

PG Box 157 San Diego, Cal^a March 11th 1882

Dear Watson

You see I have made a sudden change of base - everything in the botanical line looks so promising here that I think I shall make a stay of it as long as it seems desirable. I have sent for Mr. Parry to come down from Colton. So please use the above address till otherwise advised.

The steamer following me comes down the impenetrable Jones, our meeting was quite a joke. He is active & lively on his way generally bringing 3 or 4 in sh. every trip. or "New to California" "More Jonesii." We now talk of a trip together into Lower California if we go far enough we shall get good things. Cleveland is a good useful man but physically weak - I shall have to wait for Nemacaulis, but it will come in due time.

An interesting rediscovery of mine is Ophioglossum I suppose G. vulgatum but it looks queer and reminds me of a figure in Hook 71 Br. it is not sufficiently advanced. but I have to say it is abundant everywhere in the table land associated with Dodecatheon & Sax. Parryi. Cleveland is naturally excited about it & has sent a note to Jour. Bulletin. I collected the same in Spring of 1850. in my collection

that was lost in crossing the Isthmus. and never had
a chance to look for it again till now. I suppose this
being an unusual good season makes it more conspicuous

Mr Cleveland has called my attention to the enclosed
Saline Shrub. which he says he has noticed every year
but never seen in fl. it is evidently a Frankenia
and I suspect F. Palmeri so please compare with Palmer
specimens. it is abundant here and I shall make it
a point to get it in fl & fr though I would like that.
Mr Cleveland should have the credit of the discovery.
The season is very backward fully a month. all the
better for securing the early flora. Jones expects to go
up the coast in about a month. he now thinks he
will not finish up California Nevada Oregon &c &c
this year but confine himself to California. he is a good
fellow but - pretty good company

I expect to go up to Litter when the R.R. is finished
which goes on slowly. Not a word yet of Pringle. who
may have changed his route or delayed on the way.
I am surprised at the improvements here. It makes
me feel old to go back 32 years & see the changes. I
begin to feel like a Veteran

Yours truly

C.C. Parry



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