

Cambridge, Sept. 10th - 1850 -

Dear Mr. Wright,

I answered your former letters about a fortnight ago, directing to San Marcos, where your last of Dec. 29th. was dated, to the care of Col. Kyle - Yesterday, without any previous notice, I was greatly surprised by receiving through Express from New York, your collection in 8 bundles & 2 boxes (Expenses \$10.00) - I have not yet opened the boxes, - will do so before this is despatched. Half the bundles I have examined; They came in good condition, excepting a general dampness through the whole, contracted on ship-board -

I am opening & drying them so as to avoid farther mouldiness; as far as I have looked over the collection I have been well pleased with it, but often scanty for 20 sets.

I shall now write to Professor Henry & ask him

To get what letter he can for you from authorities
at Washington.

I can now recommend him to make a new
appropriation for you this year.

Perhaps the best thing will be a letter of
credit for a certain amount, which will enable
you to draw on him through the quarter-master
whenever you are. I shall also speak to Mr. Lewis,
I trust that he, after he has seen your collection,
will make a new advance for the coming season,
at least as much as he made before.

I may also obtain another from Mexico.

But first of all, I should learn from you how to
remit such sums as I may obtain, that they may
reach you; & I must also be informed what your
particular plans are for the coming year's exploration.
The most promising field is to begin at El Paso & to
go from there toward the Sierra, with California
immigrants or armed parties, & thence to get across to
Salt Lake again, if possible.

I hope to distribute the sets so as to get some
proceeds for you as soon as I can.

Would it not be best to remit in drafts on New

Orleans? Or could you not better draw upon us
here, after I have advised you of funds?

Fortunately there is a Boston ship up for Galveston
to sail on the 20th. I must arrange to send you
paper & other things by that vessel, though I know
if no one to consign to there - You ask me to send
to Port Lavaca, consigned to J. Randall; but I think
it will be best not to miss this opportunity of
sailing directly to Texas, which will save time &
expense - So please instruct some one at Galveston
to look out for a box by the bark Robert Walsh
addressed to you - I will send suitable paper &
as many of the other things you ask for as I can.
I will look over your letters meanwhile, & see what
you have asked for.

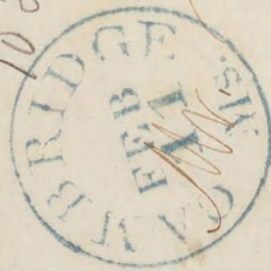
Among your plants I notice some fine things.
But in my next I will give you more account
of them.

I hope very to hear definitely of your plans.
Mr. Lewis has started on the 1st of April. - And
I must arrange everything with him before that
time. - Do not forget to tell me how & when to direct
my letters to you.

P.S. The seeds appear to be in very fair condition.
The birds are now unpacking, - a considerable portion
are alive. - I shall divide with Hobbs.
I think. - Yours very truly

Albany

10 Feb 1850



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Gray
Charles Wright
Care of Col. Kyle

San Marcos
Texas.



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