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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.

Cambridge

23 Oct. 1848

Dear Sir

So much time has
passed since I had the pleasure to
send to you the manuscript of the
Lichenes of the Exploring Expedition,
that I think I shall be able
materially to improve it; especially
as I am in constant expectation of
obtaining from France, the specimens
of the Monographer of the genus Sticta
that I could not obtain when I
wrote that part of the manuscript.

If you will, on any opportunity
of sending, permit me to revise my
manuscript, I think I can add
to its value — and If I find it
necessary to examine the specimens
again, I will come on to Wash-
ington for that purpose. These studies
are so progressive, and what results
we arrive at, often so merely approx-
imate, that a year or two may have
a very important effect on the result.

In the conviction of this I have
above only expressed, what has long
been in my thoughts. I need not add
that whatever I do, will be done at
my own expense. I am

Very respectfully yours
Edw. Tuckerman