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Mr. M. David Samples, Director  
Bath Anniversary Celebration  
117 Pierce St  
Washington, N.C.

Dear Mr. Samples:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, with enclosed script. I shall be present the day before - Monday the 3rd and ready for rehearsal on the 4th - and the book party at Small's Book Store, on the third. We will arrive shortly after noon, complete with costume, with the exception of tiara.

I have taken the liberty of making some changes in the script, to give more historical background. I hope you will not mind. It will take no longer than the script you sent me.

Queen Anne was a heavy, rather stupid person, who would not make a move, political or otherwise without Sarah, the Duchess of Marlborough to advise her. I have introduced Sarah in the scene to give the Queen a reason for thinking of the bell, as a gift for the Town of Bath (for one reason the Queen would never receive her Minister alone - and to help dress the stage.) The part can be played by any of your actresses in costume. It does not matter whether the part is on the printed program. I think it will enliven the scene, and give a reason for Ann thinking about the bell.

I will go over the scene with Grayson Harding this afternoon. And will have plenty of time on Monday to go over the scene with whomever you select for the Duchess of Marlborough.

I hope you will not take this as too much temerity on my part, and as you go over the script, agree that the changes enliven the scene.

Very cordially yours

Inglie Fletcher  
cc Mr. Edmund Harding

