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Willa Cather Duran

Feb. 13th 1922

My dear Duer -

Your good letter of Jan^y 25th is by me, as I write in the immense details - which is my delight. I wish I could have a good talk with you, for I could make clear what I fear I muddle by pen or machine!

First of all I fully understand & appreciate your generous and sincere friendship - with promptness your readiness to act as Executor for me - & take care of your Cousin Eva when I am gone, if I wish.

So that I cannot thank you enough. The truth is that for Munroe & Co - N.Y. (100 B. way),

(as also M & Co. Paris) thought it unnecessary to name an Executor - as by putting our holdings under one "dossier" - in the name of ^{g^{no}} M. & Co. They could do all necessary to protect Eva's modest interests.

I may yet name you, if I find it best: he assured I have not done so - only because I felt it to be unnecessary.

Not being a business man - always the (unpractical) artist - I have been puzzled over a simple matter that worried me. If what is done is sufficient to save your cousin Eva from worries & losses - all so well - if anything could be done to make assurance doubly sure - I am ready to do it, for she does not feel capable of looking after the complicated matters of business - nor

could she fight to protect herself.

Enough of this - I hate to trouble you with my affairs.

It would be nice if you were both here with us! Yes we do enjoy this Rustic villa & its extensive & wooded park. And we run to St. Raphael often - How would come for the quiet here - but it suits us. Thus on Saturday (the 11th) we went to a charming Receptⁿ at Brooke House - Valence - joined by our friend & friend Col^l Mrs Brooke - to meet the Bishop of Gibraltar - it was enjoyable.

Tomorrow we go to Valence to Olejuna, joined by Col^l & Mrs Call (English) at their fine villa - where the Brooke's fathers will be - Thus it goes, & we are quite gay enough. Gabriel & I at Mont Eva, seeing to a good deal of work in papers there - But I have remembered

to take some photographs for
you, of this place w^h I'm included.

I shall send them as soon as I
can. We have unusual cold
of late, for the Riviera, but we can
keep warm enough here w^h ease.

Now, the Minota here is very
yellow & beautiful - but generally
it is very backward.

The Runs, on Auto, about us are
beautiful, & we frequently make
them, luncheon, or having tea, as
their excuse.

I had feared to trouble
you with too many letters - but I see I did not!

We may run to Menton presently,
to see friends along the Riviera - very
likely stopping for a time at the good
Hotel de Metairie at Nice - w^h is on
the big gardens - handy - & to our taste.

But this will be an address
until we leave in April.

I'm so not yet down, but we both
send love to Catherine & to you especially.
Yr affl Cousin
America work

P.S. Letter of Feb. 13. 22

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I have I think already written
you that I Remember - the "President's"
Son - whom you met at shooting, &
Return his kind greetings.

Also Mr Perry Poirie - whom I knew
almost as a child - & all his family.

I was surprised, & glad to hear
of the shooting of pheasants in America -
as I did not know, existed.

Your recent visit - was indeed very
charming. Don't forget us - write at
times - to a lazy old fellow - who
sends you & dear Catherine all sorts
glooming messages. A.B.W.



P. 9 to letter Feb 13-22 - Refers to our friend
C. Alan Arthur - Son of Pres. Chester A. Arthur