

Wethersfield Nov 11th 1852

Dear Dr

I arrived here early this morning having left New York yesterday at 4 o'clock P.M.

When I went down I passed a letter from Washington sent to Dr Torrey & forwarded by him being from Prof. Baird I was impatient to know its contents ^{and} made my stay somewhat shorter than I otherwise would. However I made a pretty good distribution of all the families above Endogenes and should have completed the job if Mr Carey had been able to assist me as he intended but after one days work other business called him away & I had to do all the rest alone. I spent a very pleasant week in the Dr's family.

Prof. Baird assures me there is no chance for money until Congress meets. His last two letters (of 21 & 22nd ^{Sept}) both referred to the Behnings Strait Expedition and both express anxiety for an answer. The answer was promptly given and now I am equally anxious to know the result of my acceptance. My failure to get any money from Washington will be a good excuse for delay to return to the Boundary and yet I don't want to be here idle however pleasant it might otherwise be to stay with my family.

I found among Dr Bigelows plants some of those queer plants which I look for *Actinella scaposa* and he has I think three or four forms of it I did not

have time to look over the plants especially the *Coppesmini*
collection so thoroughly as I wished for such as are not
among mine. However we separated a few among them
the little *Hedyotis* which ^(you & I) we used to quarrel so much
about. Dr Barry's collection contain several queer things
but they are almost all single and scrappy at that.

When will some of the Fl. Wright be ready for dis-
tribution. Do you hear anything from Engelmann.

The plants I brought home with me are doing pretty well
and the *Epiphyllum* has now two beautiful blossoms.

I kept through forgetfulness with Dr Barry's copy of
Salmon Dyck. He can get it however when he writes
you at Thanksgiving.

I refunded the Dr his expenses on the plants from
New Orleans & in doing it made a blunder for which
I was "rowled up Lathriver" all the time I stayed after it.

Let me hear soon how you get on and oblige

Yours truly

Charles Wright



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