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July 8. Allen Sandway

My dear Maria

I have just received  
yours of July 23<sup>rd</sup> with kind  
communications & offers of more  
supplies. I shall have an abundance  
of herbs at Choungtam & last seen  
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can do it - but myself, &  
now can collect these alpins  
but one day amounted to a  
glacial flora. Drawing on the spot  
too is essential - of many even the  
best dried little can be made at  
home. My collection of drawings  
is now so superb that I long to  
render it unequalled (for my  
opportunity). These papers take  
long to explore too - you know I  
waited 11 days for the sun on the  
Ezren river the other day, & then  
you don't know which way to  
turn for a path that will prove  
acceptable for 1000 ft., & yield a view  
after all.

Thank God Campbell has finally  
got & sent me routes & so that I  
can move with confidence &  
freedom - I doubt not you are  
right about the Plateau, I thought  
of the possibility of such a feature  
but have been so wholly out

five hundred times & surmises  
that I do not know doubt in  
my own hypothesis. I am quite  
convinced that the traveller unless  
he has stood on & seen knows less  
than the student at home. Distances  
objects, appearance & exceptional features  
even of trifling extent shroud all  
the great ones. An accumulation of  
details is often all he gets for his  
pains. The country which requires  
a very steady head & well trained  
mind. Hence St. Trigueller may visit  
every river & the Mineral. & at the  
end fail to grasp them, as you have  
done. - The induction philosopher will  
always be the better, perhaps wrong in  
details, but the safest guide if he  
will not stop over exceptional features.  
Should I come back in August  
I will take care as to what you say, &  
can easily amount for Whedding to  
Gungary in the day. Pray do not think  
of sending the Pony. He will slip  
fast all his knees & pieces - it is  
a very steep road as I know, quite



"unpoppable" "Evan servan" : work  
plain & the perpetual mounting &  
down. I cannot abide. It is no  
great distance. at all. I assure you. —

I will keep your account in my eye  
about Lachong route & depend upon  
it. It will suit team the best till  
I have done my very best, but do  
not be too hopeful, my best is but  
little: this season of mist & the  
reiterated disappointing disappointment  
that follows each toilsome ascent &  
be balked of a view. The Lasher says

you see the plain of three below  
you, from Lachong. There are  
two papers at Lachong I hear a man  
of far one & I shall try to see both  
Dombhat but is of course Waang's  
Pookhany. All tell me that  
the Lasher with the Lachong route  
leads directly in to the Plateau  
winding among low hills; but  
quite low & undulating. ~~that~~  
from Lachong you descend considerably  
but there bearts call any Major  
"Maiclan" that is shut of an

absolute principle!

I am so absorbed: Noting that I  
have run up than usual of interest  
to give you. I have just written to  
Campbell as I can guess about the  
van question. Official influences are  
as you say every thing. I wish the  
glaring fact that a jump 40 ft above  
the ground will not catch by  $\frac{1}{3}$  so  
much as one on the ground, it is  
evident. That is a most curious  
curiosity that alone inexplicably  
complicates the phenomenon.

I have thought & rethought over  
what I said to F. & "Triumph" is the  
only answer I can afford myself.

My grandfather with 43 letters from him  
came with my last despatches  
Amongst the items I find the matter  
of 2-300 Rupees for packing boxes.  
glazed cases & <sup>many of them</sup> the months of April  
May & so that I hope he has sent  
a lot of things home lately. My <sup>father</sup> ~~father~~  
much vexed & sends me a list of  
what he has received, some 5 packets  
of the very commonest articles of  
the Hotel - not worth 6d. & not a



single thing she - Magnolia  
nor Arum. nor Phlox decidua  
nor Raspberry nor any of the  
hundreds of fine things from your  
wild Sunkel & Tangle which I sent  
last year to the Calcutta Gardens  
for division. & which I this hour  
are not entirely collected - Talk of  
evaluating "by George" - W. could not  
understand this. - Clothes - bedding -  
boots - instruments - all over & over  
again asked for since my first arrival  
at Duj. to this day are not come.  
When the things were sent over from  
Peel's to the smaller F. shortly informed  
me there were no shirts! amongst  
them; if so I must have been  
precisely informed as I left the best  
part of a 6 years Indian outfit from  
Thresher & Perry. but F. has never  
answered my enquiries for particulars.

Specimens of 20<sup>th</sup> - has not come  
to hand yet.

Exceedingly regret to hear of Campbell's  
disappointment about. Nival

Can you lend me a good water  
-tight round tin? if so I will send  
you my Rhododendron Drawings.

"Of del Cranca" (del my my new half  
cent) has arrived he was to bring  
a dozen tins for <sup>packing</sup> drawings with  
him. for more than I shall want  
so pray use them at your pleasure

I do not offer you Pines &c of which  
I send a lot of roots of Anaphalis - you  
are all drying I see & really they require  
much more care & stick water to  
keeping them upon ground as given them.

I do not like to send them to Bombay  
not wishing to cultivate an acquaintance  
there - Campbell with I think do  
the nicest for them <sup>i.e. keep them alive till my return</sup> I wish  
to send you a couple of Ab. Drummondii  
& Libanum gig. autumn the former much  
abundantly he planted in a damp cool  
place in rich soil & carefully looked  
after. -

Dear you respectfully

J. D. Hooker