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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.

The Rev. Mr. Harsiman

Opplstone

Durham

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Dear Sir

On the receipt of your parcel on Friday last the rarity of the more obvious plants contained in it, immensely struck me, but I was no way aware of the value of the lichens, till I had an opportunity to compare them with With's descriptions & Smith's figures - they are the most acceptable presents of the kind, that was ever sent me, and I absolutely despair of ever having it in my power to make you a suitable return. - As there appears something mysterious with regard to Mr Binks with. holding the list sent him thro' the medium of Mr Thornhill, be so good as inform me, whether he delivered a box of plants addressed to you at the same time? If not, I think it proper that his conduct should be taken notice

the collection I allude to, was made up, partly
of wild & partly of garden plants, furnished
by myself and the before mentioned person
who has been of great service in gathering
and cultivating all that we have as yet
discovered in this part of the country —
your friend Mr. Deadlam, who I had the plea-
sure of seeing a few days ago, told me, that
he intends being at Eggleston the latter end
of May, for the purpose of investigating
the productions of Cronkley Dale — if you will
let me know, the time you fix with him, I
shall be extremely happy to make one of the
party — from thence it is absolutely impos-
sible to extend our researches as far as
Wensleydale? The spot so celebrated by
Lucretius — after which, you must return
with me to Spring Garden, where a large
field will lay open to your industry —

Ballast hills producing new plants every
summer and our sea shores. I believe having
never been thoroughly searched by a botanist.
The dried specimens, which I have by me, are
few in number, and inconsiderable in value
- however as some of them are in your catalogue
I shall forward them by Mr H - when he returns
to Weymouth - I shall also send a list out of
which you may select such as will be an
acquisition to your Herbarium. and I shall
not fail to procure them during the course
of next summer. To me, every plant occur-
ing on your Alps is acceptable, as the
only ones I can boast of, were picked up
when in your company on the Moors. - a
few of them were then in flower -

Yours Genuinely
H. March

Yours very obedt Servant
J. E. Smith