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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

Your letter has
interested me very much.
Bishop Goodenough was a
very ^{eminent} early British
Protestant, ^{a personal friend I believe,} a contemporary of
my grandfather (Dawson
Turner Esq. of St. Lawrence)
& of all the Protestants of his
day. I find his name
(as you observe) amongst the
founders of the Linnæan
Society, & as it's first Treasurer

(in 1791) - Has them living at
Lalmy - He contributed
papers to the Linnaean between
1792 & 1797.

The collections to which you
allude, can, as you observe, be
of no use to a local Museum,
& I would venture to hope that
the Corporation of Carlisle may
sanction their transference to
Kew, which is the most
complete Botanical Institution
in the world, & which contains
so many collections of

Historic interest, including
those of Bishop Goodenough's
Contemporaries - Turner, Bonner,
Hooker & many others, are
preserved & arranged, &
accessible to Scientists here
on every week day throughout
the year.

At the same time I
think that the Carlisle
Museum should contain
some useful memorial of
its distinguished late Director,
Nathanial L. Britton; & I have
little doubt but that
I could make up out of the
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collected, a series of specimens
probably of various seaweeds, for
which would be valuable for
local use, take up my little
space, & serve as a ^{sufficient} ~~valuable~~
^{reminder} ~~token~~ of the Bishop's Service
to me.

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Very truly yours