W. Gilchrist Macbeth, Req., Dunira, Comrie. Perthebire.

Deer Sir.

Mr. de Laszlo has just received your message through Mr. Robertson, and has asked me to write. he hopes you will forgive his not writing you himself, but he is very much occupied today, and does not want to delay in replying to your message.

air. de Laszlo understands from sir. Robertson that you intend to leave for Australia on January 22nd, and that you would like to have the portraits painted before them, and he wishes me to say that he could arrange to some the second week of January, and sould be very glad to have a little change just them. 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 Laszlo sould travel north on the evening of Friday, January 5th, and be with you on the morning of the 7th, with his Studio Attendent.

I am enclosing herewith a note of Mr. de Luszlo's honoraria, and he would require to know exactly what size you decide 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