

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

April 23, 1947

Mr. John S. Thacher,
Dumbarton Oaks
3101 R Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

In order to try and give you an approximate idea of what my professional service charges and expenses will be I have made up a rough account and am enclosing it to you in the amount of \$600. You will of course realize that an account made up two months before the end of the half-year can't even pretend to be accurate but I have tried to foresee costs and to add what seems to me an amount likely to cover the work up to June 30th when I retire as consulting landscape gardener to Dumbarton Oaks and become emerita. There very probably may be a refund on this amount.

The Agent account is submitted with the same qualifications. This account shows an overdraft at the present time of \$8.86. Neither Mrs. Stover nor I see any likelihood of any considerable charges between now and the end of June, but I beg you will be patient if certain amounts turn up which now seem unlikely.

The book account with Beatrix Farrand, Agent, shows a balance of \$34.07 and I wonder whether you wish this account too turned over to Mr. Patterson, or whether you would think it should be a small reserve fund between Miss Sweeney and me. I shall, of course, abide by your wishes.

You will remember that in your letter of February 18th you estimated that there was \$1586.49 available for Mr. Patterson and me for our professional services and expenses up to the end of June. He tells me he thinks his account will not exceed \$600. as far as he can now see, so that his account and mine will probably amount to a total of \$1200. To this amount, at your suggestion, I am adding the \$200. which you very kindly say may be allotted to Miss Sweeney's trip down here. Frankly I think it would be wise to add another \$50. to this \$200. as it seems sensible to suggest to Miss Sweeney a day at the Arnold Arboretum as a part of the journey here, and her expenses here must be counted as well as the railway and Pullman fares. I think the trip will do her good as she has the feminine liking for encouragement and conversation about her work - I have known others who appreciate the encouragement and conversation given them by you at Dumbarton Oaks!

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As the balance available was \$1586.49, it doesn't look as though there would be much left for greenhouse painting after Mr. Patterson and I have made our guess allotments, and Miss Sweeney's expense account has been added to our personal services.

With best messages and heartiest wishes for a happy journey and good luck, I am,

Yours with real affection,

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Miss Sweeney has returned the Dumbarton Oaks notes approved by Mrs. Bliss, Inwonder whether you and Mr. Patterson found time to run through them.