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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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J. B. Buckley Esq.

West Dresden
Yates Co
New York

St Louis Aug. 25th 1843

My dear Sir

Since last winter I have been, whenever my leisure permitted, putting aside specimens for my Correspondents but it was impossible to distribute all the treasures on my hands, as botany, you know is only a recreation with me which fills the intervals of my professional business. — I intended to wait till all on hand should be distributed, but time is drawing along, and I think it unjust to my Correspondents to keep them waiting so very long. I have therefore made up parcels for all of them from all that has been put aside so far — comprising the greater part of the my Collections of 1842. The Texan plants and some northern ones are not yet amongst the number I regret to say.

Still I hope you will find this parcel which contains near 400 specimens, interesting and valuable. The others will follow as soon as possible, but probably not before next winter. — A few days ago

I collected a number of rare plants, amongst
the numbers *Sida hispida* Pursh? (undoubtedly a
different species which I call *S. calycina*.) and especially
our two new *Equisets*. — Can you give me
any information about this genus and
specimens? There is some confusion
in this genus. I learn that in South Carolina
there is a very large (4-5 feet high) smooth
species. Do you know any thing about this
or others? — How far do the other species
extend south? They are most of the
northern plants and only the south ones
are distinct from the European ones.
Of our botanical travellers west and of
Lieut Fremont I have no news, we only
know in general that the Indians are
very troublesome, more so than since a
number of years. — I expect news in
two months; and perhaps collections also.

Very truly
yours

Geo Engelmann

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Botanist

P.S. I have directed the parcel to
Messrs Carey & Co 90 Pine Street N.Y.

Have you got my Corrections and additions
to Cassin's?

Your paper on S. Cawlin plants was
very interesting; some information about
our new Iris and the Phacelia
was ~~the~~ very important.