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

Dear Mr. Thacher:

The usual half-yearly accounts for Dumbarton Oaks are enclosed and I hope you and Miss Carpenter will go over them for any possible mistakes.

My own time has been given in a somewhat elderly and sedentary fashion, in reviewing questions with Mr. Patterson, letter and order writing and the many details that seem a part of any forward looking enterprise. You will be amused to see what was saved for Dumbarton by ordering the bulbs through my office.

The Agent account shows a payment of $576.47 for bulbs for Dumbarton Oaks (of which $79.75 was refunded by me because of a misunder-standing in my office regarding the price charged by Kennedy for lilies, thus the total spent by Harvard for bulbs and their transportation was $496.72.) Last year the amount spent for bulbs and transportation was $880.93; and for the $496.72 spent this year we have bought 548 more tulips, the same amount of narcissus, iris and lilies, and 164 less hyacinths than last year - all at a saving to Dumbarton Oaks of $384.21 on bulbs alone. I think you will agree that this saving is worth striving for.

The separate Agent account for the money spent for books for Miss Sweeney is enclosed and shows a balance of $34.07 on hand.

As the garden account is overdrawn $198.62 perhaps you will have Miss Carpenter send Beatrix Farrand, Agent, a check for $250.

As you remember, $370. lies in the Agent account as an over-payment to me last June on the consulting landscape gardener account. Would you think well of authorizing me to use this toward my professional service account and thus have a comfortable balance to carry Mr. Patterson and me to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th? Mr. Patterson tells me his fees and expenses from July 1st to December 31st amount to $413.51. Please find mistakes if there are any.

Sincerely yours,

Beatrix Farrand