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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.

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TELEGRAMS
SPOTTISWOODE
GLANMIRE

April 17. 1924

GLENBURN, GLANMIRE,
CO. CORK.

My dear Prain

This is a long time since
we have gathered! - I am sorry
to seem to forget you - but
I don't forget you or your good
wife - I hope you are both
quite well - I often wonder
how you amuse yourself now
you are out of office - Occasion-
ally I see my friend & neighbour
R. H. Beaumont when I
go through his wonderful
rock garden brings your
name up - and then I al-
ways say to myself "I must
write" but like I wish good
intentions that has hitherto
gone the way to pass the
road to a

"Not" place as we are often
reminded!! However this time
I am really trying to carry my
good intentions into effect!!
We are still here; almost
literally "The Lash of The Mongoose"
We had bought this place under
the benevolent "Wynndhamitch"
of 1903 and at the time I had
thought we had made a great
coup - and so we had, for
when the "boom" was on in 1919
we could have recouped ourselves
all we had spent £3000 and
moreover got a lot in addition.
But we were held back by
2 great reasons - one was my
wife's eye sight - She got
Glaucoma and tho we were in
the hands of Cross of Clifton -
Bristol he let us down! - He
never mentioned the word
Glaucoma or warned us

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to look up - and it was only
by chance we came across a
most brilliant little oculist
here the latest exponent of the
"Schools" who told us - that
she must be operated on at
once - and what had left of
her sight he saved - but
this a long story too long
for a letter - Suppose it to
day she can read a bit
and write a bit - but she is
no longer the traveller she was
and could therefore easily come
to grief outside alone - so
we are much tied - then
the other reason of our not
wanting to go was we did
not wish to leave our faithful
followers outside -

- And also we had a comfortable
home - However in those days
we did not suspect we would be
abandoned by the District.
Sork III. - And now it might
be difficult to sell the place
So we are in a worse position
Ca II. Of course too we have
had necessities & robberies -
In the state of her mind
does make my wife reluctant
to move - added to the fact
how & where could a "blind"
woman find a new home
& if when found, how could
she see to paint & paper it
I see all of which in normal
conditions would be joy but
in her abnormal state pain
& grief & worry - but still
No doubt, sooner or later we
shall move - and we have
the comfort & consolation of

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from P. 17-19-1924

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Knowing that wherever we do
go our devoted & hard working
Staff of Dermats more or less
born in this place & never
served elsewhere will all
stick to us through thick &
- thin - I'm enough of myself
as I say, and as I am
sure for say —
It will be many a day before
this Country rises! The
want & destitution caused
by the British hurried
is awful - & there is no
"employment" - These
"Trades Unions" placed
above the Law have raised

wages to such a pitch that
"the English Gov^t had paid
up for the burning of Cork
(which we witnessed from our
windows)" & the money is
lying at interest for 50/ for
the Gov^t to enjoy!! Scarcely
a move had been made or
will be made (? suspected) for
many a day yet - and
The Queen's coronation & the
scare for another year the
returning Americans which
was predicted & commenced
returning. This was told me
this morning by the leading
Auctioneer here. A man
who yesterday sold the ancestral
estate of the oldest family in
Ireland to a cattle farmer
for £3250!!

from Train 17-IV-1924

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On which lately £7000 had been
Spent by the family
All soldiers liked Ireland
and the loss to the British
Army of Ireland as a
Station is great very great.
Do not think this, because
I am not giving a glowing
account that I am a pessimist.
On the contrary I am an
Optimist. I should be off
at once! - Now good bye
We both send you and your
wife our kindest regards
I remember and

Believe me to remain
my dear Train
Always Yours Very
Sincerely
Robert Spotswood