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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.

Hartford September Third
1793.

Mr. Forsyth
Kensington Palace

For Miss Middy

Bank of America

Sir,

I have not sent you up my Gardener as
I intended, because I am firmly persuaded
that your obliging Instructions ~~of mine~~ would
be completely thrown away ^{upon him}, which I should
be very sorry for. He was very strongly recommen-
ded to me by a dear & a Gentleman with
whom he lived, who had a very small garden
& no walling at all; so that I believe his
knowledge extends to cabbage plan-
ting & no farther. My trees are all un-
pruned, my walks & plantations perfect
except weepers, and my Gardeners replete with
every sort of weed. He has not the least
Idea what to do himself, or what to di-
rect his Men to do, who all seem to
do as I please, one of them an Irish

Haymaker lately committed a Robbery
in Hertford, while working in my Garden.
In short all powerful Ab seems to
have obtained complete possession of his
faculties, and the man I plainly see
is lost to all good Intent & purposes.
Therefore I must beg of you, Sir,
to add to the obligations I am already
under to you, by recommending or
presenting to my Gardeners, who can
be depended upon, and who will
pursue your plan both in the
Garden & park. At the same time
I should be also obliged to you to tell
me how many men you think
the Garden actually requires to

keep it in good plight, & order, and
how many for the nursery plantations
& pleasure ground, which last is very
far from being extensive.

Considering the alteration of the
season has soon do you think I may
begin planting?

I am Sir,

Your very faithful
servant

Leicester

Bates Sept. 30

1793