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24th June, 1931.

P.A. de Laszle, Esq.,  
3, Fitzjohn's Avenue. N.W.

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of the 23rd instant delivered to us by hand, in which you enclosed a cheque for £47.5.0., a receipt for which we send you herewith.

We would not wish, under any circumstances, to mar the very cordial relations that have, and we hope always will exist between us; but we must take exception to your view point as to the commission on the portrait you painted of Mrs. Wadia.

In the first place, we would refer you to the arrangement that we had with each other, and also to our letters to you with reference to this commission, which will without doubt make it clear that this commission was eventually decided upon as from the various interviews that Mrs. Wadia had with us at her several visits here. We quite concede that Mrs. Graham may have used her influence, but surely this is but customary. We would also refer you to your letter to us of September 18th, 1929, in which you set out those portraits which you had arranged to paint forthwith. These were but a few taken from the list we sent you on September 13th, 1929.

In putting this position, as we do, quite clearly before you, we trust that you will appreciate our point of view.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*Wallis & Son.*