

May 16th, 1911.

Mr. James F. Dawson,

7/ Washington Annex,

Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dawson,-

I have just opened a letter from the office containing several enclosures, which I have looked over and am sending on as there seems to be nothing needing attention immediately. I note one of the letters is personal to you from Ber^uh^oe, which I therefore have not read.

If you get an Encyclopaedia Britannica I shall be glad to read that, however.

Saturday, as I think I wrote you, we bought the best of Miss Sessions' Phoenix, about 60 plants, the large sizes only, in order to make sure that Los Angeles did not buy them. After our friend had arrived I found in conversation with him that they were hunting for Cocos plumosa, which Miss Sessions did not make us any bid on at the time she offered all her palms. The Cocos seem to be very scarce. Do you plan to use many of them? If you

have any idea of getting Miss Sessions you will have to act quickly; as I remember it, however, you once wrote me that the ones she had were too large for us to attempt to move them.

The order for the paper flower pots has at last come through, but they were lost for some time en route. This gives us 1000 3", 500 4" and 500 5". Their prices are f.o.b. cars, San Diego. Compared with the price of flower pots f.o.b. cars Los Angeles these paper pots are 65% of the clay pots, freight being extra for the clay pots. When figuring the cost of freight also it makes the paper pots cost ^{just} about 50 % of pottery pots. This does not seem to me a very good bargain as the paper pots have so many objections. Donald says they check the growth of the plants as soon as the roots reach the side of the pot.

Laurie Cox tells me that Jepson, whose little book "Trees of California" we have, has now published a "Silva of California" for \$10.00, which is very fine indeed. Can you look it up in Los Angeles or shall I go ahead and order a copy for us? I think it will be a good idea for us to have it if it is as good as Cox described.

Eastern Nurseries were short on the Calluna vulgaris. They sent only 300 instead of 500, and no Carmine pillar roses. I thought they had a large supply of Calluna.

You will be interested to know that the Express charges for one box from Hollister ^{on} here were only \$28.56, weight 336#, and on two boxes weighing 324 & 90# the total was \$39.52.

I have a note of yours under date of April 9th. "Buy from Biltmore or elsewhere large quantity of Prunus caroliniana". I have done nothing in regard to this. I have, however, bought from the Coronado Nursery 1500 Catalina cherries, Prunus integrifolia; also I have just purchased from the California Nursery Company under date of May 3rd. 2000 Prunus ilicifolia, which have just recently been transplanted into 4" pots and which they are going to hold until well established before shipping. These were all called for on our North Border planting and are needed to complete that. I am referring to the ilicifolia. The Prunus integrifolia we bought for 3¢ each, including the 2 1/2" pot, and thought this such a good purchase that we have taken them into the nursery to sell out of the nursery later for future Park planting. Montarioso Nsy. has fine lot of P. Caroliniana. *which they want you to see.*

ACACIA SALIGNA SEED.

Under your date of January 20th: I have never ordered. Shall I do so, say 1/4#?

ABELIA RUPESTRIS:

We have none of this unless Donals secured cuttings yesterday. Benard has some he wanted to sell you. You might see some on your way down.

Phoenix stricta:

I understand this is the very rapid growing one which Benard is propagating, one specimen of which is on Fifth Street. We all admire it and wish we could use it. You might find some other

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Nurseryman with this on your way down here.

DRACAENA:

Both Mr. Olmsted and Mr. Allen hope we can get some of this of the type that grows quite tall with a single trunk, say 10' high.

LEUCADENDRON ARGENTEUM:

Walter offers seed of this. It is a good drought resister from Australia I think, a very silvery foliage. Perhaps you can look out for some on your way down and see if it is attractive. 100 seeds for \$1.50.

CUPRESSUS ARIZONICA:

Walter offers seed at \$1.50 per pound. Do you want us to get some?

ACERNEGUNDO var. CALIFORNICA:

There are three or four specimens of this in Cabrillo Canyon under Mr. Marston's house. I think it is very attractive. Hope you will watch for it on your way down and see if you like it when it grows large.

CALLAS:

We have not done anything except to collect some whenever offered. Santa Barbara gave us a price of

GIAANT BAMBOO:

We now have 100 canes.

BAMBUSA STRIATA:

We have 24 big clumps which we have divided and will make us a supply of 100 or more. *Arundo donax* on hand, collected

We need to finish the North Border planting approximately the following of things that we are not going to grow ourselves or collect: *Pittosporum phlyraeoides* 140; *Eucalyptus ficifolia* 250,- Benard promises to sell us seed from the finest specimen in this neighborhood, which he controls; *E. citriodora* 235, my inquiries show that I can buy this, for fall planting, in several places.

Things still to propagate: *Agaves*, *Berberis Darwinii*, *B. stenophylla* some, *Begonias* some, *Casuarinas*, *Eleagnus* in variety, also *E. myrtifolia*, *Fuchsia*, *Triphylla*, *F. fulgens*, *Lycium*, *Parviflorum*, *Ulex*, *Swainsonia*, *Vinca major* and *Steptosolen*, the beautiful blue variety, which I think will grow from seed.

I send you this information so that you can have it in hand on your way down as you stop at Nurseries and the Parks.

Keep me closely posted of all your movements.

Very truly yours,

P.S. I have just seen the book "Silva of California" mentioned above and have ordered one for our office on approval of Mr. Olmsted.