

Havana Feb 18th 1867

Dear Dr.

Hooraw! I've got it at last. A friend told me the Star was in. I went to see Karmitz to know if he had got the book & while talking a man entered with it.

Your expression "the good Mr. Karmitz" is no flattery. He is a good fellow. I was a little bothered about the disposal of my boxes. Nobody seems ~~to~~ willing to receive them in their warehouses. They want them delivered on the dock to wait till the lighters can take them off to the ships (ships ^{small ones} ~~unloaded~~ at the dock - they load by means of lighters - Bah! Let 'em brag of the magnificent harbor of Havana — those who have seen no other) Karmitz says bring them here; I'll ship them for you. So that is arranged & tomorrow I shall turn them over to his care.

I looked a few minutes over the Catalogus and then carried it to Canvalle that he might improve the little time that now remains to me here in noting down the errors &c. Thanks for the botanical papers which I have read over devoutly.

I had to break up some of my packages of plants in order to get them into the boxes which were rather too small. But they won't joggle about much. If some of them are not broken on the edges by strongly pressing on thin parcels I shall be glad. The breaking up of the arrangement isn't of much consequence — a little more work.

You can't imagine the trouble I've had to get ready to go to Trinidad. If I were to return here I'd resort again to horses and anathematised steamboats & railroad.

Quintlack goes tomorrow with all his Cuban collection to the Paris exhibition. You can hardly imagine how he is loved here I don't say esteemed — that is not the word. Even a ^{whole} day before his departure I saw tears in manly eyes at the thought of his leaving & you may

judge of the feelings of his lady friends who love him no less sincerely,
one old lady gave him a port-mug with twelve ounces in it & 20/4,
a heavy little present. Others have supplied him with clothing
for the change of climate he will encounter &c &c

19th I saw Gindlack off. Then took my two boxes of plants & the
bundle of Fern candidae to the house of Morale & delivered them
into the care of Mr. Maritz who will ship them within a few
days probably by the Brit. Briz Laura. I tied up strongly the
bundle which contains two *Alsephelas* or something of the sort
Hemateia horrida (if I miswrote) and an *Asplenium* if this
latter being small & sprouting has not fallen out. I think
you had better keep them as they are till I come.

I believe I have now everything arranged for my voyage, except
getting my checks & ticket (railroad). They have a clumsy way of checking.
They stick on your trunk a printed paper & give you a similar
one as a check. But they receive the baggage of tomorrow this
afternoon so that one need not hurry and get about it before
sunrise tomorrow morning.

If you should have a chance to acknowledge the arrival of the
plants by letter beg of sailing vessel to me through Maritz
or so as then will be no costs or little. But if I find my self
uncomfortable at Trinidad as I hope & believe I shall write you
immediately. Till then I remain as ever,

Yours truly
Chas Wright

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