

Camp Columbia, Quemados, Cuba

October 1st 1900

My dear Jennie:

I enclose in this letter check for \$50.00 which must be deposited to your credit and entered upon your book. You cannot draw upon this check but you must write your own checks.

I made my first trip to town today and it tired me somewhat though not so much as I expected. I send you a copy of the post of the 27th Sept. in which there is a notice of D. Lazear's death.

About those common people next door. If you were to have done any arresting it should have been at once and now that you have moved away to another neighborhood I guess you will have to let them alone. Neighbors' quarrels are always childish affairs and it is better to get along without them. Be thankful you are getting away from them and let the thing drop.

I shall send you a Post Office Money Order for \$25.00 in a day or two, to complete the hundred. Do not mention what I write about the mosquitoes to any one because it is to be kept a profound secret. Dr. Reed is to be here now in two or three days. I cannot tell which but he has asked me to meet him with the wagon.

I was surprised this morning to find how hot it was in the city. Although it is the 1st of October people wear straw hats, linen suits and canvas shoes. It was intensely hot and people were everywhere mopping the perspiration from their faces. That is the condition in the city but not out here, where if one can only sit quiet there is comfort all day long.

The people here are all down bathing in the sea but I did not go as I thought my ride to town and back was sufficient exercise for today. Be very careful Jennie what you do about going to see people because so many are doing that and they are regarded as a nuisance and talked about as such. It is not the proper way for anything to start and I do not like the idea of it.

With love for your dear self and the children and hoping to see you all soon I remain

Your affect. Husband

James.