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

From Jos. Banks

The Rev. Lewis Way
Stamstead
Emsworth
Sussex.

Sir Joseph Banks

6. 1740

d. 1820

John Square 20 April
1820

My dear Sir

Your Mother was so good as to send me a few days ago the Crown of a very small Pine, which she said was taken from a fruit she had eaten at your House of the highest flavour she had ever met with - This was fully corroborated by the delightful smell from small parcels of the Pulp which adhered to the foot of it - As a great grower of Pines and one who values myself much upon their flavour, I shall be most thankful to you, if you are in stock of this sort which I have not met with before - But you will order your gardener to furnish me with such Crows and suckers as can be spared in order to put me into stock - If there is any time in the Horticultural or any other time in which I can obey your commands I shall be delighted

to undertake it. I wish you success in
all your interesting undertakings. I
have to subscribe myself.

My dear Sir

Very faithfully Yours
Jos: Banks

The Rev: Lewis Way