

I didn't intend to write you now but I have a paper
the of which I have just written. I have just written
myself. I have just written. I have just written.
Dear Sir

Route New Aug 1859

The other day I received a letter from Capt
Rodgers containing a form of account which he thinks he
can have accepted at the Navy Dept. in my favor. It
made it out to the amount of \$260.00 which is allowed
as is likely will leave me a little balance of \$80.00

I was in the wood day before yesterday a greater
distance than I have ever been before but my winning
did not increase in proportion to the length of the
race - they were rather in a descending ratio & it
was only when returning into my range that
I began to find some good things. I got flowering
specimens of a *Dickea* of which I had before collected
only fruit. I got a third sp. of *Vanilla* badly broken
in falling from the top of a dead tree in the "burn" but
sufficient to determine the species if not for des-
cription. I found also a new *Epiedendrum* - very hand-
some. I next came upon a second sp. of *Dorstenia*.
I got also two sp. of *Vogelia* I suppose. The spec-
imens are scant - only one of one sp. & but few of the
other - so I did not spot any of nettles. *Psychotrias*
Melastomads & some others I never take
any note but just take them when I find them tho'
I may have saved them a dozen times before. A
nice mess of some of these things you will get by
I by I reckon. Yesterday I went to a *Ruta*. Far-
allones & made a respectable collection besides pro-
ving others which I could not get but for which
I must return tomorrow with the art. I got a brand
new *Sitacea* not in bud certainly unless as you
say some genus is removed a bit. I got also a

* 2-carpellum - the carpels alternate with the stamens.

* 2-carpetum -

22. I went again to La Peña Jarallones intending to return through the wood by the Canal but the rain drove me back. I got however some good things - fruit of *Pithecia* (see young) & a bran new *Cicca* - a real climber sprawling all about among the branches of trees. I found also a new *Glycyrrhiza* a little bit of a thing growing up through the joints of fallen palm leaves. I found in the seed flowers which seemed new & this afternoon I went with my ax & cut the tree. It is Sapindace? with leaves like *Sambucifera* but the ovaries have two collateral ovules each compound ovary & the parts of the flower are 4-nate or irregular. So many I count from this species & in a few 8. A very large dish all over the ovary. Petals small, early waiting or falling early. Style short thick. Stigma large top-spread & very abundant with 2 collateral amphitropous (is that what you call them when attached by the middle) ovules in each.

29. Yesterday afternoon I was out a little way in the woods, and found a new orchid a new fern - perhaps & certainly a quite new Cassaria & some bits of Jacquinia. I went mainly to look for fruit of Salacia verrucosa but I find it a very uncertain business to hunt for fruit of Hippocratea. I also found Adiantum



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