

LONDON, 13th December, 1935.

My dear Friend,

I am very grateful indeed to you for having taken so much interest in this matter of the picture which I gave for the Lottery for Poor Artists. I am very satisfied to hear that the Committee have decided to make another effort next year, and hope they will succeed in making use of my picture this time for this very noble cause.

I absolutely approve of your reply to the Minister, Dr. Ugron Gábor. I do not accept his statement that the present Committee, the "Lady Chilston Alapot gondozó Tanács" have the sole right to dispose of the picture, and I think it extremely ungracious of him to write that to you. Secondly, I have a letter dated May 30th, 1934, written to me officially by Dr. Ugron Gábor, in which I am advised that I have been elected on the 26th May a Member of the "Magyar Művészeti Sorsjáték Rendezőbizottság", which was the Society to which I offered the picture to be sold by lottery. I hate any controversy on such matters, but I certainly gave no picture to this new Committee, and in any case I would certainly have expected that the Society of which I was elected a Member would have had the courtesy to keep me informed what was happening to the picture, without my having to write and ask. But please leave the matter as it is now, and let us hope that the picture will be happily disposed of next year.

Dr. Biklossy.

Dr. Siklossy.

13.12.35.

Meanwhile I hope you have received my registered letter in which I returned to you with some little corrections the first proof of the libble biography which you were good enough to write for my book which the Légrády firm is publishing in Hungarian. I would be glad to hear about this and to know whether it has reached you.

Just today I have received a most graceful document from the Alispán of the Pest-Pilis-Solt-Kiskun vármegye regarding the portrait which I am to have the great pleasure to paint for them, and to which I am much looking forward. I will certainly have three most interesting personalities to paint, and hope soon to be able to let know when I can visit Budapest.

I also hope that you have received my letter in which I gave you a little experience I had with the late King Edward, in response to your request of December 2nd, for your new publication.

I think the Hungarian Quarterly is a good idea to make the people acquainted with Hungarian history, art and culture. There has been a great deal of interest in Hungary felt over here ever since the War. I am sure Lord Rothermere has done much to help this with propaganda, and the two visits of the Prince of Wales have made a great impression. But a perfect Hungarian Minister here is necessary for this purpose, one who will forget himself and keep only the interests of his country at heart.

In your next letter will you kindly let me know the date of the marriage of the Crown Prince Rudolf, son of Francis Josef? I need this date for the Memoirs.