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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.

British Museum
August 1st 1859.

Dear Watsonhouse,

Considering that we get the
best part of Beccari's Collection
for £300, I think we may
indulge ourselves in one of the
best-marked species of
Pteris serotina that I know,
& I believe quite peculiar to
the Yorkshire heath - Y

you concur with me

it would be well to secure

the specimen whilst Woodward
is on the way to superintend the
packing. I inclose his

letter to which I don't
like to reply today,

Yours truly,

R. D. W.