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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

M^r De La Ferouse

3^e Juillet 1783.

Monsieur Bloüin me marque monsieur qui vous a fait passer
la desation du ministere qui ordonne^t que mes passages
ceux de l'engagement et de Postee. nous seront payés
à Raison de 64 et il ajoute que cette somme pour moi
une somme de 2691^{rs} 13^s 4^d. je crois monsieur qu'il
ya erreur dans le compte et qu'il doit me revenir sept mille
et quelques livres je vous supplie monsieur de vouloir
bien demander à monsieur Bloüin l'état des passages
qui lui a été envoié de Brest et de l'effeire
le compte je dois toucher à Paris 24 par juers
ayant déjà été soldé à Brest de 24

Loperoute

je vous prie de joindre a cette faveur celle de prier cette
affaire le plus promptement possible, nous
plus que tres peu de temps a passer a Paris

je vous prie de me le plus sincere attachement
Monsieur

reue de vos bontés
obéissant serviteur

Loperoute

A Paris aux Elèves de Monsieur le duc de Chartres
le 17 juillet 1763

LA PEROUSE'S HUDSON'S BAY EXPEDITION.

La Perouse (J. G. de Galaup, Comte de, French navigator) AUTOGRAPH LETTER
SIGNED, 2 pages, 4to, Paris, 3rd July, 1783, in a 4to album, half red morocco

In 1782 La Perouse was sent by the French Government to destroy the English Settlements in Hudson's Bay.

The present letter deals with the money allowed him for the passengers he brought home in the Frigate "L'Astree," and the Corvette "L'Engageante," and he claimed that considerably more was due to him.