

St. George Utah June 5th 1874

My Dear Dr Gray.

Since June has come in the flora has seemed to have dropped out in this section. very few new things coming on. I have therefore in a measure dropped the portfolio and taken up my seed bag. I expect next week to make a trip to the Mts on my return here in case the prospect does not improve I shall pack up my duds & move northward stopping by the way at any desirable points. I have so far about 200 good species collected & make up about 20 sets, I shall have 50 or more seed packages. Among others a large stock of the Aster Bigelovii? Fraxinus anomala is seeding well & will soon be fit to gather I hope it is possible to raise Dalea Johnsonii from seed. a charming thing. plenty of fruit of Coloogyne now nearly mature will enclose some in a paper. Dr Engelmann reports on the Echinocactus? sent as Mamillaria Arizónica var chlorantha. is n sp. I shall send soon a small set of quidites, including several n sp? The Cinnober bother me a good deal. I shall have to make several n sp?

Not mine

Mr Siller who has collected some in this section writes
me a very civil letter from a high Mt District to
the N.E. I answered him in an encouraging way
urging him to collect largely & send to you. From
those acquainted with him here including Mr Johnson
he is not much thought of being regarded in
western parlance "a bilk" (ask Watson). Johnson says
he is "too lazy to pick anything except what grows
just under his nose". Still it is well enough to let
him do what he can, especially in the nice District
where he seems to be located; he is said to be quite
poor and this winter was an object of charity.
According to present appearances I shall bring up
at Salt Lake about 1st August or before in which
case I shall go on to Iowa with my collections
pack & sort seeds for Backhouse & return to
Colorado early enough to collect seeds & plants
everything however will depend on the circumstances
I may have to stop on the way.
- I enclose a few serapms

Yours

C.C. Parry

P.S. I found a single bush of Petalonyx & Mitridius Watson
within a stones throw of the Mormon temple. Do not
find a duplicate though I have tramped all over
the vicinity!



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