

P.S. From the tone of your note I judge that Prof. Watson thought best not to request further from Gov. Stanford. I am under the impression that he has already asked similar favors, & doubtless does not wish to worry Stanford. I am still strongly of the opinion that Stanford is favorably inclined. But I do not wish any further effort to be made, for if this begging favor is as repugnant to you as it is to me, you must have a horror of the mere mention.

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San Bernardino, Cal.,
Apr. 14, 1881.

Dear Sir

Your card received yesterday. For you I am sorry that the application for a pass has again failed, for, had it been successful, I should have felt under many obligations to you, & should have spent considerable money in expenses, &c., to get ferns for you. I am also sorry for myself, although in lesser degree, as I am not able this Spring to do justice to the matter, if I had it.

I regret to hear of your affliction as to your eyes: & hope your complete recovery may be speedy. Truly, the

ill things of life are most unfittingly inflicted, it would seem, when such men as yourself, who could & would use the customary blessings of eyesight to good purpose, are hampered, & disabled.

Mr Pringle has not yet put in an appearance.

Dr. Parry is still in this vicinity, but I have not seen him for a month.

I have collected some things already, this Spring:— I sent a lot of willows — (26 Numbers) — to Mr Bebb;— he writes concerning them—"With the single exception of the one embracing the aggregate of the several collections made by the parties of the State survey, I have never seen a more satisfactory suite". (You see, I get so little praise that I am weak enough

to repeat what commendation I do get!)

I learn that Mr & Mrs Lemmon are now in Arizona or New Mexico. Dr. Parry seems to have at length discarded Lemmon: he tells how in Arizona last summer Lemmon got a pair of boots of an army officer & forgot to return or pay for them. When a few of these ill reports reach Mr Crocker, he will "extinct" his pass, I reckon.

I beg your pardon for all this ill speech: probably I feel crabbed toward Lemmon that he goes all over, free, collecting things to sell, & for the sake of notoriety, which is his life, while poor I cannot get a set of ferns for you.

Yours truly

W. G. Wright



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