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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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Sept. 20th. 1839.

My dear Mr. Yarkis

There is a Mr. Laxe Bon-
net, I presume a Nursery-
man, who lives at Highgate.
Do you know such a per-
son? & is he respectable &
to be depended upon in his
profession? The India-
Board have wisely resolved
to attempt the introduction
of the Cinchoners & their
India professors in sui-
table localities & two
scientific ^{Gentlemen,} one soon to be
employed in collecting
plants & seeds ^{in Peru} for trans.

port from the M. Caese of
S. America. — In the mean
while "Mr. Saxe Commis-
sioner" has written to the
India Office, offering to
sell "half a dozen Cin-
chona plants, which
he is told are of the
valuable species, for
£20. This is indeed a
high price. Nevertheless
a Bird is heard of —
a thousand facilities
for getting such plants

to India from here which
may make it desirable
for the Directors to buy
them. I presume the
species is the *Crichona*
Carlenger, figured in
Paxton's Magazine of
Botany, Tab. 107.

I have suggested that
my friend Mr. Merriam
should call & look at
the plants: - but he &
I would like first to
know something of the
reputability of the
man. Will you tell
him what you know

of Mr. Lase Bonnier.

Very faithfully
Yours,

W. J. Hooker

To James Forbes Esq.