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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.

Weymouth Oct 21/50

My dear Julius

I took the liberty of
forwarding to your address, the
Psammotria plants for Mr
Linné, which I hope will arrive
in good order. The other plants he
wants I hope to send from
Chesma.

I am now leaving this place
finally, and without many &
very sincere regrets at not being
able to pay my respects in person
to you. Were my time & notice
unlimited I should gladly have
waited another month & gone to
Lyons at once - but I must go home
this cold weather. I should prob-
ably be justified in giving up Chittagong,
where vegetation is now very a
type which will be most instructive

to investigate. For very many
years your name has been familiar
to me, even from before my taking
up Botany, when as a small boy
my fingers used to fiddle with writing
tickets with "Aper-jentins" on them;
& the recollection of the specimens of
"Kengal Harkness" though little more
than a dream is a very vivid one.

I cannot leave home ever without
thinking you much for the kind
& prompt manner in which you have
always attended to my troublesome
requests & wishes & for the valuable
aid & information you have granted
me - The flora of this part of the
world is the main indebted to
you, beyond any other individual,
& if I should hereafter throw any
note to the bot; it shall not
be without a very sincere acknow-
ledgement of my obligations to you.

I hope to be able to send Mr

Lend me some books from Calcutta
in the early part of the year. If
there is any other mode by which
I can serve and his interests on
mine I hope that you or he
will ask me.

Dr Thomson & myself will leave
Calcutta about the 12th next
month for Sykhet & thence go to
Chittagong, where we shall probably
remain some weeks before embarking
for Calcutta & England.

I shall always retain a lively
interest in Himalayan exploration
long for the day when the snows
back of the Great Be Theraun
open, though I shall not have
personal opportunity of taking
advantage of it.

Mr Booth has I suppose left you
in this good luck go with him

He has a hard task to perform
if he carries out his views &
wishes.

Do you never think of visiting
England & again? & is there any
prospect of our meeting there: whether
or no, if I can be of any service in
the way of science or business or of
friends with it will always be a
source of pleasure to be able to
execute it.

Believe me ever

Very sincerely & devotedly

J. S. Hooke