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Mr Thomas H. Raddall
Liverpool, N.S.
Dear Mr Raddall.

Mr DeWolfe, Miss Baker and I read about
your "His Majesty's Garden" and enjoyed it very
much. The story is well told, interest well sustained
and our knowledge of history considerably enlarged.

In case the book is reprinted, you may wish
to correct an error in nature. You know more
history than I do; but I happen to be quite at home
in "nature" topics. On page 408 and in one of the
early chapters you have the sheep laurel blooming at
the same time as the Indian Pear. You should have said
Rhodora. The sheep laurel (Cambkill) does not bloom until
the first week of July. Teachers from several parts of the
province call rhodora "sheep laurel"; but the error is not general.
By sincerely yours. C.A. DeWolfe

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Dear Mr Raddall,

Your letter of 23rd is really enlightening. Though we liked the sound of your words when read aloud, we took them for granted - as we do the winter's cold and the spring flowers. Now, however, we realize the intelligent effort that lay behind them.

Your "sheep laurel" defense is sound. You might have saved face by a foot-note, "what David called sheep laurel was really the rhodora".

Since you gave us a splendid picture of that war period 1775-75, I'd now like another depicting our growth in the arts of peace. It could include the pre-loyalists - around 1760 - and those country estates such as Mountbroke (already in the Yankees), Clermont (or Clairmont, ? or ?) at Lakelands, Ellershouse, etc. Also a few famous Wayside Inns, as roads developed over the province. The evolution of our highways is a hobby of mine. But perhaps you have something better in mind. At any rate, he'll await the next book. Very sincerely yours. R.A. Dewolf