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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.

Sir

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I duly received your favour 30th past, by which I was
sorry to find your ill state of health, had prevented
your sending me sooner the list of the plants you
were desirous to have, & which you now send me
hoping before receipt of this you may be perfect-
ly recovered againe, which shall be glad to hear
in course; in the meantime not to loose any
further time. I herewith send you the severall
plants you desire, conformable the above
list; except three viz:

The *Samphora officinarum*.

... *Ficoides Afru*: folio triangulari ensiformis crasso
brevis ad margines cataractes multis majoribusque
spinis aculeatis. flore aureo calice longissimo.

... *Hermannia frutescens* folio Hibis hirsuto &c
having but one of those plants & thus none to spare
tho instead thereof I have sent you an *Asclepias* & *Spannoides*
which M^r. Lennus tells me will not be disagreeable;
& from whom you have likewise herewith a letter
to which please to be referred. I am sorry the

Cucumber Tree did not prove good, & therefore agreeable
to your desire, shall send you an other quantity next
season. I observe I am only one guinea indebted
to you for W: Martin's decade, & thus I send you one
herewith enclosed, but pray are we not soon to have one
again of W: Catfish, if so, be so kind to send ^{me} ~~me~~
or anything else that's new, & excuse the trouble.
The Catalogue of my Garden is now under the press,
& you may depend as soon as it's finished, I'll send
you a copy of it, & anything else I can serve you with.
as I hope you'll ~~send~~ ^{send} me some plants of y^r: seeds you expect
from the West Ind^{ies}, as you'll thereby infinitely
oblige.

Sir

Your most humble serv^t
George Clifford

Amsterdam 27 July 1737