

Rec<sup>d</sup> March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Any same day

National Hotel

Washington 1<sup>st</sup> March 1853

Dear Sir

Although this is the first time I have had the pleasure of addressing you, I do so under the auspices of our mutual friend Dr Wislizenus whose acquaintance I had the satisfaction of making during his sojourn in Chihuahua.

My object in writing you now, is to enquire what works have been published by you on Cacti?

My friend Scherer of London whose name is doubtless familiar to you, & who is a constant correspondent of Prince Jablonowsky, tells me that in your letter to the Prince you speak of several publications, & he requests me to ascertain what they are. Will you therefore have the goodness to inform me on this point at your earliest leisure.

My friend Scherer, is a most successful cultivator of these plants, his collection looks more healthy than any other that I have seen, yet he loses some occasionally notwithstanding.

Pray where is Dr Wislizenus & is there any probability of my seeing him again in Chihuahua?

Hoping you will excuse the trouble & with a tender of my services, I remain Dear Sir

Your most obt. Servant  
John Potts



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