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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.

Newark N. J. July 3<sup>d</sup> 1852

Dear Sir

I should have complied with your request in furnishing some of our Grape Culture, & Wine Manufacture, had I not been assured you would get the best information from Buchanan's Pamphlet, which I send. Every letter of mine in it, you can use as you please. The Printer who took the plates, had no authority to do it. On my return home, I will send you Dr. Warder's Location & Cultivation, from its 1<sup>st</sup> No. to the present time, & in it you will find further information. There are some 15 or 18 monthly numbers.

The Grape Culture, is spreading rapidly, & I am gratified to find Merchants buying the wine, & preparing it for market. But there is already evidence that we shall have some humbugging. One of our Wine Men has been bottling & shipping a sweet wine, for sweet Ladies, that he keeps sweet by a charm. It undergoes no fermentation. He introduced to M. M. M. M. M., by sending him some as a present, describing his method of Manufacture.

M. M. M. returned it, with a letter of ridicule, that the wine man will not soon forget. <sup>It was published</sup> We also have had sparkling Catawba made in a few weeks, & sold in C. & I have sent East.

A Mr. Popan, has erected a suitable Wine House & Cellar, & is preparing sparkling Catawba, by the proper process.

I have two Champagne Factories. One in charge of a Scientific French Manufacturer, & the other in charge of the best Manufacturer <sup>in Germany</sup> that I recently obtained, <sup>from</sup> ~~Germany~~. <sup>These</sup> ~~fourth~~ large Wine House & Cellar, for preparing dry Catawba (Hock) wine, arranged by an old German, dry wine merchant, who is satisfied that he will here <sup>obtain</sup> better wine than the best from ~~any~~ German Wines.

My largest Champagne Cellar, is 44 by 130. The bottom of the  
 Cellar, 25 feet below the surface, arched, & a like sized wine  
 Cellar over it I am now preparing to attach another Cellar  
 of nearly equal size. In my dry wine Cellar, I have wine  
 enough, to fill 120,000 bottles. Of sparkling, this season,  
 I shall bottle about 100,000, & increase it largely next  
 season - There are several Sparklers, who have bargained,  
 & mean of course a dry wine, with still, bottle it for sale.  
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