My dear Sir,

Your last long letter received yesterday were the more acceptable as we had begun the system of not hearing from you so long after having been told that you were expected last week at New and on Tuesday I wrote to Messrs. to ask whether you were still there or not.

Thanks for the information about Upper Louisiana, Audubon. There is an Ericognum macropetala Rush which I saw in Lambert's herbarium but which I now cannot recognize in any of our collections.

I have finished the Ericognum all but a little copying out. I worked hard at them expecting every day a letter from you.
to say that the vol. was in the painter's hand so that my
MS was working immediately
The letter has since come but
instead of immediately it will not
be ready till 1852 which is
very provoking. The Botanists
and Plantaeex are to be commenced
printing immediately and the
14th vol. only commenced when
they are done. The harrassing
for the 15th vol. will not be
begun working till the end of
1851 so that my MS stands a
good chance of not being published
for two years. In the mean
time my names will be taken
or some Pastor Schell will
be publishing my species under
other names and if I can get
a synopsis printed somewhere
and in 1852 I shall be called
upon to go over the same ground
a third time which is far
from agreeable.
Among your Kegg's plants
there was a Melastoma to
which you gave the old name
of St. Vitense - Wardia has
just published a new Kegg's
Melastoma under that same
name a probably that
same species. I see the entirely
from the Melastoma or
published above a twelvemonths
ago in the Niger Flora.
With heart felt wishes for
your speedy and complete recovery
and that you and Mr. Gray
may enjoy during the coming
and every succeeding year all
those blessings you both so
well deserve believe me
Ever your most sincere
George Deitcher.