

Cambridge, August 23, 1879.

My Dear Mr. Wright

Since your letter of July 10, reached me (about a week ago) the Scientific meeting has been in progress here and I have had no time to write. I am glad to see that your last is in a cheerful strain, and infer from it that all is going on well.

In answer to your last previous letter, I wrote (as you directed) inclined to Dr. Baker under cover to Dr. Devine, San Antonio, informing you that I should accept the draft of \$150 in favor of Dr. Baker, to pay in Oct. if that would do. But the draft has not yet been presented to me.

Now I have the pleasure to inform you that Prof. Huxley, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, is now with me, and on representing to him the great importance to Science to keep you in the field you are now entering on, he has promised to consider you, as it were, under the patronage of the Smithsonian Institution, to publish the results, if sufficient interest in the Smithsonian Contributions, and to subscribe \$150 payable in January next, and to be reimbursed by an equivalent share of your present collections. If satisfactory he will probably repeat the subscription another year, if you will correct collect in such regions as we direct. This, when I get it will replace the \$150. I am to advance for you.

Under cover with this I have written a line to
Capt. Franch, letting him know that we all feel a
great interest in your welfare and scientific success.
I trust that the letter will show to Capt. Franch
that any kindness to you will not be thrown away, but
will be gratefully appreciated by us.

Prof. Henry will write Doctor in this a letter in
your favor to Major Van Horn or Maj. Henry.

As to your returning with the return train
to St. Antonio this autumn, you must decide. -
Perhaps it would be best, as you would thus escape a
long winter at El Paso. But I would advise
you to come no farther than ^{San} Lubbock, or farthest,
but dispatch your boxes as directly & promptly as
possible to me at B. ton. Besides the expense of
the voyage back and forth, there will be the expense
of shipping through the winter, for the Mrs. Gray's health
is still so delicate, and her invalid cousin is to spend
the winter with us. So that we shall not be able to have
you as a guest, but must endeavor to keep as family as
small as possible. I will see to distributing your plants into
pots, &c. I shall be glad to send any publications
to Capt. Franch, which may be worth his acceptance.

But in the present uncertainty of anything reaching
him I will not now send by mail. But hereafter I
will gladly gratify him in such respects, and I
will manifest my gratitude for any facilities he may
afford you.

The plate enclosed is like a Tragia. I will name it
some time. Glad you find Hypochaeris knappii.

Wishing you every success, and hoping for many new
and curious things I remain Yours faithfully,

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Mrs. Gray sends best regards.

23 Aug 1849
Gray

Mr. Charles Wright

Botanist
Care of Dr. W. Franch.

Mr. Gray



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