

BEATRIX FARRAND  
LANDSCAPE GARDENER  
REEF POINT  
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss  
1537 28th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dearest Mildred:

Forgive a slow mind but there are one or two things which somewhat puzzle me. Am I right in thinking that you were rather vexed because Mr. Thacher let the cat out of the bag with regard to the extra fund for the gardens at Dumbarton? If he was mistaken of course everything must go on as it has and replacements and replanting must await whatever can be cajoled out of the Dumbarton Oaks Library and Scholar Funds. If I have made no mistake why do you suppose Mr. Thacher is stalling on the question of the start of the shrub border on the line of the herbaceous border? It would seem to me altogether desirable to get this planting started, but Mr. Thacher repeated several times to Mr. Patterson that he didn't think they could afford even a small purchase this autumn.

It would be a real kindness if you could say to Bryce some time that it would help matters very considerably if he would answer my letters fairly promptly, as sometimes replies are delayed from two weeks to two months.

Mr. Thacher also seemed a little dubious about being able to afford keeping on Miss Sweeney. To my way of thinking Miss Sweeney would be more difficult to replace than any one else on the garden staff as she is educated and trained, has a very special knowledge of the plants, and she would be the person who would obviously be better equipped than anyone else to keep the plant records. So bear this in mind and some day let me know without bothering Mr. Thacher too much, but it would distinctly assist things if my mind were cleared with regard to these things before I see Mr. Thacher in Boston on the 3rd of November.

Yours with deep affection.

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Did you like the Redon or did I send the wrong thing?