

Trinidad Ap 20th 1867

Dear Dr

I have just boxed up and directed the plants collected here. They go by the Bark Casco, Capt. Gardner, Consignees Geo. S. Stephens & Co. 49 South St. N. York, I thought it better to ship them than to carry them with me to Cuba where I hope to go or to start tomorrow. If you knew the bother it has cost me today just to start that little parcel of paper or what remains of it on the way to Cuba if you didn't curse some I can hardly doubt you would think "damn it" You can't imagine the bore it is to go through all the formalities of shipping a parcel even from one port of the island to another.

Since I wrote you I went into the mountains to an old capital now a potato or pasture. It was excessively dry yet I found some things I don't remember collecting *G. melastom.* certainly new - a *Psyllidia* & an *Adiantum* that I can't determine I came here a week ago and have found some novelties here also - an *Ichneumon* like *I. suberecta* - a *Najas* certainly new to my collection - *Prosopis juliflora* - a *Datura* most like *Stramonium* ^(P.S. no doubt) yet I can hardly believe it is - a very minute leafy *Cordia* &c. &c. But till lately it has been extremely dry. Last night we had a good long steady shower.

Cuba 24th. Arrived here this morning. On the way I lost the receipt for the box of plants - the wind blew it out of my hands but I guess you will have no difficulty in getting it. Tomorrow I hope to go to Guanabana and the day after I may reach Monte Verde

I find here a steamer which plies about every four weeks between this port & N. York touching at Veracruz. I rather think now that I shall make my calculations to return by her on her second following trip or about the middle of June.

I was pretty badly seasick last night and have hardly got over it fully now at night. I ate nothing today till dinner at 5, P.M.

I thought I shouldn't send off this till I got to Guantánamo where I come expect to find a letter from you which I could thus acknowledge. But I will not neglect this chance of writing by the steamer Tak-kee. which will reach N.Y. in two weeks or less. Mean time I remain

Yours truly

Charles Wright



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