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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.

Royal Botanic Gardens,
Theob. Sept. 16. 1845.

Gent.

A talented friend of
mine, J. Gardner Esq.,
now Director of the Go:
vernment Gardens of
Ceylon, while engaged
on a scientific tour in
the interior of Brazil,
kept a very careful jour:
nal & almost daily
noted the events of the
route & remarks on the
country, people, &c.
Hort. &c. I advised
him to write this out soon
& send it to me & I will
make something as follows:

that my Bookseller in
London would be dis-
posed to publish it.

Having heard from
my friend & relative, Mr.
Lawson Turner, of
Yarmouth, that you
have published several
books of Travels, I
take the liberty of men-
tioning the Mat. for your
information & asking
you if it merits your
attention. In regard
to Author's enrolment
that is not a very im-
portant consideration.
If however I should later be
able to obtain something for
him: - but if it did

promise well enough to
warrant a stipulated sum.
I am authorized to say
that he would be content
with half the profits of
the sale, & a few presen-
tation copies: - he being
at no risk or loss.

A single drawing accom-
panies the ms. which
might form a suitable
frontispiece in lithography.
It strikes me it would be
an improvement if the
characters had headings to
them indicating the con-
tents, which I could easily
have done: & a friend
of mine, a gentleman well
acquainted with the
country & the language

has offered to correct the
press.

At your convenience
I shall feel obliged by
an answer - & should
the MS. not be sent
to you, you will feel
that oblige me by
sending it to

Hiscocks Press, King's
Stairs

Dear Sir W. J. Hooker

R. Bot. Gardens,

Gloucester

Dear Sir,

Yours

Yours obed^t Serv^t

W. J. Hooker.