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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.

The Camp, Lunnysdale
May, 13/90

My dear Sir
On coming to New today
I was exceedingly concerned to hear that
I was to have been met by you
at New on last Tuesday. & that you
had been so good as to come to
New with that intention. The fact is
that I, no doubt misunderstanding
Mr. Forster, thought that he
was to have apprised me of the
Tuesday when it would have been
convenient for you to have come.

It is the case that I am usually
at New on Tuesdays, & especially on
the first Tuesday of the month,
about this time, week; but I had
a cough last Tuesday & was
prevented when to stay at home,

Though had I known that you
were coming. I should have attended.

I feel exceedingly obliged to you
for the most valuable information
you have given in this most
anxious affair of the printing &
publication of the *Herbarium Plantarum*;
& I feel very favorably disposed
towards your suggestion of the
guarantee for the £3000, as a
means of accomplishing the publication.
But I must consult the Directors
first, & other parties first.

I do not know whether this
guarantee of £3000 would further
provide for the agency, through
which payments would be made
to the printer, & the work to be
revised, corrected, & advertised?
& sold to the public.

Mr Jackson tells me that you
often come to New, & I hope that
this fine weather may induce you
to pay it a visit soon after, & that
I may then have the pleasure
of seeing you - I would meet you
here on any day except Friday -

Yours truly

M B Hooker