

Miss Conner

Roof Point
Bar Harbor, Maine.

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Mr. Irving C. Root
Superintendent National Capital Parks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Root:

A nice note from Mr. Thacher tells me that you and your colleagues feel that it would be desirable to have a Dumbarton Oaks Committee consisting of 1 Superintendent of the National Capital Parks (happily yourself in this instance) 1 Bliss; 1 Harvard; and 1 Farrand. As to the fifth member I quite agree that we could settle upon him later.

Mrs. Bliss was most eager to have this Committee approved of because she felt that she did not want to promise aid in the necessary walk widening along the stranside, or the possible construction of a path across the North Clifton hillside before she was sure that we would all be working hand in hand. Will you, therefore, some of these days write me a note which I can pass on to her to show that you do welcome the Committee so that I may write her and tell her that her three old men will be employed in just this design and construction work which she has so much at heart. Of course incidentally they could be of use in keeping things going but their main tasks would be the walk construction and design work which you might not be able to start.

As I hope to be in Washington in the early days of June perhaps we could arrange to meet at Dumbarton and discuss the path widening and construction, and possibly the present uncertain fifth member of the Committee.

I hope I am not going ahead too fast in telling Mrs. Bliss that you and your colleagues would be delighted to have the Committee, and hope you will feel that the Park foreman and Mr. Bryce will collaborate as colleagues on the walk construction that we may be able to make this summer.

Hoping to see you in the near future, I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. C. Thacher