

May 8th, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Stover:

I have your letter of April 30th acknowledging receipt of the book lists which Mr. Patterson suggested I send to Mrs. Farrand, as he thought they might be useful for reference later on at Reef Point. The one on yellow paper which you ask about was a list I started to make up at the Department of Agriculture's Library but the task was so huge and the card catalogues so tremendous I compromised by making use of the printed lists sent me from Harvard, in addition to Mrs. Farrand's own Reef Point List, and turned them all over to Mrs. Bliss for her information. She has the idea of adding a larger library to Dumbarton Oaks for the Garden Department, but wants to consult with Mrs. Farrand as to what she considers wise to instal here for reference books, i.e. of the older and more historic books on gardens.

In your letter you said you were having snow and today makes me think the snow is on its way here for suddenly it has turned very cold and the thermometer is down to 43 which is pretty cold here for this date. Our first Spring flowers have gone, i.e. all the early bulbs and the dogwood is about to take its last bow - apple blossoms and lilacs have perished and peonies are now ready to burst out. I don't believe we ever had such a gorgeous display of wisteria as we had this year.

Enclosed is a copy of my report to Mr. Thacher for April which Mrs. Farrand may want for her files.

With all good wishes to you and all at Reef Point,