

Hago de Cuba.
July 10th 1860

Dear Dr

At last those books have come. The Maria has come too but the paper hasn't. There is some comfort in that for it may give Thurber a chance to exchange it for some of the rights side. If it had come however I could have it cut but if it comes when I am away, instant — and two inches too long I am afraid I shall say caramba mal-dita & perhaps damn it! I wouldn't want to furnish him ^{any more} worse than to send him to the top of La Guineá when she has her night-caps on with the paper sticking out an inch at each end of his portfolio. The reason why the paper didn't come — it was sent down late on a rainy night & the Capt wouldn't receive it.

I came to town today & tomorrow night I go to Guanlanamo thence to Monte Verde & back by Nouvelli. Sophie for my plants to pack up & send you by Capt White with whom I came out & who will sail in ten days more or less probably more. I go there partly to pass the time till my knee gets quite well & to get some introductory letters which I left there partly too to see the good friends. At Coble I got a good lot of a fern I had not before met with at this time & a bus extra for Engelmann.

I have three whole beams & some odd quires here & some (I think) both at Monte Verde & at

at N. S. Phil. which I shall collect together
for my trip into the country. When that is used up
I shall have to return here or send it in I do
this I shall run the risk of getting paper from India
for long & no chance to cut it out with a knife

"*Pogonia cubensis* found in Cuba by Poeppig
in 1825 in Wright's collection" = "Upon leave not
got the plant out" (*Bruxus cubensis*). It's funny!
If any one were to see these two remarks & think
well to what they refer without knowing my name
they might easily take me for some humbug who
wants to pick up here & there a plant if he could not
get out of it any. I write you of a flying excu-
sion. I shall think that I shall. I shall. I shall. I shall.
Mr. L. I intended to return there but here
not had time. I may do so yet when I shall
look out for *Bruxus cubensis*. If I should be lucky
enough to come across *Pogonia cubensis* (which
I hope) I shall get it for you. But if you calculate
me to make clear word get you have over-rated my
powers I think!!

Don't send me ordinary knives — I can get
a plenty here if you find such as I wish. I
send you on

My knee is doing well — gave me no pain — heal-
ed up by what the Doct. call "the firm intention"
only a little sore & stiff. However I think it
would not hurt to put it to active work for a few
days yet.

Don't bother yourself about paper. As to Brooks,
the head of the firm — he has always treated me exactly
I would gladly think otherwise but I can't. Some of
the gentlemen of the firm have been kind but I can not

overrate the kindness of those at Santa Catalina de
Quantanaro. I got a heap at a paper now & then
& after I go to the interior I shall hardly do
much better if you sent them by the ship-load

I hope if my letter arrives in time my com-
ments about the length of the paper won't be taken
as a joke. If I have to trim with a butcher
knife 16 reams of paper I shall consider it no
joke I tell you

I send a paper of mine in which Sullivan
may find *Diadema* — if he can

If it were not for the paper I should
send off this till my return from Yateras —
as I wrote not very long ago

The fleas are giving me fits & I must
turn out of my pleasant bedding & into bed tho'
it's not late

Yours truly
Chas. Wright



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