

35 Walker St.,
Cambridge, March 21, 1910

My dear Dr. Kennedy:

Your note with the check for four hundred dollars came today and again I want to tell you how grateful I am to you for this most generous assistance. I shall now arrange as speedily as possible for a good companion who will devote his energies to botanizing and helping about my explorations. With your fund and the similar amount from the Herbarium I shall be able to institute a very extensive botanical survey of northeastern Newfoundland and the Straits of Belle Isle, for we can employ

Packers to carry our collecting equipment into the mountains at different points, from the boat landings; and in the ten weeks I am planning to be in the field we ought to get a very good idea of the region.

I have today seen Roland's Assistant, Alfred Kidder (brother of Homer Kidder, whom Hale and Sinclair know) and he is going for six weeks as an ethnologist to study the remains of the Beothuk Indians and their possible contacts with the Esquimaux. But our first combination work will be to the mouth of the Esquimaux River and to Blanc Sablon in search of the fabled town. I went over

the sagas and the botanical evidence with Kidder who has had several years experience with archaeologic and ethnological work and he is very sure that we are on the right track. I hope that by the end of July I can telegraph you that we have found Leif's Booths!

It was very nice to see you and Mrs. Kennedy and Mildred yesterday and we had a beautiful time. Margaret asks me to say that she enjoyed her day very much and to tell Mildred that we want soon to hear the rest of her account - we had just left Java. Very sincerely yours,
Merritt L. Fernald



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