23rd August 1987.

Dear Colonel Clarke.

We have been staying here since the end of July and will not return to London before the end of September, and I have only just realised that we are neighbours. It would give me great pleasure to meet you and Mrs. Clarke again and to see the beautiful garden and the house where I think I stayed when I painted the portrait of your grandmother, Mrs. Clarke. It would also be so interesting to see the portrait again after so many years.

With our kindest regards to you and Mrs.

Clarke,

Yours sincerely,

Colonel Ralph S. Clarke, Brook House, Ardingly, Sussex.