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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.

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In Banks Esq^r

Revesby Abbey
near Horn castle
Lincoln shire

Nov 20 - 1766

J. Banks

My Dear Sir

From Mr Hodgkinson who saw this morning I learnt we shall not have the pleasure of seeing you till the end of next or beginning of the following week. — I found no letters at your house. — Mr Hodgkinson & Mr H. & Mr. Sister dined to day at Mr Hawley's, & in the evening is to be the christening; if you had been in town you would have been of the party. — Yesterday Mr Water made his second public experiment with the Gymnotus, showing the electrical sparks. — The shock was felt by a circle of 71 people. Dr Hope & Dr Bontheu are both gone, sorry they could not see you. — Dr. James Darclohen was at your house this forenoon. — Genl. Baile is her square, she has ~~to~~ waited with impatience for you, both going away to Scotland next week could stay no longer. She is well informed & strongly marks that character

for which she is so much talked of. I have
not been quite well for 3 or 4 days, but now much
better. A slow fever in the night has hitherto
not entirely left me. I saw Mr. Welles then
forenoon for a few minutes, she told me she had
received a store of game & fish, I am to partake
of it to morrow, when I am to dine in
Chapel Street. I have several times dined at
L. Sandrich's, where your health has always been
too, &c. We had a fresh South Western yesterday
which we hope will bring us good news from America
as the Ministry people have left London or at least
the House of Commons, so there will be no opposition
before Xmas. Dr. Morton showed me a letter
from Mr. Germaine, in which he informs the Dr.
that his Majesty has appointed him Principal
Librarian of the Museum - Next week we expect
to have his patent sent us. Whenever you go to
Boston or see any of my Boston & America friends
give them my best compliments; I am almost
sorry I am not amongst them. Not any news
to

to be met with, of any sort. - It is said Dr
Huck is to marry the niece of S^r Charles Saunders,
who has the greatest part of his fortune settled
on her.

It is said this evening, that by letters of the 8th
of Oct^r, we have learnt that the last divisions
of the Hepmans are arrived, and that ~~the~~ ^{several} Ships
of War have got up the North River above
New York Island - I am sorry I have no
more news to regale Mr Stephenson & Mr
Lloyd with, for both I beg my particular
compliments - I am for ever

London

Nov. 16. 1776

Your sincere friend

Sam. Solander

P.S. Mr J^r Hunter has desired me to in the
most proper manner beg you would procure
him from the Decays some Live Wild fowl,
viz Ducks & Drakes, Males & females of as many
species as can be got, and if possible of the diffe-
rent varieties of Geese - He wishes for them a live to
make experiments - but if not alive then Dead