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from Fogg

January 25, 1925.

Mr. F.W. Munnewell,
5 University Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Munnewell:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me word about that specimen of *Eriophorum*. I have examined the sheet of my number 1030 which is in the Herbarium here and it appears to be typical *E. virginicum* with wide, flat leaves and conspicuous involucre bracts; the plant is young, not being in full flower. Apparently, then, the collection represents a mixture, and your material is the other species. I shall have to verify the other duplicates of this number which I have distributed.

As you suppose, I am keeping a check list of the flora of the Elizabeth Islands, and am therefore deeply indebted to you for this correction. In fact, I should be very grateful to be informed of any further cases of this sort which may come to your notice.

Yours very sincerely,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

F. W. HUNNEWELL
SECRETARY TO THE CORPORATION
5 UNIVERSITY HALL

October 2, 1928

My dear Mr. Fogg:

I am writing to you for advice about some loans which the New England Botanical Club made to Mr. Bayard Long about ten years ago and which he has not yet returned. You know him better than I do, and I wish you would advise me whether you think I should write to him again about the matter. I did so a little over a year ago, when he told me that he hoped to return them shortly.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Hunnewell

Mr. J. F. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

from Fogg

Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct. 10, 1928.

Mr. F.W. Hunnewell,
5 University Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hunnewell:

The matter concerning which you ask my advice is indeed a delicate one and I doubt very much whether I am in a position to be of any real assistance to you.

I have refrained from answering your letter of October 2nd until I should have had a chance to see Long and sound him out on the prospects for his doing any research in the immediate future. Apparently he is to be dedicated to the task of preparing thousands of his own specimens, from many years back, for the month's hands for the next unknown number of months. He complains bitterly at the drudgery of this work, but realizes that if he is ever to get caught up now is the time while he has mounting facilities at his disposal. When I asked him how the chances looked for getting down to some original investigation he replied merely with a shrug and a wry smile.

Now, I don't know what material belonging to M.E.B.C. is in Long's hands, with the exception of the Polygonum dumetorum complex. I mentioned this group to him and told him that I had looked for it at Gray last year but had failed to find, and was informed that he had it. He said Yes, that Gray had sent it to him without his ever having requested the loan of it, and that he supposed they would ask for it back when they needed it.

So, in the light of Long's enforced attention to other matters and his inclination to disavow responsibility for his possession of your material, at least in the case of Polygonum, I should not consider it at all amiss to inform him that, unless he contemplates the early study of these plants, the absence of which really cripples you, you would appreciate their return. Surely this is but reasonable.

Most sincerely yours,

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE

5 UNIVERSITY HALL

October 16, 1928

My dear Mr Fogg:

Thank you for your letter
about the loans made to Mr Long. I think
I shall consult Professor Fernald and
then perhaps write to Mr Long again.

Yours very truly,



J. M. Fogg, Jr., Esq.

Botanical Laboratory

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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F. W. HUNNEWELL
SECRETARY TO THE CORPORATION
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January 24, 1929.

My dear Mr Fogg:

Yesterday, while inserting in the Herbarium some of the plants which you collected upon the Elizabeth Islands, I came to a sheet, No. 1030, from Cuttyhunk. It was labeled *Eriophorum virginicum*, but the specimen was *Eriophorum tenellum*. If you have kept a check list of your collections I thought that you might like to know of this correction.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Hunnewell

Mr J. M. Fogg, Jr.

University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

from Fogg

May 25, 1929.

Mr. F.W. Hunnewell,
5 University Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Hunnewell:

There is going forward to you, in care of the Gray Herbarium, a Parcel Post shipment containing 140 sheets of plants of my own collecting for the New England Botanical Club. This lot represents my contribution for the 1928 season and supplements the material I turned over to you at Easter time. These specimens are mostly from the Elizabeth Islands, a few, however, being from Barnstable County.

As I have a complete record of the material which I have already sent you, as well as a checklist of the SE Massachusetts material in the Club Herbarium, you will be spared the labor of looking these sheets up to see if they wanted by the Club. I have carefully avoided duplicating localities, except in rare cases involving critical groups where I happen to know that abundant material is a desideratum.

Yours very sincerely,

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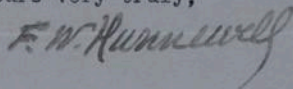
F. W. HUNNEWELL
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May 29, 1929.

My dear Mr Fogg:

Thank you very much for the specimens for the New England Botanical Club, which I find have arrived safely at the Herbarium. I have given them to the mounter today. Dukes County at last is getting to be well represented in the collection. Thanks to you for all that you have done.

Yours very truly,



John M. Fogg, Jr., Esq.

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