

Boston March 17, '37

My dear Sir

Friend Reynolds has written me (12th inst) that you were in Washⁿ upon the 4th et seq^s, & refers me to you for a detailed account of the proceedings of the (dis) Hon. Sec^y of the Navy. He also informs me that yourself, Pickens & Coates, took a decided stand against furnishing the Gentleman with the lists he desired inofficially - I regret not having known better how matters stood, as I should certainly have in that case taken a similar position. As it was I sent him a full list as far as could be made out at present.

Of one thing however I have been assured by legal Gentlemen that whether the Sec^y so intended or not, the moment he made the demand upon me subsequent to my commission, he put me under compensation, I send you a copy of his communication annexed - Remember me to Dr De Kay, write me soon & believe me truly
Your friend & companion in hope

Joseph P. Couthouy

Asa Gray, M.D. }
M.D.C. Sec^y of the Navy }

Copy

Navy Department 5 June 1837

Sir, I have to request that you will furnish me with a statement of such articles as will be indispensably necessary in the department you expect to occupy on the South Sea exploring Expedition, and where & how they may be obtained and the probable cost.

I am with great respect

Capt Joseph P. Couthroy Your Obedt^h Serv^t
Boston — signed — M. Dickerson

There if the above does not officially place me as "acting under the orders of the department" I cannot read plain English. After my commission he had no right to make a request simply, as such for information upon any thing connected with the Expedⁿ — Where this is our beloved E. then of — He not going?! He must & shall by — "I swear not all" — Well I do not intend to, I am or was only going to say by — hook or by crook, "per fas aut nefas" —
Now how say do you?

Yours J. P. C.



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Gen Gray, U.S.

Ad Expedition

to Prince

New York

N.Y.

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4 Acorn St Boston
(between Post Vermont Street
nub) May 9. 1856.

My dear Sir,

If You will call as
above, You will find a large pack-
age of rare Birds, collected on
Richinchy, (Cotopaxi of Minla-
rago) to your address, with
You put them to the best use You
can, by raising them yourself, or
distribution where they will be
suitably cared for. They cost
some time & trouble, and I
should be sorry to have them
come to nothing -

There is also a large trunk
filled with collections made
by me in the Alpine regions
mainly, of the Ecuadorian Andes
from 10. to 15.000 ft.

They have cost me for In-
dians, transportation, freight &c

between \$30 & \$40. which I can
scarcely afford to lose - and
hope - Harniss or You may
be able to reimburse me for
this outlay - These are many
plants no doubt new to the
collections in this country -

If You can pay Mrs C.
what You think them worth -
but take them at any rate, if
You are poorer than I

They were collected for You -
expressly -

I have in fine growth a num-
ber of tubers of a *Dupont alata*,
measuring from 12000 feet in Ri-
chinchy - & several roots of
Pitcairnia pungens - which
You can have by calling -
and the tubers ought to be separa-
tely - or the pair broken up -
they are too confused - The
vine is a large one - The flowers
You will find in the collection
of plants - large panicles -

I hoped to have got over &
seen You - but have been too
busy - & am suddenly called,
to go out to Venezuela - leaving
this afternoon -

Am in great haste
Yours truly
Jos W. Anthony

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