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Brown University,

Providence, R. I.,

August 27, 1923.

Professor M. L. Fernald,
Gray Herbarium,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Fernald:

As it is getting along towards the time that you are (according to my last information) expected back in Cambridge I am enclosing three sub-vouchers, which I would like to get signed up so that I can send in my expense account. So far as signing these vouchers is concerned all you have to do is to write your name on the "signature" line of each sub-voucher indicated by the pencil cross. In connection with these there are some items of details that I would like to know about so that I can insert an explanation regarding them. On the sub-voucher No. 5 my memorandum gives 3 different items, \$16, \$30 and \$3.25, totalling \$49.25, but I took no memorandum as to what these items were for, other than the general one of auto and truckage. If you have your memoranda handy I would be glad if you would send me a little more detailed information as to what these items were for.

In sub-voucher No. 6 am I correct in supposing that Joe had \$4.00 a day and the other two \$3.00? If this is so, Joe's bill would be \$124 and the other two \$186 for the 31 days in July, totalling \$310. This

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leaves \$2.00 of the total (\$312 as given to me) which will certainly cause a tangle in red tape in Washington, if left that way. Perhaps you remember, or have a record of, the way this was figured. If you have I would be glad to know a little more detail. Possibly I have the rate per day for the men wrong, or perhaps they were employed a little extra, or perhaps "old whiskers" comes in for part of a day's pay some way. This really isn't very important but if you happen to remember or have any suggestion as how best to overcome the red tape I would be glad.

Sub-voucher No. 7 I am wondering if you can give me separate items for the automobile and truck and also the number of trips if you happen to have them recorded.

I shall, of course, be greatly interested in learning the happenings during the month of August. I have thought of you most every day and wished that I could have been with you. I certainly hope everything went off smoothly and the results were all or more than were anticipated. Please let me know when you expect to be in Cambridge more or less permanently and I may run up for a day. In any event I would suggest that those members of the party who can do so foregather at the Gray Herbarium some time the first Friday in October to sort out specimens, camp equipment, apparatus, etc.

You will be interested in knowing that most of the views that I took came out fairly well, though rarely as perfect as I had hoped. I am now making prints of them as I get opportunity. At present I have about a quarter of them printed. I have had more or less delay in getting proper

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paper and have had to send to the Eastman people and get it direct from the factory. I hope I shall have a considerable portion of them printed before the October meeting of the Club. I enclose a franked envelope for return of the sub-vouchers.

Several times since my return I have heard reports of a disease that was "killing" the oaks on Cape Cod. So far as I can learn it seems to be twigs and small limbs that are going. If you happen to run across this when you are down on the Cape I would be very glad if you had an opportunity of sending me specimens of the trouble, including specimens both sides of the diseased area, (that is, both diseased and the adjoining fairly healthy portions). I enclose a couple of adhesive franked tags which can be used for some of the specimens, provided you have an opportunity and the time to collect and wrap them, but I hope you will not go to any unusual trouble regarding the matter. According to the Post Office regulations a package in excess of four pounds can not go under frank.

Sincerely, with best regards,

J. FRANKLIN COLLINS,
J.F.C.
Pathologist.

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