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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.

Madam.

Having been absent a few days from this place I have been prevented offering to you my
 acknowledgments of the receipt of your very kind communication which was
 accompanied with a selection of rare seeds from the Caraccas, these seeds have
 been duly committed to the earth under a careful regard to their cultivation
 in the Royal gardens of His Majesty at Kew & it will afford me great pleasure
 that either variety vegetate into living plants.

The Milk Tree is a great desideratum to be received in England.
 I should your Brother return with a supply of this vegetable variety
 I could beg to become a humble petitioner to his favour & be wolen
 & I have the honor to be

Madam

Your most obed^t & affec^t serv^t
 W. T. Aiton

Royal gardens Kew 20 October 1731

To

Mrs Fane Porter

Essex