

Cambridge 24 Nov. 1849.

Dear Mr. Wright.

Two or three days ago I had the pleasure to receive your letter of Sept. 13th from Camp at El Paso. It was pleasant to hear of your safe arrival and good success. - but I regret to learn that you have received none of my letters. I have written 3 or 4, - announcing that the Draft would be paid when presented, & addressed them all as you directed. The last was enclosed for direction to Dr. Baker. It contained Prof. Harris's letter commanding you to Major Van Hise in the office - as under the patronage of the Smithsonian Institution - and gave you intelligence that Prof. H. will, after the first of January, repay the \$150 that I have advanced on your Draft in favor of Dr. Baker. I hope you have received the proceeds of this from Dr. Baker. Then you will have funds enough. Every one of my letters has informed you that the Draft would be paid, on presentation. The letter which

contained it, some has got mislaid at the Boston P.O. - so that - though I ~~tried~~ begged Mr. Baker to find it, it was not actually discovered & presented until late in September - when it was paid, & I hold it as a voucher of my advance to you.

As soon as you get your plants into order I shall be glad to study & name them & publish in Smithsonian Contributions - if Henry should be ready.

If you come north you can distribute your specimens yourself - If you stay in Texas I will do it - though time is very scarce with me this winter. As to your passing the winter with me - I wrote you last year that that will not be practicable. As you will get north late in Jan'y & I suppose will go south again, you will I presume desire to spend a great part of your time with your family in Connecticut. But I shall be glad to have you spend a month with us. You may rely upon my kindness and assistance I can render. And, if your collection is fine please Henry, I shall hope for a new appropriation from him, & better government facilities obtained through his interest,

for future operations.

I hope you explained as thoroughly as you that time would allow - the mountains of El Paso - they ought to furnish novelties.

You will probably increase your collection & get many seeds for our winter back. I hope we shall be able to distribute 20 sets at least 15 of them containing 1000 numbers. But I shall now remain here of your return. -

Yours very truly
A. Gray

I send your letter to your mother, as you desire. -



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