

Austin July 8th/48

My Dear Sir

I start on Monday next for the Rio Grande at the solicitation of Dr Veatch who commands a company at one of the military stations on that river. What the opportunities for preserving plants will be I can not tell until I arrive there. He offers me a clerkship in his company during the remainder of the term of service which expires on the 23d of Oct. and he adds that I will have plenty of time to make botanical excursions - but I fear I shall have to start without my glass which I have been so long impatiently waiting for.

I have received all your letters written the present year - the last under date 17th May.

We have had no late mail the steamer being (I suppose) employed in the transportation of troops. I shall have one more opportunity to get letters by the mail of tomorrow night after which I shall have to wait a long time.

I have heard nothing from Bowle for some time. He has not sent me the receipt for the bill you paid him nor has he answered my letters for more books - for which I wrote. There may not have been time for his letters to reach me. I sent him a bill for about \$25-30 worth of books shortly after you wrote me that you had told him to let me have more books on your acct. Please enquire of him about the matter.

I send you the upper & cauline leaves of a very common species of *Chrysopsis*. The lower are similar to the cauline with perhaps a petiole some-

what longer I have not examined it very closely, but among the several descriptions of species I did not notice any mention made of the peculiar auricled petioles. The pappus is rather tawny.

I send also the seed of a species (var.) of *besicaria* which I have found only in one locality near this place, ^{on the mountains} It is biennial many nearly erect ^{5 ft. high} stems from the same root leaves oblan- ^{and nearly linear} eolate scattered towards the summit raceme rather short pedicels $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long siliile globose ^{4-l. seeded} ovate, a little shorter than the style and 3 times the length of the stipe. I send you the seed that you may have an opportunity of planting them this summer or in the fall.

I intended to visit some of the military stations above here on this river but have not been able to accomplish my object.

I am Dear Sir

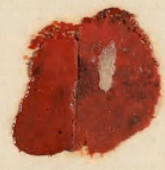
Yours, respectfully,

Charles Wright

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