

May 21, 1948

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand  
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

At last I had an opportunity to talk with Mrs. Bliss in re the question of the purchase of the 5 volume set of Mrs. Loudon and the possible purchase of Millais Rhododendrons.

Mrs. Bliss approves of your spending the necessary sums to acquire these valuable additions to the Garden Library at Dumbarton Oaks and says she feels you know their worth better than she. Consequently, you have her permission to make the purchases, if they are still available.

I have today received Fouquier's del'art du Jardins from William Helburn.

I am including in this letter, notes regarding a book which has been offered to Mrs. Bliss, through Mrs. Orme Wilson, but I understand Miss Jones has already wired you, giving you as much information as she was able to obtain concerning its authenticity. I have copied the Dunthorne description of this work and also the title page given me, and Mrs. Bliss has asked me to write the owner of the work, Mrs. Gilbert Jones of Morristown, N.J., asking if she would be willing to send the set down for her examination.

I will take your advice and ask about the Bailey book on evergreens before doing anything further.

Mrs. Stover also wrote giving me a list of books which might be bought for our use, and I am writing her separately, giving her the name of the only one we have which is listed, namely Robinson's Alpine Flowers for English Gardens.

I feel I have made some mistakes in the copying of the Title page of Phytanthoza as I believe some of those ffs should be sssses.

With all good wishes and good luck in the search,

Sincerely yours,