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My Dear Sir

I have just sent to Houston what plants I had here with the baccage and bulbs which I have collected here this spring and (as I hope) made arrangements by which all my collection of plants made last summer & the present winter will in a few days be on the way to you

I say spring above because we have at this present writing such weather as you enjoy the last of April or first of May & I am now sitting with all the doors open and in my shirt-sleeves or coat-off

I wrote you inclosed in one to Mr Fowle a few days ago My letter to him was on the subject of books and as you, in one of your last epistles to me, encouraged me to think, that by furnishing you with plants, I could procure such books as I might need I hope you will soon receive them & inform me what I may reasonably expect. I need some books - I wish for many. But necessity must be considered before desire

As I wrote you before I would like it if they could in some measure compensate me for my labor - if not

valuable, I hope they will be exchangeable

I shall continue to make collections for myself
and for you if you desire me and for others if they
can be disposed of by sale or exchange

I wish you would write if not sooner at least
when the plants arrive you certainly can speak
out after almost a year's silence

Will you reserve specimens of the *Scutellaria*
and bulbs for my brother if he should apply
for them & if they should arrive in good condition

I have written to have the boxes shipped without
unnecessary delay and I hope they will arrive
in season for you to make successful trials at raising
southern plants from the seeds

You must have received before this time (if you ever
will) a package of seeds & a letter sent by one Dr
Baker who was going from this state to Maine
and who said he should pass through Boston

I wrote to Mr Gould at the same time from whom
I have received an answer

Ever Yours

Charles Wright

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Dr. Asa Gray
Cambridge
Mass





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