

Retiro 10th. Apr. 1864

My Dear Dr

Your two last of 22nd & 30th ult came this morning both together - the former containing Grisebach's 2nd list of names and the obituary of Dr. Boott. I go over them to make observations answer questions &c. & then I shall tell you a little of what I am doing & intend to do.

I beg Mr. Bennett's pardon for thinking he did just as is quite natural any stranger might do - consult his land lord on such subjects as he himself might not well understand & then follow the counsel given. Strange information that which he received at the Post Office!! I don't see why you should say "and foolishly - not finding where to leave the publications, brought them back again." I think I should have done the same.

I shall write to Poej on the subject of the sets of plants & state your suggestion to wait a further distribution. That orchid which fertilizes without opening its flowers is not found in this part of the island as well as I remember only from the Cobre Mts eastward.

I have now plenty of good specimens of the *Cala juglans* (fl & fr) — also ♂ of *Cicca arborea*.

Glad to hear that Dr. Torrey has good health again. Tell him to give his "cod liver" to some railroad engineer the best use it can be put to. Poor Mr. Leconte died of "Le Roy".

I still have the draft on Roeding. I have intended to send it to Grisebach for collection so soon as he advises us when he will come this way.

Last week I ran down to the south coast for a few days to look for new plants & feed musketoes & jiggers. I did a little of all three. I brought home quite a lot of pl. — a palm not till now collected a coccoloba which I believe

to be new to my coll. - A plant which reminds me of *Holca
cantha* (fr) just putting forth its little leaves. I once before
saw it not far fr. *Gudutanamu*. - a *Ruellia* which I don't
know - a *Lippia* which looks strange (they all look weedy
& foreign) This year I shall get plenty of flowering spec.
of a little leafless orchid which I share often met with
fr but not till now with fl. (I have wanted something
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as I can that I may again be at liberty for another
excursion. which I shall be in a day or two. Today I
saw fl. of a *Rhamnidium*? At least it agrees well
with the character. You have fruiting specimens
of last year. I shall soon get fl. of *Cacasia* I
hope. *Gris* has *Purdia monodynamis* m Is it not
Richard's *Coscan leulensis*? And should it not retain
this ~~name~~ sp. specific name? Did you mean *Ottoria punct.*
& *Sphaerocarpa* when you wrote *Okenia*? & what is *Beha
mia leulensis* n. gen. *Gris* in Pl. R. *Behaemia* *Cathartes* n. gen.
which in Pl. *Rhodes*

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ture so far as concerns the setting of its capsules

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find it. I have sent about a dozen specimens of a *Belainia*
with bipinnate leaves & named I believe *Belainia* *Whitlatchii* *W.*
but that is not *B. spinosa* of Rich. by a great deal. I
hope you'll see that no blunders of such a size are com-
mitted

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You wrote *Lecidicia*; *Gris* *Lebanitia*. Who is right?

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its flowers. I could find no ovules in the ovary. Yesterday I
found the ~~to~~ without a rudiment of stamens. It is no genus in
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Kind regards to Mrs G. Glad to know that she is better
Yours ever

Charles Wright



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