

M. Verde Jan 4th 1861

My Dear Dr

On the 31st ult. I received yours of the 10th Nov. with Watson & Sullivants notes & the jubilation over the triumph of black-republicanism. You might have spared me that for I got it long ago & it will not be likely to produce conviction nor conversion. I doubt if there is the same glorification now unless you are all gone mad. God grant that the great North-west may view the case in its true light & not bow down to petty fanatical New-England. When they find the great artery of the West cut off to their trade or at least obstructed they may repent too late. I do hope concessions may be made in time to prevent a separation but the latest intelligence (11th ult.) I have gives a very gloomy picture of the future. That the south have a right to withdraw. I have not a doubt. A forced union!!! Just think of it the marriage of a dog & a cat!! I am rather sorry Carolina has been so hasty & yet I do not know but it is the best course that she could have taken.

I found Mr. L. at Nouvelle Sophie thin but cheerful & improving in health. I remained till he set out for this place - then went to Charles L.'s - a nephew - about two leagues

The first day I made an excursion of any length a pair of new shoes skinned my ankles.

So as to pay me up. To improve the time I came
here to ~~get~~^{pay} my licences, renewed for the ensuing
(the present) year & to get my letters. But a parcel
of letters (a second one) was despatched to Bayamun
though I wrote to H. Descaulle in time I thought
to prevent him from sending them. They crossed
me on the way probably. I have written to have
them sent back. There may be one of yours among
them. I intended to return ^{to Ch. Des} immediately. But
H. L. is about to cut a piece of wood & I wait
to see if I can get any thing new from the fallen
trees. Another neighbor also is tumbling down
the "mount" & day after tomorrow (Monday) I
propose to go to the latter place - afterwards
to Henry's. Then return to Charles. He is going
also to cut timber & I want to improve the
occasion to collect in those localities.

I presume your snore of books, lenses &c.
is by this time in Cuba. So you too feel
livans that my grumbling was as I expressed
it "gas." If he is deluding himself with that idea
& supposing that I am collecting for him,
Diatoms while he with a persistency which
I never saw equalled doges a simple question
the sooner you undeceive him the better. I
shall ~~not~~ waste no more time/paper & ink in
vain efforts to get information from him.

In one of my later letters I told you when I
came to M. V. I would settle the question
about the "4 big Dictionaries" So here you have
it in your letter (returned to you) that you may have
ocular demonstration. ~~I~~ dated May 7 & a
couple of lines from one written two days earlier

I think I rather got you down on the question
about the mats & blankets & moss I am pretty
certain of it as to Anastrophora but in this case
you are floundering "for certain" I am not quite
for Hallstaffan as you supposed & do not
open see "9 men in a buckram"

You must be frozen up I think for your
last is dated Nov 10th & I can learn that any
number later than Dec 1st of the. Courier des
Elat's Union has been received. This often comes
in twelve to fifteen days. I believe on second
thoughts I am wrong about your letter. I think a
later one came to me at St. Sophie but how it
got ahead of this I am unable to tell. I left
it at Charles - so am ~~not~~ able to say any
thing positive about it.

From Eaton's letter I can not make out whether
his domicile is 241 or 291. So what little I have to
say to him I can do down here. The explanation
which he has given for making partial sets of the
ferns is just what suggested itself to me but I
did not believe nor do I know that the mixture was so
great as to make so many deficient sets. If I
remember right then week about 250 packages sent
on. Suppose 10 per cent of them were duplicates & I
can hardly believe there were more. That would leave
225 species. Again suppose there were 15 per cent of
them mixed. Then would remain about 200 parcels
unmixed. Of these in my opinion there ought not
to have been more than ¹⁰ percent imperfect leaving
somewhat more than ¹⁸⁰ full ~~sets~~ parcels. Now
I collected for 40 sets. You seem to have received them
to 34. So that they ought to be better than my
calculation would make them & this would make nearly
30 full sets. I have ~~no~~ no knowledge how many full

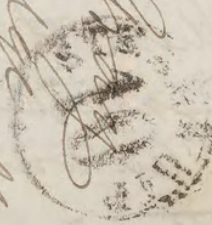
sets were made. not very many I fear when they fall off so that No 25 is only 202. The measure could not have been very extensive or it would have increased in an equal proportion the no. of sp. I guess Babon has been hair-splitting & I think I can put my finger right on one very variable Adiantum of which he has made perhaps half a dozen sp.

6th. This morning I ate part of an apple from a tree which I brought here two years ago & which is now growing in Mr. L's garden. It was small but had the real apple flavor.

Yours sincerely
 Cha^s Wright

So Babon's Ormiston

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Don't let me know how the Dicksonians, but
 let us see the prints of the paper & I should be
 on my way home by the time they start 11/11/11



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