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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.

To Mr. Da Costa

In the small Pick Box you will find the small
Mussel found at Weymouth which I take to be the
Mytilus discors of Linnaeus & think it is difficult
to find out a specific difference between it and
the larger South Sea Mussel that you sent me.
Two very skillful Persons in Conchology have
compared them with me & think it will be
difficult to make another species therefrom.
However you will now have an Opportunity
of comparing them yourself.

I should be much obliged to you if you would
cast your Eye over the enclosed list of some of the
English Names of Shells which were new to me &
that you would if you can without much trouble
refer me to the true Name in any Author or the
Genus if no further & be kind enough to include
it in your next parcel by Mr. Wilkins
parcel, to our Bookseller Mr. Salkers directed
for me. nevertheless if the Names do not readily
occur to you do not give yourself any trouble
about it but return the list as it is.

I am Sir your most obed^t humble

Servant
Blandford Aug 31. 1776 — O. W. Wetherley