

Sancho-Spinto 2 Jan. 1862

My Dear Dr

Leaving Bayam I fell back on my old Texas habits - camping out & it fits me like an old shoe. It is winter & I pick up of course but a slender variety of plants enough however to keep me in heart & to strengthen my purpose to return by the same route in the spring. Of a considerable number of new plants I collect a plenty - of quite a number more. I get few or single specimens or scraps - the luggage of the autumn flora. Of plants which I know pretty well are two sp. *Marsilea* - an *Ammannea* ^{*A. ciliolata* Hoffm.} never seen before - a new *Acisandra* - *A. pellucida* or *subulata* (same the one already sent *A. glandulosa* ^{*nutt.*} & *Prosera* which don't exactly agree with Lpis' two sp. I preserved some spec. but they are so nearly insipid that I lost them) a *Botriolium* - *B. pollicans* ^{*nutt.*} a *Rhamnaceae* not in Lpis - a *Polygonaceae* bush with evidence of stipular sheaths. - a *Liliaceae* tree with large white flowers with a 10-lobed involucre like some *Malv.* & ⁵ bundles of ^{spreading} sterile filaments alternating with the fertile ^{ones} - the seeds winged above like some *Jernstonia*. I can't now think of others for I packed up everything I had and sent the bundle to Trinidad to a gentleman to whom I had an introductory letter & so considered him almost an acquaintance I thought it better than to carry it to La Habana - my horses having as much work as they ought to carry while it is augmenting a little every day. When I return in the spring I can go by way of that place & take or beg my friend to

forward if to Cuba. I lost my license & now have to go through the circumlocution office to get another. I hope to arrange the matter today but shall not be at all surprised if it requires more time. I find here two countrymen a painter named Story of the family of the Judge Story and a photographer very much crowded with business - neither speaking Spanish. The latter wanted me to assist him & I shall propose to stay with him a few days for the benefit of my horse and if I am delayed in arranging my license business it will prevent winning from killing me & perhaps gain me a few dollars. They seem clever young fellows. I find here a N.Y. Herald the account of the burning of Charleston & the tremendous excitement produced in Johnbulltown by the unpunished outrageous impudent and acorn intolerable insufferable unbearable violation of the most sacred writ of Her most Britannic Majesty by the vile Yankee Wilkes. I don't know how much substance (abstraction on the nose) there is in all this but I guess it will quiet down & that Johnbullies will be wise enough not to bite off their own nose to spite their face. I can't say I have read the papers I have only glanced at them. God grant that the troubles may quite quiet down & that all the descendants of her majestys different nationalities may have the wisdom to live in peace & harmony among themselves.

3^d I am at work with the photographer. Today I go again to the Governor to see if I can get a permit to go on. I shall not be at all surprised if I have to write back to Salta de Oro & wait an answer I could arrange the matter by slipping

an order or two into his Honor's hand but up to this time I at least have not decided to do so low. The artists tell me they have proved the efficacy of this course.

On my journey I suffered from constiveness but am getting over it.

There are as many as six or eight sp. of taka palms abundant along the route I have some several of which I have not yet collected. Besides being out of season I couldn't now meddle with them for their bulk. Hooker wants full size spec. of the fronds & racemes if I understand his wishes. The main difficulty will be the transport to the coast. I could perhaps collect them on my return I would like your opinion on the subject. I can't think of anything more to write now but think I'll hold on to this till after I see the Governor & give you the result & is a P.S.

Ad over

Yours cordially
Charles Wright

4th. Got a new license but shall remain a few days - it will benefit my horse & may prove disadvantage to me.

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