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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.

4 Golden Square
June 23^d 1857.

My dear Sir William,

I am most anxious
to pay you my respects
and visit your world-
renowned Gardens
after an absence of
8½ years.

The period allotted
for

for my remaining in
Europe is very short,
and I will have
to husband my
time. Permit me
therefore to ask
whether Friday^{next} at
11 o'clock will be
a convenient time
to receive me in
New?

Believe me
my dear Sir William
truly yours
Robert M. Schoenburgh

To Sir William Hooker
G. G. L.
Serv.