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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.



M^{rs} Colman
Garrow House
Norwich.



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March 20. 1859.

My dear Madam

I am extremely glad
to hear there is a chance
of preserving your Moreton
Bay Pine for a few years
even though at the expense
of its Crown.

I write mainly to say
that if your Plants of the
Pompers Grass are small
I should like to be allowed
to send you two healthy
young tufts which we
raise from seeds. You
are aware that the tufts

do not easily bear
dividing (which people are
apt to do): - that is to say,
they are long before they re-
cover. Whereas every year
the tuft, if left to itself,
gets bigger & bigger &
bears more & more flower
stems. - They shall go
with the Kniphofia

Among your ferns have
you *Adiantum alpinum* from
the straits of Magellan -
brought home by Dr Hooker?
- or *Cyrtomium falcatum*?
from Japan. - Both hardy

a worthy place in every
collection. Your mention
of the Foot Cereus officinalis
var. & of Aspidium cris-
tatum & indeed the very
name of Canons, reminds
me of old & pleasant times
of my native city & country.
I had feared the Cereus
was lost from the walls of
Heydon Church where I once
went to see it. "Edgefield
Laws" used to be my favorite
botanizing ground with my
excellent friend Mr. Francis,
where, besides the Aspidi-
um cristatum, I gathered my
numerous, Hoshieria Lucens,
the Canons I used to go &
gather Luliper sylvestris.

I will give our great pleasure
some day to call there
& renew my acquaintance
with that spot, when too
I used to visit the Revd
Mr. Walpole: — all our
much changed. I looked
upon the spot as I passed
in the other day in the
train & I looked upon
Mr. Colman's fine Mills &
hoped I might one day see
the interior. You are
aware that some of their
products are by Mr. Col-
man's kindness deposited
in our "Economic Museum".

Believe me,

our dear Mother,

Very truly Yours

W. L. Hooker