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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.

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HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 18

1871

My Dear Mr. Norton

Your note calls
attention to my
promise, which I
must now endeavor
to perform. It may
be a good thing for
me to do, as I
shall in that case
have to master that
formidable Phyllotoxis
paper, - the matter =
matrical form of
which always acts
upon me as a night-
mare, and which
I never pretended to

understand more than
the drift of.

I never could present
a clear idea of any
piece of work until
I fairly understood it,
and as I expect now
to have a day or
two - journeying -
up, I will tackle
it then, and re-
port the result.

A letter from
Dear Herbert tells
me that he is to
re-marry, at the
end of August -
The Dowager Lady
Jordan, of the age
of 84.

Oddly enough the
same page in the
Journal of Botany
- a year & a half
ago - contained the
announcement of the
death of Sir Wm
Jardine (who did as
he was, left this young
widow), and of Mrs.
Jardine.

Mrs. Gray and I send
best regards to your
dear Mother and
Sisters.

Always sincerely
Yours

Ans Gray