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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.

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J. Th. Roster Esq.

Cousin to H. B. Mayers

Box 1st 6

Lisbon

Nov 19th 19. Nov. 1795
Mr. Joseph Banks
Recd. 19. Dec.
Nov. 16 April 1796

Banks

Scho. Moore
Nov. 19 1795.

Dear Sir

Your Bill has been honored with
due thanks as I believe I mentioned to you in my
last Letter I hope our valuable friend
Brouncker is now in the bosom of his Family
& of so I trust that he will not be a species of modest
The French must be tired of Blood sucking if so
the Reign of Terror is at an end and I am
sure that Brouncker will & so quiet on his
Farm & so conformable to the order of things
whatever it may be that is finally established as
as I run no risk except from those Tygers who
delight in Blood

I am C^{tly} Obedient from my Residence in

The Countries where I spend Two months Every
Summer I spend there in health & spirit
I have proposed to him to become Candidate for
the Royal Society which seems to please him
much so that he will certainly be elected in due
course he has taken a small house in the
outskirts of the Town where he seems to live much
at his ease & is certainly more cheerful than
before if his misfortunes continue & he
remains among us I trust he will not be unhappy
for he has many friends & the number of them
increases every day as his talents & his virtues
are better known

I answered the Duke De Calabrese's letter
immediately on receiving it as my letter contained
nothing which might not as well be read at

Cherish but in his Excellency's library I
despatched it by ordinary Couriers of Post

Mr. Fox has been here near 3 months
in fact & cheerfully I expect him & dine with me
Today he has already got his travelling notions
returned into his head he says he does not mean
to settle yet & if a good climate is procured to
him will readily undertake a new voyage

Smith is well he also has taken a
house in a village near London as he found London
air inimical to his health

Believe me dear Sir
With Esteem & Affection

Your Obedient
Wth Servant

J^r. Becket

I have the pleasure to send you
& communicate to him as I always do your letters
which he has much pleasure in reading