

Melbourne bot Garden 30/6/70

I ought to have written to you, dear D^r Story, long before this, to acknowledge the safe arrival of the sedges, grasses, water plants etc which you so kindly secured this year. I was so much harassed in my department, that I could really not gain the time for any exclusively botanical matters, this being the planting season and my time much occupied, especially since the Department became so much disorganised. Your collection contains the rare *Didymotheca thesioides*, J Hooker, besides ^{^besides [written above in a different hand]^} new localities for *Ricinocarpus* ^{^(3812)^} *pinifolius* Desfont., *Caustis* (Glueca. ces 983) [written in margin] *pentandra* RBr, [^]*Dysauphenum* Sals s3-t332 [?][^] *Aceiochloa* [possibly *Erichloa*] *variflora* (755 Grass) [in margin] J Hook, and a few others. So I hope you will feel sufficiently encouraged to watch the plants around you.

Let me hope your health is firm & your mind cheerful.

With best regards

Furd. Von Mueller.

I hope you got the Cork oaks etc safely through Mr Abbott's mediation

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Dr. Mueller

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thesioides. J. Hk^r