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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.

Kensington Gore April 6. 1772.

S^r.

Reponse a lettre du 11 fevrier
autre du 9 avril
3^e du 22 — avec des fraisières.

Since I received yours of the 11th Febr.
I have been waiting with great anxiety for your curious
& valuable present of Strawberries, as well as Mr. Tilton,
at least you should think me very unpolite in not returning
you thanks sooner, I waited only to give you notice of their
arrival; however as I cannot yet inform of that, I was
determined to stay no longer, especially as I thought it
necessary that you should know it. A friend of mine has
also written to Dunkirk to enquire at the Inn where the
Coach puts up there, is it not possible they may by some
accident be stopped on the road, for want of the Carriage
being paid to Dunkirk, if you can, I desire you will
immediately enquire, because I shall not refine at paying
any expence for them.

for the future I shall employ a Correspondent at Dunkirk to forward every thing immediately both to you & me, that our correspondence may not be delayed, because in plants it is of the utmost consequence.

For some weeks past we have had so much snow & afterwards Rain, that it was quite impossible to send you your Strawberries, but as the weather is now a little settled, intend sending them by the first ship that sails for Dunkirk, which I hope will be next week, & shall then write again to you.

I have taken every possible method to see Mademoiselle Bihéron; & should on your account have been glad to have rendered her every service here in my power, but hitherto without effect. She left her name in writing at your Ambassadors, which I saw, the 9th february, but without her address, & has not been there since, as I go frequently to enquire after her; the inclosed I cut out of one of our Newspapers, nor has she notified an account of her curious Cabinet yet in any public manner.

Our Rose Catalogue is now increased to above two hundred, & it will be printed next month, because by that means it will be dispersed among the Curious; & the numbers greatly increased, I shall not fail sending you a dozen

For yourself & your friends, & shall desire the favour of your sending me any Catalogue you can procure, or any botanical book relating to them, if there happens to be but a Catalogue of Roses in it, the expence of ten or twenty guineas for the books I shall not regard.

I wait with great impatience for Mr. Didot's Catalogue, in the mean time please to let him be procuring the inclosed list of books for me, & I shall pay the money they come to wherever he shall appoint. I am not at all curious about the binding, & if any of the books are new, I would only have them half bound.

Please to make my best respects to the English Lady & inform her that it is with the greatest pleasure I have executed her Commission, & am still ready to oblige her in any other she may want, her books will come with yours, if you also want any thing more please to command me.

I remain with great Esteem & Respect,

J.ⁿ

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