I am very grateful to you for kindly letting me include your portrait in my forthcoming Exhibition. I have to leave at the end of next week for Rome for a fortnight and would be glad if you would let me have your portrait before I leave, to have it touched up and varnished, as it never has been varnished before, and if you like I will keep it in my Studio as I return a few days before the opening of the Exhibition and meanwhile the pictures will all be concentrated in my Studio. If you wish to have some of your finance in vited for the opening day will you kindly send your list to the Manager of the French Gallery, 120, Pall Mall Mall, where my Exhibition will take place.