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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.

Feb. 28th 1861.

Dear Sir

It is extremely kind
of you to offer us some
ripe seeds of the "Big tree"
from Calaveras County,
& of the "Mesquite Bean"
from the Arizona De-
serts. They will indeed
be very acceptable to
the Royal Gardens.

I dare say you can
confirm the accounts
that Dr. Coulter has

givers of the most
mass bulk of
the Wellingtonian
Yours very obed^t
& obliged serv^t

J. J. Hooker

Leve Director of New Zealand