

6th August, 1932.

My dear and venerated Miss Quinsell!

I wish to apologise first for my delayed reply to your letter of July 6th. It gave me great pleasure to receive it, but since I have been back from America I have been exceptionally busy, and unable to attend properly to my correspondence.

Yes, I did get your previous letter in which you described your wonderful success which you had through my friends the Willingdons. It seems to me you are a wonderful lady to undertake all these journeys which you described, and I admire you very much for it.

I also received the article from the *Neue Frois Presse*, which was very well written.

And now you go to Coburg, where you will find many friends of mine at the wedding. One of my oldest friends is King Ferdinand of Bulgaria. It was my first court, when I was twenty-five, when I stayed with him in Sophia and on the Black Sea in his marvelous castle at Ruzinograde, when his first wife was still alive, and his glorious mother, the Duchess Clementine of Coburg. At that time I also painted the present King of Bulgaria, when he was a boy about a year old. Just a year ago, when I was in Baden-Baden, I had a good chat with the Ex-king Ferdinand. Please remember me to all of them when you see them.

I hope you will come over here after the wedding. October will suit me to see you, but will you write to me a fortnight before in case something may crop up, as I want to be here, and we can then arrange exact dates.

Quinsel.

I have just finished two interesting portraits. One is of Lord Cecil, and will be presented to him in October by the League of Nations Union. We may probably be able to arrange for you to be present at the presentation, which will take place in the Guildhall here. The other portrait I have just finished is of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been most interesting to paint.

What pleases me most is that now I can begin my studies for the large picture of which you know. The little chapel for it is ready, but before I begin I must go down to the country and take a thorough rest, and then I will go on with it in the first days of September.

Please write to me here and your letter will be forwarded.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and with my renewed apologies for my delay in writing and all our best wishes,

Believe me,

Always yours most sincerely,

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