

Cambridge Jan 22, 1850.

My Dear Wright

I have yours of 25th Nov. announcing
your arrival at San Antonio. — yesterday your
post-marked Dec 7 (undated) & at the same
time your Catalogue — (postage \$1.40), which you
had better have put in the boxes to come with the
plants, as it can be of no use till they come)

You do not say what letters of mine
you have received. I hope you found one
at San Antonio, written when you were from El Paso
arrived. Yet you speak as if you were not
aware that the \$150 Draft had been duly
paid by me. — tho' it is plain that Dr.
Baker was apprised of it. Now do you
tell me where to address you now. I only infer
that I should write to Austin.

I am sorry that you should be kept so
long with your collections in ~~Austin~~ San Antonio.
I think that you should have to leave them to
Tom, Dick, or Harry to send on to Labaca —
You should pay some merchant at San Antonio —
take his receipt for forwarding to Port L. — I see
or go yourself & see that they are shipped to

N. Al. - pay freight to N. Al. -
I let me know to whom these cactus -
have shipped for Boston (not New York)
at once. It is all important
to you that the collection should
come to hand early to me - else I can
not distribute it. - as I am to get
ready & be off for Europe to study Expl.
Exped. Plants, in June - & a word of hint to
or before that. Alas - until I

get the collection in my hand I look
it over. - I cannot ~~properly~~ ask Lowell
& Henry to make any advances for a
new exploration. See at once to all
these points, by all means. It would
probably have saved money to go down to Pat
L. with your boxes by Stage coach - rather
than to wait on high board at Southampton.

I read with interest your narrative
of your journey - ~~and~~ your trials & trials.
But I wish you had sent a scientific
sketch of the country travelled over - its features
& vegetation. For Prof. Henry has

asked me for a set of Notes, that he might
lay before his board. I cannot send your
letters, on account of the private personal matters ailed.

I must say that I think you behaved
very well indeed under the provocations of Dr. B.
And I do not blame you for striking
him!

As to Francis's cool request, that
you should give away two sets of your plates
to Smithsonian & National Inst. as a token of
your gratitude to him. I do think it beats
all. I am glad you promised him if you came
to the north. - for I will see him in -
Texas before I make any such disposition.
For tho. in the preface it is right proper to
speak gratefully of his & Babers good offices yet
in fact, Francis has been ungenerous - has
done nothing to what he might do. -

Henry takes as full a set as can be
of your ~~plates~~ ~~specimens~~. I pay for them in advance.

Your Catalogue runs up to a
goodly number - 1404. - But I suppose
that there is a goodly number over four. I may

in too few specimens to distribute. —

Then — as to distributed sets, we have, it seems to cut off 300 nos. from the beginning, — for it was no part of our plan to collect from Galveston to San Antonio — the very ground that you & especially Lindheimer have gone over before — Lindheimers ~~will~~

sets of these plants fully supply the market at \$8. — and we cannot put them into yours for \$10. — per hundred.

There will be enough of the same species naturally in those collected on the proper excursion from San Antonio to El Paso. — I should do you more harm than profit to the sale of the plants by putting them into the sets (nos 1-318) excepting where they are not in Pl. Linch.

I shall note your wants, as expressed in your late letters, — books, &c. — & make the needed arrangements. — I shall send to New Orleans where I can have things put into Mr. Bancrofts hands with perfect safety. You must have them called for there,

Now for your arrangements for a further explanation. — You give me no light as to

Your particular plans for next season.
Of course you must work on some ground you
have not previously explored.

Consider fairly what is before you - &
let me know your plans & expectations.
Your success must depend on yourself.
After bringing out the distributing thing
out the account of this collection - & sending
you what proceeds I can get for them. I can
do nothing more for a full year for you,
and I am not able to make advances
of money.

I need the \$150. which I
shall soon get back from Henry. -
If the plants on their arrival please Mr. Snell
(who in the Spring is going to Europe for a full year) -
I can count on his advancing you \$100

Perhaps I shall receive another	100
In the case of the second Henry	100
Proceeds of sale of plants I may hope	250
to receive at once from the distribution, say -	200

This should suffice to make the outfit. &
pay for the things you want, & the expenses that
will accrue in distributing the sets. B. - The
sales for a few sets more will soon give
somewhat of further proceeds.

But the slow & very limited sale of

Fendler's plants (which has deterred him
from doing more in that line) makes it plain
that we must depend upon a small no.
of pots. It is better not to take the trouble
to collect over say 20.

You must judge whether there is any
comparative enough. But, there is none next
for plants from new regions. The best
now (that Fendler's misfortune cannot
lead to abandon it) is the Valley of the Salt-
Lake. And that you will find most
comfortable to start in - in such operations -

But, as I say you must act on
your judgment. I depend on the proceeds
merely expecting some advances from one or two
persons who may be able smiling to advance
at the commencement.

As with Lindheimer's & Fendler's collections -
I in all such cases - I shall not expect to pay
for the plants I describe for you. The more as I
have the great labor of distribution - but I mean
to take a lot to pay for it - to give a friend
in England - to whom I am under great obligations.

Let me only know what your particular
views are for next year.

Druckman is in Europe. I know not when he is to

get back.

I will ask Leonard about clearing my works a
little. ^{Druckman's} ^{Druckman's} will can be had for you -

I suppose a set of your plates to be had. I
wonder how a set of D.C. Prodrums.

There is nothing in Mores & Lichen matter
Druckman's Enumeration of Lichen & Myc. Manual.
I send you a new ^{a copy} edition of the latter. & of the
Manual of Manual of Fossils, by this mail.

Capt. Franchi requests you to reduce your
baggage in return, to the very minimum. That
was one of the things you were to be obliged to be grateful
for. I suppose.

I think I shall have
kept the Filna any longer - & my plaid -
board - for I should have wanted a collecting
in coming back. But the Filna you
can get again if you return to New Mexico.

I will give the Jardin de Plantes of Paris
the opportunity of purchasing a set of your plates.
I will send Pl. Fendler, or again, if convenient.

Shall I send you a file of newspapers for the
last six months; or, perhaps the Boston Atlas
mag. has a pretty good resume of current
events. I shall look at (when you plan are
needed) for some useful going direct to Lavana.

The Plant like Manaca is a Nama
 The Catalogue contained Hydrochian Spigia
Pistia - &
 the Ad Achyranthes dictanra -
 Hoping you to hear of the plants on the
 way - I remain Yours very truly

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