Sir Francis Fletcher-Vane, Bt., Little Hickmans Fordcombe, near Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sir Francis Fletcher-Vane,

I was sorry to learn that you had had an unsuccessful operation on your eye, which is certainly a serious matter and must be carefully treated, and I fully realise that it must be difficult for you to come up to town. If you can do so later on, however, and will do me the pleasure to call upon me, I shall be very pleased to make your acquaintance.

I received the sketch, and I am sorry to say I have to give you very unpleasant news. I do not know where the misunder-standing can have arisen, but this sketch was not painted by me, and I am therefore, of course, unable to sign it. I suppose it must have been painted by Mr. Yohn at the time when he was by guest in the Tyrol, at which time I gave him a few indications regarding painting. It is a very nice sketch, and I hope this news will not be agreat disappointment to you.

with kind regards.

Yours very truly,