

Habana July 27th 1864

My Dear Dr

I came here the 24th. My package of plants or the receipts for them did not reach me till the 23d. It was then too late to go for them that day & the next day was Sunday. Monday was a "fiesta" & I didn't get them till yesterday. They are now in boxes & nearly ready for shipment.

Some time ago I sent to the city your draft on Hamburg. Nobody would have it. I had however some hope that with my explanations I could sell it. All in vain. All business between this city & Hamburg is done in "Manco" When then the bill was presented the merchants thought of they did not say "you are a fool or a swindler." Mr. Bowles offered to endorse the bill & nobody would buy it on those terms. I borrow money to come home home on it — I am so lucky as to get away.

The next thing after getting my things in hand was to look after my passport. I went to an agent in this business. who told me it would be necessary to send to Matanzas = Guantanamo for a paper which should state that I was a bachelor &c & that I wanted to go home. This was not to be thought of — better give up the trip at once. Prof. Baird procured me a letter of recommendation from the Spanish minister in Washington to the Captain General here but till now I have not presented it. I resolved to do it now little as I like to go about or have anything to do with these "big bugs". I went yesterday but it was late. I went again this morning according to advice given yesterday. I returned as I went the "big bug" was too

busy to devote any time to little bugs. I shall go
again tomorrow & if lucky enough to get a pass
I hope to embark for home the day following.

I don't wish Mr Babson any harm I won't even
risk much to shield him from it but I would
rather like the fun of seeing ^{him} just in my situation for
a half hour. Maybe he would not be so hard on me
for "growling". However bad as my situation is I would
not swap it for his - "walloping rebels". I must
say you've been unlucky in your efforts to help
me along. We must study up some plan for the future
before I return.

I am very kindly treated by my friends here
Gundlach, Don Simon de Cadena & a few others.
Were it not so the filthy place would be quite
unendurable. I never want to see ~~it~~ again
if I can see my friends out of it.

28th My passport is in my pocket book - my plans
are laid up & marked - consigned to Watermann. I've
money enough to come home on, and some to replace (borrow)
& now nothing remains but to get my ticket for the
steamer & go on board tomorrow. The plans however
will not be shipped till day after tomorrow on another
steamer. Mr Brooks thinking then would be handy time
to ship on the steamer for tomorrow.

Please write me as soon as convenient. Tell me if
you can accommodate me a day or two without incon-
venience till we can make other arrangements. I have
little idea how long I shall be detained in Cambridge
never having disturbed any collection of much mag-
nitude. I shall want to spend a few days at home
of course. Kind regards to Mrs G. Yours truly,
Geo Wright



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