

June 2, 1911.

Mr. James F. Dawson,

% Washington Annex,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dawson,-

I will take this opportunity to answer the various notes which you have made on my letters to you of May 16th. and 18th.

COCOS PLUMOSA.

In the present state of affairs of course I can do nothing in regard to securing the Cocos plumosa which Miss Sessions has. I hear that she has sold 7 or 8 of the largest to a man in Town who is going to use them for street planting in front of his lot. Also I found out from Laurie Cox that Los Angeles was after her Cocos plumosa but not any of her other palms. I think the Cocos plumosa will be very scarce in a short time. The ones we have in the nursery are pretty small.

I am sorry to find that the Exposition Company has thus far paid none of its bills to nurserymen, around here anyway, excepting one which I secured for Benard.

The new Park Commission a couple of days ago had Benard, as their horticultural expert, examine with them the planting which we had done, and according to the newspaper report he said the stock was looking finely. I know it is myself, excepting olives which Benard himself sent to us with almost every leaf and branch pruned off and the pruning was not done early in the season as we directed.

Paper Flower Pots.

We have already received the shipment of 2000 of the Neponset pots, which we will use. We have, however, found a rectangular pot without any bottom, and of tar paper, which fits into flats very nicely and does not rot out. Mr. Watson brought the inventor up here a few days ago with samples which he said had been standing with the Eucalyptus in them for 15 months. We have ordered 4000 of these, which we will use to hold over some of our Eucalypts for planting along the East border when we get the ground ready. Instead of large pots we have turned to the use of wooden boxes such as nurserymen around here use. We are getting these 12" square at the top, 10" square at the bottom and 12" deep for 11¢, and are using them for a great deal of our good stock, such as Pittosporum, Grevillea, Prunus, etc., which we are afraid will not transplant successfully if put in nursery rows. Donald is simply delighted with these boxes, and the stock in them in close rows in the lath-house looks very fine.

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Jepson's "Silva of California" already ordered as
I wrote you. *Just received to-day. I am already finding it very useful*
Express rates on Plants from the East.

We will watch this on all future shipments to see
that we get the low rate.

Prunus caroliniana.

Will write Biltmore and Montarirose, asking for sample
from the latter.

Mr. Olmsted left last night. He expects confidently
to meet you in Seattle and to discuss Exposition matters with you
then. I am sending by Express today all plans that you need re-
lating to this. I will therefore send back to you the letter of
May 16th. up to Seattle instead of to San Francisco, as I expect
that I can catch you easily in Seattle, and Mr. Olmsted expects
that you will not come down here at this time unless matters clear
up. I will keep Mr. Olmsted informed from day to day, as he
requested. In regard to this letter of May 16th: consider that
I have done nothing on all matters contained therein until I write
you to the contrary; therefore if we start up work again soon send
me back your instructions.

Referring now to the letter of May 18th: I have
seen the article in Everybody's Magazine. I shall do nothing in
regard to ordering more plants until the modus operandi is arrived
at down here.

J.F.D. 4.

My sister expected to leave Boston June 6th., arriving here June 12th. She has already sent one box by freight. I wired her two days ago, on advice from Mr. Olmsted, to delay her coming as we might return East. It is pretty hard on everybody, this tying up of the work. We feel now that we would be glad enough to go home. I am working on Riverside plans for Mr. Olmsted chiefly, but am keeping the Exposition things straightened out and Donald is going right ahead with the nursery work.

We shall be sorry indeed if we have no visit from you, but if we return East we will have a good time again this summer. Our house at Dedham is rented now for a year, so we shall have to board in Jamaica Plain until next May if we return. However, a good many people think that this will all blow over in a few days. Mr. Allen seems to be taking it very coolly and it may straighten out very soon.

Very truly yours,