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August 7, 1941

Mr. John S. Thacher
Eastward Cottage
Camden, Maine

Dear Mr. Thacher:

Thank you for your cheque for \$100. drawn to Beatrix Farrand Agent, for which I enclose the usual temporary receipt and for which of course full accounting will be made with the half-yearly statement about January 1, 1942.

You are correct in thinking that Miss Sweeney's railway expenses from New York to Bar Harbor will be taken out of this amount and it will also go toward paying for the bulbs ordered for Dumbarton Oaks.

You are also correct in thinking that I shall be glad to send you a cheque for Miss Sweeney's September salary and also for her January salary, and that the balance will be taken not only from the \$1,000. which Mrs. Bliss is so kindly giving, but from savings which Mr. Bryce and I hope to make from the garden budget. This leaves only \$225. for Dumbarton Oaks to contribute to finish Miss Sweeney's year.

It is altogether possible that on account of Mr. Farrand's set-back and his stay in hospital it may not be quite convenient for me to have Miss Sweeney here at least in the immediate future as my time is much taken up with him in the hospital, so that if by any chance I cannot arrange to see her during this month I shall ask you for permission to invite her to come here as early in September as I can manage it in order to go over her winter work for Dumbarton.

You will I know be glad to get this extract from Mrs. Bliss's letter of August 4th which has just come. It does look as though poor Mr. Bliss were really started on the way to "Wellville".

Yours ever sincerely,

Beatrix Farrand

August 7, 1941

Received from Harvard University, Humbarton Oaks Account, cheque No. 770 drawn on The Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C. in the sum of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) for deposit to the garden account with Beatrix Farrand, Agent, for which full accounting will be made, with vouchers, with the half-yearly statement.

Beatrix Farrand
Agent

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Extract from letter received by Mrs. Farland
from Mrs. Bliss, dated August 4, 1941

"Do let me urge you that if either of you ever again have the misfortune to require surgery to deliberately plan to come here. I give hourly thanks that we were in this particular place and nowhere else in this country. Dr. Koefod's knowledge, capacity and steady temperament make him an unusually capable medical man. Dr. Wills, the surgeon, is apparently first-rate, as is the anaesthetist (a doctor so capable as to have all the big medical centers clamoring for him.) Added to that, you have a pleasant and sensibly run hospital not so big that you get lost in identity and actually, as well, and where the nurses and internes are excellently trained and can give a quality of personal attention not to be found in the big institutions. All night long every fifteen minutes that interne inspects Robert's chart and looks in on him.

"The new technique of giving an anaesthetic, which includes oxygen, relieves strain on the lungs, and the saline, glucose, vitamin solution they give intravenously nourishes and strengthens, thereby relieving the strain on the heart. Robert has had no gases or wretching, and his colour is far better than it has been after any of his other operations. The conditions are so satisfactory that no complications are likely to occur - though, of course, we are keeping a sharp lookout for the next eight days.

"Apparently the gallbladder was badly enough diseased to account for all his miseries; and as his other organs, including the liver, were found to be better than expected, my relief is profound. So you will probably see me next winter accompanied by a jovial, fat and youthful husband with whom you will have to get re-acquainted. Then Siposs will come into action and convert his plumpness into muscle, and he will be ready to be a useful citizen once more. There is no doubt whatever that Siposs's care has been invaluable at this juncture, and Dr. Koefod is so interested that he is taking the hydrotherapy three times a week himself, and today Dr. Wills is having his first! And - who knows? - perhaps in the future Santa Barbara may develop into the leading hydrotherapeutical center of America - you see my imagination is not cowed!

"Thacher called me up at luncheon from Dumbarton Oaks, where everything appears to be going better than expected, Davis, for once being ahead of schēdule.

"The woodbine is already scarlet, and Guadalupe cypress looks well, and its satin trunks are beautiful to behold. The flower garden yields more in quantity than quality, and the roses are quite lovely. Lucking has had four days off and prefers to await our eventual departure before taking a proper holiday.