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Mr. John S. Thacher, Director
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Dear Mr. Thacher:

You do indeed propound problems to a busy lady on the verge of her alarming first trip to the Arnold Arboretum. Mr. Patterson may find it advisable to be at Dumbarton alone one day while you are in New York as he still has a good deal of preliminary study which he can wisely make without either you or Mrs. Bliss. He is doubtless writing you his date possibilities as things are getting rather congested both in this region and at the Arboretum.

Thank you for telling me of the departure date of the Blissés as June 29th. I am glad they are getting off so soon.

As to the further development or restoration of the Terrior, to my mind this should wait until we have done a good deal of the cleaning out and restoration of the planting as I think the plant situation requires more immediate attention than any architectural development. Frankly, the sun dial situation as we have spoken of it was to be between the windows of Mrs. Bliss's former bedroom but this was rather rejected as it was at one time much shaded. But there certainly is a space available for a wall dial if she would like to have one designed, and a start of a design has already been made. Individually I should regret putting anything as conventional as a sun dial in the middle of the herb garden unless it was a really firstrate old one.

The question of when the Planting Record Book is finished must remain still somewhat indefinite but most of it is done in rough form so that it could be used and can be copied in its present rough form for consultation or consideration of any changes in the planting.

Bryce's order of perennials at this queer time of year seems to me as odd as most of his horticultural methods, however \$20.00 is not a very deafening sum and of course you had to yield to what doubtless was his insistence. Mr. Patterson and I will suggest bulb orders on his next journey. I should think that the forcing bulbs for the greenhouse ought to be ordered from the Northwest as they used to be, and perhaps tulips from the source whence Bryce got them for this year, as you say they were very handsome. I think the suggestion about doing over the herbaceous border must be taken into consideration in any bulb

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planting in that region. It would be good if this could be replanted this next autumn.

Please forgive a brief note hurried off to catch the afternoon post. I shall not be back here until next Monday. With all good wishes,

Ever yours,

Beamy Farnall