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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.

Dr Joseph Banks
Nov 10th 1814.

J. Whishaw Esq

Lincoln inn

New square

N^o 6 ~~old square~~

John Brown
Nov 20 1844

Dear Sir

I thank you for your Letter &
am sorry to learn from it, that Wallace's Journal has been
prematurely given to the Public, I am not surprised at it
as the office when this Document was Received, was not
at all carefully attended to.

I am aware of the difficulty of the
Negotiation you must now encounter as your Bookseller
will urge the Great Gap he will sustain by not being the first
to Communicate to the Public this Document, his arguments
will be unanswerable because we cannot ascertain what will
be the Effect. I should suppose however that it will be small
as few of the Persons who buy the Book will be of the description
of those who take in a Journal which professes itself to be
purely Scientific.

I have no doubt Lord Sir that your

will do your best in negotiating for the family. I doubt
however your success & fear that the family will experience a
loss very much indeed beyond the utmost advantage which
Dr Thomson can obtain.

Yours
J. W. Fentwell & Wm. Scott
J. W. Benkes