

Bos & Bay

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1736 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
June 10, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In order to increase the extent of my service in a field where I sense there is a need, I plan to get out an announcement of a series of lectures on art and related topics. In this connection, as I feel it would help promote bookings, I would much appreciate your permission to use a quotation from your letter to me of July 19, 1943.

A printer's proof of the quotation is enclosed, and if you approve such use of it as requested, I would appreciate hearing from you to that effect at your earliest convenience. Similar statements from other well known people in art and literary circles, etc. are to appear on the same page, to be opposite the list of lecture subjects--both pages making up the inside of a folder. I shall hold up the printing pending your reply.

Yes

Permit me to take this occasion to thank you for your interest in my work.

Very sincerely,
Auriel Bessemer
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P.S. With your approval, I should be very grateful for your permission to use the quotation changed to the third person, as indicated by correction on proof.

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Bethel.

I keeply agree your wanting
to send the pictures & history
of the "Comanche" which your
mother wanted my husband
to have.

My husband's ship collection
is in the JOR library at
HP & if you will send
the picture to Mr Fred
Shepman, the librarian, I
am sure he will be
delighted to have it. I
have it.

With many thanks

Abner H. Bethel

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Will be glad to
send you the
pictures

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My mother, Mary Louise Worden, died three and a half years ago, and at last I am carrying out her wish to present your husband's Ship Collection with a picture and history of the iron-clad monitor "Comanche", launched in San Francisco bay in 1864.

On account of the war and your husband's death, I kept putting off sending this small gift, but if it is agreeable to you, I can ship it at once.

The picture is a photograph of a steel engraving 19 x 16½ inches, with a narrow grey frame. The history of the "Comanche" will be with it, and I think you will find it unique and romantic. My mother's account will also be enclosed. She wrote the story of her life as the daughter of a California pioneer and the wife of an Army officer. I hope it will be published some day.

May I add one word more. I read your column every day and find that your views are so sane and impartial.

You and your husband have always held the deepest admiration and loyalty of my mother and me.

*Harry Worden
will be pleased to
obey you in this matter*

Very sincerely yours
Helen M. Worden

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