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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.



J. Royle
India House
London



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Downing Hall
Cambridge
22 April 1844

My dear Boyle,

On my arrival in
Cambridge this morning I
found the packet of seeds
you have been so good
as to send to the Botanic
garden - I will hand them
over to the Curator, but as
several of them are not as
- many our desiderata I
shall disperse them among
some friends who may be

disposed to cultivate them - I
will try the Decid. myself -
My country occupations (with
2 persons to write weekly)
sadly interfere with any thing
like regular botanical study.
I see no longer any chance
of my working out the Impatiens.
I have some specimens of
yams which I had better
return the first time I come
to town - I see you are
satisfied about the Mustard
Scripture!! Have you ever
thought of me in the way
of Caoutchouc specimens for

my little Village Museum &
lectures? Any little curiosity
will be always very acceptable
& useful to me for this pur-
-pose. When shall we meet
again? Surely if we are
both alive A.D. 1845. &
the Brit. Ass. returns to
Cambridge we may have a
chance of seeing one another

Ever &c &c
J. Henslow

