

And Dear  
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Petersville Po 5th 1846  
Harvie Co. Tex

In accordance with your  
request, I have packed up my plants  
and have them in the hands of the  
express in your anticipations, please bear in  
mind, that all the early part of the season I was  
collecting only for my own amusement, without  
any design of sending them away, not having  
had any intelligence from you till the arrival of  
your communication of July 4th. This will account  
for the fact, that of some plants, which I might  
have secured in any required quantities, I have only  
one or two specimens, and many others, which I  
had heretofore examined, have been, altogether,  
neglected. I preserved but few in the early spring,  
not having a horse then at my command, and  
my collections were then confined within very narrow  
limits. Some *Crocuses*, and a number of *glandulosa*,  
plants, somewhat resembling the *Cymbidium*, and others,  
I could mention, I have noticed, without securing.  
One of the *Pisces* is common and beautiful, a  
cross section of the leaf is thus,  $\dagger$  nearly a perfect  
specimen. It is principally found in one locality,  
with purple flowers. On the San Jacinto, I found a  
*Gaura* with the not uniformly three-cornered  $\dagger$







4. These are some of the plants I have collected & I hope they will be of some  
much smaller) height while others are more than 100 feet high  
longer and sub-petioled style & stigma short & stout when they  
stand out the more a long & slender capsule or ovary  
about 1/2 inch long in stiff black band

Their inflorescence is a long & slender spike of small flowers  
Plant branching leafy about 6 inches high

Nov 24. I have just received a letter from Mr. Stanton who  
informs me that he does business with Brown & Kelso <sup>New York</sup> that

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Mr. Wm. Gray  
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opportunities to ship by a Boston vessel do not often occur  
I will send my box of plants to him and direct him to  
ship them to Wiley & Putnam according to your desire &  
if he should not be able to comply with my request you  
will know where to find them though he does not  
inform me of the name of the street or the number  
of the house







and his house was empty; and, then, it presents a  
 without condition, and it is not possible for him to  
 consent to travel to a house, at night, with a bag  
 in a blanket and take his rest, and be ready to  
 leave his labor in the morning, without being under  
 the necessity of waiting for the (sometimes tardy)  
 movements of his boat. Such a mode of life I have  
 been accustomed to, and would, gladly engage in  
 it again, if I could, though, as you wish my good  
 objects, the pleasure of the pursuit would more than  
 compensate for the toil and expense. But these enjoy-  
 ments can not be procured in this country, except at an  
 expense which I am not able to meet. If your view  
 should coincide with mine, and if you could  
 make the necessary arrangements for me to  
 do so, effectually; please say your commands upon  
 me; and as to the liberal share of my time, which I  
 will remain in a position to take, shall be in  
 your disposal.

I have now filled up a long letter with mat-  
 ter of some sort. Please let me hear from you as  
 soon as possible that I may <sup>know</sup> what disposition  
 to make of myself the ensuing year as my move-  
 ments will depend somewhat on the prospect  
 before me of assisting you in your labors

Yours very sincerely

Edw. Wright



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