

December 12, 1945.

Mrs. Arthur Stover,
Reef Point
Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

It is quite a while since we had any communication. I know you have had your hands full and I realize what a strain it was during the last months of Mr. Farrand's illness. I thought Mrs. Farrand was wonderful and I'm so glad she is going on with her work for she would be so lost and besides it keeps her from so many lonely hours.

As you probably heard, Mrs. Farrand did not consider it wise to come to Dumbarton Oaks in November, consequently she asked that Bryce and I go up to see her and talk over our various problems. While on the subject of new purchases of books, I recalled that two or three of the books ordered last year had never been received - I knew shipping conditions were not up to normal so didn't think too much about the delay, but over a year has elapsed and the books have never been received. I didn't notice until I was talking with Mrs. Farrand that one of the books was ordered from New York. You sent me duplicates of the letters and I am repeating the names. Mrs. Farrand suggested that I call the matter to your attention and see if perhaps they had been received at Reef Point, or lost en route.

The letters are dated August 4, 1944 - to K. Gregory New York ordering Robinson's Wild Garden and to Dulau's Dept, H.H. Blackwell Ltd., ordering Miss Jekyll's Home and Garden - and Wood and Garden.

I don't know whether you are still at Reef Point, but have no other address, so hope it reaches you all right.

I suppose you are snowed in for the Winter in Maine? We have had a lovely long mild Autumn but Winter has at last dug its teeth into the ground and we have had one slight snowfall but it is now getting very wintry with grey skies and biting wind. I find I was spoiled for Winter weather by living in California and I can't get used to it any more.

I do hope you will have a happy Christmas with your family. Please remember me to any of the household who may remember my visit, also to Mr. and Mrs. Stroud. I wonder how Miss Walters is tanding up under the strain she must be carrying. I feel sorry for both of them.

I don't know whether you heard Bryce fell the day after Thanksgiving and sprained his ankle very badly, tore the ligaments and was housed for two weeks. He is out now with a cane but not entirely well. He said he thought it was worse than a broken leg and he only slipped off a very low step.

I am hoping to get home for a week between Christmas and the New Year and the gardens will be closed to January. Transportation is the big difficulty but I'm going to try to get off on Saturday night the 22d if at all possible.

With kind greetings to you and yours,

Very sincerely,

Miss S.

August 4, 1944

E. Gregory
222 East 71st Street
New York, 21, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send to
Miss Anne Sweeney
Dumbarton Oaks
3101 R Street
Washington, D. C. prepaid.

No. 371 in your catalog No. 13, W. Robinson's "The
Wild Garden" priced at \$3.00. I enclose check
in payment and will ask you to send to me here
duplicate receipted bills which I shall need for
my files.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Max Farrand)

Miss S.

August 4, 1944

Dulau's Department
J.H. Blackwell Ltd.
48-51 Broad Street,
Oxford, England

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send to me from
your 1944 catalogue No. 291 the following books,
insured and prepaid to destination:

No. 190 Miss Gertrude Jekyll's "Home and Garden"
at 7/6

No. 192 Miss Jekyll's "Wood and Garden" at 8/6.

-As quickly as your bill comes I will at once ask
for payment to be sent you through the Chase Nat-
ional Bank in New York,

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Max Farrand)