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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.

Sydney 16th Febr'y 1886

Son Altesse Royal

Monseigneur le Comte de Paris.

Sir,

We are in receipt of your Royal Highness' esteemed and valued order for *Ope Ferns* and shall have much pleasure in forwarding same.

We have been informed by the collectors in Victoria that almost all the very large *Dicksonias* have been much injured by bush fires last Spring, and will consequently procure our present wants from Tasmania, where *Dicksonias* grow to a great size. It will require some weeks to collect them as they will be taken from a distant and rough district, but they will leave Sydney on 25 March - to arrive at Marseilles about third week in April.

We are meanwhile,

Your Royal Highness'

Most respectfully

C. F. Creswell & Son.