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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.

Mr. Shepherd
Curator of the
Botanic Garden
Liverpool.

Dr. J. C. Smith
20 Oct 1848

Norwich Oct. 25. 1818.

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you last I have received the other parcel of seeds from the Calcutta garden, of which I spoke to you. They prove to be merely duplicates of what I gave you at Liverpool, except Rhododendrum arboreum, & the new species with white flowers. I send you now all the seed of both these that has come to me, recommending them to your most particular care. They seem to be packed in some kind of syrup. I wish they may not be spoiled.

I hope Mr. Henry Shepherd is trying to raise my ferns. I am also

making an experiment with the
Matlock ones. —

My best remembrances to him,
& believe me D. Sir

Yrs ever most truly

J. V. Smith
