

Philantropia July 2nd 1860

Dear Dr.

For a month past & more I seem to have had only a run of ill luck. I have written to you already most of the particulars. When passing through Salta de I should have waited & exchanged there my licencia, where it was issued, for a new one. But my friends & I too thought one could just as well be obtained at Caba. I have exemplified the proverb "haste makes waste". I sent it on in a letter asking to have a more comprehensive one issued. Well in order to improve the interval I came to Cobre & collected some plants there during four or five days & then came here. The evening of my arrival Mr. Bradford sent in for my things & the next day every thing was brought out but my press of green plants!! which remain there to mount & rot. It is queer what pain some people take to misunderstand directions. There is very few of them ^(green plants) & no great loss. In my rambling about Cobre I run against a clasp of Agave which has given me a swollen & inflamed knee & now I am limping about with the right leg under the weather. There will not be a chance of going to Manzanilla till the 11th & I may not get my licencia in time to improve that chance though I think I will. Talking today about my plans with Mr. B. he advised me to buy a mule & hire a negro then strike off in the direction of Mazari. I told him I could not do it now for want of money. The very utmost I could afford now to do would be to buy a horse for myself

He intimated that my want of means need not prevent me taking this step though he was hardly explicit enough to authorize me to ~~make up~~ do it unless something further is said. I feel very reluctant to ask him for further accommodation though I have no doubt he would agree if I should. I have only about \$120 & I shall have to spend a little of that before starting. I am sure I don't know when the balance of \$230 is gone. I believe I wrote you that I shipped by the P.M. Thacker my last lot of plants & paid the freight.

14th. I came to town (Potosi) yesterday & found my plans just when I had left them & the Porter gone. The merchant promises to ship them on Monday. While I was at Pichantrapia the Sheriff went to town & met Mr. Cisneros the surveyor & spoke of my going with him. So I have come to town to make ready. I have bought a saddle & other trappings & have a horse in view. I also got me a hammock by Mr. C's advice. He has some friends who set out for Mayari on Monday (day after tomorrow) & I want to go with them. It is however uncertain whether I can find a man to take my baggage for any reasonable sum unless some one can be met with who is about to return to Mayari. Otherwise I may have to wait a week till Mr. C. goes himself. He seems a very friendly man & from his elderish acquaintance in the interior can greatly facilitate my researches & contribute much to my comfort. I shall on the occasion have access to the档案馆 & the high journals which from the descriptions must be strikingly like the Pleiades wood of the South American States. About 10 got Casore's letter returning the little pens. You intended to send me some laconic message on the interior of the Alps but I am utterly unable to make

out more than the first two word which convey no
idea & give me no clue to the remainder

Tell Watson that a description of ferns which depends on a definite number of pinnules or upon the length of the caudex (as he states these particulars in the case of *Tander*) is in itself worth a shrun. These are as variable as the wind. It is rather too much to ask me to dry the caudices of these things — the fronds themselves are watery enough.

Mr. Bradford's boy has just brought me yours of the 24th ult. I have plenty of Hemionitis in the batch you will get next which will run the list up to 200 I think.

If you told me that Berkeley & Hamner had been paid I never knew it till now. That valuable information was probably in some one of those lost letters.

Have you got any of the remaining \$800. You wrote me once that you were about to send in a bill, but I don't yet know whether you got any of it.

"Sent now & then a blanket of H.P. & Mm. - army use".
What words I infer from the word "now & then" but that
they should be sent in letters?

I have now heard of the arrival of the Brig Olinde
which seems strange as the "bill of lading" seems to
bear date of 7th ult.

Don't digest your letters to Filadelpia. Mr B. lives
in town & his family is here. He goes to the estate to
superintend the harvesting of the crop & to ^{order} ~~take~~ &
arrange improvements.

This far the current year I have done but little
our clean expenses. I hope when I get fairly clear
of this disagreeable place I shall do better.
I trust by this time you have got my last

letter asking you to send me more money \$150
through Mr. Wm B. Allen. No. 111 N. 1st St. N.Y.
After I get fairly off I shall write again
by the first opportunity.



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