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New York, March 4, 1884

My dear Mr. Watson:

I am, as time permits, working up quite an extensive collection of Cyperaceae from Texas, obtained by S. B. Buckley in recent years. He has been here for a month with a trunk-full of (mostly) rubbish, and has been identifying species and deciding that others were new in his own peculiar way. I have been too busy with other matters to keep close watch on his determinations or to give him much help.

He left his Cyperaceae with me at my suggestion, as I have been studying on them as a hobby for a long time, and am glad to get the material.

I have discouraged his ideas of putting new(?) descriptions on record as far as lay in my power, but am constantly in fear of seeing a batch in one of the periodicals. If he sends to the Bulletin, I shall overhaul them thoroughly before they go in print and am determined to stop all I can!

I am afraid that there are a number of undescribed species among the plants he has left with me. My principal object in writing is to ask if it is possible for you to spare me fragments, or more perhaps of the four Cyperus you record from E. Palmer's collections 1879-80 without referring them to species, Cyperus incompletus Link.; Scirpus heterocarpus, Eleocharis cancellata and the unreferred Eleocharis, Fimbristylis and Scirpus of the same collection. I want to compare them with Buckley's. I will be glad to send you specimens from his collection when I am through with them.

And if you can let me have specimens of American Cyperaceae as duplicates come in from time to time I shall be greatly obliged and will do what I can in return.

Parry's Arctostaphylos oppositifolia is A. polyfolia Mex. Bound. Survey.

With my best regards to Dr. Gray, I am,
Yours very truly,
N. L. Britton.

Wotton

I am sorry that there are no numbers of
the *Journal* at present. The principal object in writing
is to ask if it is possible for you to spare
me some of the numbers of the *Journal*
which you have received from E. Palmer's collection
1870-80 without requiring them to be
replaced in the *Journal*. I have been
looking for *Journal* numbers and I have
been disappointed. I want to compare them
with the *Journal* numbers which I have
received from the *Journal* and I
think it would be very desirable
if you can let me have specimens
of *Journal* numbers as indicated above in
from time to time. I shall be greatly obliged
and will be able to say so in return.
Very respectfully,
W. W. Wotton



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