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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

Solo Square
July 8 1812

My Dear Sir

By this days ^{garmon the mail} ~~Hallowe the~~ ~~last~~ I send
to you two volumes of Verdun's Voyage au Nord
Book of your two Iceland Plates
The Iceland maps bought me by Clausen
The little book of Harbors de l'Isle belongs
to one vol of them

I trust & hope they will come safe to your hands on
the receipt of your post letter I sent immediately to
Mr. Feldborg who had undertaken to make for me an
abstract of the book of Iceland Commerce requesting him
to return it immediately as I had recent occasion
for it he has not sent it or answered my letter I
brooked however that I shall hear from him &

Get back my book in a few days in which case I
will forward it & you no part of my field bag. Brewster
has yet come to my house; I have not therefore
Mr Turner appeared any translations of Melander's
letters in my hands

I have forwarded the Copy of your
Book which you desired Mr. Lord Cleaver I have
not seen for some days

There may be a Description of
Will in the book of Trade as there are in it some
Mr. additions

in great haste my dear Sir
Very Faithfully yours
J. Benby

Ordin mentioned to me an experiment formerly made at Corn
that throws some light on the formation of Pumice the sticky
slag of the iron being poured when in state of fusion upon wet
sand immediately froth'd up & cold in the form of
pumice it was sticky but not so hard as real Pumice