

Balesterna Feb 13th 1866.

Dear Dr

A few days ago came yours of the 16th ult. Now it seems we understand one another about past operations & know that nothing has been lost but one or two letters which through vexations at the time we can learn to forget.

I have been working at the ferns getting also candidies. Mr Sauvall goes to Habana, to stay, in a few days. He offered to take my collection with him. I may accept his offer if it should appear that it will not be too troublesome to him. If I can get together candidies of another tree fern I think I shall send all these and get him to look out a chance of sending them to New Haven if possible which however I think doubtful. I write to Mr Eaton asking him for direction how to send so one way or another it will not be long I hope before you receive candidies of the three or four large ferns found at this end of the island. I aim to send two of each - these you can split (with a saw) and they will make two specimens each more valuable (in my judgment) than the whole if kept entire.

I have been bothered with *Alchornea latifolia* L. Gussone describes the leaves as cylindrical at the base. I find them provided with glands and with hair tufts in the vein axils. Is he right? Please look at your Cuban specimen.

The *Sillandesia* bother me awfully. So please look at some of the figures and see if the filaments are really twisted as Lpis. says. Bot. Mag. t. 3288, 3275. Bot. Reg. t. 749.

What is the difference between 3-nerved & tripli-nerved as *Ischodya rufescens* & *I. Haguenensis*? &c &c

Ym. uses the word cubulate in some sense peculiar to him
I can't understand it - e.g. Schubertia heterophylla-filaments
— cubulate at the base I fancied that cubulate always
referred to the tip of an organ - not to the base. Polypodium;
rectinatum - "segregate from a subequal, cubulate, acuminate base"
What can that mean?

A clause in your letter I don't comprehend "If we have, as
I fear, ourselves to make out the list of your who be
collecting according to the numbers. I only wish you
may be here to take it in hand" The distribution-numbers
(most of them) are given by Mr. Gray after the name or
description.

At last I have a letter from Mr. Curtis. He says he himself hasn't
heard from Mr. Berkeley in five or six years & don't even know if
he is alive. Says the last Coulam collection promise well tho
somewhat injured by insects.

I have made out a list of the numbers of my distributees
plants and have under Sawall's name packed with it
all the sheets he has. I have asked of Mr. Gray, Juncus & Tab
lists of their numbers. With these for a guide we need not
in future give them any duplicates. I would like a similar
list from Olney & any or all others who do not want to
receive duplicates, and the supernumerary specimens will
serve for new sets or for exchange. Can you do any thing
towards realizing this object?

Coming down the river the other day a large branch of juglans
fell on my head - almost. It gave me some nice specimens -
came down a shower.

I forget whether I asked you to change the direction of
your letters thus "J. M. Morales & Co Habana" By this will
save some delay some risk of loss & some postage. The letters
need not go to Matanzas & then back again to Habana - They

will come on to me at once

Best regards to Miss Gray & Miss Calanice & Miss G
when you pass them

Yours ever
Charles Wright



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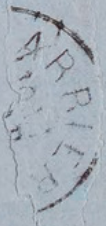
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