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Dear Blossom,

Your letter of the 1st to Louisville just arr. here —

The assistant to Donald in the green house is a mighty important one — it is not a question where the man comes from — it is a question — whether he is sensitive to the art of propagation — and such a man is hard to get — especially a second man — The man you get for that work has got to be a man that has had a training and an experience in that line of work — I'm getting a man of that sort — have it understood that you are under no obligations to keep him or pay his expenses — I will keep my eye open for such a man in fact I have been looking for such all along — how I think that your strongest policy is to keep Donald so interested and enthusiastic in his propagating — have him the constant

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watch dog - over the making of the cuttings - over the putting of them in - over the time they should come out, over their watering over their shading and over their transplanting - that is the important thing - He has been away from that sort of thing a number of years and he has got a taste of outside - landscape work - which is much less responsible and more play like - but try hard to hold him and hold his interest to this most important part of the work - In Seattle I will see if I can get old Mr Evers - he watches carefully his temperature and his moisture - but he only knows the ordinary run of plants - however - I believe he did more toward the success of our propagation than at Seattle than any of the gardeners there because constantly he had in mind - the conditions and the changes -

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Please be careful about Donald — as we want
the most valuable out of him —
We also must have in mind — a man
as his understudy —

The man in a hood I never heard of —
and he doesn't sound very good —
usually the men that have charge
as gardeners of these homes are more
job gardeners than any thing else
I will try and look him up in Los Angeles
but you had better remind me later
about it by sending a letter to me
care of Cook —

Miss Sessions Palms

Aller and J.O. must remember — that we
are not going to have native shrubs
and trees and Rhododendrons to call
upon in San Diego — for our back
bone of the planting and one of the
principle things that we can rely on
for dark foliage and for massing and

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for height will be the Phoenix - too and we can not expect to grow them as they are too slow - the best we can do is to get the largest we can afford and can get - and then grow them on - we can also buy and raise some orange trees and they should be started at once. Therefore I strongly advise you all not to tie up the planting by putting off getting a most important part of it - So please all miss Sessions palms that I wrote about in my last letter on the subject -

Please let me know in a general way by return mail - in other words before I go to Seattle how - Rementer is getting along -

Yours very truly
James E. Dawson