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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.

Verehrter Freund!

Als mir Ihre erste Zuschrift zu kam, hatte ich nichts Eiligeres zu thun als, das Excellenz
den Grafen Dietrichstein den ich mit dem Hofe in Brünn und befand sich in Wien
Anwesenden in Kenntnis zu setzen, und nun erhalte ich heute zugleich
mit dem zweiten Schreiben vom 27. Sept. die Antwort des Grafen
dat. 6. October aus welcher ich die diese Angelegenheit betreffenden
Stellen wirklich abschreibe:

"Es ist schade, dass H. v. S. kein Verzeichnis seiner japanischen Bücher mit
"Münz-Duplicate eingesandt hat. Um jedoch diese Einwendung nicht aufzu-
"heben, bitte ich Sie gleich, nebst meiner kaiserlichen Empfehlung
"zu schreiben, dass er Sie gleich auf die sicherste Art unter Adresse der
"K. K. Hofbibliothek in Wien veranlassen möge. Zugleich wünschte
"ich die genauen Preise der Bücher und Münzen abgefordert und de-
"finitiv zu wissen, den das hin und her schreiben oft langwierig
"— wir besitzen wohl nichts davon, so dass sich Dubletten ergeben
"dürften — Wir haben es mit einem rechtschaffenen und Liebenswür-
"digen Mann zu thun; und die Zahlungstermine sind mir höchst wohl-
"wendig zu wissen. Ich freue mich unendlich darauf, und werde
"immer mit Stolzem Selbstgefühle auf diese Acquisition sehen."

Nun ist mein Rath, alle Umstände und verhältnisse wohl erwogen der, sie
senden alles was sie bereit haben alltaglich nebst genannten Verzeichnissen,
mit der Aufschrift erste Abtheilung, und machen billige Zahlungsbeding-

Buchst. 10/10/11

weise, vorzüglich für das arme Volksvolk, aber auch die neuen Begri-
fisse, die sie später als gute Pflanzung, folgen
sollten die christliche Bücher zu sammeln. So wie auch finden,
die sie weggeben wollten. So lag an Sie die auf einer Reise,
von der Sie, und überhaupt schiedend Sie das Buch so lange
es wenn ist. Eile ist nötig da gr. d. vielleicht bald zu hohe
im Widen. Besuchen werden, und mein Einfluss verringert
werden dürfte. Es wäre gut wenn sie gleich den Betrag der
Zinsen, Veränderung anbieten könnten. Aber Eile Eile.
Ich schreibe heute nicht mehr um die Post nicht zu
versäumen. Nachstens erhalten sie die Karte von Fome.
Ja nebst einem Memoir von mir zur Erläuterung des
selben für den Nippon. Ihr treu ergebener

Ernst

Wien 8. Oktob. 35.

In Eile

Herrn Pro-Kuriam Bitte nach hochachtungsvoll
zu empfehlen

My dear Friend!

When I received your first letter nothing was more important to me than to notify Count Dietrichstein who is in Bohemia with the Court, of your offer. Now today I received with your second letter of September 27, the answer of the Count, dated October 6 from which I am copying those parts concerning the matter:

"It is a pity that Mr. V.S. did not send a list of his Japanese books and coin duplicates. However, not to hold up the mailing, I ask you to write to him immediately with my heartfelt greetings so that he will send them as soon as possible to the K. K. Court Library in Vienna in the safest way. At the same time I would like to know the exact prices of the books and coins separately and definitely, since writing back and forth is time-consuming - we don't seem to own any of it so there won't be duplicates - We are dealing with an honest and kind man and the time of payments sounds very agreeable to me. I am looking forward to it with extreme pleasure and will always look upon this acquisition with great pride."

Now, my advice is, everything considered, that you are sending immediately everything you have ready with an exact list and the label First, as well as easy conditions for payment, especially for the coin cabinet; and the new acquisitions can follow later as a second part. Should you have Chinese books, per amicum ^(see ltr.) _{pg 2} Ko-ken-chun, which you would want to give away, just add them on a separate list and forget the iron while it is hot. Speed is necessary since Count D. will probably be called soon to higher honors and my influence might then be reduced. It would be good

if you could give the amount of the second mailing now. Thus,
speed, speed. I will not write more today since I do not want
to miss the mail. Soon you will receive from me the card with
a memoir as explanation for Nippon.

Yours truly devoted

Endlicher

Vienna October 8, 35.

In haste

Please remember me to (Doctor) Ko-ken chun.