

Good Alphonso-

Westchester Co. N. Y.

West Farms, Mar. 13. 1868.

To Prof Asa Gray.

Dr Sir, Will you please accept these seeds of "Tuckermannia" which I gathered (fully ripe I believe) from the original plant first seen by Nuttall "on shelving rocks, near the Sea, San Diego." This plant grew in just that position in 1866, that is, on Point Loma, in the only locality that can answer to the above language. There are no 'shelving rocks' on the Coast near San Diego except on Pt. Loma, where the Light House stands. It would give me pleasure to know that they were flourishing in your Botanic Garden - The foliage and whole herbage is of a bright yellowish green and partially translucent. The flowers are the perfection of 'golden yellow'. I hope these seeds will prove good.

The Seeds of *Darlingtonia* which I also send were collected by Dr Goodale of Portland Me. from the same locality which I visited where the plants were

in flower. Dr. G. saw them 4 weeks after.

The seeds of *Lathyrus nevadensis* I send merely that you may (if they grow) compare them with Dr. Bigelow's plant. It is abundant in the lower Counties of Cal. from Los Ang. down - Flowers very brilliant - and attract much attention from the inhabitants.

Excuse me for saying thus much, or perhaps, you have already so many of these plants in the Garden as to render my little contribution worthless, and require an apology from me for sending them.

Should you make use of them, however, I should be glad to learn 'by and by' of the results.

Very respectfully -

Alphonso Wood.



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