

At Sea Sept 17/37

Dear Dr

We are approaching N. Y. -
hope to be there tomorrow-morning
less at page 22nd ult. - have made
a long passage - plenty of calm -
head winds but not a good fair
wind for one hour It is as likely
as not the vessel will be kept
at quarantine though we have
no sick on board & then was none
when we left I may stay forty-
eight hours to know the certainty
of the matter or I may go home
as soon as I can get away In ~~any~~ either
case I will make arrangements
to have the botany sent on to
you as soon as possible - I sup-
pose it will be necessary for me
to go to Washington at an early

& the other rather reluctantly giving
admittance to any thing Good luck
I say to the man that invented seasickness
But our poor little Cubano has been
on his back the whole way - he fought
the grub bravely but it wouldn't
stay put

In one of the bundles of woody specimens
you will find a few packages of what
were living orchids (epiphytic) You
can send them to Kew or to Washing-
ton or make any other disposition of
them you think proper if they are alive
Present my respects to Mrs G.

Very truly

Yours

Chas Wright

day to attend to the botany of Behring's
Strait. ~~Behring~~ Expedition I have
been thinking of proposing that we
make a joint labor of it I suppose
I can do a good deal of the work
of distribution comparison & the
manual labor generally as well as
the description of many of the novelties
if we find any I don't know what
the pay is as that will be my only
income I shall necessarily need
a considerable portion of it I would
like your views on the subject. Don't
hesitate to express your mind freely
for it would be no great sacrifice
for me to give up the job entirely
though I think we could do it better
together But if we undertake it
I don't mean to stop at the half-way
house — it shall be pushed through
if the appropriation holds out

I have five more bundles of plants
like the first sent which I hope
you have received & two bundles spec-
imens of wood These last I propose
that you shall divide as each
specimen is enough for two — keep on
yourself for your trouble & send the
other to Hooker They are all num-
bered & in the bundles of specimens
are corresponding numbers attached
to portions of foliage flowers or
fruit — If we can agree upon the
above plan for a joint publication
of the Behring's St. Ex. Bot. we
might at the same time perhaps
get out a sort of "Florula Cubana"
I shall look for a letter from you
on my arrival home

I like Cuba quite well but have
enjoyed? the usual rather miserable
health of a sea voyage — one and
refusing an outlet to any thing



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