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The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, a research division of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in the history of botany and all aspects of plant science and serves the international scientific community through research and documentation. To this end, the Institute acquires and maintains authoritative collections of books, plant images, manuscripts, portraits and data files, and provides publications and other modes of information service. The Institute meets the reference needs of botanists, biologists, historians, conservationists, librarians, bibliographers and the public at large, especially those concerned with any aspect of the North American flora.

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.



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To Sir

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Dear Sir

It has been impossible to me, to continue the correspondence which you have with great liberality offered to me, because my situation and the most different and copious occupations of my profession of natural history occupy all my time and I was obliged during a long time to interrupt every correspondence. Having understood that there is no way, to end a revision of the history of my mosses, than by quitting for some time my place and leading friends, I resolved to quit for some time all engagements and to make a journey in an other ^{land} ~~place~~, during which I would make a visit for a weeks time to you at Glasgow, in order to some naturalists of your parish. During some years I collected materials for a Synopsis museum in the manner of Vahl enumeration plantarum, in which every page shall be illustrated by your name. For this proposal I wished to see your collection, and especially fresh individuals, as are unico; as I had studied already the collections of the most celebrated botanists of Germany, France & Holland. According to this purpose I beg, you may be so kind, to make me know, if you can receive my visit and in which time it may be most convenient to you. Being ready to quit my habitation at every moment, it will be the most gratifying kindness, if you may in the most direct and easiest manner write to me as far as your leisure permits. If you wish some books or collections from Germany: it will be not very difficult to bring them with me, at least I hope the difficulty for importing books to England or Scotland is not so great, than the sending of packets (parcels) by the postway or shippers.

Liepzig

30. Dec. 1821.

Yours

As cases could intercept letters by so kind
to give a notice for me, to Mr. Turner at Yarmouth
and an other under my address for Hamburg postea restanter.

friend

Prof. Schwägrichen.

Author of Species Muscorum:
Professor of Botany at Liepzig.