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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.



6. Cavendish Square. W.

23 July 1873

My dear Sir

Some time since, at
the instance of my brother
Arthur Rolfe, I pro-
cured the the Foreign
Office, and the British
Minister at Tehran,
some cuttings of a White
Stonely Persian paper
called "Risch baba"
They came in sand in
a tin case, and all
have stuck & grown

and I am told that
the Horticultural Society
try these novelties at
this winter garden,
where I would send
a vine if I knew
to whom it should
be forwarded.

As Mr. Barron then
still, if so he would
be the proper person,
I do not mean to

"Send them out." like
Mr. Thomson and his
"Duke of Buccleuch"
at a Guinea plant
but to present their
Vine to the Society
for trial.

I hope you are
well & happy from
France. I am
yours truly &c
J. H. Kesteven
Westbury.