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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.

Lieut Col^d Sibthorp M.P.
Canwick Hall

Lincoln



Bignor Park

The event, my dear Coningsby, which we have so long and so fearfully anticipated, has taken place and I have to lament in common with you all, the loss of a near relation and an estimable friend.

Your sister having been fully prepared by your letter of Monday for the fatal news conveyed in your letter of Tuesday, has been enabled to sustain the shock much better than she could otherwise have done. She is however in great affliction and it is a most severe trial of her fortitude. The loss of such a parent must deeply affect the feelings of you all and most poignantly those of your poor mother, to whom I have no doubt you will all be equally desirous to administer comfort.

And he who is now the common object of our regrets, when we consider how many claims he had to our affection, how anxious he ever was for the welfare of his family, how benevolent to others how honourable in his transactions with the world & how attentive to his religious duties,

can we hesitate to believe that he is now happy?
Let us find comfort then in the assurance that
we may one day meet again.

To me, I assure you, the loss of your poor father
is no common source of regret, for I have
experienced from him the most uniform kindness
and attention and have been taught to consider
him as a most estimable friend.

It is no small consolation to hear that
our dear relative suffered so little pain in
the last moments of his existence. I was
fearful the struggle would be a severe one.
But it was fortunately not so, and in every sense
it must be considered as a release.

Your sister's situation prevents her from
obeing the natural impulse of her feelings
upon this occasion by flying to your poor
mother; who may have need of her consolation
and to whom after a few days, when her mind
is more composed, she will write.

In the mean time you will do us the justice
of supposing that all our thoughts are
centered in Canwick & that we shall be
anxious to receive another letter.

Our Love to all & believe me to be
My dear Coningsby

Your truly affectionate
brother

April 28th

J Hawkins