

Habana Oct 25th 1862

My Dear Dr

I came here yesterday mainly in quest of those books so long expected & desired nothing. Time & money lost. Return today I shall want money byedbye not soon I hope I cant discount $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, $6\frac{1}{2}\%$, or perhaps cents. per cent. The question is shall the main object be to study economy or shall I go on as heretofore making excursions not very expensive but requiring the outlay of more or less cash every day till this western part of the island shall be as well examined as the eastern part? I have thoughts that there might be due me something in London or Paris or elsewhere abroad & that remittances might be sent me thence direct. Or it may be the the exchange fr. Europe to America (W.I.) & that fr. N. York ^{to Habana} will neutralize each other. You can tell & you must let me know something of such matters if you dont want me to come home & make one more enemy? to combat. Your last is now (85) eighty-five days old. I dont care to take any part in the Kilkenny-cat scuffle. I hoped to see the Union restored. That hope has grown fainter every day till there is hardly a shadow left. I should consider it impossible did we not see continually so many unexpected things take place.

My horses are on the way to the Puertobago? I shall soon be away on my excursions, into parts yet unexamined. It has been very rainy lately & the roads are horrid but I shall go first into the hills where there will not be much mud nor high waters to obstruct me & the rains will soon cease when I can go anywhere at will. I have been collecting more or less almost every day. Some I hope will prove new. Doubtless many will be duplicates. Has Tuckerman published anything yet??? He asked you a year ago if he could print a paper in Proc. Am. Ac. Any thing from Gottsche? You don't hear fr. Courtis but can't you get me something on Cuban Flungi direct fr. Berkeley? These things if they don't instruct me much act as a stimulus. I mailed a letter yesterday on my way here (not then expecting to come so far) somewhat of the tenor of this but probably it will not be here in time to go by the Eagle which sails at 10 today. If you get it well if not no matter. Now don't let another mail pass without writing me at length - you can afford to do so after such a long silence. And be sure that those books are sent particularly the two parts of Gris on Monoph. It will be better to send all such things to care of F.A. Sanvalle Calle de Acosta No 32 And whenever you have

anything ^{to spare} on Cuban plants include a copy for him And R. W. Ph. D. When may we look for it?

I hope you & Mrs G are as well as I am and in better humor

Sincerely Yours
Chas Wright

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