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Dear Sir

Your last is dated June 1st
Havent I recieved another letter yet? I have
sent you two since that date containing small
specimens Have they been seized as contraband
by the officials of the U. S. Dep.

I went to Leguira and made (as I thought) all
the arrangements necessary for the conveyance
to this place, of my specimens left there. But they
all failed - so I concluded to box up what I
have here and send the remainder when I can
get them. This I did today and a fine package
it is. All the seeds which I had here I also inclosed
and I wish when you are overlooking them you
would select a few such as you think woud
repay by their beauty the care which a common
country gardener woud bestow on them and send
them to my brother John G. Wright, Wethersfield
Conn. Some of the Malvaceae are quite pretty
especially the one with blue flowers of which as well
as several others I have sent you a plenty of seeds.

Care of James L. Howard Hartford

I have ~~generally~~ generally written on the inside of
the paper the name when known and when not
the locality, date, color of flower &c* so that you
will be at little loss in assigning each package of
seeds to the specimen to which it belongs

*enclosing capsules also

There are some packages of seeds gathered when the plants had completely dried up consequently you will find no specimens corresponding.

I wrote you (I think) that I had prepared the cryptogamic plants collected last winter and added some flowering plants secured last spring and left them at Leguin with directions that they should be sent to Houston. When I was last at Leguin I made inquiry for the box & could learn nothing of it.

The merchants in whose care I left it had gone to the army and another individual who may know where it is or what became of it I did not see. I hope it will reach you in safety. I will write to Leganton in Houston and inquire for it. — The Dictionary you sent me is in Houston and awaits my order. Please tell Mr. Foulle to stop the Cal. Journal at the close of the year until we have better mail arrangements. Only about half the numbers reach this place.

L.B. We have growing promiscuously with *Palafouia callosa* a var. *Casheia* smooth & destitute of pappus. I will send specimens in the next package.

Chelise made a proposition in my last to exchange with any cryptogamist a collection of cryptogamies for a compound microscope. — Cahall probably be at Austin this winter where will be great facilities for making the collection.

I presume that in most cases I have sent more seeds than you will need for your botanic garden — if practicable make them profitable to me if not distribute among

those who take the specimens. It is my interest to sell as many of the specimens as possible but I suppose that many will be left which you will not absolutely need. Could you not effect for me an exchange of some of my specimens for northern plants? and if so send me a good supply of paper — I have to buy newspapers out of the P. O. & pay the postage on them which at the present high rate is quite a tax on me. Oct 1862. My box will start for Houston tomorrow & I have requested my merchant to ship it as soon as possible.

Please answer this on the receipt of it if you have not written recently and satisfy me on the several questions I have proposed.

And believe me,
Ever yours

Charles Wright

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