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Dear Nellie,

I am most grateful to you & Noel for such very pleasant hospitality. I wish my visit could have been longer, as I enjoyed myself very much; but I am also grateful to Pam for taking me off early, as I was absolutely enchanted with the interior of Budover church, a real corbel, 1844, cream & pie-crust Gothic of the loveliest kind. I've no doubt all Budover hates it, of course.

I went through your list with Helen, & we both think Noel & Mary & you can have pretty well all the furniture you name. It will have to be

checked up at Tan-yr-allt,
as we can't really remember
some of the pieces; but I think
you will be surprised how little
the Kendricks want. Helen
does, however, definitely want
some of the carpets & curtains,
though again we are not quite
sure which we had our eye on.

Will you get me a list of the four
local firms of valuers &
auctioneers to do the sale, &
to value for me, I expect
Mrs Mary would like to appoint
an independent firm to value
for them. Firms that know each
other usually work comfortably
together & try to strike a really
fair price; but you may want a
non-blaududus view, perhaps
a B'ham man. In that case
it would be as well to get in
touch with his firm pretty quickly,

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as owners are very much
rushed these days.

Helen very much wants
me to buy Noel's desk as
she points out to me we have
a God-given space for it. I'm
not satisfied that the probable
value swap would be fair to
Noel, & I propose to make a
few independent enquiries
before I make him an offer. I
thought I would take a photo
of it & let one or two of my
West End boy friends say what
they think it should fetch.

Again my best thanks
for a really most pleasant
evening

Yours sincerely
John