

Hulana Ap. 30th 1863

My Dear Dr

I have come on to the city with all my collections made in the Vuelatabago in order to ship them to New York. I wait the arrival of Gundlach who will bring a package from Germania. On the receipt of them you will of course distribute them as soon as possible not waiting for the two or three little parcels scattered about in the Vueltarriba & which we may never get at all. They contain I am convinced very few species which we have not already in the former remittances or in the package I now send. There is another motive for their speedy distribution besides getting my pay. There is now here a French botanist I know nothing of his plans but of course ^(his plants) they will go to France & be worked up without delay probably. I listened too to a tale of another Frenchman who was digging up all sorts of roots & climbing all sorts of trees in the Vuelatabago where I have been working. I say "tale" for I suspect it was all a lie. The fellow who told me was a Frenchman speaking English pretty well traveling on foot with nothing but the clothing he had on his back - & that very dirty - & not a cent in his pocket. I think I met him once before when he told me he came from New Orleans. He had just passed a house where he was a shipwrecked Italian begging means for the relief of his family. He has traveled a good deal & is no fool except perhaps in the scriptural (biblical) sense.

I send as before to Westermann & Co

And now if I find a little who can blame me
The last of May. I wrote you how money could be sent
me. Two months gone by & not a word on the subject.
I have about \$20 left. I don't know what I shall
have to pay on these things. If I pay freight here
& then take a receipt on which is written "freight
payable in New York" — call me a fool. That's
for Boston!!

I have in some former letter written you that the
2nd pt. of Pl. Mr. Cub. will be greater than the first. For
instance take a few of the first families or genera —
Then will be one Raimondia, Calomba, Brasenia,
Nuphar, Neltumbium, Nymphaea (2 sp.) Zosterophora (2 sp.),
Anura (1 sp.), Lunaria (2 sp. n.), some Cuscuta, several
Crataegus & Phyllanthus & c. Then there will be the Conoc-
taceae (passed by) Bromeliaceae (2). There will be 8-10 sp.
Utricularia, Pinguicula (2 ss.) & c. Of course I can't
recall half of those I know & of those I don't know —
Quercus, Cyperaceae & c. I say nothing. Not many ferns nor
mosses. Lichens perhaps will make a better show
I say before yesterday all was dust! dust!! dust!!!
The first rain fell yesterday & this morning it is
mud! mud!! mud!!! — and hot as an oven.

The plants are put up in two large bundles like
"tercio" of tobacco enveloped in Yaguas — sheath of
palm leaves. The bundle from Fernina is a small
one

May 4th. A steamer came in & left yesterday but I
did not know it in time. It is said another is expected
today. Gundlach wrote me that he had sent my things
left at Fernina to the city but I don't know when
they are & don't know when he will come

Since writing the first part of my letter while studying
to account for & to excuse your neglect of me I have
thought perhaps you did not get my letter of last of
Feb'y. If you did & neglected to avail yourself of the
mode of sending money which I pointed out I think
you are much to blame. I will state it again.

Don Luis le Riverend an apothecary of this city
has transactions with the Brandreth House in N. Y.
& has to remit thither gold by express paying a con-
siderable percentage. Gundlach wrote me that any
sum deposited at the Brandreth House in my name
will be refunded to me here in gold by Don Luis. So
I asked you to send \$100. by this means if you could.

I hope Gundlach will either come today or will write
me something definite

On the receipt of the plants you won't fail to write
by the first mail I hope & oblige

Yours truly
Charles Wright



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