

12th November, 1953.

Sir Francis Fletcher-Vane, Bart.,
Daneby Hall,
Fordcombe,
near Tunbridge Wells.

Dear Sir,

I much regret having so long delayed replying to your letter of October 4th, but by some oversight it was mislaid amongst other letters, and I have just found it again.

I remember the sketch I gave to Mr. John some years ago, but I am sorry to say that as the sketch was painted from nature, and was only a study for a large picture which I did, I am afraid it would be impossible for me to complete it. I never do such a thing, because if it is to be done it must be from nature and the same models.

With many regrets,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,