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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.

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Dr. & Prof. Preussmann
ordentl.
Breslau
in Silesia.



Sir William Sachs. Hooker,

Professor zu Giesgoe, neuglischer botan.
u. phys. Schriftstellers, hiesiger Director des
botanischen Gartens zu Wien.

Sir W. J. Hooker

Glasgow. March 9. 1827.

Sir

During the course of last year Mr. Hummer. (the friend of Naturalists, both in this country & in Germany) was so good as to send me a collection of alpine plants which you had made, expressing the wish that specimens of plants of other countries might be sent in return for them. This I willingly & cheerfully undertook to do: & if I have been long in making this return it has not arisen from any unwillingness on my part, but from my numerous occupations, & the difficulty of selecting from a room full of duplicate plants, such as would be most likely to be acceptable to you. At length I have looked out for you such as I hope will be acceptable to you: & if I am assured of that I shall know better what to send another time. I seldom keep among my duplicates many of the British plants, because of the little

demand that is made for them by my
correspondents; nearly the same plants
being met with more abundantly upon
the Continent of Europe. However I
have still some of the rarer Scottish
ones & some English.

What I have selected for you have
been from among N. American specimens,
those of the Mauritius, & some Mosses
beginning with the Genus Neckera to
Bryum. Amongst the Mosses you
will find some that are described in
the 2^d edⁿ of my Muscologia Britannica
which will be published in a very few
days, with many additions. This has
taken up much of my time lately: ~~also~~ have
my Exotic Flora, the Botanical Magazine,
& my work on the Filices. So that these,
& the increase of my Herbarium are all
I am obliged to: The more immediate
charge of our Botanic Garden is left to
the management of Mr. Murrey as I
have mentioned in the little Preface to
the Catalogue I printed last year.

I have just seen an interesting paper
of yours in the last part of the Asta

Academia. If you should feel disposed
as I really am, that our correspondence &
communications should be continued,
perhaps you could favour me with dried
specimens of novelties, if some they are
taken from the garden.

I have the honour, dear Sir,
with the highest regard & esteem
very truly & faithfully

Yours

W. S. Hooker.