

San José Feby 21st 1863

My Dear Dr.

Gundlach has searched out a way by which you can send me money without discount. Don. Luis le Riverend (Luis le Riverend) an apothecary of Habana has relations with the Brandreth House in New York & Gundlach says if you will deposit it with that house in any sum for me say \$100 Riverend will pay me the same amount in Habana. You'd better do it. You know the way better than I do how such affairs are managed. At any rate there is no great risk to run. Riverend, Gundlach, Cardenas, Sanvalle Horns all scientific men more or less and all my friends will see that an one who is doing so much as I am for the Nat. Hist. of Cuba will want money to go ahead with. My last excursion gave me about twenty new species of shells of which I collected enough to distribute to the principal conchologists of the island & some for Gundlach to send abroad to his German friends after reserving some for our own naturalists & cabinets. That is of course of the sp. I saved a plenty of others very few but in the rainy season a second excursion will yield me a plenty & perhaps others.

Nothing from you later than Dec 17th. No news of Pl. Wm. Cuth. It is useless to complain & I submit to my fate. I fear you are sick. In no other way can I account for the non-arrival of that long expected book which was to be sent about New Year. I am collecting now & then some good new or nice things together with many already saved in plenty—

probably. The other day I met with *Delotia grandifolia* Rich. for the first time in flower. Within two or three days I shall set out on another excursion westward - either on the north side, to be gone a month - probably. Examining Richard's fig of *Belarua spinosa* I am obliged to take back what I wrote to you about it & I wish you would tell him so. The wonder with me is when Rich. got his plant which must be as uncommonly rare as *Belarua spinosa* you which he ~~did~~ get is uncommonly abundant. N. B. Blain tells me it is common on the north side.

24th The Roanoke came the 20th & brought me nothing. What can it mean?

I enclose bits of a plant which we here are very desirous of knowing something about. We guess it is our very remote fr. Calh. Found it first since 7-10 months ago with full grown fr. a kind of drupe oval or ovate $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ " long, with a thin yellow pulp. The fl. are polygamous. Of those which pistil is abortive there are few? or they fall quickly. The stam. are 10 (normally?) - 12 - perhaps more - two pretty long stigmas moderately recurved - 1 persistent ovule. The bruised plant has a very decided smell & taste of walnut (*Juglans*) collected yesterday the day before with very few fl. plenty of perfect ones & young fr. ^{the leaves are young & small - the young are much larger}.
Please don't fail to answer this letter by the very first mail. Answer my questions the first thing. Tell me about the book paper & you can ~~put~~ (and will) follow my suggestion about money &c. Then if you have time & inclination to write about the other & other matters go ahead.
Kind regards to Mrs G - Yours ever
Chas Wright

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