

St Louis July 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

My dear Dr

Your last, dated June 11<sup>th</sup> was received in due time and the money cashed (1 p. C. discount). I think we are square now. The \$75 sent to Lindheimer will be well timed, as I am afraid his zeal began to flag on account of money difficulties. — He is gone now to the Nierenderes & Llano, and will go if possible to the San Loba. —

Freden, I understand indirectly, is sick with scurvy and sick of matters in Santa Fe and wants to return. His boxes sent off in April have not arrived yet. I am afraid Uncle Sam is a bad forwarder. — But there is a misfortune & ill luck about this Santa Fe — Dr. Drilzeng's splendid collection of Chichuacan has arrived safely — he is here himself now, with another collection, made between Chichuacan, Sillill. & Matamoros, but a fine and large collection made last year about the Atlatlan and Santa Fe, many living Cacti etc. has not arrived yet!!

Dr W. wants to go out again, but having expended all his means in the last journey, he must go as surgeon in the army. We have written for an appointment to the Sec. of War, have personally interested Benton in the matter, etc. — But if you



think a recommendation from Cambridge University might be  
of any weight — of which I have no doubt, you would  
believe me much; and certainly benefit science if you  
could urge Mr. May to appoint Dr  
Whitzgenus & as surgeon in the Western Army —  
New Mexico, Chihuahua or California would be  
a proper field for his action. — Dr W. is also  
one of our best physicians and an accomplished  
surgeon. If you can do any thing, do it soon.

You must have received by this time my letter  
with Cactus seeds, as also a small package of  
plants, sent by Mr. Teves from here — including  
the working numbers of Lindheimer.

I go on slowly with Lindheimer's Plants; much  
medical practice and the arrival of Dr. Whitzgenus  
have kept me from them to a great extent. I can  
not think of examining the plants; but only make  
notes as a large number of specimens comes under  
my hands, about habit etc. —

I shall send you seeds from Chihuahua  
etc. shortly. —

I have received several new works on  
Cacti, and am quite bewildered by them,  
200 to 300 species!! — but I believe none  
from Texas, Santa Fe or Chihuahua.

In haste  
your friend  
Engelmann



Prof Wm Gray

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