

San José Ap. 10<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Dr

I wrote you about ten days ago  
Since then I have arranged my shells dried my  
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 *Cupania*—all the parts of the fl.  
5-merous except the pistil which is 2-carpellary—also spec-  
imens of a *Lythraceous* bush not in Gris. nor Rich—  
perhaps *Antheryllum*. 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 clung to  
me longer than usual & it enfeebles me a little. My  
remedy for stomach complaints generally is fasting. Thus  
day before yesterday I went to the wood early & did not  
return till—say 4 P.M.—thus going without my break-  
fast—and since then I feel better. I mean to take the  
same medicine tomorrow.

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

I supposed the 2nd part of Pl. Mr. wrote included some of the later coll. - such as those fr. Barro Colorado. 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 gravely thinking you had shown over some of my names but upon reflection I guess that with those earlier coll. & in Mindset. I sent on 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 *Erythrina* not including *E. ovalloides* &c. There will be two sp. of *Pinguicula* & more than half a dozen of *Utricularia* - 3 or 4 sp. of *Oleodendron* &c. &c. The other day I said good specimens of *Belotia* with well grown - perhaps not quite ripe fruit which the authors of the new Gen. Pl. seem not to have had. I remember well when I first found *Prockia ovata* I sought it in *Urticaceae* & not finding it knew not when else to look - sent you a bit & you gave me the name. Now here it is in the new work referred to this order.

In my letters of Feby 30-31. I sent bits of an Ulmacean plant  
to you & Dr. Wrey asking your opinion. No answer yet  
strange that so much time is needed to get an answer. Eaton  
too asks bits of ferns. But it's of no use - the answers come  
so late that they do me no good. I have since examined the  
ovule seed (immature) & embryo etc. This is exactly that of *Celtis*  
as given by Gr.

16 Today we have N. Y. papers to the 9th inst. His word was  
strange that 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

Prof. A. A. Phelps

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