

Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Mass.

Aug 2, 1892.

Dear Mr Collins,

I wrote to Prof.
Bailey about a week ago asking
him to send me some *Selaginella*
apua in fruit. My
letter reached him at Block
Island where he is unable to
obtain it. He replied that
although he could not ob-
tain he thought you might
readily do so. I want
some material very much

and so have ventured to ask
you to help me obtain some ^(i.e. not pressed & boiling) fresh
material, in fruit (it ought
to be now in fruit) as I
can conveniently get.

If you can procure some
without inconvenience it
will be a very great favor.
I have searched all the
fresh-water ponds ~~herabouts~~
without avail and am
quite positive it cannot
be had here.

I have been here since the first of July
studying under Dr Letchell of Yale (formerly
of Harvard). We are working on Eupatorium
(especially *Algar*) and histology of *Phacelia*-
gans. It is a delightful place to work

and as Dr Letchell gives half a dozen of us
his entire time we have practically private
instruction. I have thought if you
very often and wondered how you were
spending your collecting time. I should
be very glad to hear from you at any time.



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