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DAVENPORT

Academy of Natural Sciences.

Davenport, Iowa, December 27th 1878.

Dear Dr Gray

Some time since I wrote to Mr Helmsley at Kew in answer to one from him. The arrangements are all satisfactory and your suggestions will be carried out. To my great annoyance however my collection has not yet come to hand. I was getting quite anxious about it but yesterday I received letter from forwarding house in Galveston Texas to say the boxes had been shipped 21st inst via New Orleans so that I shall hope to receive them in a week or two. Then I shall at once proceed to sort up & distribute with numbered tickets. Mr Helmsley is anxious to get the polypteleas as soon as possible is delaying the printing till he gets my collection. So I shall need to hurry up at least that part. Palmer writes that he has sent 3 more boxes directed to me here. I fear they will hardly come to hand before Spring but they should contain some nice things from the Mt District near Sanders.

Palmer sent in some of his boxes to F.M. Putnam
Peabody Museum. - some parcels of plants collected
near city of Mexico. I think they were directed to you.
I doubt if they are of much account. but if you
had time to run over them hastily and see what
there is selecting out a set for Kew. - or if you
think best send to me to incorporate in the
General collection. Palmer sends ^{from San Diego}
a genuine hickory - nut (Carya) which must be distinct
from the 2 Mex species. - By last accounts from
him of Nov 14th he was well soon to leave for the
Coast at Tampico. I have not heard of his
being unwell. Though he is quite susceptible to
Malaria - How nice to have Shiota turn up at
last! pity some botanist could not have had the
glory of rediscovery - We have lately made an
important Archaeological find. a Mound buried
pipe representing a genuine Elephant with proboscis!!
showing that the mound builders of this vicinity
knew the living animal!! we shall have casts
& photographs to distribute. We are having some
winter weather good sleighing. Mr P joins in
compliments of the season due Mr Putnam &
Duncan.

Yours truly

C.C. Perry



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