

April 14, 1948

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

Dear Mrs. Stover:

Thank you for your letter of the 8th, returning to me the list I sent you from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, with Mrs. Farrand's pencilled notions of what would be suitable for Dumbarton Oaks Garden Reference Library. I had just the previous day received a letter from Miss Manks, the Librarian, stating that Mrs. Farrand had been in there and suggested a few books for our possible use and asked Miss Manks to write and let me know if I would care to have them. I find those named are also on the list with check marks and I have written Miss Manks, two letters, copies of which are enclosed for your information and Mrs. Farrand's comments.

First, the Repton, which is marked in blue pencil -- "examine - should be seen &c." so I have suggested that no action be taken on this until Mrs. Farrand advises whether or not it is okay.

Second, the Gerarde! Herball - Mrs. Farrand questions whether or not it is a good copy and also as to the modern binding -- I of course cannot tell, so await further instructions on this. I have listed this in the "wants" but told Miss Manks to hold it until she hears either from Mrs. Farrand or me.

The other items pencilled D.O. in blue I have listed for Miss Manks, as you requested, and the accompanying letters to you will, I hope, make it all clear; it sounds very mixed-up to me, but I am hoping she can untangle the seeming puzzle.

I had thought Mrs. Farrand would have returned to Reef Point ere this, but you say she is still in Boston. I have just asked Mr. Thacher whether or not he saw her on his visit to Cambridge last week but he said NO, and did ask me to send his very good wishes to Mrs. Farrand.

The weather here is typically April, showery and misty and uncommonly cool for Washington, but it's better than hot weather. Mr. Patterson was here two weeks ago and said he would probably return in the early part of May, so I am hoping he brings us good news of all of you nice people at Reef Point. I too hope the welcoming weather will be nice for Mrs. Farrand's return. Please give her my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

April 14, 1948

Miss Dorothy S. Manks
Librarian, Massachusetts Horticultural Society
300 Massachusetts Avenue,
Boston 15, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Manks:

I have delayed replying to your letter of April 6th, regarding Mrs. Farrand's visit and her selection of several items on your list of duplicates which might be useful at Dumbarton Oaks, because, in the meantime, I have received a letter from Mrs. Farrand's secretary, returning to me a list I sent her with notations of what we had here at Dumbarton Oaks, and on this larger list she has made recommendations of books which, if still unsold, might be purchased for the Dumbarton Oaks Garden Reference Library. However, there are one or two questions about which I must be sure before deciding, so I will answer first your letter, and list of April 6th.

The following are the books we do not have here, and which Mrs. Farrand evidently approved of:

Dezaller d'Argenville , la theorie et pratique du jardinage
4e ed. Paris 1747

Downing, A. J. Landscape Gardening N.Y. 1841

Garden Club of America - History 1913-1938

King, Mrs. Francis Variety in the Little Garden Boston 1925

* Repton H. - Observations on the theory and practice of Landscape
Gardening London 1803 --

*(I find on the larger list, Mrs. Farrand has made a
note to the effect that this should be seen - so
I am not certain if she herself has examined it
or whether she wants to see it later, so I am
writing to her before deciding on this item)

Robinson, W. - Garden design and architects' gardens - London 1892

Whateley, T. Observations on modern gardening 5th ed. London 1793

Wolseley F. Gardening for women - London 1908.

I am writing another letter, listing those books on the large list of duplicates you sent me, which have been approved of by Mrs. Farrand, so as not to confuse matters, or duplicate purchases.

A copy of each letter is going to Mrs. Farrand so that she may be informed as to what has been done so far.

Sincerely yours,

April 14, 1948

Miss Dorothy S. Manks , Librarian
Massachusetts Horticultural Society
300 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts.

Dear Miss Manks:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Beatrix Farrand's secretary in Bar Harbor, returning to me your list of duplicate books which I had sent her, marked with checks on the books we already had here at Dumbarton Oaks. I am listing below the books which Mrs. Farrand has approved of for possible purchase as she requests that I advise you and inform her at the same time of the items chosen: The one exception, as I have mentioned in my other letter to you of this date, is the H. Repton, which is marked "should be seen and examined", so please do nothing about this until I have further word from Mrs. Farrand.

No. 125 Downing - Landscape gardening - rural architecture N.Y. 1841
Binding worn - already mentioned in
my reply to your first list and letter---

No. 127 Downing - A Treatise on the theory and practice of landscape gardening adapted to North America 5th ed. 1853

No. 140 Ellwanger - The garden's story N.Y. 1889

No. 142 - or 143 - Ellwanger - The Rose

No. 145-46-47 - Emerson, G.B. Trees and shrubs of Mass - best copy of these
148

No. 154 - Evans M. Garden books old and new, selected, classified
Penn Hort. Soc 1926

No. 181 - Gerarde - John The herball or general historie of plantes
(This is questioned as to the modern binding
and whether it is a good copy)

No. 214 - Harding Mrs. E. Book of the Peony Phila 1917

No. 244 Hole, S.R. Book about Roses N.Y. 1883

No. 246 - Hole, S.R. - Our Gardens - London 1907

No. 255 - Hottes, A.C. Little Book of Climbing Plants N.Y. 1924

No. 256 - Hottes, A.C. - Practical Plant Propagation - N.Y. 1925

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List of Proposed Purchases for Dumbarton Oaks (Contd.)

- No. 277 - Jekyll G. and Weaver L. - Gardens for small country houses
London Country Life 1913
- No. 279 - Jekyll, G. - Lilies for English Gardens - N.Y. 1901
- No. 350 - Markham E. - ~~Chenatis~~ Large and small flowered - London 1935
- No. 404 - Parsons F.T. How to Know the Ferns N.Y. 1920
- No. 434 - Repton, H. - Should be seen before deciding
- No. 441 - Robinson - Garden design and Architects' gardens
- No. 448 - Rohde, E. S. - The Old English Herbals - London 1922
- No. 538 - Wilson, E.H. - Aristocrats of the Garden NY. 1917
- No. 539 - Wilson, E.H. - More Aristocrats of the Garden Boston 1928

When I have heard from Mrs. Farrand as to the Repton and Gerarde items I will communicate with you. I hope the above is not too complicated and that you may still have in stock the books desired.

Many thanks to you for your kind cooperation,

Sincerely,

Garden Guide, Dumbarton Oaks.