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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.

Bethlehem Pa. July 1st 1827

Dear Mr. Bessey In two weeks I expect
to have from the Binders, & ready for
issue my Fresh-water Algae, as
explained in the short, enclosed, circular.
According to promise I send you this
my first, announcement. You offered
a brief review, & I offer you a copy, 2nd ed.
for 5^{cts} - Is this satisfactory?

My price of \$10.00 may seem high, but
considering the small dimensions for a work
of this kind, it is the best I can do. By
comparison it ought not to be considered too
much. Cooke's British Fr. Algae, published
1852-1854 - is now advertised by the author at
£4. 10s. or about 22^{cts} - the work is a ^{somewhat} smaller
form; has 30 pp. less of letter press & 27 less
Plates. You may imagine my
ambition is not a financial speculation.

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