

March 10, 1949

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

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter of February 23d but I have been very busy with one thing and another and it seems the days slip by so fast I never accomplish half of what I set out to do in a certain time.

I hope the volume of Perennials which I am going to return to Traylen will solve the problem and that we may rest content that we have Mrs. Loudon safely ensconced on the shelves in all her glory with annuals and perennials in one volume. I do sincerely hope I have made no mistake. Yes, it was in very good condition when it arrived here and like you, I am at a loss to account for the length of time it took to reach here.

Will you please add to your copy of the Dumbarton Oaks book list, Robinson's Parks, Promenades and Gardens of Paris, as well as 2 volumes of Henry Phillips Sylva Florifera which arrived yesterday from Thomas Thorp. I enclose the carbon copy of invoice which was in the book of Robinson's received from Ifan Kyrle Fletcher. Also, will you add to your list "Pillement", I have no other title for it, a collection of 20 cooper flower plates in a cardboard folder, among the things which came from Staack with the big order. I'm still wading through the cataloguing of these books and hope some day I can say I'm finished. The plant list is finished, as far as I can go with it, i.e. I have made cards for all the trees, shrubs and flowers I know of that are on the place, but I have not given their locations as things are so topsy turvy here and so much moving around that I never know how long a tree or plant is going to stay in its allotted place.

Mrs. Bliss told me she tried to telephone Mrs. Farrand about two weeks ago but was only able to talk with Clementine as Mrs. F. had a cold. They certainly didn't pick the right time to go to California. Maybe the Mt. Palomar mirror stirred up sun spots or some such thing to cause an upheaval such as the Californians have been undergoing. We have had beautiful winter weather up until the end of February, since when it is nasty, rainy, chilly and windy - the star magnolia burst its bonds and got frost-bitten and now hangs in brown rags.

I wish I might have a talk with you, there is a lot I would like to speak of if we could have a chat. Please remember me to Miss Spaulding when she arrives to begin her work again at Reef Point and my very best wishes to you and the family. I suppose Mrs. Farrand will soon be starting home and I'm wondering if Mr. Patterson will be coming down soon?

Sincerely yours,