

July 8th, 1948

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I wrote Mrs. Stover just as I was preparing to leave for New York that I planned to start for Reef Point, leaving here on Monday the 12th, but find no space available, hence I have been obliged to make my plans for departure on Wednesday, July 14th, on the Bar Harbor Express, arriving there the following morning.

I have not seen Mrs. Bliss except to catch a glimpse of her flitting through the hall to the drawing room which at the moment is full of family relics, photographs, papers &c, all being sorted, presumably to be dispatched somewhere before the Blisses depart for Santa Barbara on the 15th. I can just picture Mrs. Bliss asking me to put things away after she leaves, but I will be, I hope, en route to you at the time. Several prospects have been persuaded to try and help but one by one they have departed with some excuse or other, knowing the job will never be finished.

Mr. Russell was in for a brief visit yesterday, being here on some matters of business and staying over until today. He especially asked me to convey his and Miss Draper's kind greetings to you. He said he had had a nice letter from you recently and was so glad of any news about you.

I came back yesterday from a week end visit home, not with very cheerful news about my sister, but must hope for the best.

As it looks now I shall be seeing you a week from today and hope very much that I am not too late to benefit from Miss Shillaber's profound knowledge in regard to cataloguing rare books &c. It will be so nice to see you and my good friends at Reef Point and I hope you will not be seized with anything like last year's visitation of lumbago. Heavens forbid!

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,