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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.

Halle 1820. Dec. 2.

Dear Sir,

The notes, You had last year the kindness
to bestow upon me, have thus enriched
my collection and still afford me fresh
instructions, that I can't find words,
to express my thankfulness. However
I attempt renewing my memory, at
present offering You a small collection
of seeds, gathered last summer in our garden.
I should find it very satisfactory, if
they will prove acceptable. Besides
I have the honour to present You with
these notes, found in the neighbourhood
of St. Petersburg, which likely will be
in.

interesting enough for a further examination. If it be in Your power, to rejoice me with any new mosses from Scotland or from abroad, I shall acknowledge Your kindness with the utmost gratitude. Whether You have to part with *Lyellia crispata*, *Dawsonia polytrichoides*, *Leptothecium indicum*, *Gracile* R. Br., *Calypogeon Gardneri*, *Hypnum robustum*, *crispifolium* or some other exotic mosses, I don't know, but I yield it up to Your liberality, assuring You, that every thing, coming from You, shall be extremely acceptable.

With this I have the honour
to be

Yours

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