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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.

pray if an opportunity offers Buy the plants as under
for me & send by any friend

- 4 Roots of Gele Franje Roos Narcissus
4 Root of Narcis campanelle flor. luteo reflexo
4 Do of ———— lomp ———— flo albo reflexo
1 Do of Moly purpureo Major
2 Narciss Nana minor ———— 2 Shoven Shuck
1 Narciss Nana minima ———— 10 Shoven Shuck

To
Doctor J. Gronovius
Leyden

2 Ranunculus fol. plantaginis
12 Dae Valsol Falips
This I had formerly from Van Haffsen but in
removing my garden lost them
all the charges I will repay with thanks

Dear Friend

56475
January 4th 1750

I having now a fine opportunity
of sending a letter directly to thee, by
y^e hands of my friend — Slauter
who promised to deliver it with his own
hands, so I readily embraced y^e opportunity
I wrote to thee by y^e way of London, last
November, & acknowledged y^e receipt of
thy kind letter of August

I have sent my Journal to y^e five nati-
ons to our friend Peter Collinson who
hath received it if thee desireth to see it
I doubt not but he will readily send it
to thee; I took a Journey last fall be-
yond our blue mountains & passed thro-
row a gape which ^{believed} had been a large
water course, when y^e waters covered
all y^e lower parts of y^e countrey, & began
to run off from y^e mountains, this gape
is about one half y^e height of y^e mountain

My Dear Friend, I can learn very little certain
of the Cortex Peruvianus — for we have nothing
certain printed about it — this is certain that the
Quina Quina which was the first febrifuge of the
Jesuits is quite a different plant from the Cortex
now in use — by the specimens ~~now in~~ I have seen
It is a Species of Lilac — and may be
named Lilac Peruvianus (flore Coccinea) —

Doc^r Mortimer our Secretary has collected
Material for a History of this curious plant
and made Variety of Drawing of its Leaf
Flowers & Seed Vessel &c — but is in hopes
of more accurate Accounts & then

He will communicate them to the
R^s Society — Condemnae is the last
that has mentioned it as a plant — that we
know off — I have ^{made} all the Inquiry I can
but to Very Little purpose.

Its Place of Growth, & its Effects we know.
But there is a many other particulars required
to give a general History of it — pray give my
Respects to Doc^r Brounne — & his Grandson —
I sent you Bartram's Journal of 1765
which I hope is come late to hand I am with
Sincere Respects Truly yours J. Collins 1776

mountain & near a mile through; all
y^e way stone: as soon as we arrive near
y^e foot of y^e mountain, we travel on
nothing but loose stones, ^{is 16 foot} as close together
as they could be paved about ten rods
wide & all y^e way to y^e top on both sides; of
all dimensions from 10 tone weight to
as big as my head. when we ~~we~~ have
passed y^e gape & begins to descend down
y^e north side, we have soil all y^e way
mixed with y^e stones, which ^{thence} that y^e water
gradually fell away, & formed from this
place two streams, on y^e north side which
emptied one into y^e east, y^e other into y^e
west branch, ^{through} which y^e waters run & drained
y^e country on y^e north side, so that in time
this gape was left dry, being so paved with
stones, that y^e waters could not wear it any
deeper as it did in y^e other channels.
pray accept these short hints in love as they
are given which will oblige thy sincere
friend John Bartram