

and it seems a long time to receive
no intelligence thence especially
when two weeks are amply suffi-
cient to convey it

Please write me as soon as you
can find time even though you may
have written recently for I have
no assurance that a letter di-
rected to me will ever reach me

Very truly

Yours

Charles Wright

Amud
mar. 3^d

Filantopina
February 7th 1857

My Dear Dr

Not a word yet from any
friend in the East. There is
foul play somewhere I send
you the address of my friend
He is an old resident and gets
letters regularly. Perhaps one
sent to me under cover will
not lose the way. At least I
wish you to try it. I returned
yesterday from an excursion
westward about a dozen miles
by way of the road though hardly
a third of the distance in a straight
line I imagine. I collected a
number of things not found
here. Two high points near here
however Nimanima & Lomo
del Gato have been the best
localities yet visited. I shall
probably return to them again.

I have now no plan of labor
matured other than that of stay-
ing here for a time longer and
exploring this region or some
parts of it yet unvisited more
thoroughly. It has afforded me
thus far a fine harvest. Altho
the variety of plants has been so
great that I have been unable
to travel in a day more than a
mile or so after getting into
the particular locality that I
wished to examine. In future
novelties will continue to become
fewer at least until the rains
set in, ^{and} I will be able to go over
more ground in a given time. I
shall probably go of ten or also
on excursions of three or four days
duration when I get better acquaint-
ed with the people and country
and learn to talk some at which
I am sorry to say I am not like
Zip Coora a "very apt scholar".

Thus far I have been treated with
the greatest possible kindness
and could hardly be better contented
if I were at home and I am be-
ginning to think that I shall
make Mr Bradford's a sort of
home during my stay or at least
my head quarters.

New things are from time to time
coming into season and it may
perhaps be as well to explore
thoroughly an area some twenty
or thirty miles in diameter as to
travel cursorily several hundred
so if I should spend the whole
time of my stay on the island in
this district I may perhaps
secure nearly as good a collection
as if I extended my travels east-
ward & westward and inland as
I originally intended.

At any rate I want to remain
here until I receive letters from
home. It is getting now pretty near
three months since I left home.



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