

Dear Dr

Dr. Gray

Please direct in future

J. M. Morales & Co

Habana

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Bulletina Jan 26th

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Cephalanthus, Jussiaea, Lynamia, &c. &c. Commenda regalis
grows there too and an Aspidium near As Lerra is out
a var. of it. The "tembladeras" sink with my weight
as I walk or better wade over them & I have of us to shift
my position and wait for the sunken part to rise

We have just had a light shower of rain about 4 P.M.
the first in two or three months. In other parts good rains
have fallen and we have the promise of more by the looks of the ^{cloudy} sky

I wonder if Grisbach got the money from Reynosa to
print his Catalogus. If he didn't he never will. Reynosa
has ~~the~~ well earned reputation for spending other people's
^{long ago he got rid of his own} money. I hope Grisbach hasn't been taken in. His grand
discovery for crystallizing all the juice of the cane has turned
out nothing. He got considerable sums of money here
from liberal men to enable him to go to France to have
his machinery made and the principle of his grand dis-
covery is to separate the saccharine matter from the aqueous
by cold. Now in this country is he to make freezing mix-
tures to freeze hundreds of hogheads of cane juice

Well if Grisbach got the money I shall be glad for
his sake & my own as the two most deeply interested
in the matter perhaps

I shall be very glad to get the new part of L'ep. Plant
if only for the Leguminosae & Myrtaceae I hope to find
Mouriri left to the Melastomaceae when it belongs

Yours truly

Chas Wright



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