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My dear Lizzie.

Your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> March  
has only just reached us  
today. It seems to take  
a frightfully long time  
for mails to come here  
from the Riviera.

Many many thanks  
for your thought of us  
and for all your news.  
The Graphics with your  
portraits of the Pope &  
the Queen of Greece and  
Mr. Kellogg have come  
& have interested my wife  
and

and me greatly. The portraits  
of his Holiness & also  
that of Mr. Kellogg seemed  
to me good and very  
interesting pictures - but  
the one of Queen Elizabeth  
leaves me quite cold. I  
have never seen her, so  
I can regard it only as  
a picture, and as a picture  
it says nothing to me. Is  
it because there was  
nothing to be said? She  
seems to have no face!

I am also much inter-  
ested in your portrait of  
Gen. Adams for his library  
here which is getting on  
well in construction. I go  
to see it quite often. It  
will be a good building  
when it is finished. I know  
the

the architect, Mr. Thompson,  
very well. Genuadins ought  
to be a good subject to  
paint. He has an ugly  
face with some character  
in it, quite different to  
an average Greek one sees.  
I always liked him when  
I used to see him in  
London so often. He is  
of a type of his countrymen  
that seems to be disap-  
pearing. Very few of those  
one now sees in evidence  
appear to have any brains  
or any sense of probatation  
or common-sense.

The news of your  
forthcoming visit to  
America makes me regret  
that we shall not be  
in Washington this coming  
autumn

I send this to the house of your friend & guide with the assurance

autumn or winter. but when you go there please do not fail to go - See Meridian House. You will see it not under good conditions as it will be - "en papillottes" & still unfinished in many details. but my steward, Price is living in it & will show you over it if you will go to the back entrance in Belmont Street. The front entrance is closed during my absence.

I am very very busy with my official work in this distracted country that seems to be falling to pieces as a social organization. but is still as beautiful as ever in respect of nature and antiquities. Living conditions are so impossible that I can never attempt another summer here with my family. We go to Lake Como the first of June to the villa I had in 1922 & 1923. With many messages to you & yours from all of us. Very sincerely  
J. L.