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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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Mr Forsyth
Gardiner to his Majesty
Pensington



1841
Forsyth

Dear Sir

I have been told that your friend
Col. Paterson is soon to return to New South Wales.
you would much oblige me and I flatter myself
serve the Colonel by recommending to his notice a poor
Fellow named Richard Brown now at work in the
Hulks at Woolwich being under sentence of Transpor-
tation for seven years for taking by mistake a sack
of flour from the wharfe at Chertsey Bridge

Brown bore a good name till he was concerned
in this theft, he served me seven years in the various
qualifiers of Fisherman, Gardener, Bricklayer &c &c
and I can safely aver that tho he had every oppor-
tunity being daily about my house when we

were in the Country that he never took surprise
that did not belong to him, and a handier
Fellow at all kinds of country work is not to be
found in the Kingdom, at the same time so quiet
and civil in his behaviour that every person in my
family was wonderfully attached to him, indeed
I despair of ever finding his fellow and would
were I going to Botany Bay consider his being
obliged to go there as a most favourable circum-
stances, as he is wonderfully fitted for a new sit-
tlement being able to turn his hand to any kind
of labor —

I will do myself the pleasure to call on you
soon, we must have a day with Cap^t Lennox
before he goes to Scotland —

I am with comple^{ts} to Mrs. Forsyth
your very ob^d humble serv^t
Wm^d Douglas