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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.

Weston (Richard), *Naturalist*

Reçu le 26 mai 1789

repondre le soir.

Sir,

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A variety of events prevented me from continuing the correspondence which had so agreeably been carried on between us, & for which I ought to make you a thousand Apologies, in not answering your last favor to me, I can assure you half of a very long letter is ^{really} ~~already~~ written, which was delayed from time to time, in finishing, intending to ^(cette) have informed you of every thing you then desired; but having this opportunity of enquiring after your health, ^(santé) would not lose the occasion, & as soon as I hear from my friend, the bearer of this, shall answer you more particularly, but had not time, since I knew of his intention of going to Paris, to finish it in the manner, I would choose for you to receive it.
(choisir)

To the pious Responder Mr. Maynier

The Gentleman who presents this to you, is
Mr. ^XBrookes, a very ingenious Surgeon, and very
remarkable for his skill in Anatomy, considering
his age, & have ^(habileté) mentioned to him the curious
Anatomical Preparation which your Aunt brought
to London.

Mr. Tilson being dead, the Collection of Strawberry^{es}
is but little increased, by any other curious
Gentleman, although we have made an amazing
increase in our general Collection of Plants, &
at present above five thousand are cultivated
in our Gardens & Nurseries, which I have arranged
in botanical order, in a work entitled the English
Flora, ^{which} my friend Mr. Brookes will inform me
in what manner I can forward to you, with five
other Volumes I have published, but could not
think of troubling him with so large a parcel,
as we could not tell whether books might be
permitted to be carried with him.

My Gardeners Pocket-Calendar I have sent you, I could
wish to know if you have any Gardeners Calendars written
by any French Author, I have been searching for these
seven years, but could not never find one. I think if
there be none in french, it would sell very well, & could
wish you would oblige me with translating a little of
^(souhait) mine, as a specimen for me, arranged in the same
alphabetical order. I have sold above five thousand in
three years & am going to publish another Edition;
which I intend to publish in french also, as the
climate of France (at least a part) Holland, Germany
& Flanders is so similar with England, that the same
Directions will do, and shall think myself under very
great obligations to you for this favor, & when transla-
ted, you could publish an Edition at Paris for your own
benefit; the third Edition will be a little altered from
this but not much, it is quite ready for the Press.

^{(hautifait) (pre)}

Please to inform Mr. B. where he can purchase for
me a compleat set of your Gardeners Almanac, & also
your Manuel Botanique, and the names of the most eminent
Surgeons in or near Paris.

You was desirous of knowing about the Tradescants,
in your last, the Antiquarians have repaired their
monument in Lambeth Church Yard, & have published
a Pamphlet relative to them, which I shall send you,
which will give you every ^{intelligence} ~~information~~ you can desire.

Any information or civility ~~conferion~~ to M^r. Brookes
I shall esteem as conferred on me, & shall return
by any thing in my Power, which I can procure here
for you, & request to have a speedy answer to this
with your commands, & remain with great Esteem,

I^m Your obliged,

London June 4. 1782.

and obed^t. humble Serv^t.

Richard Weston.

My present Direction is
to M^r. Rich^d. Weston
at M^r. Hudsons, Seadman, Piccadilly, London.
Please to send me yours.

I hope the ~~Devonshire~~ Chili Strawberries pleased you
if you want either more Plants or Seed let me know.

B. 1732. D. 1806.

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