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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.

D. Smith

Aug 19 Feb

1886

Liverpool.

St Ann's Street

J. J. Hooker Esq.

My dear Sir Norwich Nov. 14. 1805.

I have deferred thanking you for your obliging letter, & your botanical remembrance of me, till I could find room in the corner of a frank for that purpose. — Your basket arrived first, & it amused us much to conjecture where it could possibly come from. But on examining every scrap of paper, we found a bit with the name of Mrs. Roster, which solved the difficulty. — Two or three very small cups of very coarse earthen ware found in the basket still puzzle us.

The water melon was very good & we treated many friends with it, none of whom had ever seen one before, but

it was found to disagree
with the stomachs of several.

The Agave or Aloe is an
addition to my collection,
of the onions, too precious to
be eaten, will stock the
gardens of some of my
friends with good seed.

We had a pleasant journey
home, taking advantage of
the moonlight nights, so that
we did not reach Norwich
till after midnight of the
4.th day having stopped at
Cambridge, Ely, & some other
places.

I am now laid fast with
the erysipelas in my leg, truly
thankful it is not in my eye

as it was 3 years ago. Indeed
I rather heard with complacency
my surgeon's sentence of some
weeks' confinement, for the
sake of the leisure of it—
but I feel the disorder rather
too bad for an amusement.—

My wife & Mr. Drake beg
to join me in best respects
to Mrs. Roster & all your
family— Believe me

D. Sir

with sincere regard
ever yours

J. R. Smith,