

Camp on the Geona June 18th/69

My Dear Doctor

I suppose I need not tell you that I was in a bad humor when I wrote last & I had good reason to be so. I was going westward in a state of great uncertainty whether I would be permitted to proceed. Now however I have the assurance from Maj Van Horn the officer in command that I shall have all the facilities which he has power to grant.

My cations are not furnished and I board with one of the messes — but Dr Baker & myself have the possession of one wagon to ourselves — so I hope I will have a fair chance of keeping my collections in good order. My list of specimens now runs up to 450 all collected on ground before traversed — now we shall diverge from the St. heater track and traverse a section of country unexplored by botanists.

I have ransacked this vicinity and though I have made no very interesting discoveries I hope I have something new. I am somewhat interested in the *Cuscutas* several of which I have found ^{on} this route particularly one growing in the current of the Geona I seen nowhere else. My last years collection which I hope you have received by now contains some of the same.

I can hardly form an opinion what will be my expenses or whether I shall return to the Colorado which I am very desirous to do next winter. I was not able to settle one item of my business which brought me any money though I had several opportunities of paying some of my own little debts. I think it will be well if you can make some arrangement to supply me with money if I need it either by a draft on the Quartermaster or through some friend of the officers. Maj Van Horn, Maj. Henry, or Col. Johnson or some one else — Maj. Kendrick perhaps. You can through some friend ascertain

whether you can make any arrangement of the kind.
This country is very dry and furnishes but few plants.
I hope however when we come to Las Moras, Guila, river and
Puerco and the intervening mountains, something interesting
will be found.

Tomorrow we start from this camp and steer for the head
of the Lerma - then westward towards the Pineda, as in
to the Las Moras the Puerco &c.

I am now in fine health & good spirits and could do
on the return of the express which will carry this receipt
something from you acknowledging the receipt of my last year's
collection. My mind would be quite at ease.

My best wishes to Mrs. G. and yourself for the health &
happiness of you both.

Affectionately Yours

Charles Wright

P.S. I enclose some specimens of what I suppose to be a *Cotamo-*
glossis found today in stagnant waters near the head of the Lerma,
with *Samolus* *serotinus* &c. I found also a species of *penstemon*
smaller than any other species which I have hitherto seen in all its
parts with petals of a delicate light purple hue. Unfortunately
I obtained but one specimen of the *upland* flower.

Please divide specimens of the enclosed plant with Mr. Jackson
and passers with them my respects.

P.S. I find *Trichocorys nivalis* abounding in the Nueces — not in flower
— consequently within the limits of your flora — June 20th — I collected
also beautiful specimens of *G. Wrightii* as I passed up the Colorado
below Bastrop



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