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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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Dr. John Torrey
New York

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Dec 2 Aug 1844
August 11 # 1823
L. C. Allen



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Dear Sir

Just returned from the South. I cannot only acknowledge rec^t. of your letter of 14th inst. and say that I will send for any of the plants you have mentioned that I can control, together with such names as may have been procured to your prospectus - it is now in the hands of a friend in the country German-town to see what may be done there. Two or three names there were expected. It had when I saw it last. L. C. Ware, R. Haines C. Wister D. B. Smith and one other which I don't recollect obtained at the Academy. Some hesitation has been evinced at the work not all appearing at once and its cost with some perhaps presents an impediment. This considering plates and volume is not out of the way but among new matter & plants or elucidations of your own you will necessarily, to complete the mass, have to copy so much, or occupy so much space with reference to Synonymes as to

render the work expensive and less an
object with those who are Pursh Michaux
Elliott Nuttall &c. You can do much
and have done much, and you will I
know work with care, and when the first
number appears, I hope it will prove
a stimulus to new subscribers.

As you say, the new species of *Oryzopsis*
of Mr. Nuttall must be your *Philensis* N.S. if
the former came to you from Dr. Bigelow under
O. parviflora. When you meet this mat-
ter will doubtless be satisfactorily explained.

I have not seen the new Agrostes
-graphical works you enquire about.

Yours respectfully
L. Collins

L. Torrey