

Recd May 17th

As May 24

Department of the Interior
May 13th 1859.

Sir.

The report of Maj W. N. Emory upon the United States and Mexican Boundary Survey having been completed and published I have to request that you return all the specimens of Cactaceae which may have been placed in your possession from time to time by Maj Emory, for examination and study, also all the drawings which have been made at the expense of the U. S. to illustrate your report on the Cactaceae of the Boundary.

The law of Congress establishing the Smithsonian Institution requires that all these specimens shall be deposited with that Institution and it is for the purpose of complying with that provision of law that I now request their return. The plants may be addressed to the "Smithsonian Institution" marked "Mexican boundary" and the drawings to this Department direct.

I am Sir, respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
J. Thompson
Secretary

Dr George Engelmann }
Saint Louis }
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