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Prof. Sereno Watson:

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from the Ozarks, and as usual have secured many good things. Have you the time to look at a few specimens which are not quite clear to me? Among them are *Nemastylis acuta*, *Silphium scaberrimum* and a rather peculiar *Zizia*, said to be *Zizia evittata*.

Also be kind enough to address the enclosed letter to Prof. Bailey, as I do not know his address.

Yours very truly
B. Frank Bush

My statement of the needs of the
Herbarium as stated ^{made} to the V.C. was
in short as follows

(1) \$1500 - my salary. I said nothing about
1200 - Salary of Asst. increase

(2) 1500 - Plants, books, and ordinary expenses
of H. & L.

800 - Asst. in library

1500 - taxonomist, who would have special
charge of the Mosses, but who would also
be competent to assist in ~~the~~ other
work and to prepare the new edition of
the C. & F.

\$6500

The amount ^{considerably} is probably in excess of what
would be ordinarily used. The Asst in the library is almost
an absolute necessity & will be fully worth the
amount named if the right one can be procured.
I do not wish the library to be a mere "collection
of books", but ^{do} wish ^{not only} to be able to procure the books
that are needed ^{but} to have the whole in such shape
that its contents will be at the command of the
workers in the Herbarium. The last item I think
also a judicious expenditure for the interests of the
Herbarium, as well as for science. We have the most
valuable collections of Mosses in America (Sullivan's,
Taylor's, James', etc.) which are lying useless, while their pos-
session should make Harvard the headquarters of
the Dept. of Botany. I think it possible to procure a
man (perhaps not for the amt named) who will be strong
in this direction & at the same time able to render ~~the~~
assistance in the other directions mentioned. I

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of a copy of Watson's Botany of California, and
oblige,

Yours truly,

Louis Hammer

Dictated

have conferred with Prof. Farrow
upon this subject and his ^{opinion} coincided
with essentially with my own, except that
he insisted that the 1500 ought to be added
to my own salary which would leave
nothing for this purpose.

You will see therefore what I wish, &
I would be happy if these several
propositions might receive the general
approval of the Corporation as they did
of the Visiting Committee, to be carried
out as the future may show to be best.

I would add that the expenses for the
current year ~~are~~ have been kept
within the income, and I think that
the surplus will cover a good part of
last years deficit.

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Ernest Watson Esq
Cambridge

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closed in draft



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Asa Gray correspondence

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