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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.

MARTIUS (KARL F. P. VON, 1794-1868). German

Botanist.

Autograph Letter Signed (in English) to Michael Faraday. 1 page.
4to. Munich, 6th October, 1832.

An interesting letter referring to Sir Humphrey Davy's "Consolations in Travel, or the Last Days of a Philosopher" which Martius is to translate into German.

To Prof. Faraday Esq.

Royal Institution

London.

Sir!

It was with great pleasure, that I received the letter, which You were so kind to write me on account of Sir H. Davys consolations in travel. I thank you very heartily for its kind information. That little book has made so great and agreeable impression to me, that I undertook ~~of~~ to translate it in german, and I hope it will give even to many of my countrymen pleasure and consolations. The last thoughts of a genius as Sir Humphry Davy, ought to be allways of interest and object of pious acknowledgement for his contemporaries.

Beside I must felicitate myself to have occupied some hours of leisure with that work, because it was the immediate reason of having the honour of receiving a letter of You Sir, ^{to} (whom I as well as all my countrymen, who take interest in the promotion of science), are devoting feelings of the purest gratitude and of the highest respect.

Mr. Magrath at present shall be returned home, and I beg You, Sir, to present him my best compliments.

I am Sir!

Your very obliged humble servant

J. v. Martius

Munich 6. Octbr.

1832.