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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.

so I have lately become.

Your 250. I consider to be the same as "CC Providence Rhode Island of 1827" - which I have also from Mr. Olney (N 138) & propose to call *Chrysemum divaricata*. It is very near *C. secundata* of New Zealand & perhaps future observations may unite them.

Harv.
Mus.

Professor S. W. Bailey
U. S. Military Academy
West Point
New York



Packet - May 1



P.S. - I observe that you continue to address me as "the Hon." - I have no claim to that title, not being of noble birth. I once held an office to which that title belonged, but I have long since given it up, and the title is gone with it. If you must give me a handle to my name, you may call me "Professor." - In

Harvey

Wm H Harvey botanist

Trinity College. Dublin

May 8th 1878.

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 18th of last month reached me today, just in time to answer it by the packet which sails the day after tomorrow. I hasten therefore to reply to your proposition respecting the Algo of the American Antarctic Expedition.

It certainly would give me pleasure to examine them, & I shall be quite willing to undertake what you propose on the terms you name, "and share authorship, trouble, & proceeds": - but on the condition that the work is not required to be done before this time twelve months - that is, within the year, - and that the whole of the collection is submitted to my examination. I feel that I should not be able to do justice to the

subject without having before me all the specimens
of each species. - The data generally brought
home by voyagers is puzzling enough, without
increasing the puzzle by having a part only to
decide upon. I found this when engaged on the
Antarctic Algae of Capt. Ross. Had I not had
the whole collection before me, so that I could
trace the gradation of forms, I should have
found the task a hopeless one. The Southern
Algae are extremely sportive. There is one *Rho-
dymenia variegata*, which ranges through the
Pacific & Antarctic seas, which puts on a
thousand different shapes: - the *Sargassae* are as
bad; and the *Sargassae* worse than all. You
say there are several species of *Macrocytes* in the Col-
lection: - I believe all the so called species of that
genus to be referable to *M. pyriformis*; - nay, I
have no doubt but that 2 or 3 book species might
be gathered from the same root. I have had some ex-
perience of the plant in its place of growth, & so has
Dr. Hooker; and we perfectly agree in referring all the
forms to one species. So that, I look forward to
your 200 species coming down to 150 at most.
So it is just as well you do not charge so

much a head for the description. - If your terms with the govt are not closed, could you not obtain a few copies of the Essay to be printed off separately for our own use, say 10 each. This privilege is so commonly given to authors that I anticipate no difficulty.

If you think well of sending the whole bundles to my care, as I propose, I shall undertake faithfully to return them; and either leave the selection of the specimens to which I shall be entitled to you, or, if you trust me, I will promise not to cheat you by taking the best! - Such as you like for this latter part. My only reason in wishing to have the whole before me, is, as I said before, that I may see the gradations of forms. If there be no gradation worth notice, as there is in many plants, then one specimen of such would suffice. But I feel convinced that truth will be best attained by having a complete series to work on. Believe me, most truly yours,

W. H. Harvey