

Wilmington Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1879

Dear S. May

A couple of weeks or more since I got a letter from Oakesman (New Zealand) announcing the sending of a lot of plants to me. I read his letter hastily & did not notice a note of a small package for you. Two or three days since the box came and as I was pressing at the time I took the bundles out and pressed right through in the order & in which they came to hand. Afterwards struck with there being so many duplications in the last bundle I examined it and found your address on the cover and now forward it by express. I believe I have not "mixed these children up" but have sent you yours just as



they came; but I regret that by my  
inadvertance I laid violent hands upon  
your property even though I now re-  
store it. You must be merciful and  
try ~~and~~ to remember that I have sinned  
for the first time!

I am quite taken with ~~Phellodendron~~  
specimens and with the New Zealand  
Flora.

All well with no chance to be long  
Yours sincerely  
Wm. M. Smith



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