

April 12, 1946.

Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I have several communications from you which should have been acknowledged long ago. I also have received some weeks ago Hitchcock's Book on Grasses and yesterday two books came Scribner's - Griscom's Bird Book and Fogg's Weeds of Lawn and Garden. This last one looks as if it would answer many questions on common pests and weeds which have puzzled me for a long time and which I have found difficult to identify in the books available. Thank you for attending to the ordering and thank Mrs. Farrand for remembering.

The Spring season caught us unaware, consequently we had to open the gardens to Sunday visitors much earlier than we usually do and it keeps me hopping. I work all day Saturday and also Sundays answering questions - some of them I am sure just try to find out how little I really know. In March we had a total of 6023 people to see the gardens.

I have not heard directly from Mrs. Farrand but Mrs. Bliss tells me she will not be coming to Sumbarton Oaks this Spring as she does not feel equal to the extra trip and will go straight on to Reef Point. I am sorry because her visits are a life to me but most sorry because of the reason which necessitates her putting us off until a more propitious time. I do hope the rest and comfort of her beloved Reef Point will restore some of her old-time vigor.

In reply to your letter of April 5th regarding the fund for the purchase of prints, which you say can be used by me, if you want to send \$20.00 I will keep a record of my expenditures for you but having no funds at hand for such purposes I hesitate to spend any of my own money for prints. I hope to get to New York after Easter and will look around and see what is to be had. A lot of our prints are now faded and in bad shape from being out of doors so much.

I know you will be glad to see the last of the snow in Maine and welcome the spring. I hope your neuritis is improving. I have thought of you so often when my own shoulder has been bothering me but so far it hasn't handicapped me much but I feel it if I have to carry any heavy bundles or a suitcase.

I also have your carbon copy of letter dated April 9th written to Bernard Quaritch for the two English books to be sent to me.

Mrs. Stover

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This typewriter is awful - it just won't respond and I have to keep jerking back some of the letters which are too lazy to return to their regular position.

I just notice on your letter o Scribners you ordered the following books which have not yet been received:

Index to North American Ferns
Guide to Eastern Ferns
First Book of Grasses

I'll let you know if they come in later, also when the English ones arrive. Please remember me kindly to the household at Reef Point and tell Mrs. Farrand how sorry I am not to have the pleasure of seeing her this Spring.

With kind regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Best Mrs. Stover:

Best Regards
Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover

Very truly yours