

St George Utah Dec 8, 1875

Friedl Daven port

My dear Sir

Your favor of
25 ult is just received, & I haste to
reply. I sent you the fern that resembles
"Maidenhair" long ago & supposed you
had that growing if not I can send
you any time as that is plenty - about
2 weeks ago I sent you the other
two sorts, that we got by going
20 miles, found but few roots and
these I divided with you & sent to
I trust one this you have received
both are very scarce, & we only
occasionally find it - If you fail
in the last & don't I don't know
when I can duplicate them, but
if we can find more will send
but at present have but just samples

I have the poorest luck imaginable
in growing ferns - Can't get them at all thin, to grow out & finally they die -
I hope those last sent may do better - I have sowed and several times but none got come - I doubt not all this failure comes from want of experience or care - I shall keep trying however and hope at last to succeed -

Thanks for promise of plants but if you have them now is far the best time to send plants for if you wait till warm enough time it is hot here - & I don't see any plants coming in hot weather

You once spoke of introducing me to a continental firm of yours who would be likely to want something from here & have something given to

send me in return - I shall at all times be pleased to make acquaintance of gentlemen who are lovers of nature & her beauties

Dr Parry is at San Bernardino Cal. when he remains with his wife this winter

Dr Edward Palmer is here now collecting & using this my library & laboratory as nucleus for his collections - he leaves here probably in a week or two -

With kindest regards

My best regards
J E Johnson



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