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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.

Dear Sir Robert, 151 London, W. Aug 1837.

I beg most respectfully to acknowledge the due receipt of your esteemed letter & to tender my best thanks for the very kind & friendly sentiments contained in the first of these dated 26 July last & the Book and its contents which accompanied the last transmitted a few days ago to my address here of Mess Wighams, Singapore abt. 1, Beimen's Hall, London, by Dr. Hamilton of Plymouth.

I cannot sufficiently thank you for your most kind & friendly attentions, but I beg you will believe that I very highly appreciate & esteem them & much value what you have had the goodness to send me.

I have, Sir Robert, but faintly ally chemically examined the milk of the Cow tree. It has undergone fermentation, & when the Curd was drawn, the residuum was like that of a Pistole, accompanied by a considerable disengagement of Carbonic acid Gas. In consistency, taste & flavor it resembles thick, sour cream, with a balsamic odour. I find in it Gum, Resin, a little

Margaritia (or Spinna) Alberrum, Feeder or Scotch?
- Carotene or Indian Rubber, Acid Matter (see
: tie, &c.) I have ~~not~~ to submit to more minute
Chemical Investigation will not fail to apprise you
of the results; but in the meantime, I was anxious
by a formal acknowledgement that I was not
unmindful of the obligations I owe you and am
grateful for your friendly remembrance & exertion

I am much concerned to hear of your
Indisposition & sincerely hope and trust you
are convalescent which I should rejoice to know.

May do me the great favor to let me
know with whom I can deposit for the honor
of your friendly acceptance the promised volume
- & by what means I can reiterate your kind-
ness - Be assured Sir Robert, every exertion
would be thankfully & gladly employed. Could
you oblige me by informing me whether any
Sketch or Drawing exists of the Palo de vaca
Perhaps it is altogether impracticable to obtain
leaves &c. of that remarkable tree - In any

to

I shall be truly
grateful
to
Dr. Robinson
for his
kindness
in
lending
me
these
plants
I
acknowledge
my
obligations.

Seeds from fruit of the 'Caw-tree'
A sketch of 'Caw-tree'
A section of the fern
A specimen of *Tillandsia usneoides*
Seeds seed vessel of *Pandanus*
— ditto — *mangrove*

— ditto — *mangrove*
Glutinous mass of the 'Sycogardum of
Burm'
Seed vessel & lid of *Bat-tree* (*Sycocarpus*
glutinosus)

Seed vessel with its seeds of *Sigmo-*
grandiflorus
(used as a case for *grandiflorus*)
Fimbria by the females of *Bara*)

A border's Plume or *Trilepis*

A 'Lanternfly' (*Fulgura leucomeris*)

A 'fire-fly' (*Elater noctivagus*)

Mr. John Murray

Care of

Messrs Wright, Kingston
also

J. Pinner's Hall

Old Broad Street

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 I have a work on luminous insects with chemical
 examination of the luminous matter & I am anxious
 to complete the subject, if I can obtain preserved
 specimens of the Glutinis and Fulgura. I cannot
 afford further on your courtesy & exceeding kind-
 -ness, you have indeed made me rich in what
 you have sent, but if you could be so very kind



Paide

To Sir Robert B. Porter

Single

His Britannic Majesty's Consul

in Charge of Affairs,
 St. Louis, Mo.

to forward
 to America.
 South America.



RECEIVED
 FEB 22
 1837

As add to my obligations by putting my desiderata
 in the hands of some person who might be able to pro-
 cure some of them, and send them to me, I wish with
 all thankfulness pay the amount to any one or in
 any way. Believe me to be your much obliged, sincere
 friend, & ever dear friend, Murray

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