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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.

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To Mr Nathaniel Wallich, Dr.  
Intendant of the museum of the  
East India Company, Knight of  
Dannebrog,

65 Trinity Street  
Soho

at London

Mr. Agardh  
No. 10. Street  
1830

Swedish Botany & economy

B Recd from Mr. J. Rouse  
the 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 1830

Reply 24 January 1831

My dear Sir.

As I have received from the Chairman and deputy Chairman  
of the East India Company a chest of dried plants, collected by you  
in several parts of the East India, I have not hesitated to attract  
thy unexpected attention of this powerful Institute to your  
induction. I have this day in a few lines to the Honorable  
Company, included in a letter to our ambassador at London, ascertained  
the reception of the chest; but it remains to return to you the  
sincere thanks of my soul for this highly valuable gift.  
You will judge from the value of the collection, conclude to my own  
and from ~~the~~ your own generosity to my ~~own~~ embarrassment  
my poverty not to have something to offer that can be accep-  
to you. Should it interest you to have <sup>of me</sup> a collection of  
algae, I would be very glad in this manner to discharge my  
the heaviness of my obligations, at least to satisfy my desire of  
testifying my acknowledgment of your noble mode of acting.

I have to day sent, by way of Copenhagen, and the  
Library of Gyldehus, a copy of my newly published work, the  
organography of plants. I hope you will undertake it, although  
it is written in Swedish.

I am my dear Sir Your most affectionately  
C. A. Agardh

P.S. a third volume of the above mentioned work will contain  
the ~~the~~ Natural System of plants on the principles of the Jussieuian

school. For this part the collection, you have had the goodness to procure  
to me of East Indian plants, and a of the greatest ~~use~~ <sup>at least</sup> use, as ~~to~~ some of  
the new genera you have established, were contained in this collection,  
and as I am otherwise in the necessity to consult the herbaria of  
Copenhagen, to my not ~~little~~ small inconvenience, for all the genera,  
which I not copy myself. It is truly not my design to delay  
any reform, but it is necessary to have a clear idea of every  
genus for to place it rightly in the series of the families.  
You may judge from this how I was satisfied with the safe  
accession to my herbarium which this collection has afforded.