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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.

Brehan Castle 12th July 1800

Dear Sir

I this day rec. a letter from our common friend Brodie of the 11th Nov. in which he sent me a copy of your letter to him of the 7th Nov. from Lepp. I wish I had known of your intentions sooner but I will do the best I can. I write in great pain from a fall I got yesterday from my horse - I only knew of your coming North by M. Mills' telling my agent that he had heard of it & when about ten days ago Brodie desired me to write to you he had me write to Larrieff - If you go from Fort William to Larrieff you can go the whole way in your gig - If you purpose to go to ky - you can from Fort William to Storn carrying your gig & then you can either board it to Storn or ride it by ponies or as we call them Shetties on either side that length or short so far is perhaps better you can take a boat & cross & recross the Sound at Liberton - there is on the North side a grand House - a public one & a place called Brook which may divide your labours easily & I am assured you have only to enquire

yours, Mrs. to any gentleman in that Country & to
be kind & hospitable rec. & you in between thirty & forty
years going back & forward I have experienced in
hospitality but once & from that gentleman you are
independent as he lives near Appin (Camp Hill & Alford)
from the N. H. M. M. you may be lucky enough to get
conveyed to M. by Sea either by a steamer or by an islander.
You may find - in this last case you can see by
Black Canoe go: to say nothing of the flora & fauna
& their birds are well worth looking at both botanically
& geologically - when on the way you must travel ab. on
such horses as you can get - depend on it you will find
every gentleman there ready to serve & assist you - they
are as I know by experience a warm hearted hospitable
race - from the way you should go to Glenelg & Kintail
Loch Alsh Appin etc. At this route you can do by
Dunblane - from Appin etc. I v. go to Kintail & you
have not before go thence to Loch Maben & get the
Glenelg - you find it the head of the Loch & proceed
on the Burnside of Tullisk road it is little short
of a mile you come to a loch of the Glenelg -
but if you are impatient & turn off ab. $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile just to
the right & in some little pieces of Water you will see
plenty of it - you will not have to look much at
the ~~water~~ head with respect to it & I am persuaded
it has often been hoped in the past & being taken for

Wrayburn - from Kesay you can get land to
Torr. Do. & go thence to Guelph to Bolton to Little
Lake Brown to Big Lake Brown - at Little L.B.
look in the woods for Spruces Spruces - P. Coast. Spruces
you'll find the New Shore to Brown for Charbon. Se. Do. Do.
a rem. the Alpine plants - from Wrayburn to Lake
Jarrow. I think that you can get by horse - but if
you will persist in this Aberdeen track Lecturers
I advise you to branch off & come to Brechin &
better still to come here via Brechin from F. W. W.
for really you won't get you are it is not to be under-
taken without precaution & you are six weeks too
late in the season - in winter I can be as sure
bring command I shall be happy to attend to your
wishes - excuse this abrupt & several I write in
great haste I am Sir

Yours most obed. Servt.

Seaford

all I have said of the hospitality of Mr. M.
Mason & Co. will apply to all the south. North. when
you come to a gentleman's house ride up boldly tell
your wants & your wishes & you will not be disappointed

Lord Seaford, last of the family & with whom the title became extinct, was Governor
of the Island of Barbados. - A beautiful little poem of Walter Scott's commemorates the
death of this nobleman, which took place here some years since.