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Mr. John Thacher, Executor ~~Officer~~,
Dumbarton Oaks Collection,
Harvard University,
3101 "R" Street, Georgetown,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

Your letter of the 4th of March has just come and I will at once answer it hurriedly and will amplify later. Therefore, forgive me if my communication sounds "choppy".

✓ 1. By all means *sew* the Green Garden to grass for this coming summer.

7 2. As I expect to see Mrs. Bliss next week in Santa Barbara, I hope to discuss with her the question of who is to finish the finials for the south wall of the flower garden.

✓ 3. I am glad you agree to abandon the flower bed on the south side of the Orangery.

7 4. I will speak to Mrs. Bliss with regard to the chairs having been finished for the Museum court. She was not satisfied with these (and I cannot blame her as I think they were ugly!)

✓ 5. Frankly I should feel it wiser to plant only one garden to vegetables for the coming season. I don't believe paying wages for canning and preserving will be as cheap as buying the material.

6. Thank you for telling me with regard to the inscriptions on the Forsythia Gate.

7. Thank you also for taking up the question of the lantern on the service gate with Miss Havey.

8. Individually, I think that abolishing the beds in the central grass plat of the herb garden would be an improvement from every point of view.

*with
suggestions*

Mr. John Thacher, March 8, 1941.

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The enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Sachs will show you that the dates previously suggested still seem the most feasible as far as I am concerned. I hope to be able to stick to them and thank you greatly for telling me that you think you can "work me in" in these days.

✓ As to the closing of the tennis court entrance to the box walk, I think Mr. Bryce underestimates what is really needed. The wall ought to be continued as well as the trellis. If Bryce can get estimates, perhaps you and I might consider these.

✓ It was most wise of you to include the paragraph with regard to the greenhouses in your letter, as I can speak to Mrs. Bliss next week about the question of maintaining them.

✓ Thank you also for saying that you hoped the inscriptions for the "R" Street piers may be eliminated. I will again tackle this subject with Mrs. Bliss.

With regard to the giving away of the Orange trees and so forth, if you can manage to tide over the next weeks, until we can talk matters over together on the ground, I can tentatively try out Mrs. Bliss on her feelings with regard to disposing of some of the material, and then we can see what seems best to do with the unwanted plants.

Pray forgive so dry a letter.

Yours very sincerely,

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Professor Pauls J. Sachs, Chairman,
Board of Administrative Officers,
Dumbarton Oaks Collection, Harvard University,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sachs:

Thank you for your nice letter
of the 20th, acknowledging my acceptance of the
position of garden advisor to Dumbarton Oaks
Collection of Harvard University.

As the notice of my husband's
resignation from the Huntington Library has just
appeared locally, you may imagine that the last
days have been filled with work other than garden-
ing, and I therefore ask your indulgence and Mr.
Thacher's for the delay in sending the notes I
promised for our talks next month.

It is, as yet, almost impossible to
set definite dates for Dumbarton, but I am hoping
to reach Washington about the 24th or 25th of April
for a couple of days. If we do not finish in this
short time, I could come back again in May or June.

Yours very sincerely,

CC to Mr. Thacher