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My dear Mr Carement:

You will have been informed by my family how I reached Puntarenas the morning after leaving San Jose, at 7½ A.M. The roads were bad and riding in the dark not agreeable, but we came through without delay; indeed fully two hours were lost en route through the insecure packing of the trunk you alluded to as badly packed. I beg to thank you for your kind aid in starting me off. I hope to leave here soon for Nicaragua, and to return via Limon about Dec. 1st, but as my movements are dependent upon cablegrams from Washington they are comparatively uncertain. — Mrs Mary writes me that "Shaughn" has killed another turkey, for which I hope he was severely punished. It has occurred to me that he may be troublesome to you at the Sabana in which case I hope that you will request Mr Lane to care for him until my return. I hope that he will not become so fond of his temporary home that I cannot keep him at the Legation after my return, for he is all that remains of my family in Central America. I presume you are looking for the return of your father and mother from the U.S. I hope that they have had a pleasant and successful voyage: please present my respects to them when you write.— I don't like this Country and shall be pleased to complete the disagreeable duty which brought me here. With respectful compliments to Mrs. Carement, and with assurances of my sincere esteem, I remain, my dear Sir:

Your friend and obedient servant, William Lawrence Merry.