

Sun Jose Jan 9, 1863

My Dear Dr

This morning came yours of the 17th ult. with enclosure of Pickerman. I wrote to him quite lately. - To you also so have not much to communicate now. I don't very well understand Pickerman's motive, for sending the remaining portions of the lichen abroad to be described. He says "what remains to be done can be despatched much more quickly abroad than here" Can be? Yes, but will it be. And your penciling at the top is "not encouraging" and the sentence of Gotche is "not encouraging" And the little sale of the ferns after such large expectations held out is "not encouraging". Nor do I receive much encouragement from the sale of the "mats & blankets" of mosses.

You have more than once written that it will be much better not to distribute the plants till they are named. The ferns I believe are named but so far as I know the naming has not made 'em go off like hot cakes. I have a notion that if you had distributed what you now have in hand there would be found in England one which I could depend & thus avoid a sacrifice of 50 p.c. by exchange - I said I had written to W. H. May. Better was a great. He says he sent me a copy of his paper - so in that I did him injustice & probably I have had less patience than I ought to have exercised. His account of Nylander's engagements & slowness is not encouraging if his opinion is of weight that N. is the only Lichenologist fully competent to the task. In such case we might as well go it onek or onsting do the work at home well or ill sooner or later & have as much patience as we can. Perhaps the additional collection will throw light

The paper of this morning brings us the President's
proclamation. Wonder if he'll ever be able to put it in
force. I guess whether it will restore the Union.

Kind regards to Mrs G. & a happy new year to you all
Yours truly

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