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Dear Mrs Brack :

It is encouraging to know that you approve of the proposed descent on Baltimore and I was glad to hear that both Miss Pfefferkorn and Mrs McVicar will also be available for consultation. With their help and with renewed access to certain original sources I ought to be able to put the finishing touches to my MSS and to facilitate its incorporation into the complete volume.

Most of what can only be a brief holiday is to be spent in Montreal and other Canadian stamping grounds of happy memory and time in Baltimore will consequently be very limited. For this reason, I should much prefer to stay at some modest hotel rather than in the Nurses Residence and thus be more free to concentrate on the job. Any decision regarding the advisability (or otherwise) of holding a meeting of the History Committee naturally rests with you and I agree that "clear and harmonious tones" are more to be desired than the meaningless babble of social functions for which there wouldn't be time anyway. In any case I'll do my level best to tune my little fiddle so that it will emit as few sour notes as possible.

Dear lady, your aged friend is strictly allergic to sea-going of any sort and even a remote prospect of seeing "a Bit of the Bay from a Boat" causes her to take on the sickly hue of an unripe grapefruit. But a day's outing in Washington with Annabelle Brack is something else again, especially if we could do it all by our two selves quite removed from distracting influences and persons. We in Canada are finding the social and political scene in the USA pretty exciting these days and I'd like to get your impressions firsthand and at the hub of things.

With all good wishes for a pleasant and restful summer,

your very sincerely

(Ethel Johns)