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June 2nd, 1926.

Dr. John K. Small,
New York Botanical Gardens,
Bronx Park,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Small:

There are going forward to you under separate cover two specimens which I am taking the liberty of asking you to examine for me.

Dr. W.R. Taylor, of this Department, in connection with ~~his~~ studies on the Algae of the Dry Tortugas, has made a complete collection of Spermatophytes, terrestrial as well as marine.

The "1924" specimen which I am sending you I identified as Cymodocea manatorum. In 1925, under the impression that he was collecting more of the same material, Taylor got a thing which he says looked clearly different when examined closely.

Will you, therefore, be so kind as to let me have your opinion of these plants? The material is duplicated here, so that you may retain these specimens if you so desire. Incidentally, Dr. Taylor has collected in duplicate nearly thruout and if you are interested in having a practically complete set of Dry Tortugas flowering plants I shall be glad to see that these get into your hands. Surely the New York Gardens is the logical place for them.

Thanking you very kindly in advance, I am,

Yours sincerely,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park
New York City

July 19, 1926.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.

University of Pennsylvania

38th Str. & Woodland Avenue

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:-

I have not forgotten about your aquatics from Florida. Professor Ostenfeld will be here shortly, and I will put the proposition up to him and then report to you.

Yours sincerely,

JKS:JS

J. F. Small

The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

September 4, 1926.

Mr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.

University of Pennsylvania
39th St. & Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

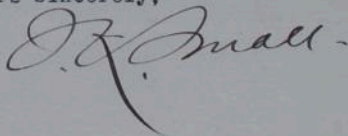
Dear Mr. Fogg:-

I have submitted your two Tortugas aquatics
to Professor Ostenfeld, and he pronounces them Halodule
Wrightii.

Have you an extra specimen of the specimens from
"Large Pool, Long Key" for Professor Ostenfeld? He says
it is a rather broad-leaved form. If not, I will send
him a plant from the material you sent here.

Of course, I will be glad to have a set of **Bry**
Tortugas plants for our herbarium.

Yours sincerely,



JKS:JS

From Fogg

September 26, 1926

Dr. John K. Small,
New York Botanical Gardens,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Small:

Thank you for your letter of September 4 with its determination of the Halodule material from Florida and your interesting reprints.

I have extra material of the broad-leaved form in which you say that Professor Ostenfeld expressed an interest, and shall forward him a specimen immediately.

As soon as I can get around to it I shall gather together a complete set of Dry Tortugas specimens, collected by W. R. Taylor during the past three seasons, and send them over to you.

Yours sincerely,

Send 45 specimens

from Fogg

Jan. 6, 1927.

Dr. John K. Small,
New York Botanical Gardens
Bronx Park, New York.

Dear Dr. Small :

In accordance with a promise made to you some time ago I am mailing you a package of specimens collected in the Dry Tortugas by Dr. William R. Taylor of this department - some 45 sheets in all.

As you will see, some of the species are of doubtful determination and a few are named to genus only. I should be very grateful if you could find time to let me have a list of corrections that I might rectify the names on our set here.

I am sending to Professor Ostenfeld some additional collections of Halodule made by Dr. Taylor in 1926.

Sincerely yours,

The New York Botanical Garden

Bronx Park
New York City

February 3, 1927.

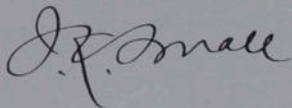
Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:-

The plants announced in your letter of
January 6th came to hand in good order. I will look them
over the first chance I get.

Thanks for sending the Malodula to Professor Osten-
feld. I know he will be glad to have the specimens.

Yours sincerely,



JKS:JS

from Fogg

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Jan. 19, 1918

Dr. John K. Small,
New York Botanical Gardens,
Bronx Park, N.Y.C.

Dear Dr. Small:

There has gone forward to you by Parcel Post a package containing the material of Halophila which Dr. Taylor tells me that you desire to examine. Some of the sheets are from Taylor's own collection, while others are loaned to you from the University Herbarium. The specimens included are as follows:

From Herb. Taylor:

H. Baillonis - - - - -	4	collections
H. Engelmanni - - - - -	3	"
	7	"

From Herb. U. of P.

H. Baillonis - - - - -	2	"
H. Engelmanni - - - - -	7	"
	9	"
		Total : 16

Hoping that this material will prove of interest to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

January 23, 1929.

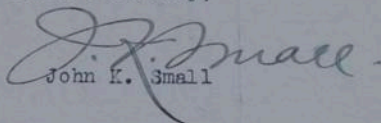
Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

The Florida specimens of Halophila
came to hand in good order.

The enclosed paper may interest
you.

Yours sincerely,


John K. Small

JKS:AGR

The New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park
New York City

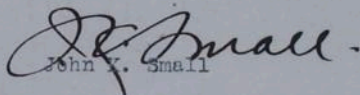
January 26, 1929.

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Botanical Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

I have finished studying your
specimens of Halophila and am returning them to you.
They will go as soon as the ex-
press company calls for the package.

Yours sincerely,


John K. Small

JKS:AGR

March 7, 1929.

Dr. John E. Small;
New York Botanical Gardens,
Bronx Park,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Small:

A student of mine is at work upon the northeastern species of Helianthemum with a view to working out critical characters based upon the seeds of both the open and the cleistogamous flowers. As this problem proceeds it becomes necessary to have a look at some of the species from the region to the south of us. There are some queer trends at work in the material from our local area here and it may just turn out that we have a southern representative in our flora hitherto unrecognized. I am therefore writing to inquire whether we might have the loan of H. georgianum, H. carolinianum, H. corymbosum and H. rosmarinifolium. These, I believe, are the species that are under suspicion.

Needless to say, this material will be kept in a metal case in a fire-proof building, will be handled with utmost care and will be returned as rapidly as is consistent with a thorough examination.

Thanking you in advance and hoping to have the pleasure of returning this favor in the near future, I am,

Yours sincerely,