

Cambridge - 27th January 1880.

Dear Mr. Wright,

I got yesterday your letter
of Decr. 29th from San Marcos.

I wish you would tell me what letters
of mine you receive - and also how soon to
write to you - which you do not in this
letter nor the former ones from St. Antonio.
But in those you spoke of going to Austin.
So I inferred your letters should be sent
there, and wrote you a long letter ^{Jan 2, 1880} of
two sheets - which it is all important
for you to receive. Please therefore
see that that letter - mailed just after
getting your Catalogue is - is forwarded to
you. As you now write from San Marcos.

I infer I am to direct my reply there - but
you do not say how long or short your stay there
may be.

My former letter will apprise you that
it is all essential to you, as well as me that

your collection should reach me soon, without
delay - But, so far as I could see, after
waiting patiently at San Antonio for a fortnight or
more you finally left them there without any
definite plan in execution for getting them down &
having them carefully & promptly shipped for
A. A. Allen & Buller.

And in your present letter - there is no sort of
mention of them at all. I cannot but judge
what was the best course to pursue - but it does
occur to me that they should (in default of waggon)
be sent down to the coast on the stage coach - &
that a week of the expense at San Antonio - would pay
the difference between this mode of transport and the
waggon. I gain time - which is all important
as I write. - First because neither Mr. Snell
nor Prof. Hensley - upon whom we rely, will make any
advances for another trip, until that of the last are received
at least by me & reported on to them.

2^d - I cannot distribute - still less
study them, unless they reach me in Feb. or March.
I am pressed to finish off what I have in hand & have
made arrangements to go to England in June or July. 5th
Mr. Snell - also who has had ill health, goes about for

a year - leaving I believe in April. And the arrange-
ment for next year should be completed before that
or we can have no aid from him.

I have ^{city} copies of Lane's Monographs (the small ones)
also of B. H. Minnow's 'Monographs', which I can
send.

I shall ask Henry to get you such
letters of recommendation as he can from influential
sources at Washington. Rather, it appears, we
cannot get. If you can buy of some officer - say
tell.

Tuckermans is in Berlin. He remains about
till next summer.

I can send to Mr. Allen's with, about
the difficulty is to know how things are to reach you
from there - Can you tell me any person to
whom there from whom you could get a package
containing some books you want, & the glass &c.

No news - I long to hear of your plants
in the way - I hope the fleshy (cacti) are not
packed with the dried plants to spoil them
as they rot. Be just done to get
the boxes - without which I am powerless to aid you.
Yours,
Hensley

Mrs. Gray sends her regards - is not very strong -
has to attend on a sick cousin now here - Ag.

27 Jan'y 1850

Col. Gray Kyles

for

Charles Wright. Esq.

San Marcos
Texas



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