

BEATRIX FARRAND
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
REEF POINT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE

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John S. Thacher, Esq.,
Executive Officer
Dumbarton Oaks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thacher:

In walking around Dumbarton the other day I happened to notice the "no admittance "signs near the green garden. Probably these signs were put up in a hurry and because you are being unduly badgered, but might it not be possible to give the warning in a perhaps less forbidding way by putting a little sign with "private garden" or some such euphemism which will nevertheless keep people from bursting in?

Is there any news from Mrs. Sessions? And are the doctors reports favorable or as unfavorable as you and I hesitated even to think of?

You and I talked on the subject of my full salary not being drawn for this past half year. If you receive an account at the end of the half year asking for the full amount please believe that there is a reason for this action which is not as ungenerous as it may at first appear.

A nice letter came a few days ago from that attractive creature Lawrence Morris saying he had seen you in Washington and had greatly enjoyed it. You are decidedly making your place in that not easy neighborhood.

Let me know if there is anything further in the way of development which should be sent forward to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss. I am writing them in small doses about our various consultations on the last visit to Washington, about Miss Sweeney, the finials for the service gate, the historic tablets and possibly pruning them down, the

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coloring of the lilac circle perspective, and so on.

Please let me know when your address changes so that I can continue to "dog" you with these breathless communications.

My "Chief" has gone salmon fishing and a happier man you have never seen, free of his job and off to do the thing he cares most for.

Yours ever sincerely,

Beamy Fawcett