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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.



William Jackson Hooker Esq

Newgate Prison, July 12. 1820.

My dear Hooker.

You may perhaps not be very much surprised on seeing the above superscription. However the die is cast, my fate is sealed. - I shall shortly have to proceed across the water to a distant country for the term of seven years, and probably that will also finish the term of my life. I now remember with a grateful recollection the many kindnesses you have conferred on me. I reflect with melancholy pleasure on the happy hours we spent in our little room in Reykavik. If you think I have offended you, forgive me from the bottom of your heart. You are good as the day is long. - I must now soon depart from this country without a six pence unless you should be inclined to send me a trifle, and through your kind interference

perhaps some of your other friends will do a little
for me; the horizon before ^{me} is rather dark and gloomy.
I enter not into particulars which may not be
pleasant to you or me. Without your help I shall
want even a shirt. — I have been ill. — If you ever
thought that I was instrumental in preserving you
once from the flames or the water, perhaps you will
not forget it. Write me a few lines whether you are
and. — Farewell, I can say no more, my mind is
so distressed. I write not this without many many tears —
how happy — how gay were we once. — I cannot write
coherently — not so well as I should do to any one else.
Letters will come safe to me here, but if you do
not like to address to this place, and care to
Andrew Gurney Esq — 24 Gloucester Place,
Portman Square, and that good man will send me
my letters sent to him. Farewell again, write

as kind as you can. Your unfortunate
and sincere
Jorgenson.

Poor Sir Joseph is gone! - You know it. -

Jorgen Jorgenson, late Governor of the whole Island of Iceland!
Author of State of Christianity in the Island of Otaheite, of Travels through
France & Germany &c.