

Cambridge 15 Feb. 1857.

My Dear Wright

I believe I have no particular news - but a steamer departing to-morrow for Harana reminds me I should drop you a line to acknowledge your second letter to me. It came just after I had written to you, and at its close spoke of your just getting into more comfortable quarters, on the coffee plantation of a Tache, where I hope you will find yourself better off. And as you get more into the interior and higher up I expect you will find a better field in Botany. You see by the enclosed that endearments are made to

get an appropriation for Bel-
onging Grants Exped. Science.
I do not yet know whether
successful, but I will learn
by the 4th March.

No hurry for you to come
home any way, if you are
doing well in Cuba.

Thank your stars you are
not here for the winter. We will
have heard of our tremendous
cold (I sent you two Boston
newspapers) - & it was colder
still in the interior - mercury
frozen when it never was before,
and all that - while you
are enjoying full summer
weather. It is not cold
now, but very wet, foggy, &
generally disagreeable.

Harker writes me that he
takes great interest in your
exploration - and hopes to
have a letter from you, in

acknowledgment of ^{his} ~~your~~ favor
addressed to you at Santiago,
of which I wrote in my last.
Since I wrote you, I have
been busy in procuring work
of various sorts - nothing that
amounts to much.

My Lessons in Botany is out
of my hands, but not yet pub-
lished, - soon will be.

Tommy made me a nice New
Year visit. - He is still hard
at work on Mex. Botany.
Botany. I have helped him a
little, but not much.

Engelmann I heard from just
arrived at Havana. no later
news.

Mrs. Gray sends her best regards,
is pretty well, but not strong
- too much shut up this winter.
Ever Yours Truly

Asa Gray



Gray, Asa. 1857. "Gray, Asa Feb. 6, 1857." *Charles Wright correspondence with Asa Gray*

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