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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.

election is important & important to me, I shall probably read with great satisfaction
 into it with myself more fully on this matter - If there is anything of importance you
 have collected and to know, let me know - Prof. Williams speaks in it & says you also tells
 you, I will not know however - & I will look at some other manuscript but let me know
 if there is any which you recollect & particularly have - also if any other letters.

Miss Anne writes for her

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Miss Anne
 Bucking House
 24th May 1824
 Anne etc
 Sister.

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24th May
1824

I have got several letters from her -
 There is but very indiffer. acc. of Richard's illness - all are well at the
 Hall: - I shall hope to have a better acc. of myself - In other respects
 I hope would do as well - How much to wonder that there is not a letter
 amongst some of ourselves a more letter of your letter in substance beyond the
 one - with my kind regards to Mr. Mackenzie, & all the circle
 believe me, my dear sister, for very affec. & devoted
 Richard's sister

Cannock May 23^d 1824.

My dear sister,

I deferred writing to you till after the last sad & solemn ceremony
 had taken place, which consigned what was mortal of my beloved mother
 her long but not last home - I have no doubt that the immortal spirit
 now with God: & surely as I loved her, never any one so dearly, & I
 not recall that which animated the clay back to its former dwelling, from
 that better habitation in which it now ~~rests~~ ^{rests}, her life is the happiness I can
 ever yet experience: none from the contemplation of which I have often shrunk back:
 & yet it has been so mercifully brightened to me that I almost wonder I did
 now feel it more. I find however so much real cause for thankfulness to
 God under the bereavement, that I can I hope say truly, God is the
Father of the fatherless - and the comforter of the afflicted: the
 I was in the house at the time of her dissolution: I surely shall find
 her comfort at the very ^{moment} ~~time~~, for I had only just got up stairs when she
 summoned & which her removal from suffering was primarily to leaving
 grief. Had I prolonged my absence 10 minutes, I had seen her later -
 I heard her dying declaration of simple confidence in Christ: & of her
 hope that she should be received into her heavenly kingdom, & also ^{her}
 a dying declaration only that a? satisfaction, yet it is consolation to
 have that testimony, & that the last words without an word of
 than faith & hope - I therefore part with her, with thankfulness that
 she has been spared so long to me, than regretting that she is not
 spared longer & sorrow but not as with at hope: believing that in her

time we shall meet again, where there shall be no more sorrow, suffering
death, nor sin. The funeral took place at 12 o'clock yesterday. He left
left a memorandum, desiring a very private burial. I particularly felt for
in respect to some of the requests as to his mother. For I had expected
his very object to be of them, viz. that he would have been
morning: & she expected to my doing what was proposed. He fell
dissatisfied by 8 old women, 6 of whom she had named - by adding 2 more
of the objects of the charity, also alive, & leaving 8 poor men as before
almost every family in the village received some benefit. The death
of the funeral of their constant benefactors. Charles & Humphrey
their names myself Mrs. Brown, Col. Sillars, Mrs. J. & Henry S. with Mr. Chalmers
attended the funeral, & were present at the interment. Charles & Humphrey
with a few more, ^{attended} the interment. Every thing was well
conducted, ending in solemnity. Many respectable people came up from Lincoln
on mourning, & one general feeling seemed to pervade all, that they had
lost a common friend & had thus lost their best friend, & who sincerely
wishes her life, & when she imagined the dear woman to rest let her
from father & (young) till that day, when the funeral shall come,
& the dear mother & great stand before her. You will be glad to hear
that Mrs. Brown is as well as we could expect. There is perhaps the
seamstress of fall on many accounts. But I do not think she will
remain her companion very long. While she is spared, it shall be
my first care, to make her as comfortable as she can be made.

I to be every thing in my power to lighten her affliction.
My mother has left a bill & 2 substantial papers. They would doubtless
& I therefore took up with my charge till after the funeral. He has named Henry
myself executor - & giving as a reason for it, that he has so much
business of his own. I yourself she has bequeathed half of the £1000 she gave my
mother - & wishes you to have the share of my other children. He has given
Humphrey the other £500. So Charles whatever she had left behind on the bill
with the debt you had by the 11th of October - a few legacies - & 50 lb annuity
to her with her children, & the furniture of her 3 bedrooms. She has left
me all in her own house, & whatever is owing to her from the estate.
Henry will pay me the legacies, debts, annuities, &c.
of course it would be a great disadvantage could I do it. I have with
me a few pounds, but I do not think I could live at present
making any other arrangements. The 2. I have
mean to go to service will be glad to stay here for their bread & clothes
the other maid servant will be sufficient. The rest of the household must be
discharged; & every one must be attended to. For 100 lb^s in income is limited
other: while I live she shall receive every difficulty, & it is
necessary to let it be known & felt that things must be as a very different
position as to expense, & that they have been. My own plans are not
finally settled: except that I never mean to take a permanent habitation
unless it was voluntary, I could not. For my fellow, & the widow
of my dear mother's value: & the most certain resource I have: I should
say a still say, that I apprehend the loss of all the present fortune, & the
great difficulty in drawing from them: & all the additional expense from