone.

When you land at Liverpool
you had better read your
logs of whatever you do
not want to take abroad
with you - straight here.
They will be taken in and
good care taken of them
should we not be at home
or it is most likely. We go
up to town about Whitelfast
stay there till about the
10th or 12th June and then
make a tour in Worcestershire
and Wales was to be back
here in the end of July.

September is still sunny
and good months here and
so indeed it is all the autumn
only that the days get
short late in the year
so that I trust you will
not arrive here much
later than September

However, at any time
most convenient to you
for I have no engagements
for autumn or winter.

Yours sincerely

George Bentham