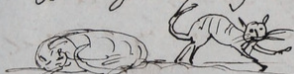


favor, nevertheless to be paid for.

I go on to Savannah in a few days & purpose taking the Boat for Key West on the 1st Feb. & probably remain there till the 22^d. & then return to Savannah, & take a little trip into Florida, as far as it is agreeable - say to St. John's R. & St. Augustine. Possibly return to Charleston in March - I so northward.

I have been obliged to give up New Orleans, owing to the difficulty of getting on from Key West in time, & I think that the latter place is too important for the Alga book to be omitted. Besides - my visit to N. O. & up the Mississ. would be very hurried & at a season that it would hardly pay - but perhaps I may alter my plans again & on returning to Charleston take the Augusta & Montgomery route. At present tis only certain that I go to Key West in the boat of 1st Feb. - If there be time to send me a letter from Mr. Emerson to reach me at Savannah by 31st January, I should be glad to get it. I shall write you as I go along. Here we have warm weather, with niggers brushing off the fleas from Table as we sit at meat - while you are probably blocked up in snow - poor critters! I hope Madame is still progressing & that Miss B. is gaily. My kind regards - I am ever affectionately yours

W. L. Lawry



1850
Charleston - Jan. 15. 1849.

My dear fray
I wrote to you from New York the day before I set out on my travels & believe I have not since written. At Warhington I spent three days - during which I saw a good deal of Prof. Henry, & fraternized with him - He wants me to come back in Spring to give a few lectures, which I shall probably do, as the lecture room is of a convenient size to suit my pictures & it may be pleasant to see a little more of the Capital, when the fields are green about it. When I left, it was bitter cold, & the river blocked up with the snow. We talked about the Alga book for the Smithsonian, & he gives me leave to have as many plates as I choose - & also wishes a chapter of introductory matter - so that it occurs to me I can make the thing sufficiently popular as well as scientific, & thus save the trouble of writing a manual besides - at least, stave it off till we have much better materials than are at present at hand. - From Warhington I moved on to Richmond, Va. & stopped a day seeing sights - & walking about - & next evening set off for Wilmington - where I did not see Dr. McRee because he was off at his

Country house - but I saw his son, who
knew nothing & cared less about Botany
but who was civil enough to me. I regretted
the loss of the father, of whom perhaps
I might have got a dried up. of Dionaea -
but I found no difficulty in getting as
many plants thereof as I chose to carry
away - It is one of the commonest plants
in all the swamps around. M. Giard
had gone to Cuba a month before - but
by the report I heard of him from M. Rees
his absence was no great loss to me. I
was glad to get off from Wilmington after
aday, as there was nothing green in the
wood - (the only plant in flower being
the Nut, which blossoms on naked twigs) -
and the Inn ("Washington & Lafayette") very
bad - Whether the other place ("Carolina Hotel")
be any better, can't say. - Left W. in a
steamer for Charleston on 10th & ar-
rived here at midday on the 11th - where
I found a capital hotel, & luxuriated
in making myself comfortable therein.
After dinner I sallied off in search
of Prof. Gibbs, & found a pleasant little
man, very full of information - & very
zealous in science - & who was much

kind in furthering my operations. He ^{went} ~~came~~
with me next morning to Sullivan's Id.
where we spent two hours hunting over
such rocks as there were - namely a
breakwater & a platform (or what you
call it) in ruin, made of Palmetto logs -
By wading in the water & groping about,
we managed to pick a good many algae
& my collections took me all that evening
& part of Sunday to lay down - so that
I have a goodly set of specimens - though
not many species. Among them is a Gra-
teloupia - a genus new to America - but I think
the species is already described from some
W. India Id. The others were chiefly what
I had had before - but my specimens are
much better than those I had got from
Dr. J. formerly. Monday I strolled down
to the shore of the Harbor - & got another
new genus (Bostychia) - but the species is
the same as one from Cuba (B. radicans).
I fancy however that Bailey will have
anticipated me in this, from a paragraph
his last letter. Today (Tuesday) I hope
to go dredging, if it be fine enough -
a matter still in nubious - but there
is some difficulty in getting boats here &
that I have the promise of is by special



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