

Petres 28th Nov 1866

Dear Dr

day before

We returned (Gundlach & self) yesterday from our little trip as far as Vinales. We had on the whole a pretty good time. As our researches were confined to the mountains which I had already traversed two or three times before & nearly at the same season of the year it need not surprise you if I found little or nothing of novelty. I did however get something quite new - a *Burmannia* with a single yellow flower. Of things gathered before I have now better specimens which will clear up doubts &c. Thus of *Rondeletia? verbenacea* Lp. I have now the flowers. I examined it & I can hardly express my wonder how Griseb. could make such a blunder as to give it "seminibus innumeris" for each ^{of the two} cells of the capsule has a single flat winged seed. And I see nothing "verbenaceous" about it. It has the resinous leaves of *Philanthus*. In the sierra de Guira or "la leatalina" I collected before an *Anthurium* growing from the cliffs. Lp. ought to have had it but I can't recognise it in the leaf. In all these cliffs I find a generaceous plant & collected it plentifully before. I can't recognise this neither with the Stam. & caps. of *Pentstemon* it has a ^{crimson} clavate corolla with a perfectly even minutely 5-lobed limb (lobes recurved). Leaves & stem villous. Perhaps it is *Rhynchospora crenulatum* St. of which I have no description. I ought to have traversed this region in Aug. or Sept. but I lost the opportunity waiting for Gundlach. who after all found nothing new. I thought it likely that he would find new shells - but not one was collected either by me or him - a pretty good evidence of my careful observations in previous journeys.

I am in some doubt or undecided whether I will make another journey westward as far as the Punta de la Jaula or go to Habana & embark thence for Trinidad. If it was earlier in the year I would not hesitate a moment to decide on the

former. I want very much to go over again those savannas
to the westward of Guane. I think I can get glean something
of value from them. And perhaps Trinidad at this season
would give me no more of interest than Habana or Cuba
I am rather inclined to make another trip during the
coming month. Besides I can hardly go eastward till
I receive the Catalogue which you are going to send me
— when? I am — quite well I may say

Yours truly Charles Wright

P.S. Don José has fourteen (14) young *Sigüarias* and is rejoicing
I brought him some plants of *Befaria* (*Bejaria*, Chapm.) *Cubensis*



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