

San José Ap. 10th 1863

Dear Dr

I wrote you about ten days ago
Since then I have arranged my shells drew some
plants read the books some & the papers attended
to my horses &c. Day before yesterday I went a con-
siderable distance up the river - now dry in most
parts. I got a new Capania - all the parts of the fl.
5-many except the pistil which is 2-carpellary - also spec-
imens of a Lythracous bush not in Gris. nor Rich. -
perhaps Antherygium. fl. purple.

I have been a little ailing too. When I went to Ha-
bana about a year ago I was troubled with a kind of
diarrhoea or looseness of the bowels not enough to cause
anxiety about my health but just enough to incom-
mode me very much especially in a city. And now after
every excursion on returning here the same complaint
comes on me - makes me turn out o' nights - and -
is unpleasant generally. What causes it - change of
diet or water - I know not. This time it has along to
me longer than usual & I enfeebles me a little. My
remedy for stomach complaints generally is fasting. This
day before yesterday I went to the wood early & did not
return till - say 4 P.M. - then going without my break-
fast - & since then I feel better. I mean to take the
same medicine tomorrow.

I am all alone. Don José & Madame Savalle
went some days ago to visit a brother. He was to
return yesterday. Savalle (F.A.) went some time
ago to Habana - before my return

I supposed the 2nd part of Pl. Mr. would include some of the later coll. - such as those fr. Bahia &c. but I see it does not. The numbers are about the same running of course a little higher to embrace Endogens. At first I felt a little grovly thinking Griseb. had slunk over some of my names but upon reflection I guess that with those earlier coll. & in Monspet. I sent a few or no names. Well the Suppl. will form the body of the work if the plants come safely to his hands. For example there are here four or five species of Drymocallis not including C. cordilleranum. There will be two sp. of Pinguicula & more than half a dozen of Utricularia - 3 or 4 sp. of Cleo-
dendron &c. The other day I saw good Specimens of Belotia with well grown - perhaps no quite ripe fruit which the authors of the new Gen. Pl. seem not to have had I remember well when I first found Prosekia unicus I sought it in Tiliaceae & not finding it knew not where else to look - sent you a bit & you gave me the name. Now here it is in the new work referred to this order.

11th Went to the wood again today - took another dose of fasting - am getting better. Got Camilla in fr. a newish looking Apocyn. with very small fl. but emitting a great perfume (fl. young buds mostly) - a Nyctagine a bush with perfect fl. - have got it before somewhere ~~five~~ ^{five} mense. - not in Rick nor Gris. - a Siccera different from the two in Gris & one in Pl. Mr. It is dreadful hard work now climbing the hills the leaves are so slippery & the hills so steep.

15 Today came the first rain of the season (at this place) a succession of hard showers & Don José came soon after having taken the full benefit of it.

In my letter Feb 30-31. I sent bits of an Utricularia pluris to you & Dr. Worley asking your opinion. No answer of the Strange thys so much time is needed to get an answer. Eaton too asks lots of fms. But its of no use - the answers come so late that they do me no good. I have since examined the ovule seeds (immature) & embryo & this is exactly that of Glets as given by Gris.

I have been amusing myself in my solitude by fault-finding - jotting down "errata" in the new "Gen. Plant." & send you the result. You can send it to the authors if you think proper. I presume they'll take it kindly as its kindly intended.

Your note on Calceolaria petiolaris won't make another synonym for you have written or suggested to be placed the name in both places exactly (überatum) alike.

Mr. Sawallie writes me fr. Habana that the bill of lading sent him by Mr. Eaton says "freight & expenses payable in Habana". How could he make such a blunder. He wants a set of my plants "as numbered & classified by Mr. Grisebach" & asks what the set will cost. I presume the sets if any remain are very imperfect. Write me about it.

I send you a bit of Semianthus adenandrum Mr. You see I know what it is. Don't make another Anais morphra of it. The filaments appear somewhat notable perhaps they are not so "filamenta usque ad sinus corollæ late curvante glandulosa tubo adpresso dein inflexa filiformia. Gris. says "fil. base dentate" It (the tooth) is not at the base but in the bend & is visible in the sinus of the corolla lip. The filament below is broad glandular & free or at least separable ^{near the envelopes, they'll} from the cor. without laceration ^{enliven you}

16 Today we have N.Y. papers to the post inst. It's wonder
strange thus I get no acknowledgement of my letter of last
of Feby. You'll force me to abandon my task & come home
for want of funds perhaps. — Raining again this
afternoon

Yours truly Chas Wright

P.S. Dear Gray,
Cambridge
Mass





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