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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.

(Ines)

Overton near
Chester field Aug 20

My Dear Lord

I arrived here last night & as
I am I suppose the only alumnist your lordship
has met with on the subject of the wheat cut,
I think it may duly & communicate without
delay the more agreeable statement of the country
I have passed over

From the first corn I met
with between Barnet & St Albans, after passing the
Countryside on the north of London, & this place I have
not seen any ill looking piece of wheat or indeed of
any other corn that was not evidently being shed
tilled & especially no symptoms of mildew, the
wheat rather thin, but heavy in corn, the barley too
often twice grown, but somewhat better than in the
south; the oats the least crop; in the whole an average
crop of wheat; a good cut of barley but for the fault of
ripening at two seasons; & a slight crop of oats,
which I have the fear will make poor, sweet hay,
in wheat prevalent more than usual, but this is
lost & the farmer, a gain & the miller, & nearly indifferent

to the Public, as there is a strong stock of wheat in
hand; the Prices would be lower if the Crops in the
South were equal to what I have seen in the
Midlands, & heard of in the North; in the South
I have seen the mildew from Hants to Dorset, & have
heard of it in Essex, Kent, Herts, Surrey, Somerset, &
Dorsetshire; I must have however that it is not
so prevalent in other Places, as in my Parish of
Hertons, where no man remembers the Wheat so
much damaged before.

The Reporter as he calls, himself of
the State of agriculture in the West-Indies, who we know
to be the agent of the Commissioners, talks of the high value
of the new wheat, which he says has been raised
more effectively than in other years, & will therefore be
an unusually productive; as this is decidedly false, we
may conclude that the Farmers are buying in, & thus
the market all over; I cannot however but hope
that wheat will not this year exceed the average
Price of the last; I incline to think it will not quite
reach it; but I cannot I have not yet had the
information necessary to ground a fair conjecture
upon, in my Parish. —

The Cotteners are strikingly affected here by
Bounty Prohibitions, it is the only place where
the power of the State has been put us, in which we can bear

a little lowering in the whole which then
compared to our system in general, is like a
great Leicester Sheep, so fat that a smart Physicking
would evidently render the mutton more
palatable as well as more wholesome food

Adieu my dear friend if I meet
with any thing in the Trade way or most
deserving I shall, I shall offer it up to you as a
Duty due to my Chief.—

Very sincerely yours

J. Banks

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