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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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Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in writing to you on account of the subject. —

I have long given much attention to the Cryptogamia of Botany especially of the Lycopodi and have commenced a monthly work with colored plates from my own drawings in this country. which I am rejoiced to see is selling so well as to ensure a continuance of it. There are in all countries a number of coriaceous species belonging to that Order which preserve without trouble & travel without injury. Numerous species also are parasitic on living leaves &c which are minute but preserve & travel well. If you have collected or

have it in your power to collect such plants
they would be valuable acquisitions to me
& though they could not be published in
my present work (which is confined to British
species) I should wish much to describe such
new species as you may discover, in the
Journals or Transactions of Societies.

My whole time is devoted to Botanical pur-
suits having given up the profession of Physic
with that view.

Our mutual friend Dr. Hooker is my most in-
timate friend & he has liberally shared the
valuable mosses & ferns he has received from
you, with me.

My constant residence is this City. which
is a sufficient address.

I take the liberty of sending a No. of my
work that you may perceive the nature of
the undertaking & that I have a wide field
before me.

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir

Yours very faithfully

A. K. Greville

P.S. I dine today with my friend Graham
the botanical Professor here, to meet a friend I
believe of yours. I shall request him to
take the charge of this - — I trust you
will pardon one who has no claim, for saying
that any plants whatever are valuable
to me, but especially Cryptogamia of all
descriptions.