

Kittery Point, Maine,

Aug. 31, 1897.

My dear Prof. Saccardo:

Your letter in regard to the preparation of the Laboulbeniaceae for your new volume of the Sylloge reached me just as I am about to start for the south on a collecting expedition to be gone for three or four months, and since as soon as I return from this trip I shall start at once for the West Indies I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to prepare for you even the synopsis which you request. Such a synopsis of species in the genus Laboulbenia would be a very difficult one to prepare and would take more time than I shall possibly have to afford. I am very sorry since otherwise I should have been very happy to do this for you. I am very glad to learn that you are about to publish another volume and I wish that you might preface it by some remarks on the wickedness of those who describe new species without good figures and without any note concerning their relations or resemblances to other species.

I mailed you a few days since a few separates which I hope you may find of interest.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Thaxter

I hope to go to Italy next spring and shall endeavor to call upon you.