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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.

Sir

Since I had the pleasure
of talking with you on antiquarian
subjects, among which I remember
you expressed particular interest
on the MSS of Ireland, I have
been reading Moore's new history
of Ireland (which will soon be
translated into German at
Heidelberg,) & Palmer's Antiquities
of the English Ritual, both of
which works would much interest
you - Are you acquainted with
Dr O'Connor's great work *Reverend
Hibernicum Scriptores?*

You would much oblige
Mr Moore & me if you would
write me word in what books we
can find the most authentic
accounts of the Irish or Scottish
establishments in Germany
& particularly in Austria -
where their Mff. are to be
seen & what is known of their
History - You were so good as
to direct me once to the Library
at Wurzberg where I saw
those relating to S. Kildian & his
followers - & I saw one at Bamberg

but there should exist more
& possibly in the South of Germany
or Hungary -

Excuse this trouble as it
is in the way of History that
I request the favor.

Very faithfully

Yours obly

W. Fox Shannings

London 9 Aug 1837