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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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Mr. S. B. Buckley
Black Bluff
Wilcox County
Alabama



John English - Botanist
Chickasaw & Hernando Co. Georgia
at Court House

Oct 10 1839
Dalton Ga

Westborough Mount

Oct 2^d - 1884

My Dear friend

Your letter of the 13th Sept came to hand on the 26th and from that time till the present evening I have been somewhat taken up with Professor Watson the seeds etc give you a very decided an instant reply - The other day I sent a catalogue of New and rare publications. I thought this would be some thing in the much interest you, and apprise you what was going on. There you are - a catalogue in the catalogue that could not escape your keen observation. By the importance that works of Science are now beginning to hold not only in Europe, but on this side of the water.

On a former occasion you expressed a desire for News and having on my table a letter from Dr Torrey of Sept 25th and since you are in the city he says "Dr Gray is probably on his way in the Liverpool which sailed on the 21st inst. You must time and fashion, when he returns as he will be chock full of News." &c

I do think of visiting New York in few days, having been prevented by a prop of Business and engagements this summer. I have now done or nearly so with the collection and drying of plants! I am always glad when the month of October comes - that I can look over and finish the arrangement of my Harvest of specimens! I believe that you will find this year about in the early part of the season - I am sure I have given all my attention to the Genus Eupatorium and have made a beautiful set for my own Herbarium that are now finished in a style superior as a whole to any thing I have yet put in my Herbarium!! I have gone over the Decandolle Paris Notes &c &c &c much has been done by Decandolle & Elliott. Halton is the most full and satisfactory after the good. which seems very desirable the specimens of this should be compared with some standard set -

I shall soon look over what Torrey has, and then give you some further information on the matter -

This Genus as described by Decandolle vol 5. p. 294 species -!! You must have some new or rare ones this season? and I wish you would make me a very full set and also the two peak species, and give me the height & the whole plant in fruit, as I have done so with my standard set. I shall now go back on this Genus

after I have been through the specimens. I have found here 2 new species

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and shall have much new matter. The truth is when you left
here I had never ^{carefully} studied the *Eupatoriums* of New England
from last winter trying several *Pentstemon* - *Monarda* - *Persea*
then at night time, as I should have had at work and feel
myself well repaid by my labors this season -
There are yet several species I have not yet seen
but none on this in my next letter -

I hope you will send me as full a set of the *Eupatoriums*
and *Phagnomum* as you can make out - with the best
of ^{any} ~~these~~ things you shall have all the benefit of my researches
and ^{my} ~~specimens~~ send me as fine a specimen as you can of *E. altipinnum*.
if you meet with it I have a specimen in two parts from
Mr. Potters, Park 2 p. 5 1/4 says *E. altipinnum* is from 3 to 7 feet high!
our largest species here *Eup. purpureum* has 11 whorls of leaves
and is 7 feet high -

The *Eupatorium folcatum* of Michx. I know nothing about, perhaps
you have it. The description is as follows -

E. globellum. Folius 4 - verticillatis, ovale lanceolatis, utrinque
acuminatis, subfalcatis, serratis: calicibus 5 floris,
gradatim imbricatis, squamis extimis brevibus, ovalibus
Obs. affine *E. albo*; procultum: paniculae longius bracteata
multicorymbosa floris albis.

Hab. ad Ripas fluviorum Ohio et Scitis. Vol 2. p. 99. Flor. Bor. Am.

I have engrossed and shall send on this evening a discourse
of Prof. Wharton that has been greatly commended - have not
yet had time to read it. It has become scarce and I shall
like to have lost the opportunity of seeing a copy for you and myself
There is now in this City on a visit this retrograde Col. Wells of
the Texian Army a fine young man of great enterprise who will
return this fall I have made some enquiry of the family says
Mr. Drummond was not able to write. The present regent for Texas
plans owing to the difficulties of access &c. I named you to him
says if you would like to visit Texas you shall have his protection
and protection Travel within and have a Guard of Soldiers
when required. I will have some further talk with him on the
matter and write you in a few days. It seems to me both to purchase
lands, and settle (or rather reside as a settler) This must be
an extraordinary piece for a Botanist, and one of your
experience as a Traveller to not not shrank from
him I shall have to close this letter without having said what
I intended and will therefore enter more into the details of
Botany ^{my next} do not be in too much haste to leave you
I enclose a quarter tile for you have from me again
Yours very truly
John Bennett

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