

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

October 4, 1943.

Miss Anne Sweeney
3101 R Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Sweeney:

Thanks for your nice letter and for having bothered to send the parcel for me. The lumbago apparently was left in New York as I arrived up here totally free of it.

Now to answer the questions you propounded as to the suggested signs. Please send me your wording for the different signs so that we can correct as I am sure we must cut down the size of the signs so that they are not too unsightly.

✓ 1. The repainting of the sign at the entrance gate at 1701 32nd Street, which was approved, as you rightly say it is blurred and hard to read.

2. The sign over the small gate entering the garden near the kitchen steps was also approved to be placed in the lattice repeating the visiting hours and asking visitors to wait for the guide.

3. The sign at the steps to the main entrance is still left in doubt. Perhaps this can be settled when I am next in Washington.

4. The sign opposite the orangery is to be repainted and placed on the left or north side of the walk and nearer the door.

5. The question of places not open to tourists is to be left for the immediate moment and a later decision will be reached.

6. By all means make a copy of the wording of the historic tablet and have it framed and put it in the Orangery where it can be handed about and read by incoming visitors.

I wish you could see how lovely the place looks in its autumn dress. Just outside the morning room window our beloved red maple is dipping its fingers into the autumnal red ink and turning from scarlet to purple, while other branches are yellow and green. Some day you must see the place at this time of year.

Don't forget that I expect to be in Washington on Sunday the last day of this month and the Monday morning. It seems to me very unlikely that there will be very much time on Monday morning for any things that you and I must do together so whatever problems you have in mind please propound to me so that I will be ready with the answers, perhaps even before I reach Washington.

Yours ever sincerely,

As I seem to have mislaid the letter showing amount due for tickets Washington to Boston will you kindly let me know at once what

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the amount was