

January 25, 1949

Mrs. Isabelle M. Stover,  
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 17th and 19th of January, also copy of a letter written to Miss Elisabeth Woodburn ordering the following books, which were delivered today:--

C. H. Grey's Hardy Bulbs  
E.S. Haldane's Scots Gardens in Old Times  
Josiah Conder's Landscape Gardening in Japan  
Ernest Markham's Clematis

I have also just unwrapped a copy of - The Compleat Gardener by the famous M. de la Quintinye, printed in London in 1693.

From Reef Point has come Mrs. Loudon's Ladies' Flower Garden of Perennials, in good condition and, to my examination, seems perfect ; also F.C. Stern's book on the Genus Paeonia and Adventures with Hardy Bulbs by Louise Beebe Wilder.

I note from your letter that you are ordering Robinson's The Parks, Promenades and Gardens of Paris, from Ifan Kyrle Fletcher. The de la Quintinye above-mentioned was from this same source.

With regard to the Repton's Observations on the Theorie and Practice of Landscape Gardening - No, we do not have this. It is one of those works often mentioned and wished for by Mrs. Clark, the former keeper of the rare books, but it was never purchased. I asked Mrs. Bliss about it yesterday and she said it was one thing they had always desired and that she was glad it was available. I wonder if this is the set mentioned in Staack's catalogue for \$137.50?. You know, of course, how unfamiliar I am with these rare books so have to take my cue from those who do know their books.

I am making cards for these additions to include in my index but if you want a list brought up to date, I will be glad to type one for you. I stopped adding to the typewritten list since I have been making the cards, but it would not be too difficult to include the later purchases.

Washington is still getting lots of rain but no really cold weather, except on inauguration day which was very cold, but with a bright sky and sunshine the eager watchers at the parade braved the weather in good humor. I heard over the radio that Maine was not getting its usual snow this winter - seemingly California is getting all there is.

Thank you for your nice personal note which is encouraging.

Sincerely yours,