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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.

Q. M. Co Office  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

Dear Prami

Just a few lines to tell  
you that the Viceroy and  
Chief have both agreed to  
our expedition and are strong-  
ly in favour of it. It has  
to go home to the Sec<sup>y</sup> of State  
before final sanction is  
given, ~~the~~ but no difficulties  
will be raised by him when  
India is so strongly in  
its favour. The Viceroy has  
insisted it is an imperial  
matter, that is that we  
shall be under the Govt  
of India only and shall  
not be responsible to any  
Chief Council or be under  
the orders of anybody but

the Gate of India Street.  
I have represented your case  
& am told that you will  
be allowed to go in any  
capacity you like & that  
you will not lose pay or  
appointments by it. Your  
letter I am copying out  
to be attached to the case.

Regarding pay it is proposed  
to give us special allowances  
while out & outfit allow-  
ances to start with. I think  
I am getting sent by  
the G. M. G. It is better  
we should take one each  
in case we have to separ-  
ate. I am sending my  
wife home by Trooper of  
2<sup>nd</sup> October, if I can get  
the passage, so I should  
be in Calcutta by about  
the end of October & we

could "they" for instance the  
first week in November.  
What we have to do is  
first to ascertain where  
our boundary between India  
and China should lie,  
east of the East Branch  
of the Irrawaddy, find  
out the sources of the Irra-  
waddy and follow the  
Eastern Branch down into  
Burma. I propose taking  
a dozen Chinese coolies  
who will remain with us  
permanently and trusting  
to the inhabitants of the  
Country for the remainder.  
It is no use however beginning  
to make these arrangements  
until definite sanction  
is given to the Expedition.  
No time for more just  
now.

Yours sincerely