

Retim Feby 5th 1864

My Dear Dr.

This morning came a note addressed to friend Blain advising him that the writer Mr Geo Gordon Kennedy had just come from Cambridge & had brought for me a parcel of books. Being written in English I acted as interpreter. Mr. Kennedy says he will probably set out for Cuba tomorrow in which case he will probably take the parcel with him unless he learns in some way that I am still in this part of the island. I have written to him both at Habana & Cuba advising him how to dispose of the parcel.

Many thanks for your kind remembrance of me & I hope I will soon get the books.

In my last I criticised some expressions in your letter of the first ult. "A. Lincoln's Dominion" has stuck in my throat ever since. I don't know what to think of it — whether you were writing seriously or in jest. I don't know what "A. Lincoln's Dominion" can mean. It may be synonymous with "Fort Lafayette" for ought I know. At all events I want nothing to do with it. I have tried my best to believe "A. Lincoln" a good honest man. If he is a candidate for reelection this act will sweep away the last vestige of that belief & will make him, with me, a demagogue of the first water. I don't know how other honest conscientious people think but for me, if I had had one such trial of office & honor as he has had I shouldn't want a "bout" of it. One term, for me, would be a bellyfull. Perhaps you'll say "pure patriotism!" Fudge! nonsense! you needn't try to stuff that down my throat. It won't go.

I've been arranging & studying my plants & all the time I've been studying about "Subjects" & "A. Lincoln's Dominion".

If I've written on this theme more than you want to read I can only say "it has struck in my throat" & I can't get it loose.

Dr. Engelmann wants seed of *Pereskia*. Today I got some of a
foreign sp. which I inclose. I hope they will do. *P. portulacifolia*
the only indigenous sp. I know I have not met in this part of
the island. I'm not doing much just now examining some orchids
à la mode Darwin. collecting now & then something that
may fill up gaps in sets where there are such &c
Hope in your next to have better news of Mrs G.

Yours ever

Charles Wright

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Cambridge

Fr. Oak Spring





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