

any difficulties likely to result
from the principles of the re-
torious party. Two apparently
impartial journals the Courier des
Chats Bons & La Tribune sup-
ply me with my principal polit-
ical information. The former has
been down on the actual President
yet it does think the change is
much for the better. I hope S.
Carolina will cool down & then
I hope all the South will unite
(not very probable) in refusing
to ship a pound of cotton to
the northern states. Such a course
would make 'em cry peccavi
However Mass. is just as much
guilty of nullification as ~~the~~
S. Carol. — Kansas is starving
Wonder if the sharp-shin ^{preachers} ~~preachers~~
will be as liberal in feeding ^{they were} ~~they were~~
preaching for the people
Yours ever
Chas Wright

N. Sophie
Dec 16th 1860

Dear Dr

I must growl again -
cant help it. Two months
ago you was going to send me
Darwin & mem. lenses & knives
One month is enough for that &
more too. As I wrote you before
"to be expecting these things month
after month" is any thing but
pleasant. To go ^{in vain} time of the time
engaging for them is unpleasant
too. It might appear as if I
wished to make myself of more
importance than I really am —
to be ever expecting that somebody
is sending me something

Mr L. is here. came in the
Shannon which you may know
broke her chops away in the
middle of the Atlantic. Lost 3
days clearing away the broken

or useless wheel & came on
with one & sails—made a
long passage to St. Thomas
Mr L. is then—did not have
good health in France—too
cold for him. He is gaming—
is rejoiced to be home again
(he is at home here you know as
well as at M. Vandy) & is cheerful
He talks of going to our country
if he gets quite well—goes in
two or three days to St. F.
I think of staying a little while
here, or let Charles Descailles
near here to look for some
things at the farallones especially
mollusks for Dr. E.

On my way from Bayam 2
turned aside & spent two weeks
at Bradford. Found a few good
things on La Guine & Loma
del Quir. besides some shells

& bird

With Mr L's help I hope to
penetrate farther to the east-
ward from M. F. than I have
yet been able to do. I shall
get introductory letters for
which will facilitate my
visits to other points so that
I hope to make the winter pro-
fitable for Company as well as
Zoology

Well the democrats are licked
this time Black-Republicanism
is triumphant & seems to be
casting its "shadow before"
Apparently the country has small
cause of rejoicing in its change
of politics. However I suppose
the victors will ascribe the
financial troubles to the dying
throes of democracy or to any
other cause than real or imagin-



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