

San Marcos March 8th/50

My Dear Doctor

I have just received yours of Jan'y 27 and would have answered it before but I have been gone down to Columbus and elsewhere on business.

I have made such arrangements that my letters will be duly forwarded to me whether directed to Austin or San Antonio and I always, of late, make such arrangements whenever I leave a place to reside in another. I have probably received all your letters and have duly answered them, briefly perhaps, but touching upon all matters that I thought essential.

I hope you will take my word that I did not neglect my business while waiting patiently, not "supinely" at San Antonio. Believe me that I can judge better than you of the ease or difficulty of transacting such a business affair as I had on hand in San Antonio. If the same business was to be done in Cambridge or Boston or New-York you could manage it far better than I and you might transact the same business here far better than I could. But I hope you will not enter judgments against me in Cambridge when the court should be held at San Antonio.

Let me tell you a word about hauling in this country. There are waggons not a few now on the road between Austin and Houston which have been there weeks, yea months,

and with the prospect of staying, then some weeks longer

I wrote you in my last that the package could not be carried in the stage. It not infrequently happens that passengers are obliged to leave a part or the whole of their baggage or stay leaving themselves.

I wrote some time since to Gen Brooke asking for transportation &c. No answer has been received from his silence I judge that I have nothing to expect from that quarter. I now learn from common report that the hauling is let out on contract at \$10-11 per hundred - of course I will have to pay the same or stay, as home. My present opinion is that my next summer trip will prove a "no go". The train starts on the 15th April little more than a month hence and no preparations are yet made so far as I know for enabling me to start with it.

You have once or twice said that you would send packages for me to New Orleans. "It be sent for" so I said nothing about forwarding in my last. Any thing for me can be forwarded to Fulton & Heensby Port La Vaca where I can get them by some means sooner or later. It is the most convenient place to send to from this part of the country.

Whom before this you will have learned that I have gumption enough not to "pack up the fleshy parts" - with the dried plants.

I have now touched upon the principal matters in your letter.

I mean to go to San Antonio soon & see what I can do in person, though I think our arrangements for next summer operation will fail. I will not relax my exertions.

I have now a good horse, to procure which has somewhat reduced my funds and outlay for clothing and travelling expenses has also accrued largely upon them.

If I had time now I might collect \$100 or more perhaps.

As I have made no arrangements for my next summer's work other than those of going to El Paso & Desert &c. if these should fail could you give me any employment that would benefit you and be instructive to me and eventually better fit me for following up our present plans. I have a strong inclination to go north and see my friends but I willingly yielded last fall in hopes of prosecuting my botanical researches the ensuing summer under more favorable auspices. If after making all honorable exertions I should fail I must be thrown on my old profession - teaching - or turn my attention to farming or spend my time almost unprofitably.

When you go to Europe please remember that I want a good microscope. Consult your own judgment on which I rely much more than on my own. You can doubtless pay for one with a set or part of one of my collections.

I would also like a copy of Endlicher's Encheiridion.

I enclose (I might have done it before but did not think it necessary) the bill of lading of my packages among which you must figure now be luxuriating.

I wish you much pleasure on your visit to Europe & hope it may redound to your advantage professionally and pecuniarily. I am anxious to know whether the Flora is making any progress and whether the Plantae Gendlerianae is completed. I feel deeply the want of something on the lower

Families of plants especially the Endogon.

Give my respects to Mrs G. and accept my wishes for your long life health & prosperity

Affectionately Yours

Chas Wright

P.S. I wrote that I had received no answer from Gen. Brooke
It was mislaid & has just been handed to me I enclose it

C. W.

P.S. 2nd I have now plenty of fine specimens of *Gillaea Drummondii*
Gentiana pusilla & *Lepuropetalon spathulatum* and can send them to
any one who wants

C. W.



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