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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.

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Sir Jos: Banks presents his Compl^{ts} &
Craver Ord & returns him all possible thanks for
his Magnificent Present

The addition of 23 desiderata at once which
he has heard of obtaining he considers indeed as a
benefit above thanks & should feel himself happy
if at any time hereafter he should be able to
find an opportunity of expressing a gratitude equal
to Mr Ord's liberality

The Book he will take the utmost care of
& return it safe as soon as he has taken extracts
of the parts relative to Lincolnshire

Joh: Spence

Feb 11. 1785.