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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.

John Bute
(son of Stewart)

My Dear Lord,

I own. I do not entirely like
the disposition of the house; as you have
had it described to you, one set of men, instead
another doubtful, mixed with wrong headed
people. It is too delicate a point for me to
determine, whether your Lordship, should
go down to the house directly, or suffer
people's minds to cool before you attempt
it, but in my humble opinion, the bearing
any, the most distant reproach from some
wrong headed man, (as your friends ~~think~~
will have terrible consequences; nor do I see
that the first 20 or 30 day will make the
least difference; but this being only my own
idea, I may prove single in it, therefore I beg
your Lordship, will attend more to those

Of your friends, who have ~~the opportunity~~
of being informed ^{that} I cannot board off, I am
unwilling to fix upon a hour on Tuesday
or Wednesday morning, being obliged to go
out of town both days; but I will send or
call when I come home. I am my dear Lord

Your most obed.
humble servant J. B. C.

London