

was probably tumbled to one side
as hardly worth attention. In some
such way likely I lost the box of
clothing my brother sent me
Mr Gray, by whom I sent you a letter
came to Guanacazum from Cuba with
his chest of tools. He came up in the pass-
enger train leaving his chest to be
brought by the freight train. When he
wanted his tools in vain he inquired
for the chest - it was not to be found.
He worked with such ^{tools} as he could get
where his business lay. But when about
to return - whilst his chest crept out
of the lumber room of Ducourneau & Co.
Now - is by your ~~delay~~ & my absence
at Mayan those books ~~about~~
should receive like inattention which
be to blame? if they are lost.

Mayan 23^d Arrived yesterday. No
boat here - nothing but tall grass
over which you can see the tops of the
houses. Very little along the road.
I fear this trip will affect the weights
of my purse more than that of my

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My Dear Dr

In your letter appended
to Thatcher's circular you say I
"complain bitterly" because the money
don't come to hand. I remember very
well what I wrote & don't think it
deserves to be so termed. But I think
I have reason to complain bitterly
because those books don't come ac-
cording to your promise. Next time
you are going to send me any
thing presently pray don't tell
me of it more than six or eight
months before you dispatch it!!
To be looking out for any thing for
months with more or less anxiety
what may become of it is not pleasant.
I am told that a packet sails
very regularly from Boston to San-
ta Lucia every two months. Surely
with a little bit of a looker-out there

books might have been here long
ago. Will after many delays
& disappointments it is pretty
well concluded that I set out for
Mayari day after tomorrow. I
get from here transportation &
guidance as far as Sagua de Ma-
a no - two day journey thence to
Mayari two days more I must find
But now for the first time I learn
that there are no savanas at May-
ari nor between here & there but I
have no doubt they will be found
not far beyond. I must go and see
doing the best I can for I can get
no satisfactory information by en-
quiry. I have now what is said
to be a good horse - & he ought to be
for when mounted I am seated on
\$150 counting in horses in trading
& in being sold & I don't suppose
any one could be found needy enough

to give me \$100. I never was made
for a horse trader. I believe I wrote
you that some thing took my saddle
a few days ago & I had to buy an
other = \$20 Umbrella = 7 Do Shoes 400
& other things in like ratio - So
the money goes. However I have
something more than \$100 in gold
& think I can venture away among
strangers with that sum. I have
thus far found friends & expect to
meet with others. Mr. Lessaille
sent from France a barrel full
of seed mostly = beans peas & other
garden seeds also dahlias. The
ship unloaded at Caba came to
Guantanamo to load & has been
some time gone & today, only after
long search & many enquiries
these seeds have come to hand. Because
it was not coffee. It was a horse photo
sugar or coffee or something else
~~etc~~ closely connected with the
staple interests of the country it

collection. It has received me already
of about \$20 within three or four days.
I have a boil which hinders the
saddle - else I should go today
to the final - 2 leagues distant. I can
see it on the crest of a pretty high
range of hills. It is said to be open
but it differs from ours in the sit-
uation which it occupies. There
is a large Sabanna between here
& Beaba which I propose next to
visit. Then I can soon decide what
course to take. You must not be sur-
prised to see me in early autumn.

Vegetation all along the road is
very fresh & here also. I believe I
have stumbled upon the best season
for my trip. - There is no inn here
I eat at the house of Don Elias Vidal
to whom I had an introductory letter
but his house is full & filling for his
lady ^{* (today - yesterday she was absent)} who is bed with her 17th of not 18th
child (she has had 3 pair twins). I sleep in my
hammock in a neighboring house ^{or shanty with a ground floor}. Mr.
Lopez would not call my accommodations
comfortable. I dare say if she had

to inhabit them Nothing more
at present. The mail leaves
tomorrow morning

Very truly

Yours
Chas Wright

* Mentira! La Señora no está
pariendo todavía



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