

August 3, 1944.

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Reef Point,
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

Your nice letter of July 21st has been neglected for this past week, hoping I would have something concrete to report in the way of information about garden matters, photographs, post cards etc., but I find Bryce has had more information to impart that is worth while and he tells me he has written you in detail regarding Stewart's prints of Dumbarton Oaks and his quotations on cards and plates.

Mrs. Bliss, as you probably know, has been to New York on two occasions and I understand has been having household complications all of which would naturally distract her from our petty problems; however, she is back here again, with a temporary cook, and if the heat hasn't engulfed her, we may be hearing more about the map photograph. In this connection, I think you are referring to the promise made to one of the garden visitors regarding possible garden pictures and booklets; I have never talked with her since about it, but she did say in my presence, that it would be attended to before the Autumn tours were resumed. Bryce says he has heard nothing about a photograph of the Catalogue House Map. I have sent to Mrs. Bliss a list of all the quotations around the gardens and enclose a copy for you, also the rough and tumble yellow sheet made up when you were here, on which I see a notation asking that it be returned to you.

I am sending you two more additions to the Planting List-- the Museum Cortile and the Service Entrance from 1701 32d Street.

With regard to the purchase of books; you remember we had no time to go into the matter when you were here last and you took MacMillan's little pamphlet with you to check off those you thought would be useful. Also on a list I sent you a little while back, I had listed Van Dersal's two books The American Land, Its History and Uses, and Ornamental American Shrubs. You also asked if we had Francis Lester's book "My Friend, the Rose" --we haven't. So if you want to splurge with your book fund, anything you may choose will be most welcome.

I have at last heard from a firm in New York who bought out the post cards from the Medici Print Company of Boston, and they have quoted me ten cents a piece. I am going to New York next week and will drop in and see them first and perhaps may find something else interesting. Of course I expect to visit the N.Y. Botanical Garden Library as that is on my regular New York musts.

I'm clearing up in anticipation of leaving on my holiday next Wednesday, so send my greetings to you all at Reef Point.

Sincerely yours,