

Putersville Sept 20/47

Dear Dr

I have been waiting impatiently for some time for another letter of your last bearing date June, though I can conceive how the pressure of more important business must interfere with your correspondence with distant friends. Under date Apr 6th you say you will soon have some more books for me. Mr Bowles box of books has arrived safely in Houston but ~~though~~ I have heard nothing of the Spanish Dictionary though I wrote to New Orleans for it immediately on the receipt of your letter.

Since I last wrote I have been again to the Gulf of Mexico without however making a very interesting collection. For the last three weeks I have been hindered from doing any thing by sickness and now I have lost my horse and think it very uncertain whether I ever see him again. I intend making one more trip to Seguin and around by the San Marcos Springs and Austin which will close my active labors for the season. Most of my plants are at Seguin and as the means of transportation from that place to this are very uncertain I can not tell when I will be able to collect all my plants together for shipment.

I would have endeavored to make a collection of fall grasses Cyperaceae &c but the season has been so excessively dry that every thing of that kind is entirely parched up and it will at least be very late before any of those natural forms

will be collectible

I send you some specimens enclosed The compound flower, you see, has a very short corolla with no border "at all almost" It is about a foot high and was found among post oaks above Austin.

The *Gratiola* was found at Manchar Spring 12 miles from Austin with bright yellow flowers and grows about ^{the} fong-pro-cum-bent - in ^{running} water and on the ^{margin}. The other sp. of *Kat. Cr. Scrophulariaceae* was found on the San Marcos - is a climber - is supported by the tendrilliform petioles - flowers blue.

The ch. of *Gentianiacae* grows on the Colorado & Guadalupe prostrate flowers yellow.

In my last (I think) I sent you some specimens from which I would like to hear an account. Will a collection of cryptogamic plants be worth a good compound microscope - if so and any cryptogamist will send me one I will make ^{to him} next winter as good a collection as circumstances and situation will permit and remit it to him. I cannot procure an instrument of that kind in this country & I very much need one. I don't know where I shall be stationed next winter perhaps at Austin where the range for such studies is excellent.

Yours truly

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