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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.

London February Second 1827
Jm. Taylor Esq
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in Pentyhoel
~~Welshmen~~ Monmouthshire

Feb. 1. 1827
Mr. J. C. Smith
on the Geo. Decy

Norwich Feb.^y 1. 1827.

My dear Sir

I received both your letters. On the rec^t of the first, I wrote to Dr. Bostock immediately, but have as yet no answer. I expressed, with great truth, my firm conviction of your worth & abilities for any thing you might think proper to undertake. — I do not belong to the Geological Soc.^y, but am well known to Dr. Bostock. — Letter writing is above all things irksome & difficult to me, especially as I am troubled just now with a rheumatic affection in my eyes & head, so that all my usual labours are suspended, but I sh.^d be sincerely glad to serve you. I can only add that Lady Smith & myself have contemplated

with deep sympathy & concern the
late troubles of your family, ~~expressing~~
~~notwithstanding~~ ~~first~~ ~~indignation~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~own~~
~~presence~~. — Pres. our best regards
to M.^{rs} Taylor, & believe me

my dear Sir
Y^{rs} most faithfully

J. R. Smith.

I have not written again to D. B.
notwithstanding y^r rec^d letter — thinking
it best to tell you first what I have
done. —

I hear excellent acc^{ts} of M. Rose.