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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.

J. Frost Esq
Director
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I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servt
Andrew Duncan Junr

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Received of the Treasurer of the Med. Bot. Society of London
the sum of £100
on the 10th day of March 1844



Edinburgh 6 Dec 1824

Sir,

I cannot express the degree of shame
& distress, I have felt, even since the receipt
of your letter this morning; nor have I any
adequate apology to offer for not having im-
mediately upon its receipt, returned an answer
to your obliging & flattering communication
of the 1st August — As a kind of extenuation
of my fault, I take the liberty of stating
that your letter arrived when I was absent
in Wales, in consequence of the death of my
brother in law & Collier, when affairs here

since required much attention — On my
return I found your letter with many others;
some of them demanding immediate answers. This
with an accumulation of other business made
me postpone ^{a procrastination &c. as the Poet says} replying to them, which were
not so urgent & yours with some others ^{still} remain
unanswered — Such is all the apology I have to
offer; but I entreat to be forgiven —

I have now, Sir, to beg that you will
return my thanks to the Society for the
honour they do me & ^{from me} assure them that I
shall take every opportunity, ~~as~~ that may occur,
of forwarding the laudable objects of them into ^{the} ~~the~~

tion, in which I am so much interested —

I have also to request that you, Sir,
will accept my personal thanks for your
attention in recommending me as worthy to be
connected with the Medic- Botanical Society
of London & I hope that the correspondence

thus begun, may long
continue — I do not know

if the Society propose collecting a Museum, ~~or~~
of editing their Transactions — In the latter I
should be proud to contribute, if any thing, deserving
of the honour, should occur in the course of my
labours; & I should be happy to be united to the
former, to make an exchange of duplicates —

I shall insert a notice of the Society in the forth-
coming number of the Edinb Med Journal —