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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.

Paris 16 April 1831

Sir

I have the honor to send you a few ancient
Plants from Egypt which I beg of you
to have agreed by the medico-Botanical Society
of London as an homage of my gratitude.

You will find inclosed a succinct notice
of every one of those plants, also a few researches
on the Tree which produces the Myrrh; at last
the analyse of that substance.

As you asked me the description of the
plants of our Environs which have more credit
in the medical use I may tell you that
the genus Salix gives a proceed very remar-
-quable the Salicine employed with success
against the ~~the~~ fever, intermitting fever.

Equally inclosed you have a description of
the populine and a notice on the dangerous effect
of the gratiola officinalis.

I desire that these different objects may
have some interest for you and contribute to obtain
me the approbation of the medico-botanical society

I beg of you to be interprete of my
sentiments towards the society and to believe my

Sir

Your obedient humble
servant

Donartre

from Mr Donartee
16 April 1831
with present for the baron
