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My Dear Mr. Fay

Your thick letter with

Enclosure came to hand to day. Welcome home
after your long travel. As per accompanying
list you will see that I have shipped
4 parcels to you by express. I shall keep
forwarding boxes as fast as I get them
filled till finished. I should have been glad
to have had the putta percha sheets before
but now cannot use to much advantage.
Our P.O. is not at all convenient with their
strict rules in regard to putting up mail
parcels with open ends & no marks, or
writing. The office shut most of the
time so that I should lose more time
than it is worth in running back & forth
with small parcels. The boxes I use
are small not weighing (packed) over 25-lbs. so
that I can lift them about myself. I
should like to have larger bulk at my
command but I find that I am already taxed
to my full strength to keep up with the
collection. I note what you say in regard
to compensation. There will be no difficulty in

The boxes shipped in stored one back to an expressman. I think well of

that point, as I shall be satisfied with what
you & Mr Backhouse agree on, when the collection
is finished. I merely state my views, based on
previous experience. You know once I received
£70. for a very meager collection of seeds,
exceptional perhaps, but such things you
know have a fancy value and Mr Backhouse
is the best judge of what he can realize.
I am extremely not to charge too much that my
modest loss, or too little least my subsequent
work prosecuted under much more expense may
not pay me, but the whole matter is in
your hands to decide. When you see the results -
I would only make one other suggestion viz
that out of the £150. (if this is the sum settled
on) might be taken the express charges to you
which I suppose the premium on gold would
about cover. A great many points I
shall have occasion to write about in
connection with the collection but must
waive for the present. Today I fear has
slipped by I expect to finish Conference in a few
days & probably leave here for Denver soon after
Oct 1st when I will finish up expect from
here next Sunday to stay a few days more
in my nest

Yours
C. C. Parry



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