

Wilkes Barre Luzerne Co Pa
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My dear Doctor

Mr. B. and myself to
an great disappointment must give up
an contemplative trip to Cambridge, I,
am ordered to be in Tucson Arizona
by April 10th, — I send you by

express to forward a package of plants
some 800 in number, with compliments
of St. George M. Wheeler, The Grapes,
Canes Musci etc will reach you soon
as they are returned from the specialist
who are now at work upon them,

Could you give the Collection a notice
in Lilliman or Naturalist or both? If so
please write me a word to that effect that I
may let Wheeler know of it? He prizes such
things greatly. Please also forward me a receipt
for the Collection as they keep a record of all
distributions at the office

I have now a most special favor
to ask. Of course having had left than
2 ~~three~~ months by far, in which to distribute
the Collection make my own examination,
and write a report, it is simply an
impossibility for me to accomplish any
such work - I shall be prepared to
furnish the general botanical account,
but without literal help from botanical
friends can't begin in the time allowed
me to give a list of species.

It is a modest request I know to
make but can you among all hands
give me a list of Compositae, Cruciferae
Leguminosae, Polygonaceae & Chenopodiaceae
with Amarantaceae. Time is all I need to
do it myself but that is just what I have not
got. I heard for the printers by Feb 15.
at the outside. If that list be furnished
in meantime I can in a measure
complete my report. All told you will
probably get not far from 1100 species
out of the entire collection.

Coming season I hope for good

results.

I have often as you will observe sent
you duplicates - i.e. for locality -

I can't prepay the packages ^{very} but if
you will keep account and let me have it
when I have sent this and the one which
will soon follow - I'll remit same -
My kindest regards to Mrs. Gray in which
of course I join

Yours, E. M.
J. K. Rothrock



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