

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C., July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

Prof. Serevo Watson

My dear Sir

I send you to day by mail a small  
package containing some plants from Idaho collected  
by Dr E J Wilcox, who makes miserable specimens, but  
some of the plants are not altogether familiar to me; and  
also a few collected by my son in New Mexico. I will  
thank you to look at these and confirm or reject. Retain  
any that may be desirable and return the rest.

I hardly know yet what to think of Dr Loring. He  
seems to look upon the Department affairs with a good  
deal of suspicion, as perhaps he has occasion to in some  
directions. But the work of my division has been put  
back from want of help. Six months ago my helper was  
discharged for want of funds, and a great quantity of plants  
has accumulated which need to be pressed & mounted for the  
Herb. I cannot do everything with my own hands, and  
it is not necessary, as there is an appropriation for



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