

COUNTRY LIFE.

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TELEPHONE NO 2748, GERRARD.

6th May 1914.

Philip de Lazlo Esq.,
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Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear from your Agent, Mr. Oakeley Williams, that a letter seems to have been written by you here complaining of the publication by us of Lady Northcliffe's portrait in connection with the article on Sutton Place, which we had some little time back. I have no trace of any letter from you on this point. Lady Northcliffe showed me the portrait when I was at Sutton, and when I sent proofs of the Sutton Place article, Lady Northcliffe suggested that I might like to show this portrait as the frontispiece to that particular issue, and I was only too delighted to show it, as it was a most charming picture. There is, of course, no excuse for the painting not having been acknowledged as being by you, it was

solely an oversight , as we should very naturally, for the sake of the paper, wish the portrait acknowledged, but I should particularly like you to be assured that other than for this oversight of non-acknowledgment, we had no idea we were transgressing in using the portrait as a frontispiece to the Sutton Place Number.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "L. M. ...". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the typed text "Yours faithfully,". There is a horizontal line drawn below the signature.