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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.

Paris le 22 aout 1810

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser par Monsieur Brongniart
un paquet que Monsieur Mougeot nous a envoyé pour
vous le faire parvenir. Une longue et dangereuse
maladie dont mon père vient d'être affecté, m'a
empêché de vous l'expédier plus tôt. Mais je l'ais
avec empressement la première occasion pour m'acquiescer
de cette agréable commission.

Permettez moi, Monsieur d'y joindre un exemplaire
des Nouveaux Elements de Botanique que je viens
de publier et de vous prier d'les accepter comme
une faible marque de la profonde estime que je vous
porte. Ma seule crainte en de vous offrir un livre
indigne de votre attention

Veuillez, Monsieur, recevoir l'assurance
des sentiments d'inclination de
votre très dévoué serviteur

Achille Richard fils

Monsieur ne charge de
rien Compliments pour
vous.

Professor of Botany at the Ecole de Médecine, author
of Elements de Botanique