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Dear Sir.

mr. de Laszlo has just received your message through Mr. Hobertson, and has saided my to write. He nopes you will forgive his not writing you binnelf, but he is very much occupied today, and upes not want to lose time in replying to your message.

mr. de Laszlo understands from Mr. Mobertson that you intend to leeve for Australia on January Eind, and that you would like to have the portraits painted before then, and he wishes me to may that he could arrange to some the second week of January and would be very glad to have a little change just then, as he has been working very hard. It would mean rearranging appointments which he has already made, however, so would you very kindly let him know by return what you have decided.

If convenient to you, mr. de Leezlo could travel north on the evening of Friday, January 6th, and be with you on the morning of the 7th.

I am enclosing herewith a note of Mr. de Laszlo's honoraria, and he would require to know exactly which size you depicte upon, in order to have the canvas prepared to bring with him. He would also be glad to know if you would agree to his

choosing the frames and bringing the canvases in them, as he usually paints in the frames and much prefers to do so.

Mr. de Lassle understands that what you wish to have is a group portrait of the two shildren, and also a separate portrait of each, and I have quoted appropriate sines accordingly on the attached sheet. Would you very kindly confirm that this is what you want.

Your reply at your earliest convenience will be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully.

Secretary.

W. Gilchrist Macbeth, Esq.

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