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Luther Tucker Esq

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Newburgh April 8th 1850

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 2d before me.

I am glad you look upon the withdrawal of the Boston reports in the light you do. Since I wrote you I have had a letter from Mr Wilder of Jersey, urging as the session of the legislature is near, to write at once for accounts of the exhibitions & I think he will.

I notice what you say about odium to Mr. Newman. I had made up my mind to have nothing more to do with him. He may be a good agent but he is not my civil one. I now will to say that of the $51 paid by him $40 was for drawings made & which I paid them out of my own pocket though I believe it was understood

the drawings for the Frontispiece
to be paid for by you. This however
is of no consequence if it is not in
the bond between you & him & I
will not trouble him again. When
such people as Dunlap cant find
my agency & the Bot. in New York
it seems pretty clear that the agency
must be managed in a sleepy way.

I shall have to ask you to allow
me to go on with the accepted drafts
as usual like the 1st of May — when
I will go back to the first arrangement
— unless if it suits you better. Mrs.
Wiley's failure which cuts me short
several hundred dollars of last
year &c as my cash rights leaves

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me just now rather short of ready money.

I sent the drawings by the mail boat on Sunday night & hope they reached you safely.

Yours truly

A. J. Downing

Luther Tucker Esq

P.S. Will respond to the article on Vegetable Nations — I hesitated about finishing it — but will have some visionary ideas there are also some that are new & good — such as the National that a ~~seed~~ plant brought to a new climate is now likely to produce new sorts I mind. you send them it to add. Perhaps it would be better to send it back to me & let me cut it down.

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