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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 13 July
1839

My dear Bacon

I send you by this Courier a small
parcel from Pamplin successor to poor
old Kunneeman.

At this season there is little
in a state to send, but in the autumn
I hope to have a good deal for you.

On looking over Rochels' *Flora*
Transylvanica with Mr Herbert we
were surprised to find nothing
about *Crocus banaticus* or *speciosus*.
Do you believe them to be the same
as the Georgian *speciosus* of Biberstein?
Mr Herbert doubts it. The *Crocus* sent
from Trieste were all dead having
been taken up & packed while in flower.

It is indeed singular how little we know of the countries whence our Dutch & English garden Croci were derived - many appear barren & are perhaps hybrids or natural varieties.

Iris Monnicii the seed of which I took from your garden, is come to flower for the first time - it is quite new here, some other *Iris* having falsely passed under its name.

It is most extraordinary that nobody here can succeed with *Schiuma petraeum* - May I once more request seed of it - & perhaps in the autumn a living plant might be sent. The *Convolvulus linearis (oleifolius)* is

come to flower & is much admired it is more easy to strike from cuttings than its congeners. Several of your *Astragali* have also flowered with the *Pulsatillas*.

I take the liberty of enclosing a small list of my desiderata - mostly taken from Roemer.

Remain

Yours obed^t humble serv^t.

W. Forsterstrangways

P.S. I beg for seed of some of Mr. Klier's *Pelargoniums*, especially *P. Jacquini*