

Butterfly Valley Cal.

Oct. 24th, 1875,

Mr. George E. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 12th inst. is received. I hasten to comply with your request. I fear I shall not be ^{able} to get very good Botrichium roots. It has been an extremely dry season, & the Wombats have been working in the place where they grow. I will go this afternoon & do the best I can.

I send you some plants of Darlingtonia Californica. Set them in swamp muck & leaves or near running Spring water, with the end of the rhizome pointing North, or a little East of North, as this is their natural position (& the plant is a true Compass). It would be well enough to put a spoonfull of water into each leaf tube, as they all contain water in their natural state.

I send you some seed of Darlingtonia. Sow this Fall, on a turf of "fog moss" &

Keep them cool & wet.

I have quite a collection of choice California seeds & bulbs, which I would like to dispose of for a small compensation. I also have dried specimens of about two hundred species some of which I would like to exchange for different ones.

I am interested in ferns & should be happy to receive any dried specimens you could send me. I will send you dried specimens of ferns & lilies.

Hoping everything may reach you in good order, I am yours to command

Mrs. R. L. Austin

Quincy, Plumas Co,
Cal.



Austin, Rebecca Merritt Smith. 1875. "Austin, Rebecca M. Oct. 24, 1875 [to G. E. Davenport]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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