

should have shown myself this
in my 2^d childhood
if I had disregarded it. It
came upon me unexpectedly
[over that that I over y^e
moment a moment of ^{many}
doubt]; - & I did not
hesitate one moment about
giving it up - & that is
approved of. It is not
for me to say that with
efficiency afterwards it
might not have gone on
& with a good name. But
at my time of life & with
no certain aid, impossible
Lamplad I was so much
afflicted by yours,

W. L. Hooker

New. Oct. 27. 1857

Wright's Cuba Plants to come
£ 19. ---
Expenses ----- 1. ---
Living Plants of Cuba
on acct. of R. G. ----- 5 ---
2 Cans. -----
£ 20 ---

My dear Friend

The above sum goes
to our friend Harvey by to
day's post. Only kindly
tell me if you think I deal
fairly with Mr. Wright in
the living? Plants for
the garden. I am more
severe in the matter of the
garden than I should be
in my own acct. & yet I

much out rightly. Between
ourselves, — & pray do not
say so to W. — he is wholly
inefficient in this kind
of affairs. I could not
have believed ~~as good as~~ a Col-
lector could be so. But
I will send something more
if you think I ought. If
I cannot, for the Librarian
is worthy of his hire. So
if this contented but not
otherwise, please send
me an acknowledgment
an act of the Royal Gen-
eral: — a little Bill being
made, signed by Minister

you) & say nothing
about American money, &
by you, please say "this
acknowledged April 1st
Mr. W. Wright." That need
not be if the act is
made out in your name.

I am much gratified
with your kind letter &
can't but say I have for-
wended the letter ^{in haste &c.} I re-
joice at Wright's safety
& success.

It was while I was in
Norfolk that I received
from you, a kind of
round Robin, of such
names complaining of
the Boston Journal, that I



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