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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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Prof. J. W. Bailey
U. S. Military Academy
West Point
New York
U.S.

1850



Harvey, W. H.

Trinity College. Dublin

July 25. 1850.

My dear Bailey

I hope that long before this time you have returned to West Point recruited from your Southern tour, & that your health may be fully restored. Mind that you do not again endanger it by overstudy or work. I got home safe & well by the first trip of the "Atlantic" Steam Ship - somewhere about the middle of last May - but I deferred writing you till I could give you account of Wilkes' Algae. On coming home I had first to give two courses of lectures - & at same time to lithograph a batch of plates for Phycologia, so that I could not look at Wilkes till the beginning of the present month. I have now the satisfaction of telling you that I have examined them, and that I send, in a box to Abraham Bell & Son of New York, which will leave Liverpool probably the 1st week in August, and ought to reach N.Y. early in September - a parcel addressed to you: - containing those specimens of Algae which I brought to examine - also my notes on the whole collection, & a few rough sketches in pencil. Also, a few exotic algae

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for yourself - a knit shawl for Mrs B.
(as a specimen of cottage work) - and some
duplicate brochures on Alga, which you
may either keep or give away, as you
think fit.

I have perpetrated two new genera among
Wilkes's plants - and a considerable
number of new species - some 24 of which
I recommend (by a list) for figuring. They
might all be put on some half dozen
folio plates, the size of Dana's Zoophytes -
or some 8 or 10 Quartos. If the rest of
the Botany be quarto - these had best be
so too. You must find a draughtsman
to make the figures. I have given diag-
nostic characters & description of all the
new species - but merely give a list of
the old ones, referring to some authority
where you will find description - & you
can employ some youngster to copy out
the sp. chars. from the author - merely
seeing that he does not transpose. —

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I go to the Sea Side - Cuckendall, on
the Antrim Coast - next month - and
hope to be in London about the middle of
September - to meet Gray & M^{rs} G. who
are now in Switzerland &c. Mr. Gray is already
greatly better from the voyage, & seems to
get stronger day by day. I hope they will
visit Dublin before winter.

When will you get leave of absence to
follow them? I do so wish you could
get away for a while from your weary
duties.

I wrote you from New York after my return
from the South, & left a parcel with M^{rs}
Pendleton Hosack to be sent to you - which
I hope got safely.

With kind regards to Mr. Bailey &
the children, believe me ever
most truly yours

W.H. Harvey.