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Lange, Carla

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
"SHAW'S GARDEN"



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May 12, 1969.
DG

Dear George,

I sent you the latest Bulletin. Do you also want the latest issue of the Annals which has just come out? Furthermore, I don't know whether any of your St. Louis friends sent you a copy of St. Louis Commerce, official publication of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. You are on the front cover in full color (a small insert) together with the Climatron and other Garden things. I am in the inside looking at a book with Dr. Gates, at the time the photographer was here, I had no idea what he was doing it for and thought he was just interest in rare old books and Gates, of course, did not tell me anything about it. I myself want to buy 2 more copies and if you have not received one, I shall be happy to order one for you too, so please let me know, I shall wait until I hear from you.

Now to the news. Of course, I don't know how much you know and who else writes you about the situation here. First, the fund drive brought in at least one million dollars up to now. Dorothy Panos is leaving as of the 1st of June, will be looking for another job, but said here, she has to take care of her children. Then, the most saddest news, Derek is leaving too, he is one of my favorite people and I am very, very sorry about it, ~~about~~ ^{but} you probably expected something of this sort. As of May 15th he ceases to be chief horticulturist, apparently here was no full agreement etc. etc., with what he was doing, he was not ready to accept the conditions offered to him and was fortunate enough to be offered a very good job in Tampa, Fla. I forgot the name of the University. He seems to be very satisfied with^{it}, there is no botanical garden, but he can build his own small one and apparently there are lots of advantages. Dr. Anderson was very ill again, was in the hospital finally, apparently all this happened after his wife had to strokes (minor ones), their daughter was here, he is back now and walk~~s~~ around, but the whole thing is very a tragic.

We have moved from Waterman, it was getting too impossible, they even cancelled our home policy and there were burglaries, breaking up of narcotic rings and similar nice goings on. We have now a very nice apartment at Argyle Place, 4902, it is off Euclid, a small private affair, right behind

Montaldos. It is nice, but noisy, from my bed I can see the corner of Euclid and Lindell and the Bel Air Motel and hear all the various buses which stop of course, at all corners with the noise that goes with it. Whether we shall stay there long, I don't know, but I know that this move was worse than anything in Dante's Inferno. I hope to say, never again, but I rather doubt it. The apartment is on the third floor (the highest thirdfloor I have ever seen) and I was moving heavy suitcases with clothes and china etc. for over a week before the actual moving took place. My legs still hurt and have not entirely recovered, furthermore I can't find anything and the light switches are all in places where one would least expect them to be, but I am sure I shall get used to it, if, at the moment at least, reluctantly.

What is new there? Cutler told me he saw you some weeks ago and that you seem to work yourself to death.

Let me hear from you soon,

Herzliche Grüsse

as ever

Carla

P.S. My new address and phone number: 4902 Argyle, St. Louis, Mo. 63108.
FO 7-1824. (Area code 314)

Aren't you surprised that I did not ask you
 any questions or cried for help?

Carla
Parkinson



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

September 28, 1969.

Dear George,

Today is a lovely Sunday and here I sit in the library trying to do some homework and, of course, realizing that I need your help desperately. You know that the covers of the 1969 Bulletin were all illustrations out of Schöffers Herbarius. Now Barbara asked me to suggest a herbal from which to copy illustrations for the 1970 Bulletin and to write something about the author. I, idiotically, as I realized too late, picked John Parkinson's Theatrum Botanicum, for the simple reason that this was the first that came to mind since it has been used frequently recently. Also Dr. Anderson used it a lot and told me over and over again how good the illustrations, the descriptions of the plant itself and the descriptions of the virtues were. I really mean the Theatrum and not the Paradisi in Sole, which I really should have chosen, since I find more written about it and certainly more favorable things. But now it is too late, I think, since I invested a lot of work, time and some money in making lots of xerox copies, since I did not want to be surrounded by I don't know how many books. Now let me tell you the books I consulted:

1. Raven, Charles--English naturalists from Neckam to Ray. 1947. p.273 (not much use)
2. Cecil, Alicia Amherst--A history of gardening in England. 1910.
3. Arber, Agnes--Herbals, their origin and evolution. 1912. By the way, was there a later edition of this work?
4. Rohde, Eleanor--The old English herbals. 1922. Most helpful.

I have looked at other books, but did'nt find anything I could use. Obviously, there is much controversy about the Theatrum, some authors actually stating that Parkinson stole most of this work from L'Obel, from whom he apparently bought a manuscript! Also, I found that some stated that he is very vague and incorrect as far the localities of his plants are concerned.

I found the Theatrum listed in the Hunt Botanical Catalogue (xerox copy enclosed), please note the note. Please, let me know that the fact that this book is listed in their catalogue means that they have a copy. I am also sending you a xerox copy of the title page of our copy and a xerox copy of the title page as shown in Rohde's The old English herbals. If you think a copy of this book is in the Hunt library and that their copy may have the title page shown in Rohde, I should like to Dr. Lawrence and ask whether I may obtain a photograph of it. He has just written me a very nice letter concerning one of their publications which I was cataloguing and discovered that one page was damaged and part of it torn out completely. I asked for a xerox copy of this page so that we may include it in our copy, but he said he is going to send us a new copy, undamaged. So I right now, I have

enough courage to write to him.

Dear George, this is really important to me, since I want to get organized and we have to take the book to the photographer and there is still time to change to someone else, but now Barbarar seems to be sold on Parkinson and I really like his illustrations. They were made in England, I mean the plates ~~xxx~~ were cut in England and that^{was} especially stressed, since, as was mentioned somewhere, the plates for plant illustrations were usually cut in Europe.

Apropos plates, some mentioned that copper engravings were used for Parkinson's Paradisi, then Arber mentions the plates were cut, which indicates to me that they were woodcuts. So what is true?

I should be very grateful if you could let me know whether Hunt has a complete volume with the original title page, that seems to me to be the most important thing. Should you know off-hand, without working on it, I know you tend to dig into things thoroughly, of any other book I should look ~~at~~, also please let me know.

André is here again for the weekend and I am now going out to Kirkwood to Melanie's house for a late lunch and spending the afternoon in her beautiful backyard.

Million thanks in advance, as ever,

Yours

Can/a

Carla

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August 19, 1969.

Dear George,

I just hung up and started to write this letter when a woman called and wanted to know the difference between a Russian olive and an autumn olive, so I had to check on that first, we really get the stupidest questions, just as the other day someone asked whether the Climatron is air-conditioned.

I^{am} glad to know that you are still in Lisle. I could not write on Friday, since we had all the furniture moved into the stacks and there was utmost chaos. Yesterday, I had no car and tried to take a bus and promptly fell down right in the middle of Lindell Blvd. and sprained a muscle or whatnot in my ankle and was bruised and hurting all over and just could not work up enough energy to type my notes.

Now to your letter. As I told you we have exact duplicates of Soudby 2660 and 2661, except that the two copies of 2661 differ in format, slightly. One copy of 2660 is an Engelmann association copy, so I believe that should stay here. I suggest that you write to Miss Maddox after Labor Day and ask her whether she would be willing to sell the duplicates. At the present, they are in the cage on the open shelves and I wonder whether it might be better if the duplicates were on the duplicate shelf in the basement. When you ask her whether these are for sale, I suggest that you name a price or tell her that inquiries at dealers turned out that the value of these books is soandso much, since I am sure she would not know what to charge you. I wouldn't either, since I don't know whether and where they are still available. I wish I could just send them to you, but I think it is better if you ask her.

I send you a rough draft of my proposed article for the Christmas (November-December) Bulletin and should appreciate very much any comments, changes etc. you should like to make.

I am surprised that you are going to the Congress, but am sure that you will find it interesting and that you will meet a lot of people you know. Derek is not going and is quite unhappy about it, but it can't be helped. Practically everybody at the Garden will be there, except Dr. Gates, Dr. Dwyer (he is in Central

Ameica) and a couple of students. Derek was the editor of the Annals and has prepared the next two numbers, then the editorship will be taken over by Marshall Crosby, our cryptogam man (mosses). He is going to change a lot, I hope you meet him and let me know your impression. He is quite young, but I believe quite conscientious and a little of a perfectionist, but he has not been here long and I don't know him too well to form a definite judgment.

Yes, we have a very strong air-conditioner in our apartment, 20.000 BTU if that means anything to you and it cool/s off three rooms and we are shivering, but the heat was so bad, especially with this horrible humidity, that I became ill and had to go to my doctor who was worried about my heart and took EKG, but everything is alright, except that the heat apparently affected the muscles around it and he told me to take it easy and stay in the cool. Now, it is a little better here, still hot, but the evenings are cooler.

I wish I could see you riding your bicycle around the grounds, preferably with your beret on! Must be quite a sight.

I have to go to the post office now and also get some lunch. I hope you have a good time in Seattle and that the weather turns out to be what you expect. Thanks a lot for all the trouble with the so-called manuscript.

Herzliche Grüsse

Carla

P.S. Your mentioning Dr. Stearn reminds me that I bought Fanny Hill, since he sought it so worthwhile and am now going through agonies, since I hid the darn thing so my innocent Morton and the maid would'nt see it and now I forgot where I hid it.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

November 17, 1969.

Dear George,

Thanks for your letter of November 11th. I had been expecting to hear from you a long time before that concerning all the mistakes in the Bulletin. It was not only the 1834 in my article, but many, many more, but of course, I cared mostly about the 1834. I have written a new article about John Parkinson's 1640 herbal "Theatrum Botanicum" and have insisted on only reading the manuscript that went to the printer, but also to read the galley proof, and Barbara was quite happy about that. I had some correspondence with Dr. Lawrence concerning the original engraved title page and he very kindly offered to send me a photograph of that together with a photograph of Parkinson's portrait. They are both beautiful and I am most grateful to him.

Now, to your visit here on December 19th. I cannot, unfortunately, put you up, since I use the so-called guestroom which hardly any furniture in it for myself. I cannot turn the heat down in our bedroom and with my sinus condition I was almost suffocating. In the guestroom, the heat could be turned off and the radiator does not make this infernal noise that some make if the heat is off and I can sleep cool and with an open window.

I asked around, of course, and my first try was Melanie who has a lovely furnished guestroom, however, she is worried about her 'reputation', even though I told her I would guarantee her complete safety (I hope). When André came I could not put him up, because I used the guest room couch in the dining room where the airconditioner for three rooms was. So I was lucky to put him with a friend not far away who has a very large three story house. I asked her too concerning you, but she is expecting two couples from Germany about that time to spend Christmas here. However, your old friend (at least I hope so) Florence Guth will be happy to put you up at her house, if that suits you. I shall be glad to play your chauffeur if you need transportation. And we certainly have to fix a date for dinner at my house with Melanie and anybody else you want to see. Unfortunately, Erna's husband is very sick and she probably would not come. But I thought of Joan Nowicke and we ~~xxx~~ shall see who else. Should you want to take up Florence's offer to stay at her house, I wonder whether you could mention that you had a dinner engagement for that same Friday 19th without letting her know where, since I think it would be good date for a dinner at our place before you get too busy with your wedding preparations. However, I leave all this to you, but please let me know your decision. I am terribly, terribly sorry that you cannot stay with us and you must know how happy I should have been if I could have made it possible.

I write awful, people are interrupting constantly, but I wanted to get this letter out today.

Sincerely, *Carls*

And looking forward very much to seeing you here.
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Dinner and home except Dec. 24-25 would suit me too.

Hunt Botanical Library
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12 January 1970
(Dictated 8 January 1970)

Miss Carla E. Lange
Missouri Botanical Garden
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Dear Miss Lange:

The January/February issue of the Missouri Botanical Garden Bulletin has just come to hand and I'm pleased to read your account of Parkinson's herbal. You may receive a few raised eyebrow comments from readers who will recognize that the portrait of Parkinson as reproduced is not that of an engraving, since it is devoid of burin or scribe lines. Our portrait of Parkinson is in oils on an oak board. The credit line under the reproduction "Todd Studio" suggests that it was they who made the photograph from the original in our collection, whereas the photograph for the reproduction was supplied by us. It is customary to provide a credit line for the photographer who made the photograph from the original subject, and not for one who may have copied another photograph, or who made the halftone plate. I write you of these matters for your own information and without thought that any reference to them should be made in any future issue.

The reproduction of the famous woodcut of the gardener working in his private nursery on p. 29; which is in Lonicerus, has its origin not in Lonicerus but in Christian Egenolph's Lustgärten und Pflanzungen (Strasbourg, 1530). You will find a reproduction of the original woodcut in the Hunt Catalogue, vol. 1, pl. V. Egenolph himself is generally credited with having made the woodcut. So far as is known, this is the first publication of an illustration of a gardener working with ornamental plants.

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On p. 6, in your Parkinson account, you report that Parkinson's Theatrum and Gerard's Herbal were the two main pillars of botany in England till the time of Ray. Here, one must not forget the significance in England of Henry Lyte's translation of Dodoen's Herbal, which he named "A Niewe Herbal" (1758), so popular and so much in demand at that time as to go through two subsequent editions extending the contents far beyond Dodoen's original. The third edition was published in 1595. The interrelationships between the second and third editions of this, and the first edition of Gerard, has been the subject of much study, since Gerard has openly been accused of plagiarism. While the

Miss Carla E. Lange

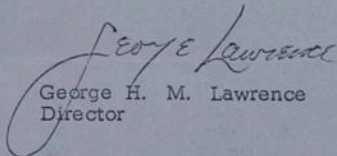
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second and third editions of Gerard are generally credited to him, due substantially to the fact that the publisher's felt that to do otherwise would reduce their sales, the work of Dr. Thomas Johnson when rewriting Gerard for the second edition (1633, the third edition appearing in 1636) should not be overlooked, nor should Gerard be credited with contributions far beyond his capabilities.

I commend you for bringing to your readers the stories of these early books and I hope that this is but the first of a series.

Very cordially yours,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
SHAW'S GARDEN

January 30, 1970

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence
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Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear Doctor Lawrence,

Thank you very much for your letter of January 12th. I am very sorry that on page 5 of our last Bulletin the portrait of Parkinson was referred to as an engraving from the collections of the Hunt Botanical Library. It was my fault that I, unfortunately, failed to inform the editor of the Bulletin, Mrs. Barbara Lawton that in your letter of October 13th, 1969 you mentioned that you would send a print of the engraved title page of the Theatrum Botanicum and also offered to send a photograph of an oil portrait of Parkinson, for which I was very grateful. Mrs. Lawton is going to write you herself concerning the mentioning of Todd studio. Unfortunately, you did not mention the name of your photographer so that credit was given to the Hunt Botanical Library in general.

In your letter you also mentioned that I did not point out the significance in England of Henry Lyte's and Dr. Johnson's work. I was well aware of their importance, but lack of space and, perhaps, the thought that most readers of our popular publication probably were not even aware of their existence, prevented me from doing so. For the same reason I did not mention the fact that the Theatrum Botanicum was not published before 1640 for the simple reason that the publisher wanted to issue a reprint of Gerard's herbal first, since it was selling extremely well at the time. It is only natural that this delay embittered Parkinson and caused him to write his words "To the Reader" on the page following the dedication to the king.

I thank you very much for the kind last sentence of your letter and wish I could have an opportunity to write a more exhaustive article about an old herbal. I received a very encouraging letter from a young botanist friend who works now at the Arnold Arboretum, pointing out that the

young botanists know so very little about this subject. Also, George van Schaack called me to say some kind words which were very satisfying to me, especially since he is such a strict judge and perfectionist.

I, myself, had nothing to do with the woodcut on p. 29 of the gardener working in his private nursery. I showed Mrs. Lawton your letter and understand that she found this and the reference to Lonicerus on the desk of the late Dr. Edgar Anderson. She will write you about this. I checked volume 1 of the Hunt Cataloge, pl. V and saw the illustration out of Egenolph's Lustgärten und Pflanzungen, a work we, unfortunately, do not have in our library. However, I also checked Dr. Anderson's reference in Lonicerus and found a copy of the same illustration on p. 29 of Lonicerus' Vollständiges Kräuter-Buch... and can well understand why this mistake was made. I read the text in Lonicerus and found no reference to Egenolph, but, as you well know, plagiarism was an accepted practice at that time.

Again, I wish to thank you for all the help you have so kindly given me in writing my article.

Sincerely yours,

Carla Lange

Carla E. Lange

CL/rm.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

January 30, 1970

George H.M. Lawrence
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Dear Dr. Lawrence,

I am terribly sorry that the Todd Studio credit line somehow got under the photocopy that you provided for our article on Parkinson. I am sure that gremlins lurk in publication offices, just waiting for a chance to add some gross errata. We did however credit Hunt Botanical Library to a faretheewell in the captions, which are read more than credits (I hope).

The reproduction of the woodcut of the gardener was part of the file of stuff I inherited from Dr. Anderson when I first came to the Garden. I am enclosing Xeroxes of it and the title page from our edition of *Lonicera*. I guess you could say we were correct as far as we went... I was delighted to get further history of the woodcut.

I, too, am delighted that Carla Lange has been doing articles on the rare old herbals. And I'm counting on her to do more in the future, both on the herbals and on some of the Engelmann correspondence that she has been so diligently translating. The latter is a real problem and one close to my heart, as I have become fascinated with all sorts of *Engelmannia* since doing an article for the Bulletin a while back. I am unfamiliar with this type of thing --how does one go about getting funds for the translation of material that may or may not be of value??? There are, unfortunately, too few people who care about getting such projects accomplished....

I thank you for your criticisms both good and bad.. Please keep it up. I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Barbara Lawton

(Mrs.) Barbara Lawton,
Manager of Publications.

[und.]
9901 East Concord Rd.
St. Louis, 63128

Dear GVS---

I enjoyed your letter so much and know too well the feelings you described --tonight it took me about 20 minutes to hunt down the typewriter. It is amazing though how fast one adapts once the coffee pot is found and the beds made. Somehow home is where ones own very personal things are... I have unpacked all but such things as rock collections, jack planes, polo balls, and dissecting kits --I think I can exist very well without these shackles of civilization. (why, oh why do such things as these NEVER get misplaced or filched...)

I have been pouring over the "wish" book you sent me and do believe I will order the two you particularly recommend, plus maybe The Crystal Goblet, Books and Printing by Bennett, and if I really feel flush, I would like that fancy of fancies, Book Design. Will also look up the Bruce Rogers book. Whether it's true or not, I do feel that I'm beginning to get a bit of knowledge and discrimination on printing, type, and layout. It's such a tremendous --and neglected field that this small bit of knowledge has given me a heady feeling. I am now the consulted "expert" on such things, if you can imagine. I have been handing out perfectly straight-faced, and sometimes outrageous, opinions on many items.

The guide book is coming along, with many pictures gathered and the format developing slowly. Thanks to Dr. Anderson, Peter Geist has offered to be our mentor. I met him and his wife one evening last week and enjoyed them as much as I admire his work. His ideas and tastes are so very simple and lucid --deceivingly so..I presume we can get together for a real runthrough and layout session by about mid-January.

Of course you may have 25 copies of the Jan.-Feb. Bulletin. I double-checked with the Powers and it will be O.K. And any other offerings --the papers you mentioned that you might do --will be most welcome.

I miss being able to run to you with all my many questions. It was such a help to me, having your encouragement and advice. I had not edited for a scientific inst. before and it is, and should be, a very exacting little chore. Also miss the guidance you gave me in the library. It's very slow work now to find out what is in the "cage", etc. Miss Maddox is working like a beaver --it's all new to her.. I hope to begin to get at the various logs and journals in January.

My daughter and I are flying to Mass. on Thurs. to spend the holidays with my family. I can hardly wait. The holiday's would otherwise be something of a drag. I find I endure holidays, which is sad. My brother will be there and is all signed up to take us skiing. I have not skied for 15 years --Indy never has --she is quite sure she will break a leg. I suggested that it was far more likely that she and I would leave our sitzmarks on the beginner slope.. I have talked her into taking her music --she is now beginning to play the

piano more easily for others. I'm glad for she has quite an aptitude.

I keep hearing about Morton Arb. from many sources. Just tonight a friend was raving about their publications, one was a wild flower ident. guide. Do they have a list of their various books and booklets?

I do hope you have a very merry Christmas and that this new year will bring you much happiness and satisfaction in your new home... and job...

I look forward to hearing from you again.

Very sincerely,

Barbara [Lawton]

March 5, 1970.

Dear George,

Thanks again for calling me on my birthday, I thought you had long forgotten the date. It was good to talk to you, as usual, and I wish we could have more opportunity.

I was really quite surprised that Gates gave his permission to spend all that money for me to go to Pittsburgh and since we are going by car, it will be quite strenuous. It is supposed to take about 12 1/2 hours driving and I am supposed to do most of the driving, which I really don't mind, except that I have to get used to a car with automatic drive and power steering. I have only once driven a car with power steering (from Glendale to St. Louis) on highway 40 and am sure everybody must have thought I was driving under the influence of at least one bottle of bourbon, but I suppose I shall get used to it. I hope you can be there too. I am not much interested in the meetings, but I should like very much to see the Hunt library and may be some of their rare books and portraits.

I was going to tell you about a project I have in mind, but do not really know whether it will ever materialize. You know that I have been translating the German letters written to Engelmann. I have just finished about 60 letters written to him by Augustus Fendler who collected plants for him and Asa Gray, who sold most of his plants to other botanists in this country or in Europe. Fendler also worked for a short time for Gray in Cambridge. He collected in New Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Trinidad where he died. His letters are in a certain sequence, or continuity and can be put in context with a little filling in by text showing what happened between certain dates the letters were written etc. I have read the two volumes of Asa Gray letters and found a number of letters written to Engelmann and other persons referring to Fendler, some rather amusing. I also read Susan Delano McKelvey's Botanical exploration of the Trans-Mississippi West 1790-1850 which contains several references to Fendler and just read Ewan's book on the Rocky Mountain Naturalists. It has now occurred to me (that is, of course, some time ago) that I might attempt to write a short biography of Fendler as a plant collector (I shall have to use some of Canby's biographical notes), but mostly based on Fendler's letters to Engelmann and fill in the gaps similar to the Asa Gray letters, except that they are, of course, much more interesting since he was not only the more interesting man, but could write better.

Now, do you think such an attempt worthwhile and do you believe I could find a publisher? Of course, Barbara is only too anxious to publish some of the letters and may be even issue a special issue, but I thought I ~~xxxx~~ might make some money if this would be published by some publisher. However, would there be a market? I am inclined to doubt it, since just now two new books about plant collectors have been published, though, of course, mostly concerning British plant collectors. And furthermore, I am a rank amateur and could just try my best. Since I am going to write this thing anyway for Barbara or the Bulletin or the Garden, I thought that perhaps you would be willing to read the ms, if I ever write it and advise me. I am now retyping the corrected ~~letters~~ sixty letters, I had two girls do the typing for me, but they have now given up and I have to do it myself and I am the world's worst typist. Anyway, as soon as I have finished the letters, I shall start to write my two cents worth of text and see what you have to say, if you consent to read it.

I am enclosing a xerox copy of Lawrence's letter to me and Barbara's answer. I told him it was my mistake that I did not inform Barbara that only the title page of the Theatre of Plants was an engraving and that she presumed that the oil portrait was also an engraving, but I am certainly not responsible for the Todd Photostudio affair.

Hoping to hear from you sometimes and perhaps even to see you in Pittsburgh,

I am, as always, with best greetings,

Yours

Carla



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

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April 20, 1970

Dear Carla,

Please forgive me for not answering your letter earlier. Sometimes lately it seems I am several years older than I was a year ago. I suspect it is my lack of exercise for such a long winter, and that as soon as I get back to regular riding on my bicycle I shall feel younger again.

You have done a very important service in translating the Fendler letters, and your translation cannot fail to be of help to future taxonomists who may study his collections. But what you have done is a pure gift, for no one could, let alone would, publish them without a considerable subsidy. Even were you to use them as the background of a definitive account of his life during the time of these letters you would find no one who would publish it without your paying for it. Very few books in the history of science have paid for themselves--if the subject is Darwin, or Newton, or Goethe, etc., yes, but for such a relatively unknown man as Fendler, no matter how important his collections, no.

Your reward here should be in trying to write for the Bulletin a series of three or four articles about Fendler, your own text being interspersed with quotations from his letters. You are not yet prepared to write the account of Fendler which would include all the letters you have translated and for which you justly would not want to pay all the expenses of publishing. But you are now prepared to do what I suggest, and Barbara should be willing to consider publishing such short articles in the Bulletin. To make them worthwhile you will have to consider the man, his preparation for what he did, the perils he faced in his travels, the nature of the areas he explored, where he sent his collections, and what was made of them. This is a big task, and you would find your results of attempting it plenty to fill several good Bulletin articles--but it is not something which sounds as easy as tying his letters together with your own words to fill the gaps.

I am sure George Lawrence would tell you much the same were you able to get him into a properly confidential mood--this is not always easy to do, and latterly I have had little contact with him. But I am writing him a note to ask him to be looking out for you, and to discuss such problems with you as you may bring up.

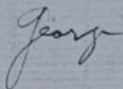
I am sorry not to be able to look forward to seeing you next weekend. Before I knew you were to go to Pittsburgh I had declined Mr. MacPhail's offer to have me go. Immediately thereafter I made a tenta-

tive agreement with a friend in California to visit him the end of the month--but now I have heard from him that he cannot have me come-- and I am relieved, for, as I told you, I am enormously tired. I am not sure whether this is the result of tension, which it is easy to feel here, or whether it's just plain old age coming a little early because I worked so hard during my 50's. Just twelve years ago I was teaching full time at Washington University, running the herbarium, and running the library--all with a staff of two secretaries and a student assistant.

I am stop, for Mr. MacPhail is waiting for me to accompany him into Chicago for a trip to the Field Museum.

With all good wishes for a fine trip to Pittsburg,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George".

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63110

TOWNSEND 5-0440

October 7, 1970.

Dear George,

I am sending you today under separate cover the xerox copies you requested. I am afraid that they might not be too your liking, if that is true, our expert can do it, however, it would cost you \$ 1.50.

Have you ever received my letter dated October 2nd?

I am also enclosing a photocopy of a funny person and if you have time, let me know, what to tell him.

On Friday, I am going to xerox again my ms on Fendler, since I don't want to write to Lawrence again and send it on to you. It needs lots of corrections, especially my English, but I am still hoping to get it published.

Nichts zu danken, es war mir ein Vergnügen,

herzliche Grüsse

Carla

220 Division Ave.
Shelton, Conn. 06484
October 4, 1970

Director - Herbarium
Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Could you tell me if there are any books or material on herbs as used by hermits & Monks of long ago? I'm interested in the plants the monastic orders used for healing, cooking and etc. This material is practically non-existent. I travel everywhere to no avail. Just a few words here or there. Perhaps, you might know some foreign source.

Also, where may I obtain material on herbs from; or herbs of different countries as Russia, China, Africa, Finland and etc.

I thank you.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. "God", bless you
always,

Joseph Miskowicz

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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TOWNSEND 5-0440

October 14, 1970.

Dear George,

Here is a copy of my so-called ms. Lawrence, of course, never returned his copy so I had another one made. I also enclose some remarks one of the herbarium people made after reading it. I am sure you have many things to say or to correct and I should appreciate it very much if you could do that on a separate sheet and just mention the page number. Also, please return to me if you are through, no hurry, but I don't want to spend any more money on that thing than I have already done. After making a lot of changes, corrections and additions, it will probably be published in the Annals next year.

Have you received everything I sent you and was it allright?

By the way, the rumor I mentioned, turned out to be quite different. The person who is leaving is one of the assistant directors which you have never known. So that it is.

I am having a talk with Marshall Crosby, our Annals editor next week, after the Symposium, and will let you know what he has to say.

I hope you are well and have better weather there than we have here.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

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TOWNSEND 5-0440

October 17, 1960.

Dear George,

I just made a copy of this for Ilitis and thought you might like to have one too; I hope I have not sent you one before.

Today is Symposium day, Ilitis was in just now, coming from downtown shopping and missed the morning session. Apparently he did not miss much or a lot, the first speaker was Dr. Aderson from Duke (Marshall Crosby's father-in-law) and the building was so crowded that people had to sit outside on the stone steps and in the cold. Some left in disgust and came to the library because there was no room and even those sitting were crammed-in just as sardines. Instead of limiting the number of people to 200, they accepted 250 and from then on began turning applicants down, but 250 is just too many.

Ilitis looked over the last volume of the Wildflowers of the United States and found a few mistakes in a second. I didn't have much chance to talk to him, but shall see ^{him} either later in afternoon or the Lewis' party, if he goes. I wish I could see you too and have a talk.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla

3) There are often obscurities in the letters which can only be cleared up by : a) a thorough knowledge of all the letters; b) a search of historical records, hither and yon; c) again, the reading by a specialist; etc. For example, in his earlier letters Fendler switches back and forth between speaking of 'I' or 'me', and 'we' or 'us'. I find no explanation for this in the earlier letters, or in your text. Was he alone or not? Well, far along among the letters he remarks about his brother having been with him. This fact must be brought out at the right time--the first time he creates the obscurity. You can, in this case, do this yourself, for you have read enough of the letters to find the answer--and do it you must--on page 2, where, in line 20 of the letter, he says '...did a 'great deal' for me [sic], he gave us [sic] board ...' This confusion must be resolved by a footnote right here, referring the reader to the proper place in the letters for the explanation.

Well--so much for a beginning of what you have to look forward to if you are ever going to be proud of having your manuscript (as you have conceived it--see below where I speak of a different kind of work) published--this will not be true until you have done your further utmost. I should guess this might take you several months (or a year, or more--depending on what time you might have) considering that you are still on the edge of a large subject--Western American botany in the mid-19th century.

Whatever you do, DON'T let any authority at MBG get hold of a copy of your ms until you are satisfied to see it in print and ready to accept criticism for such matters as you might have presented better but chose not to spend the time on.

Now, this is Dutch-uncle advice--but, I am your Dutch uncle, and I want you to be recognized for what you really are--one who doesn't compromise with quality. It is true few will give you that recognition even if you do all the work, and deserve it--but that will be enough to raise your pleasure to its earned level.

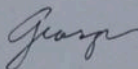
I am returning your xerox copy of the ms, just as you sent it to me, by separate post marked as printed matter, which it is. I am keeping a copy of it, which I shall annotate from time to time as I have the leisure to read it. In this reading it would help me immensely if you would tell me exactly which letters are in Fendler's English and which in yours. There is no sense in my criticizing his English; but I may criticize yours! Your English is enormously better than my German, but my English is once in a while better than yours.

You must not be discouraged by the line I have taken--you wouldn't want me not to be truthful, and what I have said, can, I believe help you to write a paper you will always be proud of, rather than having to apologize for.

Now, if you feel you cannot undertake the program I describe, then settle for a lesser goal, but one which you can reach with the time you are willing to spend: namely, to publish only your German transcriptions, your English translations of them, and Fendler's original letters which are in English. Your goal here would be to provide a tool for others to use--accurate transcriptions of the German script, a fairly literal translation of the German, and Fendler's own English text. All of these are at present not to be had except by travelling to St. Louis, getting permission to see the letters, and then trying to read them. Most people can't do this, and in providing what I describe you would render a valuable service, but without taking any responsibility for interpretation, or explanation, or other deduction from the material--you would merely provide access to the material for use by those already in the field.

I would suggest that you take this second course, which must include the printing of your German transcriptions, although you might have to fight to have the Annals editor agree to spend printing money for this. Then later, if you still have interest in Fendler, you can ferret out this and that, ask people's opinions about your discoveries, and write them up as shorter articles from time to time.

Herzliche Grüsse,



P. S. I wrote this letter a week ago (as dated) and got it copied from my manuscript part way through the first page Monday night, when fatigue overtook me. From then until today (Dec. 6) I have been unable to continue the copying. I am sorry to be so delayed in answering you, but I have simply let myself get too tired. And now, right at this low point, I was, on Thursday afternoon, ferociously attacked and bitten in the hand by the dog of the man who lives next to me. He keeps the dog inside the fence which surrounds his house and grounds (one of the Arboretum houses), but does not keep him otherwise restrained. Since the gate must be opened many times a day as he and his family (five children and wife) and friends come and go, there are many opportunities when the dog may get out. Fortunately I don't think he has before this actually taken the opportunity, although somehow or other he has managed so far to bite eleven others before me. How he has avoided (I mean the owner!) being sued I don't know, and why the administration has not dealt with the situation I can only guess as a political matter. In going to and from my house to my office I have to pass this gate every time--since the distance is so short I do not want to use my car, but I shall not dare walk there again until I know the dog is dead. I am not inclined to believe that the administration is going to help me. Of course if it doesn't I shall have to plan to leave. At the moment (and for several months) that would be difficult to do, for the only real damage the dog did to me was to strike my thumb head-on and drive the nail into it about 1/8 inch. Of course I shall lose the nail, which takes about six months, during which time the thumb is far from as useful a tool as one needs to do the many details of packing. It is all very disheartening, and I am literally sick to my stomach over it.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

December 29, 1970.

Dear George,

I hope you have survived the Christmas festivities and that your finger is better. You probably heard the big news by now, I imagine, however, I don't know whether the Chicago papers deemed it worthwhile printing. David M. G. called a staff meeting for December 21, a day I was on vacation, and announced among other things, that he accepted an appointment an appointment at the University of Michigan as Professor of Biology and Director of the Ecological station or some such thing. I believe somebody has a copy of the clipping here and if I find it I shall enclose it. He will stay here until September. You may now spread the word and look for candidates. I can't write today, am in a hurry, have to work on the annual report, etc.

One of our graduate students showed me ^a page which you wrote on and I made a xerox copy. My question is where, ~~oh~~ where, is the blue print copy of a tracing of plate no. 224? I hope you do remember. He is such a nice boy and it just so happens that everything he needs, we either don't have in our library or can't find it, so he is becoming quite frustrated.

At the annual Gates Christmas party I asked the Allwissende whether is going to stay, he said he did not know, that it would depend on the Board, I then asked him whether he is going to Michigan too, he said again he did not know, that Dr. Gates wants him to go with him, but that it has not yet been decided. Should you hear anything from Henry Hitchcock in this respect, please let me know. For the time being I have given up translating the Engelmann letters, since Mark wrote a memo in June of this year pointing out what a good job I have done and that a meeting should be held soon to determine where funds for this work should come from. Copies of this memo were sent to several other people, but nothing happened. So you can imagine that I am quite anxious to know with whom I could have deal in the future. In the meantime I am working on an index for the Annals.

I wish you a happy New Year and good health above all and no more dogbites. Please send me a card or a short note about the Sessé and Mocino thing.

Herzliche Grüsse ^{Carla}



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

October 11, 1971.

Dear George,

It certainly was good to talk to you last week and I am very happy to know that you are again "available". There were so many things I should have liked to talk to you about and talking on the telephone is still the best.

I am enclosing a page of the Bulletin describing Henry Shaw's 500 page "Guide to the Missouri Botanical Garden". The article in the Bulletin was not signed, but obviously the author must have had the guidebook in his hands. We have no idea where it is, nobody here has ever seen it or knows anything about it. Eugenia suggested that I ask you, since you might possibly know something about it or its whereabouts. We find that a great deal of manuscript material is missing from the Shaw papers as well as Engelmann letters. Somebody must have thrown out a lot of old writings.

I am glad you like your new house in Eugene, and hope you will enjoy living there. We bought a house in Cuba itself (2 story) and quite large. Morton opened a law office out there, thinking it would be enough if he spent the weekend beginning with Friday out there, but since he is the only lawyer in Cuba, he finds himself out there more than in the City and he seems to enjoy being out there. I hope that I don't have to move there too soon, I just can't see myself living in a small town and I am certainly not the housewifely type. Of course, we still have the farm and it certainly proved to be an extremely good investment. The land prices here ^{are} going up and people from St. Louis want to buy land and are buying land even in our remote Crawford County, unseen often, just to invest their money.

You will certainly enjoy Hugh Iltis' visit, don't ^{him} keep up too late so that he will be in good shape on Saturday. We don't know what is going to happen in the way of entertainment, but the Lewis' certainly won't give their usual party and I don't know anything about Raven's plan. I might go to the Dinner on Saturday, Joan Nowicke, wants me to

go with her, but I am not too anxious to go. Well, we shall see. I wish you could come. I just heard that Ray Fosberg is coming, but don't know whether he will bring his Mademoiselle or not.

Should you know something about the Shaw guide, please drop me a line.

I hope everything is well with you in this cooler weather.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

January 19, 1972.

Dear George,

The last time I wrote you, I mentioned that Peter Raven is interested in buying a copy of Torrey & Gray's North American Flora. This is to let you know that he now has a copy which he received from Gil Daniels, Director of the Hunt Botanical Library.

We are expecting Gil Daniels and his wife, who is a librarian, and John Reed to make a review of the library. They will come here on the 27th and stay until the 28th and look all over the library and make a report later. I wonder what will happen.

Peter Raven told Eugenia and me yesterday that we can attend the meeting of the Council of Botanical and Horticultural Libraries in Washington on April 20. I am happy about this and just wish you could come too. I am glad he said we could go since we were both afraid that he might say no because of the time factor. This is about the time the library will be moved to the new building. All the books in the storage building are already packed and ready to go. The books here will be moved in boxes on a conveyor belt to the new building. I wish I could take a leave of absence at about that time. I wonder how things will be in the new building, things have certainly changed since you left.

I have my personal little problems. Morton has just had his sixty-fifth birthday and is planning to give up his office downtown. A year and a half ago we bought a rather large house in the town of Cuba and he has opened a law office there, installed a secretary and is getting more business there than he expected. He thought he could handle things out there on Fridays and Saturdays, but he finds now that he spends more time in Cuba than in St. Louis. We also still have the farm and farmhouse where he is staying when he is out there. But there is also plenty of room on the second floor of the townhouse with a kitchen and bathroom and he plans to make an apartment out of that. He is telling me in various round-about ways that he thinks it slightly ridiculous to renew our lease for our apartment in St. Louis (due May 1972) and so pay a lot of money just for the privilege that I may work at the Garden. I can see his point, on the other hand I couldn't possibly live out there in Cuba and bury myself in that terrible place. I just have to get more money if I want to stay in town and I don't think I will get it from the Garden. Well, we still have time and maybe things will change. At least I hope so.

Jane Stuessie who ran the Garden Gate shop has been fired which caused quite some uneasiness.

Erna's husband is again back in the hospital. Erna himself had an unfortunate accident. While she was walking home, she was knocked down by a young boy who stole her handbag. She had a bad bruise on her head, but the boy was in for a surprise since she carries all her money and credit cards in her coat pocket and there was practically nothing in her purse. But still, she was quite shaken and is now a little bit scared, something we all try not to be who live in that neighborhood.

Barbara sends her love and after I told her you bought a house in Eugene, Oregon, she was quite delighted. She knows the place and thinks it is great. The other day Mr. Barbre called on the telephone just to find out how you are and I told him what I knew. ♪

I hope you are well and enjoying life.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
SHAW'S GARDEN

February 14, 1972.

Dear George,

Unfortunately your letter came too late; it arrived today, Monday, and the Franklins were here at the Garden on Friday, the 11th. I showed them Schöffer, Brunfels and one Dioscorides, Bock, Hortus Cliffortianus, Les Liliacées. They especially wanted to see our copy of Fuchs and were very much impressed. Mr. Franklin told us that he was offered a set of the Liliacées for ten thousand pounds. Unfortunately, I was not able to find anything original by Daniel Oliver. After a while, Eugenia and other people got into the act and I retired. They did not ask to see Engelmann's thesis.

Eric P. Newman lives at 6450 Cecil Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63105.

We are all waiting to hear about the report of the Library Committee, but nothing new yet except some changes in ordering books, etc.

Dorothy Panos resigned.

Are you still planning to come to St. Louis on your way to Oregon in April?

Best wishes,

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
SHAW'S GARDEN

March 13, 1972.

Dear George,

I just made the appointments for you with your various doctors. The one with Dr. Forsyth is for April 7th 2 p.m. and with Dr. Miles on April 10th at ten minutes to 10 in the morning. Should this be too early, let me know, he can take you later.

I am certainly looking forward to seeing you and talking with you. We have not heard anything from the library committee and it does not look as if I would get a raise. I am looking somewhere else and if I find something, I at least can say I have a better offer and leave it up them here. I just heard from Eugenia that it might be doubtful that we are going to Washington to the meeting since we are out of funds. However, Raven distinctly said we would go, but I never know what her plans etc. are.

Best wishes,

Herzliche Grüsse

Carla



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

July 26, 1972.

Dear George,

Here is the new Bulletin and where in the world are you? I had hoped that you would give me your address or are you permanently in hiding? Please, please send me a postcard with address and telephone number.

We are in the midst of moving the library, the books are almost all over already in the new building, but still have to be shelved. Eugenia is leaving August 3rd, hopefully, but I am afraid she might stay on longer just to try to poison the new librarian's mind. He is, as you undoubtedly will know by now, James Read, brother of John, 27 years old, a young man who will grow with the institution and I am supposed to grow with him. All our three cataloguers have been fired and the only survivors are Kendra and I and a new secretary has been hired to take Marge Purk's place who had to quit to stay with her children. At our last staff meeting Peter Raven gave Eugenia a present which I bought for him, A Bittersweet embalmed in heavy plastic for \$ 25.00. I thought it quite appropriate. Coming Friday we are having a lunch for her/Bevo Mill and that will be the end, however, there is still a great deal of mischief she might do.

Henry Hitchcock called sometime ago to ask me for your new address; he was going to send you a copy of an article about the library in the Post Dispatch.

How do you like your new place? Is it up to your expectations in respect of silence, privacy and whatever else you crave? Has your hair grown longer and your beard? I hope you are in good health and spirits and won't forget your old friend

Carla, the survivor (God knows till when

Carla

PS. Got a terrific raise. \$800.20, I am most intrigued with the twenty cents.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

SHAW'S GARDEN

August 3, 1972.

Dear George,

I can't tell you how happy I was when you called me. I had planned to call you and got your telephone number from information, but somehow put it off another day and then there you were.

I am enclosing a copy ^{of} Peter Raven's memo to me about Joe Ewan. I have Joe's bibliography up to 1969 which he had sent me in 1970. Do you think I could write to him and ask for a bibliography for everything published by him in 1970 to-date? I don't think he would get suspicious if I only ask for his bibliography, however, his biography is a very different question.

The following is what I have and hope you can substantially enlarge it:

Joseph Andorfer Ewan, born October 24, 1909 in Philadelphia, married Nesta Dunn in 1935, has three children.

He received his AB degree in 1934 from the University of California. Was instructor of biology at the University of Colorado from 1933-1944. From 1944-1945 worked as Botanist for the Foreign Administration in Colombia. From 1945-1946 he was assistant curator of plants at the Smithsonian Institution; from 1946-1947 associate botanist at the Bureau of Plant Industry, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and in 1947 was appointed Assistant Professor of Botany at Tulane University, was associate professor from 1952-1957 when he became a full professor, a position he still holds.

Guggenheim fellow

(any other fellow?)

Member of Washington Academy of Science, served as Vice President of the American Fern Society from 1941-1947 and as its President from 1958-59. (Was he president of any other Society, etc.?)

Noted biographer and bibliographer. Editor of *Classica Botanica Series*.

He collected widely, but chiefly in California, Colorado and South America. *Castilleja Ewani* was named after him. (Who named this? It was published in *Leaflet of Western Bot.* v. 3, 1941 where it says that this was collected by Joseph A. Ewan on "east shore of Baldwin Lake, San Bernardino Mountains, 6674 ft. altitude, among rocks on sandy slopes under pinyons". Did he name it himself?

Jim Reed has arrived and I am supremely happy. Now, it is hard to believe that I stood this impossible woman for five long years, and she is gone since yesterday. Last night, Morton and I celebrated and I would like to celebrate for a month. Jim is very nice and pleasant, and apart from all that, it is a good feeling to have a man around again. * Female spinster librarians are for the birds.

We are now in the new building and you would go crazy with all this noise the students who moved the books and are now putting them on the shelves make. They all have transistor radios or sing themselves as loud as possible, the girls giggle all the time and the place is a mad-house. This new place is awfully large and at the end of the day I am hardly ~~able~~ able to walk; you have walk a mile to get to some books.

Well, I hope you can help me with Joe Ewan. I am very glad that he is going to receive this honorary degree, but please, oh please, don't tell him anything!!

By the way, did you write something about me and Engelmann's biography to Peter Raven? He mentioned something about this, but I did not really understand what he said. He did ask me some questions about Engelmann, that is how this came up.

Hope you enjoy your new leisure and that the weather may btay cool there.

Herzliche Grüsse,

Carla

October 7, 1964.

Mrs. Oscar Langman
248 Hardy Street
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Ida,

Congratulations on finally finishing the page proof of your Guide. It will be a great satisfaction to see this thing finally within covers, I am sure, and I certainly look forward to seeing our copy.

Your curriculum vitae has been on top of a pile of agenda for some time so that I had repeated occasion to think about what you might do next. I regret to say I have not come up with anything except a rather pessimistic quotation—I had occasion to write the librarian at the University of California in connection with someone who had sent a curriculum vitae indicating a rather wide experience and other matters not too unlike your own regarding languages and bibliography. He thanked me for my remarks but said: "Your friend will have to learn that libraries are finding less and less money for people with that kind of background and training." Not everyone agrees with him, of course, as witness the NFS and the Huntington and, I suspect, Harvard. But it is discouraging to think that if you could put in your curriculum vitae MLS, no experience, little knowledge, but outgoing, you would probably be hired the next day. I am sure you won't feel as acid about this as I do because you are less prone to damage your health by permitting yourself to get into an acid condition, but I think you must realize the facts to be more or less as I indicate they are. We get many of the professional library journals and I always read the placement sections. I cannot remember a single one where it was clear at least that someone with your skill was being looked for. Of course, you do not indicate that you like to work in a library anyway as a librarian, so may be all of my remarks are pointless anyway.

Now that I have said all of the above I wonder if the Middle American Research Institute at Tulane ought not to be interested in your qualifications. But, of course, Joe would have thought of it so my remark is not very novel. The University of Miami has found money to subsidize bibliography of Southwest Asia. It would seem more pointed to me if they found money to subsidize bibliography of South America. Of course, there is always Southern Illinois University, but let me be the last person to suggest that

you get involved with that mélange of well, mélange. I shall keep thinking about you.

I hope things are otherwise going well for you and Oscar and send my best greetings.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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September 4, 1964

Dear George:

I'm finally reading
page proof of my bibliography
and - hopefully - should be
finished sometime this month.
So it's time for me to start
scouting around for another
job.

Toward that end,
I'm sending the enclosed
"curriculum vitae" to some
of my botanist friends. So -
should you hear of any thing
for which I might be
qualified, I'd be very
grateful if you would
keep me in mind.

With best wishes

Sincerely
H.A.

Did you get to Edinburgh
or Bowden - or both?

P. O. Box 177
390 Forge Road
East Greenwich, R. I. 02818

9 July 1973

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
1964 Harris Street
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear George:

Your kind letter of 30 May awaited our return from Pittsburgh about the 12th of June, but guests from Sweden were then here for a week, followed by a two-week visit from our son and his family. Now, I begin to catch up on accumulated correspondence.

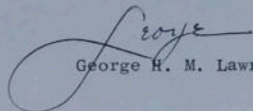
The Linnaeus symposium was a very successful occasion, although it did not attract so many as did the Adanson event. I would guess that about 85 persons were there. On the whole, the papers were good. They will be published in a Proceedings due out this fall.

The Institute prepared a very nice keepsake, embodying one original paper, and an excellent (and first) english translation of Linnaeus' Orbis Erudi judicium (1741), together with a facsimile of its original. I would send you a copy, but when I asked for extras for myself, I was told that they were to be distributed from HBL and not through members of the staff. So! Take it from there. It is worth requesting, and if the request is denied, or if any prepayment is requested of you, I would like to know of it. One may be bowed, but not cowed.

We were sorry to learn of your extreme sensitivity to ultraviolet rays. What an affliction! Too bad the Oregon countryside is not conducive to becoming a speleologist. For our part, we could not be better situated than we are here. The one thing we dislike, is having to go off on a trip. Even so, I am sure that if we live to finish rewriting the taxonomy text we will again come to the West Coast, and will plan to assure a visit to see you. Meanwhile, do keep in touch with us.

Miriam joins me in sending you our very best.

Very cordially,


George H. M. Lawrence

The Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213



October 1970

Mr. George B. Van Schaak
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

Slightly more than a decade ago I assumed the directorship of the Hunt Botanical Library. During the intervening period I have devoted full energies to the organization, development, and administration of an institution that now enjoys both an international reputation and area of activity. The administrative responsibilities and activities of the position increased with the growth of the library's programs, collections, and staff; this, to the extent that the commitment made prior to my coming here, to revise one textbook first published in 1951, and to write a biography of the botanist and horticulturist, Liberty Hyde Bailey, could materialize only when relieved of those responsibilities.

Having attained the age of 60, and with a substantial backlog of botanical, historical, and biographical projects to complete in the coming decade, I have asked to be relieved of the administrative responsibilities as Director of this library, effective 1 November 1970.

Rumors that I am to retire at this time are unfounded, for it is my plan to continue as a full time but nonresident member of the library's staff holding appointment as Research Fellow in Botanical History. Although Mrs. Lawrence and I have changed our permanent residence from Pittsburgh to Rhode Island (see new address, below), my research activities will require frequent returns to this library. As a member of its staff I shall continue to have an active and affectionate concern for it and its work.

The new Director of this library will be Gilbert S. Daniels, currently Assistant Director. He was appointed to his present position in September 1967, coming from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he had completed residence requirements for his Ph.D. Gil Daniels (born in 1927) graduated Cum Laude from Harvard in 1948, having majored in Physical Anthropology. For the next five years he served with the Air Force as a project engineer in anthropology at the Aero-Medical Laboratory. From 1953-64 he was an executive in various computer corporations, retiring from that industry to return to his first love, plants - horticulture and botany.

Gil Daniels' appointment as my successor follows my recommendation. His strong background in horticulture, botany, and business

administration, plus experience gained as a plant collector in tropical regions and while on our staff, qualify him well for the position. His interests in botanical art and literature - areas in which his substantial personal collections attest to his depth of knowledge and scholarship - give assurance of continuance of the library's position of leadership for those facets of our program.

It is with regret that I will not continue to be here in person to meet and to be of service to the library's many friends and to a much wider circle of correspondents. This change in duties and in residence has been initiated by me, and to permit me to bring to fruition the many projects that could never have been accomplished had I remained at the helm until normal retirement time.

To all who have been so helpful to me during the past decade, and in so many ways, I express my unstinted gratitude.

Very sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence

GHML:kk

New Address:

390 Forge Road
P.O. Box 177
East Greenwich, R.I. 02818

Lawrence

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

2 May 1968

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
The Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

Thank you for yours of 26 April. I am glad to know that the two volumes of Pena & Lobel are proving to be useful.

The packing material we use for rare books and paintings has the trade name of Aircap. It is available with about 6 different sizes of bubbles, ranging from 1/2" to 1-1/2". So far as I know it is available only from jobbers and in 500' rolls. To get a satisfactory price rate we got 10 rolls in our initial order. The technical information for the material of the size used for the books send you is as follows:

Aircap, #C240, 24" wide X 500' rolls, packed
2 rolls per carton, at \$42.20/roll

Purchased from: Alling & Cory Co.
River Avenue & Alcor Street
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15212

Sincerely,

George
George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:kk

Lawrence

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

22 May 1968

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

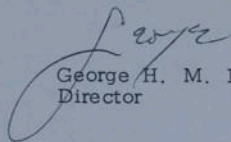
On my return from a couple of weeks in New England I find that we have received in perfect condition the two editions of L'Obel et Pena lent to you a few weeks ago. Thank you for the note in the 1576 edition concerning Jane Quimby's error in title-page transcription. I appreciate also the comments that you wrote in the letter reporting your studies of the two.

While in New England I took a half day at the Boston Athenaeum visiting with George Cunha whom you probably know, or certainly you know his recent book on conservation practices. I feel I learned a lot there and we are going to test also the efficacy (particularly permanency) of CHC papers and sachets. This means of deacidifying bound volumes, even if it has to be repeated at 10-year intervals, may be a palliative or "temporary out" for the dilemma in which we all find ourselves, particularly as concerns important works published since 1865 and printed on pulp paper.

With every best wish to you,

Most sincerely,

GHML:kk



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

Lawrence

August 15, 1968

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear George,

The enclosed is an amended version of a list I once made at MBG. There's nothing particularly esoteric about it (except the question marks). But I cannot find any authority for what I must currently think of as the Joe Rubinstein ed. of 1736. I still have my copy of ed. 8--know anyone who wants one?

Hearing I was sending you this list, Mrs. Moulton has asked me to tell you she intends to visit your library during the next fortnight, and hopes she will find you there. I believe she will make her visit definite by telephone a day or two before.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schanck

Lawrence



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60531 Phone: WOODLAND 8-0074

August 12 1968

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear George,

I finally send you herewith negatives of the two pages of Pena & Lobel, 1570, which I promised you long ago, as well as prints, which you can probably better, for to me the negatives seem clearer. For printing up in proper size I find the original of the privilege to have a type area exactly 5" wide, and that of the errata exactly 6" wide.

In our copy the privilege is printed on the verso of the last page of the index--in your copy that page is blank. In the Rosenwald copy at LC the privilege is on the recto of a leaf immediately preceding the index (verso blank). In a copy reported by A. E. Lowmes it again occupies the recto of an otherwise blank leaf, which is bound just following the page with the colophon.

I saw this last report just after I had returned your 1570 copy to you. My memory tells me that I saw in that copy a note that it had been 'given' to Mrs. Hunt by someone whose name I do not remember, although I think it was Lowmes. I should much appreciate a transcript of that note, as well as a report, if the name is Lowmes, as to whether your copy does after all have the privilege in the place Lowmes reports for his copy.

I enclose also a xerox copy I had made for you at MBG (in exchange) of A. de Candolle's presentation copy to Dr. Engelmann of his 'réflexions' on the Prodrômus.

As I look back on my years at McG I regret in the light of what goes on there at present in the library that I spent so much of my time conserving 19th century material which is now having a hard time of it. I should rather have reassembled Dr. Engelmann's library, which, in 1890, Dr. Trelease had utterly dispersed throughout the whole collection, as one project, and as another, made a good checklist of the several thousand rare books. My successor, thirty-five years a librarian, mostly at Tulsa University, asked me on her first day whether a certain book was a quarto or a folio. Upon my checking the chainlines and saying it was a quarto, she said, 'But it's too large. Besides, how did you tell by looking at it?' When I explained she said, 'Oh, I never heard of that'.

When Joe Ewan was here some weeks ago he told me of your wonderful Linnaean purchase. That is a great and important addition to the library, and I send you hearty congratulations.

Confidentially, I report from here that, while I find it a pleasant place to spend a few retirement years, it is almost as discouraging as was MBG--there is scarcely any concept on the part of all but one or two of the trustees, and of practically all the staff, of what this place could and should be. In fact I just remarked to Dr. Hall as I came in this morning after spending all of yesterday writing a dismal report, 'You know, I think you and I are living in a dream world--bad dreams'. I have found the cataloguer here to be friendly and spritely, but very ignorant and with no substantial training. She has produced a hopeless mess of cards, no author authority file, an only partially recorded subject heading list, and a modification (a hash!) of the LC classification. Organizationally I am apart from this, but Dr. Hall has asked for a report on the library catalogue, which he has found very inadequate, and if he does anything about it along the lines I feel are necessary I shall be drawn in.

I hope things have been going well with you and Mrs Lawrence. Best wishes to you both.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack

Lawrence

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

30 August 1968

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
The Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

This is a belated acknowledgment of your letter of 12 August (which didn't reach here until the 20th) and with it I send my thanks for the two negatives of the two pages missing from our 1570 copy of Pena & Lobel. There is nothing wrong with the negatives that you sent, other than that they were somewhat overdeveloped. After putting them through a reducing solution a couple of times, they came out very well and I know that perfect prints will be obtained to be tipped in to compensate for the pages missing from our copy. I am deeply grateful to you for them.

Our copy was given us by Albert E. Lownes of Providence. He also possesses a complete copy. He has one of the finer collections of herbals in the country, destined to be given to Brown University. The copy was in bad condition and disbound when received from him about 1958. Tom Patterson fixed it up.

I'm deeply grateful to you for the xerox copy of de Candolle's "Réflexions on the Prodromus," taken from his presentation copy to Dr. Engelmann and which is now at MBG. I appreciate also having an example of your own bookbinding!

Thank you for the comments re your successor at Missouri. It simply goes to show that librarians seldom are bookmen, and less often are truly bibliophiles. Incidentally, should you ever care to entrust with me a copy of your report on the library catalogue where you are now, I would be glad to read it, returning it to you in the event that you felt it should not be a part of my own confidential files.

Thank you for your note of 15 August and the enclosed notations based on a check-list of additions of Miller's Gardeners Dictionary. This latest contribution from you will be very useful because I have before me a substantial manuscript from William T. Stearn comprising a pseudo-bibliographical study of that work and its editions. It is for Huntia. I will be very glad to make constant reference to your

Mr. George B. Van Schaack

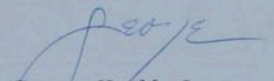
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30 August 1968

notations and I hope you will not mind my bringing to his attention any discrepancies that turn up as a result of this. In the event any of the information in your listing is used may I (as editor) provide a credit line out of recognition for your efforts?

Hastily, but

Most cordially yours,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:kk

*Mrs M. was here ^{to} most of
yesterday. I was so busy that,
for the most part, others had to
take care of her.*



THE MORTON ARBORETUM

Joy Morton, founder

LISLE, ILLINOIS 60532 Phone WOODLAND 8-0074

September 5 1968

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear George,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 30th August. I shall indeed be pleased to send you a copy of my report on the library here, so far as I can see at the moment for deposit in your confidential files--all provided that I ever get it written. I have no secretarial assistance I can use, for since it will be very critical I shall not want to reveal it prematurely, at least, to the only secretary I can use, who is an intimate friend of Mrs. Moulton's. The enclosures herewith are mostly 'prodomusculi' to such a report; they have been prepared mostly for Dr. Hall's information, and are accordingly rather didactic. However, they concern matters which I consider important with regard to the catalogue, but perhaps I bear down too hard--I am a type of perfectionist, you know. Should your cataloger have time to glance at them and advise you whether the writer was off the beam I'd be much interested to know his or her opinion--I think I have removed all identifying references from them.

Thank you for your expression of appreciation of the two or three things I have sent you lately. The little pamphlet was bound by someone I had taught, not by me--I like to think I could do much better, but I'd probably do much worse. The checklist for Miller isn't really anything more than any good ferret could dig out, but in the most unlikely event you would find it useful in checking on that master WTS, you may of course give me a credit line.

I have very mixed feelings about my time at Missouri--there are so many interesting, and perhaps important, things I could have done if I hadn't done what I did. There is little doubt my curatorial instincts are stronger than my bibliographical or scholarly ones--but I could have accomplished some of the bibliographical or scholarly projects which awaited there, while the curatorial task was utterly beyond doing--and now most of it has been upset by the insane concessions Walter Lewis has demanded, and, because of Gates's ignorance and desire for power, have been conceded by the latter. However, it is a vast collection, most of which will survive both of them.

Very cordially yours,


George F. Van Schoeck

Lawrence

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

8 October 1968
(Dictated 6 October 1968)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Morton Arboretum
Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dear George:

Forgive the delay in answering your kind letter of 5 September and its many and fascinating enclosures. The truth of the matter is that I have been swamped in the preparation of an exhibition catalogue for our forthcoming show of work by botanical artists and illustrators. In fact, I was so absorbed in it when Mrs. Moulton was here that I was barely civil to her. I hope she was not unduly offended.

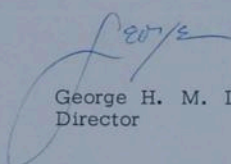
I have looked over the notes that you very kindly sent. I find nothing in them that is contrary to good cataloguing processes and I did not think that such divergences and innovations as you have indicated were really out of line enough to ask our own cataloguer about them. Therefore, I am putting your letter in a confidential file without its going further at the moment.

Whenever you do get your final report on the library written, I will welcome a copy of it.

Now back to the grindstone again!

Very cordially yours,

GHML:ect


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

13 April 1967
(Dictated 11 April 1967)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

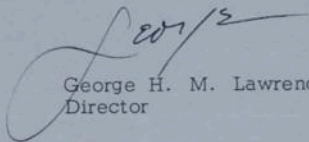
Dear George:

Just a short line to ask if you can tell me if the Cactus Digest, published by the Henry Shaw Cactus Society, and first published in 1942, is continuing in this publication?

If not, can you give me information as to how many volumes were published and when it was last published? If there was a period when it may have been suspended and no volumes published in given years, this would be helpful. This is a publication I have never seen and should you have a copy of the first number that could be lent us, we would be very grateful. Otherwise, I would be glad to have a xerox of the title page of the first volume.

With all good wishes,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GGML: jb

Ans. 4/18/67

THE RACHEL McMASTERS MILLER HUNT BOTANICAL LIBRARY
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PITTSBURGH 13, PENNSYLVANIA

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE
Director

24 August 1967

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

Two trips to Europe this spring and summer have put me far behind in handling incoming correspondence. For some reason, your very interesting letter of 18 April has only now come to hand.

It is indeed ^{ds}impressing to get the report that you have given. At the same time there isn't very much that one can say, or that one cares to put in writing. Quite apart from the Viet Nam war, which I don't think should truly be the whipping boy in this case, I have a feeling that if NSF takes any form of favorable action in behalf of the Garden, it may very well require that the trustees revise their application and put it on a matching fund basis, with the Garden people putting up half the money. I think the day is gone when large facility grants are going to be made by NSF on a non-matching basis to an institution whose trustees have the financial backing possessed by yours.

I can well believe that under previous administrations you would be told to find your own grants for support of your own library's activities, but it is very difficult to think that this is happening in today's environment. I did not realize that the retirement and pension system (or the lack of it) was so abysmal as you report. The primitive thinking, believing your report to be correct, is nothing short of appalling.

We would indeed very much like to have a good photocopy of the Cactus Digest of the Henry Shaw Cactus Society. However, the prints that you sent are scarcely readable. We have used a yellow filter rather successfully for materials that are done by the "ditto-ed" process, strengthening the faded purple characteristic of that ink.

Perhaps you could advise me as to what extent the back numbers of this are available, and how many before this we would have to reproduce by xerox or comparable process. The question then would be could the set be loaned to us for xeroxing here (I would be willing to make a second set on rag paper for you) or could it be done at our expense at the Garden? In any case, I would like to develop the matter further so that we could have a complete set.

Mr. George B. Van Schaack -2- 24 August 1967

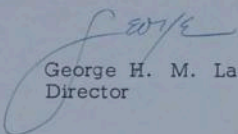
This raises two other questions, one relating to the Annals and the other to the Bulletin. What is involved for us in our getting volumes 30-44 of the Annals? Do you have back volumes for sale or exchange?

Our collection of the Bulletin is very spotty indeed. We have the complete volume for 1966 and the numbers issued for the current year. For volume 51 we have numbers 2 and 3, for 52 numbers 7, 9 and 10. That is the extent of our holdings. While you are still the Librarian, do you think that you could scrounge up other copies of these volumes and other complete volumes for us? Let me know what you have and what sort of arrangements we can make with you for them.

Have you something in mind that would be suitable for *Huntia* IV? *Huntia* III has been ready for press for many months, awaiting only time for me to attend to the processing of the manuscripts. *Huntia* IV is now accumulating and I would like to have a paper by you. I have in mind the suitability of a paper by you on rarities in the collection at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Many of these, as you have told me, have been "uncovered" by you and others deserve to have their presence known. The account could take up the books in any organized fashion you would want, with notes on each. For the more rare I would like to reproduce a few title pages. An article by you in each issue of *Huntia* could augment slightly the impoverished pension you will be receiving after 1968. Do keep the interest in mind, even to the extent of doing the articles while you have the opportunity and the access to the materials, putting them on ice, and feeding them to me later.

With all the best wishes to you,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:gdh

Name among my references - I had some not
without your approval.

Just about connecting for

Some to your letter of August 22 which ar-
rived as I was leaving for Toronto.

I do not believe much of the Cactus
Project is easy to come by, but I shall
see Ted Curtis about this in detail
and write you, I am sure the whole
thing can be loaned to you for
copying - fortunately it has been
left for me to bind, and by then
I am I had the good enough
sense to have it hand-over-sewn
(news paper sewing), so that it
will give quite well for microfilming
and then xerox blow-up. I shall
see that arrangements for your
getting a complete copy made are set-up.

GL-4

The matter of the Annuals is much more difficult. Several years ago we contracted with Herbert Hofner to put the Annuals back in print, & I did not expect immediate action but to date nothing has been reported except the parts of Flora & Passama. All that remains ^(very little) for sale is with Herbert Hofner, as listed in this 1967 Botany catalogue (p. 20). I have had nothing to do with this matter for some years, or I should have pressed them for more action, & I regret to have to confess it was my fault they were chosen - I like Harry Lubrecht very much, but I can't see ^{that} he gets things done.

GL-5

The Bulletin is another matter. I
foresee no reprinting, and it is a p.
rather marginally. All I can suggest
is that you write Mrs. Florence
Juby, M.B.G., for a list of available
material. I suggest this for your records,
although I shall speak to her ^{too,} and
tell her you should receive whatever
is available on exchange. I shall
also tell her to look out for
filling in your set; ~~the~~ occasionally in
pt numbers, or a volume or two;
I feel sure that many men will
come along in older St. Louis
~~markets~~ children clean out
their houses. (By the way, take
a look at our latest number - thereby
lies a tale. I'd tell you when I
see you)

GL-6

Many thanks for your asking me for
something for Hunt's TV. Perhaps I
can get the paper on Rochester
done before I leave St. Louis - I
believe I am being N.B.G. on a
sufficiently family basis that I
can return to study here occasionally
if I have time. It is too bad I
never had the time for all the
things I've run into that should
have been voted one way or another.

In this connection I am sending
you by R.E.A. the 1549
pirated *Matthioli* which I
once brought to show you
and which I remember you

GL-7

said you would like to copy.
So far as I know there are
hardly any more than ~~the~~
microfilm extant - Pritzger⁽²³¹⁹⁾₍₅₉₈₆₎
did not see it, although he
knew it (not noting that it is
illustrated), and Nixon seems never
to have seen it. Moretti (I think you
have xerox copy from our files) speaks
of it, claiming to own a copy and to
have seen one and a half copies
in Bologna. BM or BM (Wit) has a
copy.

Finally two more items about money.
I somewhat underinformed you about the
size of our donation here - I think I
said I could expect \$40 to \$50 per
month from October 1, 1968. Well, it's

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a little better than that, I think it
will be about \$70 from October 1, 1967
to 1, 1967! It will need at least a few

sheep out.

Whether my success ~~with the~~
could have arrived earlier than October 1
I don't know; I only know Dr. Jones was
a little reluctant that there should
be a direct overlap in our park
(double hog! on the one hand, and too
much looking over the shoulder on the
other!) However, he is cautious of
the fact that she is going to be heavily
jealous of many things, it would be
convenient for her to learn by first
visiting me, and he has several times
suggested I might find it possible
to be called in as a 'consultant' from

92-9

From time to time, I confess I have been rather
non-committal until recently when I
said that while it might be possible
it would not be cheap. He suggested us
figures, and for some he's searching his
mind for wisdom here \$ not to name
too small a one to lose me. I do not
intend to help him on this little matter
but I shall make my own statement
when the time comes. May I have the
benefit of your advice? Currently I
plan to say for my next service for a
retaining fee of \$300 per year and
beyond that a fee of \$30 for each
consultation period of three hours or less.
Do you think this unreasonable? I
understand lawyer figures are \$1000 ^(or more) per
year and \$150-200 per day. The point
is that much of what I know that is

92-10
needed I learned nights, weekends
and holidays - even before I was
on the payroll at all.

Of course the whole situation here is
going to be in heavy to work - I see
some sort of crisis coming up in a few years
when the trucks really see that
they can't ~~run~~ have their lumber
club without paying up - to the tune of
several million dollars - and I
then believe that yet.

Cordially greetings

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

10 October 1967
(Dictated 7 October 1967)

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

Your letter of 10 September arrived at precisely the time when our annual sessions of the Advisory Committee were held for virtually a solid seven-day week. Immediately thereafter I was swamped with carrying out decisions made in those meetings. This is a very lame excuse for so late an answer to your letter, which I did read when it came in.

First off, the copy of the Matthidi (1549) arrived in good condition and is here on my desk at the moment. Thank you for making it available to us on loan for copying purposes.

While I am not surprised at your decision to leave the Garden, I had not expected it this soon. I would love dearly to spend some time with you and be brought up to date on matters. To date I have had no word from the University of Michigan Library. I hope this does not bode ill for your aspirations. Do keep me informed.

I am writing to Lad Cutak to learn if we can borrow their set of Cactus Digest. We would then xerox it, via the microfilm route. I shall also follow your suggestion and let Mrs. Guth know of our desire to get back numbers of the Bulletin. Without knowing anything of what has been happening, I thought that the announcement in the front of the last issue of the Bulletin was appallingly puerile. Dave wrote it, and I know that he can write well when he puts his mind to it, but this was an appallingly expressed piece of poor philosophy. Perhaps it was done under pressure and some duress.

You ask for an opinion on retaining and consultation fees. I do know that lawyers retainers run from \$1,000-\$2,000 a year. On one occasion we paid a \$500 fee to a top notch typographer, doing so only for one year since we felt that we had just about covered most of our problems during that time. He designed both Huntia and Adanson formats. I think the fees that you are proposing are very reasonable. From time to time I am asked to visit horticultural or botanical libraries to provide appraisals of their more valuable books (over the years I have built up a card file of catalogue and auction prices that is very valuable in this connection, not to mention our own acquisition information needs. For this I charge a flat \$100 a day plus expenses and count nothing less than a full day (a day and a quarter is still \$200). I have done this both for libraries themselves and for insurance companies. The joker

Mr. George B. Van Schaack -2- 10 October 1967

here is that I have never taken the time to make an appraisal of the books in the Hunt Botanical Library!

Now that you are no longer on the staff of the Garden I can tell you that NSF will be giving a very very hard look at the Garden's proposal for support, and it is my expectation that the most favorable action that can be expected is that it will be on a 50-50 matching basis. That, I think, may shake the trustees out of their fiscal lethargy.

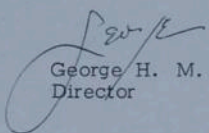
Recently Dave Gates made a strong bid (which weakened as the opposition increased) for the Garden being the physical agent and responsible umbrella under which would operate the production of Flora North America. This came early to my attention, some six weeks before the AIBS meeting in College Station, and knowing of the physical shakiness of the Garden, I simply could not approve the idea in any way. I am sure that the final decisions that AIBS should provide that umbrella is a sound one.

I do hope that you can prepare a paper on Roetter before you leave St. Louis. If not, perhaps after you are settled I could borrow it for you and get it to you that way, wherever you might be. I do want an account of the work in a not too distant volume of Huntia. It deserves to be documented.

Do plan to stop off in Pittsburgh at such time as you are anywhere near this area. I would like very much to visit with you and to learn if there might be some areas in which you might do things for us on a moonlighting basis. It all depends where you are located and what collections of botanical rarities are within reasonable distance.

With all good wishes to you,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:gdh

3313 Regal Place
St. Louis, Mo. 63139
October 17, 1967

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie-Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear George,

Many thanks for your good letter of ten days ago. You will not hear from the University of Michigan Library, which answered my letter with the words: Your qualifications are good but they are not appropriate to the position applied for. I have to agree they may not be quite adequate, but after a dry run of eight months I thought I might have a chance. But I'm not weeping.

I wish I could satisfy your desire to know what has been going on here, but I cannot undertake to write it. Much of it seems to be quite crazy, and I predict rather confidently that eventually (two years?) DEB shall have gone, not too unlike a second 'went'. As for my own situation suffice it to say that despite the pleas of a number of people that he find some way to keep me here in a bibliographical capacity, his efforts were so overshadowed by his keen desire to be rid of me entirely that nothing was arranged. I am reminded of a disease which is its own cure, for to stay would have been miserable and I shall leave St. Louis as soon as I can arrange it.

Thanks to Mr. Tribolet, who passed the word in Chicago that I was on the market, I have been offered and have accepted a post at the Morton Arboretum. My title will be 'bibliographic consultant'; I shall not be 'of' the library, but on the staff of the director himself. However, my duties will involve the library, and in particular the cataloging (in a yet to be determined form) the rare books, which have till now had only the most minimal listing. But beyond this I am to study the whole library collection with regard to its suitability for the purposes of such an arboretum (which themselves are to be studied) on the one hand, and on the other its place in the complex of botanical collections already existing in the Chicago area. I believe I shall find this latter a very agreeable task, and one which I feel should result in some reasonably important recommendations. The salary will be good, and in addition I shall have a house within the arboretum grounds. I regret I shall not already be in residence by the time of your visit there early in November, for I should like to be able to discuss some of these matters with you on the spot.

Despite what I consider to be my 'persona non grata' status I still have keys to the Garden and am still trying to clean up some details, as well as to help steer Miss Maddox on her initial voyage. But the whole thing is so ludicrous that I find myself staying away pretty constantly. I am going to try to do something on Roetter before I leave, probably as much as six weeks from now.

More later,

Cordially yours,

March 10th, 1966

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

I have a reservation for a flight to Pittsburgh on the 19th, scheduled to reach the airport at 11:00 o'clock, so that I should expect to be able to get into town and out to your library or your house, as you might wish, by about noontime. It is very kind of you to let me come on Saturday and I shall be very glad to have you discuss our problems with me. We already have some clear idea of what we think we want, but I am inclined to believe that we thought of too little use space in the library. I think you are not without the experience of what happens with too little space so that I am particularly anxious to get your opinion before we have much to do with the architect.

With kindest greetings to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself,

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

12 March 1966

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

It is my hope that this reaches you before your departure for Pittsburgh. Everything is in readiness for you at our house.

Saturday morning and noon time I am tied up with Mr. Hunt, who comes to the library in the forenoon and then the two of us go to lunch together. I usually take him home after lunch in order to reach his residence by 2:00 p.m. Inasmuch as I am going to be out of town the Saturday following I am very reluctant to beg off from this luncheon period with him. I am sure you understand.

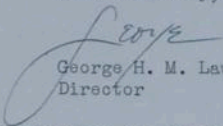
I would suggest that you come to the library from the airport. There will be no one in the Penthouse but the other four floors are free and open and comfortable. Skibo is open and its cafeteria if you wish to make use of it. You may want to go into the Fine and Rare Book Rooms on the fourth floor, and I think you may not have seen them since they have been completed. All you have to do is to ask the attendant on the fourth floor to let you in (the doors are normally locked but any visitor can go in on request). I'll look for you, either in the little reading area on the first floor or if you not there in the Fine and Rare Book Rooms on the fourth floor about 2:00 p.m.

We take off by plane for Colonial Williamsburg Sunday morning. In order to get an 11:00 a.m. flight we will have to leave our house about 10:00. We will be glad to take you to where ever your friend lives if it's somewhere in the Oakland area. I doubt if there would be time to have a comfortable breakfast and go to the Mt. Lebanon or the North Hills areas and still catch our plane. Here, again, I am sure you understand the situation.

We do look forward to seeing you and having a pleasant afternoon and evening with you.

With all best wishes,

Most sincerely,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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March 31st, 1966

Dr. and Mrs. George H. M. Lawrence
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear George and Miriam:

I hope your trip to Williamsburg and Coconut Grove was as profitable as mine. I did not find a great many particularly helpful positive ideas, but I did find quite a number of things which one must make sure the architect does not do. Especially helpful was Mr. Metcalf in Cambridge--he had been in the hospital for nearly a week with the flu and got special permission from his doctor to let me call on him at his home. You will be interested, George, to hear that his last remark was "the plan is fairly ingenious, but definitely tight. May I recommend that you try to get more adequate space."

I am very grateful to both of you for having made it possible for me to visit you so hard upon your own departure. I enjoyed being in your house very much and the good talk which we had that evening.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

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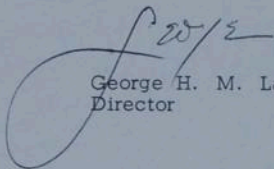
Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Today we have received the copy of the publication on Conrad Gessner published by the Naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Zürich (1966). It looks like a very scholarly production and I am taking it home tonight to acquaint myself with it. I am deeply grateful to you for your considerateness in sending us this as a part of our exchange.

With all good wishes,

Most cordially yours,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:ps

June 27, 1966.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence
Director
The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt
Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

I have just had a telephone call from a local woman who has described to me a book which she has for sale which, so far as I can tell from her description, would seem to be Nissen 1310. I wonder if you would have any idea what a reasonable price for it might be a) complete and in good condition, b) lacking all of the first leaves through the one preceding that headed Nuncupatoria and with essentially no binding. I forgot to ask her whether the plates are colored, but I think she would have mentioned it were they so. Please, do not spend any time on this, for there actually is not very much time before she wishes to dispose of the book--in fact, if you would like to call us collect I should be pleased to have you do so, for I should like to see her this weekend.

I hope things have been going well with you and your projects. I have left you alone by no means because I had forgotten you, but because for the past seven weeks I have been either in the hospital or getting ready to go to the hospital or getting over being there. I was caught in California with a severe infection which was curbed sufficiently for me to come here to prepare for a bit of surgery which is not painful, but prolonged in healing, all the time accompanied by a variety of infections. I am going to mend, but it is a nuisance not to get any work done while I wait around.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself,

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Dictated but not signed.

October 4th, 1966

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
The Rachel McMaisters Miller Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

Some ten days or more ago I sent you a small sheaf of Xeroxed material relating to Paulus Roetter. I suspect you recognized the source as well as the connection, but I meant at the time to send you this brief note. You will undoubtedly remember my showing you Roetter's drawings when you were here for I believe I gave you a copy of Engelmann's Pinus in which are three lithographed plates done by Roetter himself. My own opinion of his work is extremely high and I have thought for a long time I should like to write some sort of a note about his botanical work, all of which seems to have been done here in St. Louis. The text portion would probably not be very extensive, but whatever appeared would have to be well illustrated, I should guess with the best photogravure reproductions. There would doubtfully be more than two good possibilities for a full-page plate for most of his work is on pieces of paper from the size of a large postage stamp to that of a playing card or a little larger, so that any other full-page could probably contain several items. Would such a thing be suitable for Huntia and, if so, how much illustration could be undertaken?

The NSF proposal for a new building is still being prepared--how long these things take--but we are having a final (?) meeting with the architects on Thursday and I hope the thing will go to Washington within ten days. Activity here is greatly increased and space is even more at a premium than it has ever been since I came here. Time, too, for as I said the other day, Dr. Pershi has gone and there is no current replacement. When I spoke to you I said I was feeling better--that is what I thought then--but I had no idea how much better I was to feel at this time so at least for the present we are getting along, although we certainly must have more staff soon.

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

15 November 1966

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Following my return from meetings with our European staff members in Prague, I was bogged down for better than two weeks with many details relating to Mr. Hunt's funeral and subsequent work with the family. All of this, by way of explaining my delay in responding to your letter of 4 October (acknowledged belatedly on 17 October).

First, please accept my thanks for the parcel of xeroxed materials relating to Paulus Roetter. These arrived in excellent condition and have been put in a special folder devoted to him and his work.

I even took the liberty of writing to Mrs. Dana O. Jensen, editor of the Bulletin of the Missouri Historical Society, to learn who actually wrote the "St. Louis Sketches, 1845-63." Ascribed there to the authorship of Paulus Roetter, but obviously not so. I also asked how this should be cited, since the pages concerned are not assigned page numbers. She has replied very kindly, advising me that she wrote it herself. It is a pity these editors follow such irregular practices and make the citation of their contributions so difficult. The four leaves concerned are an insert between pages 180 and 181 of the January, 1958, issue which you generously sent us. I have now annotated our copy for the benefit of persons who will surely cite the item in the future.

We would very much like to have a contribution by you for volume 4 of Huntia on Roetter. I will leave it to your good judgment as to how many illustrations you could have, recognizing the need for a reasonable balance between the number of pages of text and of illustrations, keeping the latter to not more than one-half the total number of pages.

If you can do the article for volume 4 of Huntia, I would need it by July, 1967, at the latest. I am terribly embarrassed over the delay in getting out volume 3. The copy is not all in the printer's hands yet for composition purposes. All this reflects the number of demands on my time from other activities of the library and particularly those associated with the direction of Bibliographia Huntiana. Fortunately, that load will be off

Dr. Van Schaack

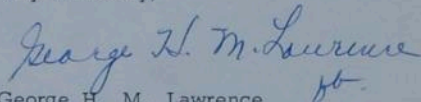
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my hands a year from now when a full-time person will take charge of it.
More about that later.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George H. M. Lawrence". To the right of the signature, there is a small, stylized monogram or initials, possibly "G.H.M."

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:jk
(Dictated but not signed)

December 13, 1966

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear George:

Thank you very much for your letter of some little time ago. I am pleased that you would be interested in an article about Paul Roetter for Huntia. The way things have piled up here and promise to continue, I feel rather skeptical of getting it finished for Huntia 4--in any case, don't save any room for me, for I shouldn't be disturbed at having the appearance delayed until Huntia 5, if necessary.

I enclose a photo of Dick Pohl for your collection. It was taken here during the recent systematics symposium and I think shows Dick in as characteristic countenance as I can remember. I believe the person who took this, Claude Johnson, junior horticulturist here, took several others which you will be interested in having, but to date they are not printed.

Your library's beautiful Christmas card came yesterday and I am very pleased to have so fine a reproduction of one of Ehret's paintings. Our own activities to date do not extend to Christmas cards, and I guess rightfully so, until we get further off the ground. We continued to be stymied, it seems to me, by the lack of fundamental endowment--the NSF has been very generous to us and we have, in a sense, no lack of grant support for the research work of our staff as are here. But keeping the facility in shape and available just simply is not possible with the funds which come from our present endowment. You are a very lucky man to have such a patron as the Hunt family.

I hope you are feeling well and that you have or will soon have some adequate help in your own office so that you can take things a little more leisurely. With best wishes for 1967 to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself,

Cordially yours,

GEORGE B. VAN SCHAACK
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

16 December 1966
(Dictated 15 December 1966)

Mr. George B. Van Schaack, Librarian
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear George:

Yours of the 13th is at hand, together with the very excellent photo of Dick Pohl. I have turned the letter over to Ted Bossert, asking him to contact Claude Johnson directly for photos of other persons and to ask him for one of himself. I assume that Mr. Johnson is a male, but after having a Claude Weber on our staff I always wonder.

No problem at all about the article on Paul Roetter for Huntia. We will welcome it whenever it comes.

I hope you have luck in finding an "Executive Associate Librarian" to work with you. If anyone comes to mind I will certainly put them in touch with you.

With all good wishes,

Most sincerely,

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George H. M. Lawrence ✓

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

29 January 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

On my return from the Fairchild Tropical Garden I find your several letters awaiting me. I digested all of these last evening with great interest and no small concern. I am glad to have all the information you have given me and I am putting the letters in your correspondence file in a sealed envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL. Some day the true history of this episode of the Garden will be written, and probably after we have long since been gone. It is my hope that by that time the Hunt Botanical Library may be thought of as a repository for archival material and that the files of correspondence may possibly be consulted. If they are, the investigator may find that the Lord said "Let there be light, and there was light."

You inquire about the availability of a permanent position on our staff. I do not see the likelihood of it at the moment, and for several reasons. Among these are:

(1) subject to decisions to be made at the time our Advisory Committee meets here in late April, I am virtually committed to the engagement of a young German botanical bibliographer who has worked for three years at Munich, one year in Paris, one year at Kew, and who is now in Brussels on a temporary assignment.

(2) Study must be given at the April meeting to our present timetable for the production of Bibliographia Huntiana, and with a view towards a reassessment of some of the facets of this project in order to realistically be able to meet the production deadlines already set. It is entirely possible that it will be decided that the addition of a new position on the staff for analytical bibliographic work is essential. Anticipating this I am not preparing a final budget until after the Committee meets because such decisions will require the budget being tailored to fit. If made, such a decision will require that other activities be curtailed to provide funds for such a position. This would mean cutting out

some of the work on the Hunt Monograph Series, or the Hunt Facsimile Series. These are policy matters and I will make recommendations, but the decisions must rest with the Committee. If done, then your candidacy would have top priority.

(3) While it may seem ridiculous, a very serious problem with me is one of spare space. Every available office is now taken and should it be decided to bring back either Claude Weber or one of our other European workers, we have no office for them and they will have to work at desks in a corridor. This is unbecoming to the dignity of a professional staff member but is the only answer for the immediate present. If a new position is created, the same resolution will have to be made.

Quite apart from the above considerations, I am prepared to provide a temporary respite for you as discussed in my earlier letter. I note your comment that you have been unable to locate a copy of this letter and I enclose a xerox made from our file copy. I will increase the salary available for that temporary position to \$8,000 a year (or pro-rated if for a part of a year).

I appreciate the very difficult situation you find yourself, and with the complications injected by your sister's declining eyesight. I recognize that the temporary position that I would offer is strictly that, a stop-gap measure, and that it presents many problems as concerns your domicile and care for your sister, should she have to remain in St. Louis while you were here on a temporary stop-gap appointment.

In the light of all this, it would seem to me that if you think the clouds over your head are threatening your demise as a member of the staff there, that you should take steps to make inquiry of opportunities elsewhere. I presume you have been in touch with Reed Rollins concerning Mrs. Schwarten's position. When this library was first organized and I first set up a nucleus staff I offered her the position of Cataloguer for the library. She tentatively accepted it, but was persuaded by Reed along with financial increases to her salary to remain. This she did. A major reason for her staying was that she would have lost out on retirement benefits had she left. I do not know when her retirement is to be effective but I understand they are looking for a successor. I have a hunch that her present salary is about \$9,000.00 a year.

Of course, the position at the New York Botanical Garden is wide open, unless it has been filled in the last few weeks.

Dr. George B. Van Schaack

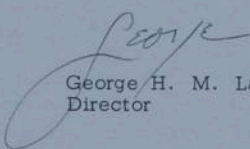
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In summary, as concerns opportunities here, I must say that no final decision can be made until after our Advisory Committee meets. They do not select our staff, but the policies made by them determine the size and activities of the staff. It is to our individual advantage to keep ourselves mutually informed of our own activities and I'll do my part with you.

With kindest regards, and hopes that the clouds overhead will not darken for you,

Most cordially yours,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:ps

Enc. : xerox copy of Dr. Lawrence's letter of 29 September.

3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139
February 23, 1965

Dear George,

Many thanks for your kind letter of January 29. There is no further news to date, except that supplied by a Board-wife (to be checked with Henry when he returns) that Gates was offered the directorship and has accepted. In any case my decision to leave the Garden is unchanged.

First let me express my appreciation for your continued offer of a years' appointment, and at an increased salary. This is a very helpful fixed point in a shifting scene. As for the matter of a more permanent position I well understand your inability to make any statement at this time, and the possibility that no such position might be possible at any time. I agree with you that the space problem you seem to face is serious—not only for your staff members, but for your program—I know quite a lot about working in a corridor and how frustrating it can be; I curst-ed grasses at MDD for several years in such a location, and often wondered whether I spent more time being interrupted in my work than actually at the work I was trying to do.

I have accordingly taken your advice to start looking around for opportunities elsewhere. In particular, for the moment at least, I am trying to find something definitely less administrative than the position at NMB would be, or even that at Gray. Currently I have sent letters to Mrs. Wilkins (Mrs. Bliss's librarian), Mr. Paul Van Dewanter (Mr. Paul Mellon's librarian), University of Texas (in connection with history of science), the National Medical Library, and the Huntington, which last is seeking a rare book cataloger with a knowledge of French. It is my present intention to make a trip to the Southwest and California in about three weeks from now to see what I can turn up there. If you think of any place I ought to contact on the way I should appreciate your advising me. In any case I am wondering to what extent you would be willing to have me give your name as a reference should anything likely present itself.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack

Lawrence
The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

25 February 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear George:

At least it is settled, and Gates is the man. Taking this to be the case from what you tell me in your letter of 23 February, all one can do now is to watch and wait.

You are certainly free to give my name as a reference whenever the occasion arises. I will be most happy to give full endorsement to your application, but would imagine that your reputation is sufficiently wide-spread already that whomever is interested will know of you and your many accomplishments.

If anything that crosses my desk suggests the need for someone of your capabilities and background, and for a position not calling for administrative activity, you may be sure that I will get in touch with you immediately. Do keep me posted. Meanwhile, my very best goes to you.

Very sincerely,

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George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:ps

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

10 March 1965
(dictated 5 March)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2215 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Under separate cover we have returned to you four books that you loaned us for copying purposes. Copies have been made of them. They are as follows:

Anker, Jean - Geoy Christian Oeders botanische reise in Europa ... Ex: Centaurus.

Bay, J. C. - Index emendatus ... Bibliotheca botanica ... Bernae, 1908.

Endlicher, S. Diesingia, novum genus plantarum. 1832.

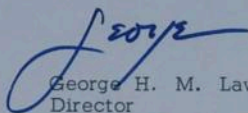
Rose, Ernest - Charles de l'Escluse d'Arras le propagateur de la pomme de terre au XVI^e siècle. Paris, 1899.

Some other books in the same loan are being microfilmed and upon their return from the local studio I would like to have Tom Patterson repair them. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I will ask him to do so using utmost care in the restoration. You should get them back in about two weeks from now.

At the moment I strive mightily to find a few hours each day in which to edit manuscripts for HUNTIA II. Other demands seem to encroach on my time to the extent that I know this volume of Huntia is going to be late in coming out, but I simply am unable to do better. I think I am getting old and slowing down!

With kindest regards,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:ps

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

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Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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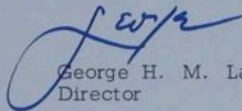
Dear George:

Under separate cover I return to you today, after it has been repaired by Tom Patterson, the Garden's copy of Hippolito Ruiz' "Della China e delle Altre Sue Specie Nuovamente Scoperte" Rome, 1792.

We now have a xerox copy of this book and I am grateful to you for allowing us to make it from the copy loaned to us.

With kindest regards,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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11 March 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2215 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear George:

Dorothy Manks has completed a commission from us to prepare an account of the various editions and works published by a selected number of early American writers in the field of horticulture. Two of them are John Adlum and William Cobbett.

I am anxious to locate a copy of Ed. 2 of Adlum's Treatise on the vine (this is a short title and not its full title), published in 1828. Do you have it, and if you do will you loan it to us so that we may prepare a collation of it and make a photograph of its title-page?

No
Adlum

Among the Cobbett publications in the field of horticulture are three that I am particularly anxious to locate and borrow for the same purposes. They are:

The American Gardener. Claremont, N. H., [1819].

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We have the London edition (1821) which is said to be a stereotype of the Claremont edition. I haven't been able to locate a copy of the Claremont edition so as to make a critical comparison and am very anxious to find same. There is also an edition published in New York by C. M. Saxton & Co., in 1856 which I have not found (although it is at the Library of Congress). Do you have it?

Cobbett's rarest work is a 30-page pamphlet of which I know of only two copies (one at the Arnold Arboretum and one at the American Antiquarian Society). If you have a copy I don't need to borrow it but I would like to be able to cite its existence. The title is:

A list of field seeds and garden seeds, contained in one of the boxes, sold for five dollars at W. Cobbett's Seed and Book Store ... and by Mr. John Morgan, Philadelphia, New York, printed by Clayton and Kingsland, 1819.

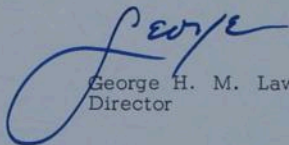
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The second title I'd like to borrow (in addition to the two editions of the American Gardener) is the English Gardener, London, 1827. This too we would like to collate and photograph the title-page. The contents need to be studied to determine to what extent it has been modified from the 1823 edition of the American Gardener, its prototype.

If we could have these items, such as may be available, I can get them back to you within ten days from the date of receipt.

Your usual helpfulness is always most considerate and certainly is contributory to our work.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George', with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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March 16, 1965.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

I am glad to hear from you, but regret to have to report in answer to your letter of March 11 that we have none of the works you refer to (Adlum, Cobbett, etc.).

The copy of Ruiz, Bella China ... has been received and I am glad you were able to make a xerox of it. Thank you also for Mr. Patterson's repair.

I wonder if you have obtained a copy of Curtis's Botanical Magazine, for there is a magnificent set advertised in Dawson's catalogue 1/3---they are asking only \$ 15,400.00 for it! I little less expensive is something I note in Wheldon & Wesley's catalogue 105 which just came. This is item 2010, an incomplete copy of the Supplement to the English Botany of Sowerby and Smith [1st ed.], notable because it contains 399 of the original colorist's pattern plates. This would seem to me to be the kind of thing your interest in color illustration would find desirable. The price is £ 60.--. It is only slightly incomplete [399 of 406 uncolored engraved plates and 399 of 406 colored pattern plates]. It is unbound and most of the original wrappers of the 83 plates are present.

I have been considerably concerned lately to find a new method of documenting issue dates of American botanical journals. Not only do I see no reason for it, but I see many reasons against it and I am wondering why there has not been more notice taken of its dangers. One of the journals which has adopted it is Brittonia so that as president of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists as well as director of a library spending large sums to discover and make clear publication dates in the past you must, it seems to me, find an interest in this. Each number of Brittonia bears at the head of the cover a bold face date (vol. 16, No. 1 is thus dated 30 January 1964). Each number also contains as one of its 'notices' a date of issue statement for the preceding number (vol. 16, No. 2 contains a two line date of issue statement on p. 227, almost completely typographically buried, which reads 'Brittonia, vol. 16, No. 1, pages 1-94, i-xvi, was issued Feb. 14, 1964. The day of mailing from Baltimore is taken as the date of issue'. If you believe what I have just written without reference

to the pertinent copies I shall be distrubed, for I do not think this sort of monkey business is to be believed on hearsay--in fact I do not see how anyone could design something more well suited to confusing the whole matter of date of publication. And what is the point of using the phrase 'date of issue' when the proper phrase according to the international rules is 'date of publication'? The criterion for establishing the date 'day of mailing' is in accordance with recommendation 30 A--I don't know what happened at Edinburgh and perhaps this recommendation is now a rule. But how we can expect clearly published dates on covers not to be used for publication dates and typographically buried later statements in other numbers to be referred to for the proper date is beyond my understanding.

More later.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

22 March 1965
(dictated 19 March 1965)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Ave.
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 16 March and for acknowledgement of the copy of Ruiz, Della China ...

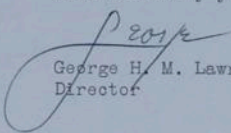
Fortunately for us, we were able to purchase a complete set of Curtis' Botanical Magazine from the Gray Herbarium in December and at a price far below that asked by Dawson.

In my cable to Wheldon and Wesley I requested the item 2010 of their catalogue 105. Whether we get it or not is a moot question, since I find that one has to be exceedingly prompt or the chances of loosing the choice items are high. I'll let you know if we do get it.

Thank you for bringing to my attention the atrocious practise of burying in Brittonia the actual publication dates of previous issues. After reading your letter I dug out the eight previous issues and went through them to see what the situation was. Obviously it is bad. With this letter I enclose a copy of my letter to Peter Raven in which I give grounds for objecting to the present editorial policy and make two alternative suggestions for improvement or correction. I did not refer to you by name because I thought it best for Peter to consider the problem on the facts of the case rather than to be influenced one way or the other by personalities. At the same time, I let him know that I was acting on the matter after having been informed of the situation by "a member of ASPT." The pages that I enclosed as examples were the two worst examples I could find and, unfortunately, are not the most recent ones where perhaps even Peter has tried to make it a little more conspicuous when he published his note giving the date of issue. I'll let you know what happens. You will note that your copy has been sent to you without cognizance of either Peter Raven or Larry Heckard. I think this is as it should be.

Again, my thanks to you for bringing this editorial matter to my attention.

Most cordially yours,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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Enc: Copy of letter to Peter Raven.
(sent Friday 19 March '65)

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March 23, 1965

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

Dear George,

The location of the "date of issue" statement in BRITTONIA is clearly given in each cover table of contents and in the volume table of contents and index. These statements specifically define "date of issue" in unambiguous terms, and could not, in my opinion, cause any confusion. I agree with you, however, that it may be misleading in a taxonomic context to have a definite date on the cover, and shall discontinue this practice forthwith. It seems to be a holdover from early 1957, which is the last time we were allowed to print the actual date of mailing here. To do so now would cause the loss of our second-class mailing privileges at Baltimore. I am now evaluating the legal and practical aspects of your alternative plan, and shall let you know the results and our course of action as soon as possible.

With good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Peter

Peter H. Raven
Editor-in-Chief
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University of California
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25 March 1965

Dr. Peter H. Raven
Division of Systematic Biology
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your consideration of the points raised in my letter relating to designation of actual publication date in *BRITTONIA*. Certainly it is not my thought to propose anything that would compromise the second-class mailing privileges for the journal.

I think my major complaint is the fact that the statement in each issue is not clearly set forth and is so easily overlooked by persons whose language is not English. It is almost as if it was filler material, put in whenever there happened to be room for that many lines of type. From every editorial standpoint this is certainly a bad practise. I still favor the notice being on the same page, whatever page may be chosen, in every issue. I do appreciate the consideration you are giving to the situation.

With kindest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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25 March 1965

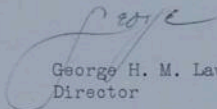
Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

The enclosed letter from Peter Raven and my reply are self-explanatory. At least the wheels are in motion and, short of anything that is in violation of second-class mailing privileges, I'll pursue the matter to a logical conclusion.

I must say, that I am not too disturbed over the semantics of whether or not it is called a "date of issue" or "date of publication." I don't think the former injects any source of confusion with the Code. I agree, however, that it would be preferable to have identical terminology but do not consider it essential.

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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Encs: Copy of letter to Dr. Peter Raven.
Copy of letter from Dr. Peter Raven.

March 30, 1965.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Many thanks for your two letters regarding the Brittonia matter and the various enclosures. Dr. Raven's answer is at least conciliatory—I am too ignorant of postal laws and regulations to know whether he mentions them to hide a tendency to demur or whether there is a genuine difficulty. My own strong belief is that no piece of printing accepted as containing a valid publication of a new epithet should be so accepted unless it bears printed on it—preferably on the first page—the date of publication. My imagination fails to suggest how this could interfere with mailing privileges since it is permitted to print dates on these publications, in the first place and in the second, I find a strange world in which we shoot a rocket at the moon and hit our target within 400 miles, but are unable to publish a pamphlet of 50 to 75 pages sufficiently on time so that at the time of printing it we can print the date of publication.

If you examine the latest issue of our Annals just recently mailed you will find that we are starting out on the same path that Brittonia has been following, only this issue contains no publication date because we are beginning the practice. This was against my solicited advice, but I found it inconvenient to make more than a plain statement as objection. If you look with a finer gaze you will find a number of other upsetting bibliographical details about all of which I was either uninformed or ignored. Experience is the best teacher—if it succeeds in teaching—but in getting it an awful lot of debris can be created which can never be wholly done away with. As a matter of fact what has been going in Brittonia was brought to my attention by Walter Lewis, not in criticism but as an example of the best practice to be followed—if Brittonia changes its practice he can still fall back on the American Journal of Botany!

You have, as I understood from Mr. Hitchcock, been sent a copy of the interview with Dr. Gates which appeared in Sunday's paper. I know enough about such interviews to realize they must not be taken too seriously. But I also know enough

about physisists to know that most of them have not taken too seriously the historical aspects of their own science, so that I must wonder whether the new director will appreciate the quality of this library or feel that if it were all on microfilm and recorded in the storage area of some super-computer it would be equally useful. What, for example, may he think of our twenty editions of Miller's Gardener's Dictionary and an equal number of Mattioli's Commentaries on Dioscorides?

For a large number of reasons I have currently ceased looking for any other position. My particular competencies seem not to be particularly urgently needed except in places which have no money, I think they are urgently needed here and, at least as a starter, having known Dave Gates for a number of years in a friendly acquaintanceship I have no reason to expect him to be personally difficult. Besides all this, we still have all those repaged separates to find to send to you!

Which reminds me that I have sent you three lists of material, but have had a report from you on only the first. I know only too well why this is so--you too have too many irons in the fire to keep track of everything of this kind. Somehow or other I don't find the correspondence relating to lists 2 and 3, but I still have the lists. If you do not find your copies and wish to pursue this matter, I shall be pleased to send you the information again.

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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*Or Phytologia (see enclosures), or etc. Perhaps we're out of the stream. Confronted with this sort of thing my father made use of a good old-fashioned expression--'I think he needs his head examined'. I think taxonomists need their heads examined--as if the past had not put enough stumbling blocks in their nomenclatural way they must busy themselves making more. This matter is not for ASPT to solve single-handed--it must be taken up in the higher councils of IAPT. I hope you will find time to talk to some of your 'committee' (especially Frens) about this in April.

I don't know how you feel about this, but to me it's a rather appalling sight to see a group of otherwise more or less rational beings legislate themselves into following a set of rules regarding the use of objects to be produced by themselves, but upon the production of which they fail to impose restrictions about some very important points:

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publication dates must be observed, but no recommendation is made of how these shall most easily be indicated and determined (for further publications), descriptions must be in Latin, but anybody's Latin, etc.

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

1 April 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you for yours of 30 March. As you know, about the only responsibility of being President of the American Society of Plant Taxonomists is the deliverance of the annual address following the banquet, which this year takes place at the University of Illinois. Sometime ago, in fact long before you wrote me about the Brittonia situation, I advised Larry Heckard that the title of my address would be "Problems in Botanical Literature." This gives me great leeway and I shall use it to be knocking at some things and building up for others. I have made an outline of the talk already, and I can always use specific examples of what one might call bibliographical malpractices in current taxonomic literature. I'd welcome any that come to your attention. Of course, you have already given me several.

Thank you for the photocopies of the title-pages of the several numbers of volume 11 of Phytologia. We do not take this journal and I wonder if you could give me the photocopy of page 512 which provides, judging from the title-page of No. 7, the dates of publication of each issue. Perhaps they merely repeat the information given at the bottoms of the title-pages already in hand and if this is true I need no other information.

It is true that I have literally been swamped with work the last two months. I underestimated very badly the amount of time it would take to edit the manuscripts for HUNTIA, finding them to be full of valuable material but, for the most part, terribly written. Since several of them come from the other side of the Atlantic, time is lost in sending back corrected drafts and seeking approval of proposed corrections. I do not see how I can get it ready for delivery before mid-June. This is further aggravated by the time required to prepare for the four-day session of our Advisory Committee the last week of April, at which time we will also have the three full-time members of our staff who are working at European centers. All of this explanation is preliminary to my telling you that I

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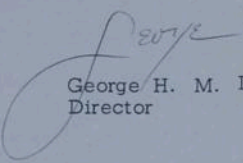
certainly intend to proceed with the processing of your lists 1 and 2. To do so at the moment would be to add one more ball to the juggling performance and might cause me to drop all of them!

I am glad to read, that for the time being, you are remaining at the Garden and I do indeed want to proceed as far as the two of us believe to be advantageous to HBL in the preparation of the xerox or microfilm copies of the rarities in the Garden's holdings.

I would be interested to know what your holdings are of the works of William Cobbett, and whether or not you have a thirty-page pamphlet published by him in 1819 (comprising a list of field and garden seeds ...) and a catalogue of the nursery that he operated in Hammersmith after his return to England. I have found only two copies of the former, and none of the latter.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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April 5, 1965.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Many thanks for your letter of April 1. I am glad to hear you are planning to use your opportunity to speak on botanical literature to point out some of the bibliographic malpractices now current. Joseph Swan recently urged me to write some sort of a statement about publication dates for Taxon, so I am encouraged to think you will take this off my docket and lend the matter the greater weight of your knowledge and position. I am pleased to send you two extracts from letters I have written during the past year which regard three botanical works and which you are free to use in any way you find convenient. I enclose also a copy of Phytologia, p. 512, which you requested.

Our holdings of William Cobbett are by no means impressive. The catalogue reveals only the following four:

1. The American gardener. London, 1820.
2. The woodlands. London, 1825.
3. A year's residence in America. (Abbey Classics 5). Boston, no date (our copy obtained 1946).
4. William Cobbett by G. K. Chesterton. New York, 1926.

Should you require any of these, please let me know.

Considering the pressure under which ~~we~~^{you} are ~~all~~ working I hesitate to make any demand on you, but perhaps the two items I mention can be dealt with rather quickly. As you know we have a rather unusual collection of Mattioli's Commentaries. Our earliest edition is the 1549 which I brought with me when I visited you two years ago and which I compared with your Hunt 59, so that I am reasonably sure the text of these two editions is essentially identical. ~~It~~^{It} should have, however, some copy, preferably in xerox, of the first edition of 1544 to know at just what point Mattioli started out. This would be the 1544 entry under Pritzel 5986. I have no information that you have a copy of this, so I am inclined to think the suggestion that we get a copy through you can be easily dealt with. Perhaps, however, should I locate an original and have it copied,

you might be interested in acquiring a copy also. By the way, the Mattioli entry for 1543 which I find in your list for 24 May 1961 of books in the Hunt Botanical Library is doubtfully properly associated with Mattioli. I think this item must be Pritzel 2307.

The other matter also regards an edition of Mattioli, namely Hunt 94. We have a copy of this which seems to be complete except for the first 26 leaves and the final 6 leaves, namely the leaves of the following signatures: A^6 , $\#8$, A^6 , B^6 , $Hhhhh^6$ as given in the Hunt Catalogue. I am very anxious to get this volume completed by photocopy, for it is our best example of the large woodcuts and is so badly disbound that it should not be used until rebinding. If you could arrange to have these leaves copied on microfilm, one page per exposure, the long dimension of the page along rather than across the film, I would be able to take over the matter of having them blown up by xerox from there and should be most grateful to you for having made this possible.

One more question, of advice, I am wondering whether you know anything about the Dictionary Catalogue of the Yale School of Forestry. It has recently been made available in printed form by G. K. Hall, and I am wondering whether we should purchase it. It is bound to contain a great deal of no use to us, but I am inclined to believe that it must contain a great deal that would be of use to us, for our collections must overlap on a significant number of works and our own catalogue has no subject cards and no analytics to make this literature immediately available. Even at \$ 750.00 I feel we should be getting a great deal of useful information cheaply. If you have any thought on this I should appreciate your remarking on it the next time you write.

I have a note from Frans Stafleu today that his month-long trip to the United States has been cancelled. He gives no explanation--I hope it is not because of any personal misfortune.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

27 April, 1965
(Dictated 22 April, 1965)

Dr. George B. van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George,

Forgive this belated response to your letter of 5 April. The truth of the matter is that I virtually isolated myself for the last two weeks, working up reports and other materials for our forthcoming Advisory Committee meetings which run for almost a full week in themselves. This has meant that I have had to set editing of Huntia aside and that the publication date for it cannot be earlier than mid June. Nonetheless, I am determined to bring next year's volume out on time.

Thank you ever so much for the information that will be useful to me in my talk at Urbana. I will use it as affectively as I can.

We do not have a copy of the 1544 edition of Mattioli's Commentaries. There is, I believe, a copy in the E. L. Greene Library at Notre Dame. I agree with you that it would be very desirable to have at least a microfilm of it and preferably a copy of the edition itself.

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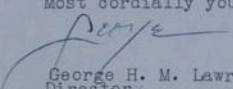
We will be very happy to provide you with a microfilm copy, as you have requested, for the 26 leaves missing from your copy of Mattioli (Hunt 94).

Yes, I have used the card catalogue at the Yale School of Forestry, in Cornell days, and can assure you that 90 percent of the items are on forestry per se, and perhaps 75 percent of them on works published since 1850. It does contain a good representation of works from central Europe however.

It is true that Frans Stafleu was obliged to cancel his trip to this country. He is going to be missed by us, and to compensate for it I have scheduled a meeting of our editorial board, together with three staff members, in Cambridge, England, in July, and at a time when Frans can join us there. As you know, he, McVaugh, and Gilmour are the key guiding lights for our Bibliographia Huntiana projet. This is a permanent appointment and not subject to the rotation schedule that prevails for our Advisory Committee. His term of office on the Advisory Committee terminated last year.

All is going very smoothly here, although as you can appreciate, the rest of the month is going to be unusually busy. My very best to you.

Most cordially yours,


George H. M. Lawrence

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June 23, 1965.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

I regret our correspondence has so dwindled, but I know how busy I am and expect you are several times more so. This particular note is prompted by the current offer of the first series of the Transactions of the Linnean Society of London, 30 volumes plus the index volume, 4to, half brown calf, in fine condition, London, 1791-1875. It is No. 364 in catalogue 64 of Charles W. Traylen, Castle House, 49-50 Quarry Street, Guildford, Surrey, England, priced £ 160. Half of it in your period so that perhaps you may be interested.

Things are going along pretty well here considering the long period without a director. But Dr. Gates has begun to take some control although not officially until the 1st of September. He is making the acquisition of a wing item No. 1 on his agenda so that hopes have been revived. He has also engineered the hiring of an assistant librarian who arrives this week and who promises to be a real addition as soon as he gets some familiarity with the collection and becomes somewhat more fluent in writing English. He is a Yugoslav of 50 with a degree in forestry from Zagreb and a doctor's degree from Munich, forester in Central Europe during the war and twelve years since then in Sao Paulo. He has just received a library degree at Western Reserve and with it a prize annually presented to the most outstanding candidate of the year.

I regret I shall not be around to hear your paper at Urbana. I am planning to go to Europe for the month of August visiting first in Utrecht with Karl Kramer and Frans Stafleu, then going over to London to be with Joe Ewan at the British Museum for several days and finally going to Switzerland for a couple of weeks to see the scenery. Next fall we must get back to some of the things which I wrote of last winter and neither of us has had time to follow up and further to go into the matter of other repaged separates in the library.

I hope you are not overworking as you seem to have done in the past and that you are planning some suitable diversion for a part of the summer. With kindest greetings to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

28 June 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 23 June and particularly for bringing to my attention the Traylen offer of the Transactions of the Linnean Society of London. I am writing to Traylen today to inquire if it is still available and to order it in that event.

I leave on Wednesday for two weeks in Cambridge and in Holland. Our Editorial Board meets in Cambridge for four days. Your Dr. Gates will be there at that time and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting him. I am glad to have your report as to his positive actions in behalf of your library. With you, I hope they continue in the same direction and that his interest is compounded with time in your favor.

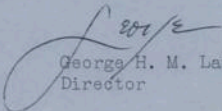
Your new man, Frank Pershe, has been corresponding with me off and on for sometime. In fact, he had been expecting to visit us this last week, but at the last minute had to cancel out. If he is compatible from the standpoint of personality, he should be a very valuable assistant to you for his qualifications appear to be excellent. Certainly he will be getting the best of training with you. My congratulations to you.

The last six months have been more busy than I had anticipated, and the attentions required in behalf of Bibliographia Huntiana have forced delays in getting out HUNTTIA. At the moment it is pretty much all in galley proof, but I know it will not be ready for distribution until mid-September. For all of this I am deeply regretful, but until such time as the open position here of Assistant Director has been filled it is going to have to be this way.

Have a wonderful time in Europe and I do envy you the vacation in Switzerland. We once lived there for nearly nine months and loved the country.

With kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,


George H. M. Lawrence
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1 October 1965

Mr. C. P. J. van der Peet
Nieuwespiegelstraat 33-35
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Dear Mr. van der Peet:

This acknowledges your kind letter of 28 September, in which you offer us some botanical books, explaining that you learned of this library from Dr. George B. Van Schaack of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

This library's acquisition program is concentrated on botanical books published in the periods 1730-1840. Items no. 3, 4, and 5 of your letter are of works published in the period of our interest. However, we possess copies of each of these.

Should you ever have Dutch editions of horticultural or botanical works published in the period 1730-1840, and which are translations from earlier editions in another language, I would be very pleased to learn of their availability and price. I am also interested in learning of the availability and price of botanical dissertations, particularly those from universities outside Sweden.

Thanking you for your interest,

Most sincerely,

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:ps

cc: Dr. George B. Van Schaack

Dear George:

Thank you for bringing us to the attention of this dealer for I have not had anything to do with him in the past. He may come up with something of interest.

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

"SHAW'S GARDEN"

2315 TOWER GROVE AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 10, MISSOURI

October 8, 1965

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear George,

Many thanks for the copy of your letter to van der Peet and your note thereon. He has a very nice shop, indeed, and seems to deal only in good stuff.

With an unfortunate lapse of memory I purchased from him a copy of the French edition (1785) of Miller's Gardeners Dictionary--unfortunate, for we have the work. I wonder if you would care to have it for what we have in it plus carriage, which would be \$ 75.00. As you know, this is the translation of the 8th edition--this copy does not include the two supplementary volumes of 1789-90, which are made up of material not in Miller. I have searched two substantial series of auction catalogues for some twenty years or more and find no men- of its having been offered. This is a nice set in full contemporary calf, all of the spines in good condition, some of the corners damaged but quite easily repairable. The cover (front) of one volume has been dented, apparently long years ago, but neither the leather nor board is broken, and the dent could fairly easily be removed.

On my own account I bought in Lausanne, from a sidewalk display box, for a mere song, a practically perfect copy of the 1768 edition, in original full calf, the front cover somewhat loose. I find only two copies of this offered at auction in over twenty years, the most recent about ten years ago, and only one offered in some fifty natural history catalogues (W & W Quaritch, Asher, etc.) At this scarcity, considering the importance of the book, I think the one offered at about \$ 50 was considerably underpriced. Would you have any idea of what proper price might be--I should like to unload this at the symposium meeting here next weekend, October 15-16? If you have a thought on this I'd appreciate a word from you.

I had a very interesting time in Europe--Utrecht, Leiden, Amsterdam, London (BM, Kew, Linnean Soc.), Oxford, followed by a couple of weeks in Switzerland and northern Italy, these last with almost constant rain. Two days after my return I came down with a high fever which put me in the hospital for a week, and from which I am still recuperating--much to the disruption of my return to normal activity.

More later. I hope you and Mrs. Lawrence are both well.

Cordially yours,

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

12 October 1965

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. Van Schaack:

Your letter of 8 October arrived during Dr. Lawrence's absence from the Pittsburgh area. He will not return to his office until the beginning of next week. He will find your letter upon his return, but too late I am sorry to say to give you any assistance with the price estimate of your 1768 edition.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis M. Stone

(Mrs.) Phyllis M. Stone
Secretary to
George H. M. Lawrence

PMS:s

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

18 October 1965

Mr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 19, Missouri

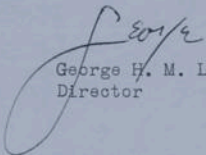
Dear George:

In response to your inquiry of 8 October we would be pleased to purchase, for \$75.00 plus transportation, the French edition (1785) of Miller's Gardeners Dictionary. We do not have a copy of this translation, although we have the German and the Dutch ones. Thank you for making it available to us.

The 8th edition (1768) of Miller's Gardeners Dictionary has been offered several times in the last ten years, although not at auction. According to my records, it has sold at prices from \$60.00 (hinges weak or broken) to \$135.00 (rebacked) and once for \$168.00 (rebound).

I write this to you at once on my return from Harvard, and regret that the reply could not reach you sooner.

Most cordially yours,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mj

January 15, 1964

Dr. G. H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear George,

I feel most apologetic over such a long lapse in our correspondence, but day after day goes by and it seems I do not get in control of the matter. Early in December I lost my secretary, and having had to do all my own writing since then I have lagged woefully. But all is far from bad, and in place of a secretary I now have an assistant librarian, a woman of twenty years experience, past acquisitions librarian at Washington University. I'm not sure why she came here, except she substituted for a few days out of kindness, and then said she was beginning to feel intrigued with the problem of whipping this place back into shape. My own organization of some of your own statements, of those of Bill Steere and a few others, and some budget figures from NYBG enabled me to get a \$9000 boost in the library personnel budget almost overnight, and a new set-up giving me the assistant librarian and, in place of my part-time assistant a full-time high grade clerical assistant. The latter I have still to find, but when Mrs. Gregory has found her and trained her we shall have a far better team than you saw here last fall.

The bettered personnel situation would be encouragement enough of itself, but even more significant is the fact that this boost in personnel budget is the first fruit of the board's repeated statement that it intends to better the situation here and to carry forward the scientific program of the Garden. The president, Mr. Hitchcock, has taken me greatly into his confidence, and I am happy to say that it seems to me he has been doing an unexpectedly good job of conducting the Garden's affairs since Frits left. He is continually informing himself and organizing what he learns, and at least in his conversations with me he makes effective use of his new knowledge. It has, however, taken some time to get underway, and perhaps some months must yet pass before an announcement of a new director can be made. There is, though, something else of very considerable importance which is in the works and of which I believe you will shortly have an announcement. I hope it will meet with your approval, for, while it is by no means my own idea, I have worked hard to sell it, harder, I guess, than I had to for Mr. Hitchcock was very favorably disposed toward it when I presented it to him.

I hope you are not going to have to tell me that you have satisfied your need for Boehmer's *Commentatio* etc., 1799, elsewhere. I am most ashamed to have let this matter slip my mind. The book came and got laid aside during the Christmas mailing period when I don't like to send out rare material. If, as I hope, you can still use it please let me know and I shall send it at once. It is a very good copy, and I do not believe it would suffer from being copied by xerox if handled by a careful operator. Certainly not if the copying is done by microfilm and the reproduction by xerox continuous flow, but doubtfully so even if done on the 914, for which, unfortunately, the book has to be turned upside down so many times. We have several of Boehmer's books, his earliest, *Flora Lipsiae indigena*, 1750, and this, almost his last. His earliest is based on an herbarium of several hundred sheets (in part, of course!) which eventually lodged here, some time during Trelease's regime, I believe.

I have not forgotten Engelmann's *Pinus* monograph which I promised you—it has been reposing on the top of the piles of books on my desk (unused otherwise) for nearly three months. When I dug it out for you I found also a few copies of ~~his~~ 1876 Report on the botany of the expedition (i. e., *Explorations across the Great Basin of Utah in 1859*) This is pages 435-447, together with three lithographed plates of Cactaceae made after Roetter's drawings. Unless you have this I shall send you a copy to go with the *Pinus* monograph. Whether Roetter did these on the stone himself is not stated, as it is for *Pinus*.

There is one more book I owe you, Störck's *Libellus*, which I shall send with the Boehmer after I have heard from you.

The enclosure is taken from Georges Heilbrun's *Catalogue 21*, which you very probably have, but just in case I thought I'd send along the description of item 255—not botanical, but Adansonian. Heilbrun's address you surely have, but, just in case, again: 76 rue de Seine, Paris 6. (Prices are N. F.)

My sincerest New Years greetings to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself,

Most cordially,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian.

P. S. Please excuse it—how could I forget it? I mean your kind words at the Clark Library Seminar. I'm inclined to think you gave us more than our due, but what you said went over wonderfully with Henry Hitchcock and the people he told it to, and they gave me a real shot in the arm,—courage to go on trying to get a decent setting for this collection. By the way, Bill Matheson, rare book librarian at Washington University, and I are planning a 40 - 50 book exhibit of MEG material, 1474-1859, for next summer, to be shown at the new Olin Library. He and I may write as much catalogue as we like, including probably some illustrations, and it will be well produced by Washington University. We plan to stick to rarer items which have had an importance, for one reason or another, in botany, including early *materia medica*.

November 27, 1963

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Penn.

Dear George:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting the loan of Boehmer's COMMENTATIO BOTANICO-LITERARIA... 1799. I hope it is true that we have recently acquired this book, but so far it has not been received from John Johnson. I shall be glad to loan it to you, of course, at which time I shall let you know my feeling regarding the advisability of copying it by xerox.

I don't know very much about the details of Bob Woodson's illness except that he had a severe heart attack on November 3rd, presumably a coronary thrombosis, for which I believe there was no warning. Although he reached the hospital very promptly, I heard that the physicians said, "He fails to respond to sedation." Without the rest he would thereby have had, his heart was worn out and he died on Wednesday noon, the 6th. I believe the front office has some clippings relating to his death, of which I shall try to enclose a transfer copy which should be quite good enough* to copy by xerox -- the transfer itself is not likely to be permanent.

I wonder if you know that Paul Allen died on the 14th of November. I have known for sometime that he had an incurable cancer and I had been in correspondence with him regarding his library. From this I knew he was working hard in Teia to finish as much as possible a report on his banana collections made in southeast Asia a couple of years ago. This, however, was far from completed when his wife took him to a hospital in New Orleans late in October. It was only yesterday I heard from her that he had died. Although I knew him very little from several brief trips he made here, I had come to respect him very much, and feel that he did a very excellent job with very little formal training. He must have been about 52, quite too young to die with so much more he could have contributed. How much this last phrase has been in our minds these last few days!

* (later) Sorry, -- doubtfully 'good enough' -- if not, I'll try to get you an original.

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

20 January 1964

(dictated 17 January 1964)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you for your very good letter of 15 January and I look forward to further word on developments at the Garden. If all that you say is as wonderful as I think it is, things must be developing in the right direction.

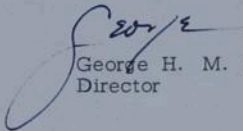
We are very anxious to borrow Boehmer's Commentatio (1799) for xerox purposes. It has a considerable amount of information in it on other books and for this reason is of interest to us.

If it is convenient to send the Pinus monograph with the Boehmer work, then so much the better. We will look forward also to Engelmann's 1876 Report on the botany of the expedition of 1859, together with the plates made after Roetter's drawings.

I look forward to seeing the catalogue you will prepare on the exhibition of your rarities, to be shown in the new Olin Library later in the year. I hope we may be favored with two copies, one that I may keep for my own reference purposes.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Most cordially,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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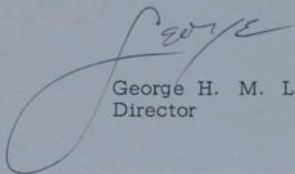
7 February 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

If you will loan me your copy of d'Ardène's Oeillets for photographing purposes, or will send me a top quality photostat of its title-page, I will reproduce same with photo of our title-page, for use in your article in HUNTIA.

Most cordially,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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*Have just talked with you. Many
thanks for sending me the copy
of the 1762 ed. of Oeillets.*

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

10 February 1964
(dictated 7 February 1964)

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

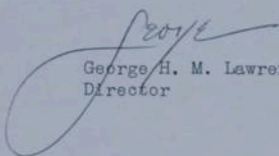
Dear George:

The copy of Boehmer's work arrived this morning in perfect condition. It is a very fine copy. We will use care in xeroxing it and have it in the post to you by the end of the coming week.

If it is at all possible, I hope that I may be able to return to Pittsburgh on Saturday evening of the two-day meeting to be held with the Advisory Committee. If there are reasons for Committee activity on Sunday, I will make plans to stay over but it would be helpful to know that now since Sunday is often a busy day here at the library.

With every best wish,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mh

February 17, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburg 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

I enclose a xerographic copy of what is very likely a quite rare item and which I believe you would be interested to have.

Joe Ewens has been here for several days, having spoken at the Symposium on the French in the Mississippi Valley. We have had much conversation about many things as you can imagine and have had the delight of finding "on the open shelves" a copy of PETIVER'S PTERIGRAFIA. Joe knows of only two other copies in the United States, one at APS and one at Harvard. He leaves this evening, but will be back in 10 days at which time we both hope to see you here also.

Cordially,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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February 11, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George:

Thank you for your note of February 10. I am glad that the Boehmer reached you and that you are pleased with it.

I am not completely sure about the meeting times of the Advisory Committee. However, I feel quite sure that no meeting for Saturday evening is planned and certainly nothing on Sunday; at least when I gave Mr. Hitchcock the tentative schedule I proposed that the final meeting be on the afternoon of the second day with the thought that people could return to their home that evening if they wished, and I believe he intends to follow this schedule.

I am sure you will be very busy when you are here for there are many things to take up, but I am looking forward to the possibility of you being able to get down to the library for at least a good sized chat.

Cordially,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

20 February 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

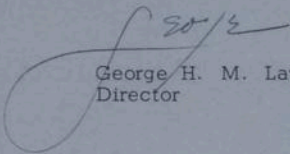
My deepest gratitude goes to you for your thoughtfulness in sending us a xerographic copy of what is undoubtedly a rare item, "A catalogue of ancient and modern botanical books; comprising part of the libraries of Professor Sprengel ... " (1835).

This catalogue includes part of the library of Carl Mertens, and about a year and a half ago we purchased his entire collection of botanical correspondence, and item of something more than 400 letters, and with it his notebooks of theo-collecting activities.

We will have this little item bound by Tom Patterson so that it will be available for consultation. If there is a charge for the xerox copy now in hand, please let me know.

Between now and the time of my departure for St. Louis I must get HUNTIA all wrapped up and the galleys delivered to the printer for paging and final organization. Publication date is set for 15 April.

Very sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

9 March 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Only now have I gotten around to taking time to examine the copy of Störck's Libellus, quo demonstratur: Stramonium, Hyosciamum, Aconitum. ... Vindobonae, 1762, which you have provided this library from your duplicate collection, and in exchange for materials from here.

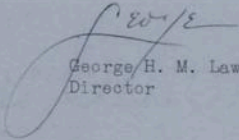
Actually, as you know, there are two works in the one binding, the second being Störck's Libellus, quo demonstratur: Colchici, autumnalis radicem ... Vindobonae, 1763.

We are deeply indebted to you for making these two works available to us and they become an important part of our eighteenth century literature of taxonomic botany.

You may be sure that we will do everything we can to keep our share of the exchange in balance.

With kindest regards, and many thanks,

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mh

March 10, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday with your appreciation of our presenting the library with the volume of Steerk. Yes, I realized the presence of the two works both of which we have in another volume. Gurney's² catalogue 37 which came yesterday lists under 448:

"Steerk, Anton. Libellus quo demonstratur: Herbarum,
veteribus, dicta, Flammulam Jovis ... Vienna, 1769.
Libellus de usu medico Pulsetillas nigricantis.
Vienna, 1771 L 5/1
Svo. 2vls. in one. Old half-calf. 53 pp.,
2 botanical plates; 61 pp., 1 botanical plate."

We have ^{the} second item here and I believe we must pass up the first, but perhaps you would like to acquire the two.

The volume containing the remarks on bird illustration is by Robert H. Walker, Birds and Men, Harvard, Belknap Press 1955.

The Short Title Catalogue of Italian Books, 1501-1600, is being directed by Dr. Robert G. Marshall, Department of Romance Languages, Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

I was very pleased with the appearance of the galley which I returned to you when you were here. I am wondering whether there will be a later page proof, for I should be very glad to read it since with so many corrections in the technical descriptions it seems most likely there will be one or two introduced in addition.

It was a great pleasure to see you here and I am gratified that the report will be prepared by you. Henry acted on Monday by inviting Reed Rollins to visit us today. I am sure Reed was able to reach here, but I am not sure Henry could get out of his estate this morning considering the heavy snow we had last night. I have talked with Herb Wagner who is very much concerned over Barry Commoner's ascendancy in the biological picture in St. Louis and who feels very strongly that until Barry has

his own department under whatever name one may wish but with no organizational botanical connections, the situation here will be very difficult. I think, as I believe the council does, that the key people here are Eliot, Fiske and Palmer, and that until they are convinced we are in a relatively serious position. I hope the report will be very explicit on these matters and will be persuasive in dealing with the three people mentioned.

My latest news of Joe Ewan was a week ago when I called his home and was told that he was making very good progress in the hospital and was, I believe, definitely out of danger.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schsack
Librarian

W. D. Gurney Ltd., 23 Campden Street, Kensington Church Street, London, W.8.

PS.

I am currently interested in Conrad ^{gesner}~~gesner~~. I wish I could see a copy of Simler's life of him. This is to be found in Hunt 99, our copy of which contains only the last title by Wolf. If a xerox copy of the earlier pages could be prepared from your copy, we should be most happy to purchase it.

March 18, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Your article in February's Bioscience on plants for the library is an excellent presentation of what we can look forward to seeing take place and I am sure it must have been of great interest to many people.

I hope you will excuse my inquiry, but it suddenly came to me last night I had sent you our loose leaf biographical notebook last November and that I could not remember its being returned. I ask especially because when you acknowledged its receipt you said it would probably be returned in a week or so, but the correspondence does not seem to contain any other reference indicating that it actually was sent. Of course, it is always possible it is here as you can well realize when you remember the moderately disordered way in which we have to live, but it seems as if I would have noted its arrival had it come. So far as I know the only other two things out to you were loaned recently, namely the Boehmer and the Moretti film.

The council report arrived on Friday and Henry was happy to get it and eagerly looking forward to reading it. Of it he only told me the list of names which had been proposed as possible candidates for director. Reed Rollins had already been here and had spoken very forcefully to Dr. Pake about the necessity for Commoner having little or no say in botanical affairs either at the Garden or at the University -- I believe he said to me "that man is not even a botanist". Commoner, of course, had already told the Council that he was quite content with his own job. Henry is away this week and will see Bill Steere at Williamsburg and hopes to have a meeting with Walter Hodge on his way back. Before he left I tried to get him to make arrangements for Baker and Thompson to be here soon after his return next week, but whether he did so or not I don't know.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

23 March 1964

dictated 21 March 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

This is indeed a belated and unduly delayed response to your letter of 10 March and my only excuse is that I have been swamped this past week with the editing of page proof of *HUMILA* and with the compilation of a catalogue for our forthcoming exhibition of some 240 items of Contemporary Botanical Art and Illustration. The two productions have now been put to sleep and are in the printer's hands. Miriam and I leave in the morning for meetings in Florida, returning here on or about the first of April.

If it is not too late, I would be most anxious to obtain Gurney's offering of the *Storck* item (no. 448). However, we do not have Gurney's Catalogue 37 and seemingly are not on his mailing list. We have never bought any books from him.

I am contacting Dr. Robert Marshall regarding the Short Title Catalogue of Italian Books, and his interest in our holdings of same for the period concerned. Thank you for giving me his name and address.

You already have the answer to your inquiry concerning availability of page proof. We did check the page proof against your corrected galley and I believe all is in order. As you expected, there were about four typographical errors in the page proof that crept in after the galley proof was returned. These were corrected. I am arranging this week for a xerox copy to be made of the pertinent pages of Simler's *Life of Conrad Gesner*, as given in Hunt no. 99.

As you know by now, the draft of the Advisory Council's report has been delivered to Mr. Hitchcock. I think the situation concerning Barry Commoner was covered through quotations of statements by Provost Pake and the Chancellor. They seem to be thoroughly aware of the situation and of course the answer rests with their selection of a new head for the department, whom they assured us would not be Commoner.

The xerox copy of your microfilm is here and I will wait until I return to get it sent on to you. I want to go over it for completeness before sending it back, with the microfilm.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

Most sincerely,

George H. M. Lawrence (S)
George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mh

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

24 March 1964

dictated 21 March 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

As you can see, I working down through my basket, having answered the most recently arrived letters first. I now have yours of March 18 in which you inquire about the loose leaf biographical notebook which you sent last November. It is now 9:00 p.m. of a Saturday night, and I still have many letters to answer (and answers to dig out) before I can call it a day. I am not sure that I will put my hands on your notebook before I leave, but I am putting it in the hands of the girl who handles all of our biographical materials and will write you again as soon as I come back from Florida. I am sure that it is perfectly safe and in good shape. The Boshmer has been copied and will be returned to you as soon as I come back. I am looking at it right now. The Moretti film I have already written to you about.

Thank you for reminding me about these things. I need such these busy days. Each of the three items will get my attention as soon as I get back.

Very sincerely,

George H. M. Lawrence

George H. M. Lawrence
Director

GHML:mh

Dictated but not signed

March 25, 1964.

Secretary to the Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam,

I write to acknowledge receipt of Dr. Lawrence's letter dictated the 21st of March, and in particular to take note of his second paragraph. Since he expresses the wish to obtain item 448 from Gurney's catalogue 37 I suspect that in the press of other work he did not notice I had provided not only complete quotation from the catalogue, but at the end of the letter following my signature Gurney's address in London. I am reluctant to place an order for him, naturally, but perhaps you would like to so since he has expressed the wish to obtain the item.

I suspect also that under the pressure of getting so many things ready for the printer it slipped Dr. Lawrence's mind to answer my inquiry about the loose leaf biographical notebook which had been sent for xerox copying last November. Perhaps you would find it possible to speak to him about this upon his return from Florida.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schasck
Librarian

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March 27, 1964.

Secretary to the Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for the letter of Dr. Lawrence of March 24th which came after I wrote you earlier this week. It clears up all the matters I had in mind and it will not be necessary for you to speak with Dr. Lawrence about them.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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March 31, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburg 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Have just had a look at Harper's catalogue 20 and
copies below for you item 320 which you may want to try
to get.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

STORCK (Anton). Libellus, quo demonstratur: Herten, veteribus
dictam Flammulam Jovis, posse tuto et magna cum utilitate exhiberi
aegrotantibus. 53 pp. and 2 large folding plates. Svo, boards.
Vienna, Trattner, 1769. \$ 45.00

Dr. Anton Störk (1731-1803) was a noted Viennese physician and
pharmacologist who became body-physician to Empress Maria Theresa
and whose writings are still esteemed by medical historians.

The present botanical-pharmacological treatise deals with a
flowering plant known in English as "Upright Ladies Bower", in
German "Aufrechte brennende Waldrebe". It is listed in the long
article about Störk in Hirsch, *Arztelexikon V* (1887), p. 546.
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The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

2 April 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Gardens
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Thank you ever so much for bringing to my attention Item 320 in Harper's catalogue No. 20, the work by Stoerck.

I telephoned to New York and found that they still had the copy and, to all intents and purposes it is now ours. From the same catalogue I also bought Item No. 177, Idiaquez's medical monograph of Arnica and Alisma. Under separate cover I am sending you a package containing the Copyflow reproduction of the Moretti microfilm. With it I send also the copy of Boehmeri's Commentatio.

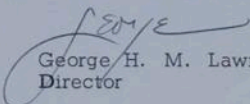
Our microfilm people have been doing quite a bit of Copyflow work for us and I find that they have not returned the Moretti film. We have telephoned them on this and it will be here in a day or so. I will send that to you separately.

In the parcel there is also provided a xerox copy of leaves 1-41 of the Simler biography of Gesner. These are sent to you with our compliments.

The looseleaf volume containing all the biographical accounts is 95% xeroxed. The task will be completed by tomorrow (Friday) noon and I will have it sent to you as of Monday of next week. I do appreciate your patience in this matter, and to be perfectly honest our girl has been setting aside the work on it because of pressures for other items that we thought were more important. This will, I believe, clear up the material we have on loan from you and which we have been most grateful to use.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Most cordially yours,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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USC: Copyflow material of Moretti, xerox of Simler's account of Gesner, and Boehmeri's Commentatio.

The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library

Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

9 April 1964
dictated 8 April 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2316 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Yesterday, April 7th, we sent by parcel post, insured for \$100, the loose leaf biographical material that you generously loaned me a few months ago.

As Miss Clark proceeded with the xeroxing she found that not all of the entries were complete. In some instances the last part of an article was missing. In others, the article was continued on the back-side of the sheet that had been pasted down. In other instances the sheets had been misfiled and when we found this to be true we tried to put them back in proper sequence. I mention this so that you will know that, so far as I know, the material was in this condition when received. We did not check it page by page at the time it came here. I trust that you have found it in as good a condition as it was when you sent it.

We are very grateful for your making this available to us because many of the items preserved in this album seem not to be recorded in the various files of biographical references.

Gradually we are developing what I am confident will become the largest single reference file to biographical data on botanists and other plantmen to be had anywhere. We have been fortunate in getting a file of some 6,000 references at the Bibliothèque Centrale of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle of Paris microfilmed. This has now been blown back to natural size by Copyflo and I found a crippled lad who can cut the cards and bring them back to original size. It will be by the end of the summer before this file is available for use, but it goes back to all biographical notes and publications in the French literature to 1650. It includes all naturalists and not solely botanists.

We have had all of the collections of biographical pamphlets at the British Museum (Natural History) microfilmed and about one-fourth of them have been reproduced on Copyflo and will be put into binders by subject this summer. For all of this we maintain a card file which gives a thumb-nail sketch of the person and a reference to the literature. The great Barnhart file at the New York Botanical Garden is now being processed by G. K. Hall Company in book form. They are having to retype all the entries because they are in such a mess as Barnhart left them. We have negotiated

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Dr. George B. Van Schaack

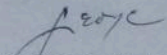
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to purchase the retyped card entries and will endeavor to maintain the file after receiving it.

Again, many thanks for making available to us the material that you have.

Most sincerely,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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USC: Loose leaf biographical material

April 14, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Many thanks for your various communications and packages, all of which have arrived in fine condition.

I am sorry to hear that some of the biographical material was lost or pasted down. It was all done several years ago when I was on vacation—I had left it with my secretary to direct a highschool student in doing it, and I am afraid, perhaps, she did not realize it was necessary to keep double checking the child.

Yes, you will have a most impressive reference file of biographical data. I have just run across an item which I wonder whether you have acquired. This is by Diethelm Fretz, Konrad Gessner als Gärtner. He received a copy today which had been ordered from E. Weil, 28 Hitchfield Way, London, N. W. 11; catalogue 32, No. 188, £ 2.--. The copy is brand new, but it was published back in 1948 in Zürich by the Atlantis Verlag. It is a volume of over 300 pages, the early part being devoted to a biography of Gessner and other material about him in connection with his interest in gardens, and the latter a German translation of his *Horti Germaniae*.

The xerox copies of Gessner's life and the papers of Moretti are excellent and I am especially glad to have both of them. The Gessner fills out our copy completely. The Moretti is vastly easier to use in this form than on microfilm. It has much to say about Mattioli but also so much to say about other people of the sixteenth century that the title is a little misleading.

Because we had no copy of its six editions and translations into five languages, I recently ordered from Gurney's catalogue 'An Outline of the first principles of botany' by John Lindley, 1830. The catalogue stated that this was a presentation copy to Mrs. Lindley, but it failed to note that the four plates are Lindley's original drawings which are very excellent, I think, done with fine brush and blackwash.

I am finally expecting to go away for a vacation of three or four weeks, leaving here on the 24th. It is my hope that before I go the Board will have made an offer to somebody. I know that those members of the Board who met Walter Hodge felt very strongly he would be a good choice and I suspect it is to him an offer may be made. I personally hope he will accept it if such is the case, for I think he contains many characteristics which are needed in this job at this time. When Walter was here I saw him briefly just after his 45 minutes alone with Commonsor. He seemed appalled at what he had heard from Barry, that is appalled at its nature, but I was not of a mind to believe that he might not somehow or other enjoy entering the lists against him. Walter was unable to see Dean Palmer, which I regret very much, for I think Palmer is by far the best equipped of the three top administrators to understand all the points involved here.

With kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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Carnegie Institute of Technology Pittsburgh 13 Pennsylvania

GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

11 May, 1964


Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Missouri

Dear George:

Under separate cover, I send you with my compliments a copy of the first issue of Huntia. I hope you will find your article to meet your expectations. Our business office has been directed to prepare and send to you an honorarium in the amount of \$107, (5-1/2 pages at \$18). The honorarium is calculated on the basis of number of printed text pages, excluding pages of illustrations.

Please advise me of your needs as concerns reprints. These will be reproduced by offset from a printed copy, since the cost of reorganizing the type in so small an article would be prohibitive.

Very sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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USC: Copy of Huntia

May 26, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence
Director
The Rachel McMaisters Miller Hunt
Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Many thanks for the copy of *Huntia* I which I found waiting for me when I returned from California last week. I had finally been able to go away for something better than three weeks for a vacation which I spent in the hills north of San Francisco. I made, however, a four day journey to Yosemite which was most rewarding and several sallies into San Francisco, also rewarding.

The volume of *Huntia* is indeed very well done and most interesting and I feel most gratified to have had the opportunity to be included among its contributors. I do not foresee any need for a large number of reprints of my note but since a hundred copies will, I suppose, cost practically nothing more than thirty or forty, I should be pleased to receive that number, for I have usually found that too close calculation here ends in an eventual regret. The check for the honorarium has reached me and I am most grateful for such a generous amount—I think I must plan to put it to some good bibliographic use.

I am wondering whether you are planning to be at the rare book conference in Lawrence and Kansas City. In a letter from Dr. Stearn a few days ago something he said seemed to indicate that you were leaving soon for Europe and that he was hoping to be able to get to Pittsburgh before you had left. He wants to visit this library and also to see the Ozarks. I have offered to take him on a swing through them from here to Lawrence or vice versa.

Very cordially yours,

George B. Van Schaack
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

2 June 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
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Dear George:

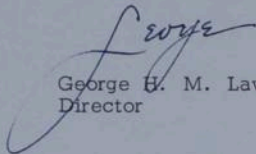
The 100 reprints of your article will be run off this week. These are done here at Carnegie Tech by photo-offset from an unbound copy of HUNTIA and the half-tone reproductions may not be quite as dark as those in HUNTIA itself. The text is virtually undifferentiable.

Thank you for the kind words concerning HUNTIA and I hope that we may be favored by additional material from you for the second volume. Copy for that will be desired by mid-January next.

In a weak moment I told Foster Mohrhardt that I would participate in a panel discussion on bibliography to be held at the Rare Book Conference in Lawrence. Present plans call for my leaving here on the 25th and returning on Saturday the 27th. Yes, William Stearn is spending three or four days with us, proceeding to Kansas on the 24th. He wrote me that he hoped to visit the Garden and your collection after the Conference. I think it would be wonderful for him if you could take him from Lawrence to St. Louis with a swing through the Ozarks en route.

Hastily but,

Most cordially yours,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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June 19, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence
Director
The Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt
Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

I am glad to know that you are going to be at the Kansas meetings. Not only shall I be glad to see you on the symposium but I am looking forward to have a visit with you. In particular I want to talk about the Garden and the library, as I suppose you probably suspect. Things are rather quiet but this is no reason to believe that even this does not indicate something.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaeck
Librarian

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, *director*

26 August 1964

Dr. George B. Van Schaack
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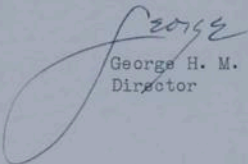
Dear George,

Some time ago you loaned us your copy of Boehmer (xerox of title-page enclosed for reference) so that we could xerox it and have it here for our reference purposes. This we did. The binder, however, badly bungled the operation by losing some pages and guillotining others with the result that I write to ask if we can borrow it once again for the same purpose. I'm sorry about this but seem to have no alternative.

Have just returned from seven weeks in Europe, including participation in the Botanical Congress, and am absolutely swamped by the heaps of correspondence that awaits attention. Had a good talk in London with Mildred Mathias and I have every reason to believe that she and her group are taking positive action but I do not know how effectively or promptly.

Enough for now, and my very best to you.

Most sincerely,



George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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September 2, 1964.

Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director
The Rachel McWaters Miller Hunt Botanical Library
Carnegie Institute of Technology
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania.

Dear George,

Very glad to hear from you again and to know that you are safely back in this country. Yes, of course, we should be glad to loan the copy of Boehmer again. I am wondering, however, if you would consider copying it this time by microfilm and having the xerox then made by continuous flow. I am a little reluctant to have it go through the 914 process the second time, for one thing. But in addition, since it seems to be relatively rare, there are probably several places which would like to have a copy which would then be easy to supply by use of microfilm. If you should do this, I would annotate our copy to indicate a microfilm had been made and would be available either from you, should you wish to store it, or from us, if not. The book will be mailed to you within a few days.

Yesterday Hugh Outler asked Mr. Faust what Jones' answer had been and was told that it had been 'no'. Accordingly, this stalking business must begin again, in my belief probably to the good, for I had found it difficult to see how a geneticist would do for us what needs to be done. Henry was here about a month ago and at that time said that should Jones refuse, he wanted to try to follow Orndorff's suggestion of getting someone older, within five or six years of retirement age, with a reputation made, willing for suitable very good recompense to take on the job of trying to find during the next four or five years the really right younger man rather than to attack the whole Garden's problem himself. If this is tried, this man should be a taxonomist, well grounded in the traditional area but equally receptive of all the new of the past thirty-five years. Dave Keck is such a person, but do you think he could be interested at all? Who else comes to mind? Al Smith perhaps, but he is a few years younger and, I would guess, still has too many ants in his pants not to want to make the changes himself rather than to look around for a younger man to make them. I do not remember that Al's name was on the list which the committee proposed. His name has not been suggested by very many people and I am myself not able to make up my mind whether personally he could build a proper staff here and keep it happy. But he has much to offer: wide knowledge gained almost equally from the library, the herbarium and the field, a capacity for embracing new

ideas even if at first reluctantly, broad acquaintance with the problems of taxonomy in all its aspects and with the people who have tried to solve them and a really deep respect for the importance of taxonomy, and, by no means to be neglected, an almost unparalleled acquaintance with sources of income, plus an always most presentable if not exactly warm manners with strangers and others he has to deal with. Is there anything you would care to say for the Board's guidance in thinking about him?

Let us suppose we do not follow Orndorff's suggestion and continue to look for a younger man. When I saw you in Lawrence you said Wagner would not have anything to do with the matter. But perhaps this is no longer true. I cannot say that the Potany Department at Washington University has gone too far in returning to taxonomy, but it has appointed Walter Lewis, a cytotaxonomist and I believe may appoint a bryologist. All the more reason why we must get a director with strong higher plant interests, which Herb certainly has even though he be pteridologist.

What about Orndorff himself? He is very young perhaps, but California was most delighted to get him back, presumably for his ability about which I know nothing. I know only his personality which is most attractive. He is a genuinely friendly person who inspires easy confidence and, as far as I could tell by talking with him, a man interested in his subject rather than in his own advancement in it. If he is really as good as California seem to think, perhaps he should be considered. Would you have anything to say about him?

I have just recently looked at the book on taxonomy jointly written by Davis and Heywood. If this is any earnest of the real ability of either one of them, as it must be, it seems to me that at least one of them must have many things we need, although, of course, each might lack many other qualities. Do you know either one of them well enough to speak of him?

You remember you said in Lawrence that I had to stay and here I am. But just how long this can go on, I do not know. Mrs. Gregory decided to leave to return to graduate school and every day now the backlog gets several times larger than it did when she was here. Four years from now I shall be at retirement age. This is getting to be a short period in which to find and indoctrinate a successor. Do you have any suggestions? I made a try for Robert Jones at New York when I heard he was leaving there. But I was not only too late (he had already accepted a cataloguing position at the University of Massachusetts) but said in addition he could not consider a job here until the whole personnel structure had become more stable. By the way, he said he left New York to get out of the atmosphere of continual inter-departmental friction, not because of any library difficulties.

With cordial greetings to Mrs. Lawrence and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

George B. Van Schaack

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GEORGE H. M. LAWRENCE, director

3 September 1964

Dictated 1 September 1964

Dr. George E. Van Schaack
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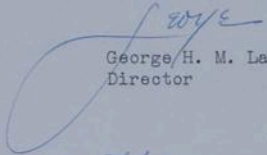
Dear George,

I am trying to run down a publication by Joseph Barratt, M.D. titled Salices Americanae, published by him privately in Middletown, Connecticut in October 1840. I believe the complete publication occupies sixteen leaves, printed on one side only. A xerox copy of this will be adequate to meet our needs and I enclose a xerox of a very poor copy of which we obtained only the first two leaves. Note that the library stamp shows it to have been a duplicate of the George Engelmann collection and it is for this reason that I write you to learn if we can get this made for us and assuming that you have a complete copy.

Incidentally, I haven't been able to find anything much about Joseph Barratt. His work seems to be little known and he left so. Without doing any searching, I would be glad to know if you have any recollection of anything about him. We will have to dig into his background one of these days but this is not that day.

With kindest regards,

Most sincerely,


George H. M. Lawrence
Director

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Enc.: Xerox copy of title-page

*Joyce - I have since located a
proj. wtd on Barratt's
Rhodora (by C.G. Weatherly)
also, Br. Mus. (Nat. Hist) cat says 16 pp.
& Am. Arboretum cat says 8 pp. for
this paper. We do have the right.*