

14-4-31.

M^r: P. de Laszlo.

My Dear Sir :-

I am venturing to write to you in reference to the late M^r: Jerome K. Jerome's portrait in oils. You were good enough to recommend me to M^r: Anshewitz to paint a copy of your original portrait, & he did it most satisfactorily. We are all very pleased indeed with it. This copy is to be presented to the Town at a performance of Jerome's Play, "The Passing of the

"Third Floor Back" on Thursday
the 30th inst: (a Matinee performance)
& on behalf of the Committee which
has the matter in hand, I beg to
ask if you will honour Walsall
by coming to the town & presenting
on behalf of the Committee the
portrait to the Mayor of Walsall
who will receive it on behalf of
the Town? It will give great
satisfaction to Jerome's native town
if you can see your way to do
this, & so pay a last tribute of
respect to your old friend. I am
sure Walsall will give you a very
warm welcome.

Hoping to receive your favourable
reply. I am

Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully

Alfred Moss

Deeph,
I am honored at
your invitation but
unfortunately ~~that day~~
~~is already engaged,~~

have important engagements
at ~~Deeph~~ that day, ~~and~~ unable
while I ~~will~~ ^{had} have been ~~able~~ ^{to} fulfill.

With many regrets

Laugel.