My deer

As you already know, we are expecting to leave about the 8th or 10th of February for Lisbon, where we are both much hoping that we shall meet you, which would be delightful. It would be so nice to enjoy together all that one can see there.

I am now writing to ask you a favour, and if you can kindly let me have the address of a very reliable solicitor I am sure you will have your own) with whom I can talk over matters and arrage certain things before I go abroad. Sir Charles Russell is away and hardly ever at the office, and I do not care for the young people there, but would like to have a children advise me, who is not too grand and yet intelligent and reliable. You will, I em sure, know what I mean and be able to help me.

I am addressing this letter to your town house, and it would be very nice, in case you happen to be in London, if we could meet.

At present I am very busy on the portrait of Lord Reading and others, which I have to finish before leaving.

We both send you and Gertrude our love and looking forward to hearing from you,

Ever yours,