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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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Viro amabilissimo atque celeberrimo

Johanni Lindley,

Botanicae Professori

et. et.

J.

Olaus Carling,

Rei Rust. Prof.

Mensibus abhinc aliquot fasciculum plantarum
Tibi mittebam, quem utrum acceperis an non, nescio.
Alterum jam mitto, laetus, si Tibi, celeberrime Vir, ita
probetur, ut me dignum habeas, quocum plantarum
aut fidei specimina aut femina viva communices.

Si per negotiorum, quibus detineris, molem hoc
minus fieri potest, opusculo quodam a Te edito vel
alio quocumque officii documento commonstres velim,
meam Tibi non displicuisse assiduitatem.

Libellos subjungo, latine scriptos, qui si nullam
aliam re, raritate tamen sese commendant. Alter

mathematici argumenti est, philologici alter. Hunc
Principi Aeneas inscripsi; cuius quidem dedicationis non
nisi triginta exemplaria exstant.

Ut autem quodam modo intelligas, memet negotiis
istis subcessivis haud penitus abductum fuisse a stu-
diis, quae cum Tuis adfinitatem saltem quandam
habeant, addam quoque, quod recens prodit, Comi-
tis Adolphi Morner opusculum, cuius maxima
pars de rebus rusticis agit.

Tu vero vale mihiq[ue] fave!

Holmiae die V. Iulij. MDCCCLXX.