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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.

Barnstable March 12th 1815

Dear Sir

Soon after Richard Jenkins brought me
the Accounts, a Friend of mine told me he intended going
to Town in about a week or ten Days, & I intended to
avail myself of his Offer to take my Parcels for me, by
sending the Accounts; but my Friend now tells me he
is bound to go, & will therefore wait no longer, but
forward the Accounts to my Brother, & direct him to
send them on by the Lincoln street to you.

Mr. Barnell not having yet paid up his Arrears, I
sometimes since wrote to him on the Subject; & his Answer
he says it is not at present in his Power to pay it, but
promises to do so with Interest as soon as he is able, &
hope you will not distress him for it, or he must go to

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Lincoln St. Barnstable

Lincoln



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Drum, not having the means at present, of satisfying the
Debt. I have made Inquisition into his Circumstances, which
do not appear very good, & if a little time be given him,
I hope he will be enabled to pay it by Installments. -

I am happy to say we have at last got rid of Mr.
Lifford the Tenant of Middle St. & received the Rent
of it Christmas last. - We trust the former Tenant, making
taking it again, & being rather in arrears, will not be able
of the Rooms I mentioned in my former Letter; I are
however endeavouring to get a Tenant for it, & think I
shall succeed as the Spring advances. -

I hope to be enabled soon to inform you that
Down has settled his Rent for St. Michael, as the time is now
approaching when he undertakes to pay it. -

Not having heard from Mr. Macpherson to the contrary,

I take it for granted that he intends to quit the Marine
at Lady Day, & am therefore looking out for a Tenant
for it. - As soon as any desirable Tenant offers I will
let you know. -

We are all much astonished here, at Downpatrick
Return to Down, & are fearful much mischief will
yet be done; but I hope he will be crushed in the end,
& not ~~offer~~ ^{have} time to collect his Partisans, many
of whom, no doubt, he has a numerous Train in France

I am happy to observe the
Accounts of the Disturbances
in Town, are more favorable than they have been, &
sincerely hope that, by vigorous measures on the part of
Government, the Peace of the Metropolis will soon be restored.

My Family desire to be most kindly remembered to
all & our best wishes & the rest of the Family
with

Dear Sir

Your very
Obedt. Servant
H.