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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.

Stephen Elliott Esq
an in to
Charleston
S. Carolina.
As given by M. Feltz.

Glasgow. May 14th 1830.

My dear Sir

The Botanist is Mr. Volk who goes to visit the southern of the United States for the purpose of collecting specimens of their vegetable productions for the benefit of Europeans & other Botanists. The Germans have already rendered such essential service to science by collecting in various of the less frequented parts of Europe & in Southern Africa, & my own collections have thereby been so much benefitted that I cannot but feel a very lively interest in all their undertakings of this kind & I am anxious to promote their views to the utmost of my power. I have offered to introduce Mr. Volk to your acquaintance, feeling assured that you will also be glad to encourage a more extended knowledge of the Botany of the most fertile regions of N. America. You will be

well able to point out to him what dis-
fruits our best worth his visiting, which is
his best mode of travelling, & perhaps
you will be kind enough to aid him
by introduction in some of the remote
provinces. He would be very happy
for if you would allow him to name
his specimens by a comparison with your
collections. Such a privilege would be
of great advantage to him & perhaps still
more to the botanists of Europe, & be the
means of rendering the plants of your
excellent flora, familiar to my country-
men.

I write this by Mr. Volz; but I have
taken the liberty of writing more fully
by post, both respecting him & other
matters: & I am, my dear Sir,

ever, most truly & respectfully

Yours

H. J. Hooker