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My dear Lazlo: - Terrible crossings for everybody except the undersigned on the Channel and the Mediterranean. I slept all the while upon both occasions. The last thing I recall of the crossing of the Straits to France was the steward saying to me:" Don't let your beer get warm, sir." The next thing was being shaken to be told we were at Boulogne. The contrast of a landscape blooming with pink almond blossoms with what I left in London is very marked - and I am not wearing any overcoat, another blessing. I have given much thought to your XMMM query of some striking scene in the House of Commons dur ing the reign of the great Elizabeth, the greatest monarch ever on the throne of England and the equal of any of the monarchs of any country. The scene I venture to call to your attention is that in 1601 when

the Queen was addressing Parliament for the last time, two years before her death. As she said the speech the whole house was KNEELING, Makkeakinexixcnexcherencuenzano munuvuyvuokxbuxconem223232223222222 Ky The words I choose for this immortal picture - if you paint it . are these: "Though God hath raised me high yet this I count the glory of my crown: That I have reigned with your loves." The whole speech BB begins on p. 48 of mybook"The Sayings of Queen Elizabeth." (John Lane The Bodley MENXEXAX Head Ltd., Vigo St., W.1.). From the information I have here it would appear that there is some probability that this speech was not delivered in the House but in the castle of Whitehall to a deputation of about 140 members of the House headed by the Speaker. Later : I believe the latter is the fact. If so you cannot, I suppose, use the picture if it is a scene in the HOUSE that os required by your commission. I'll keep this in mind to see if I

can hit upon some scene which will meet your requirements. I should like you to do a picture of Elizabeth - the greatest woman by the greatest portrait painter of these times a great combination.

Give my best wishes to all at home and believe me very proud to think of you as a friend; and hope ymane allevell. May couldn't be the lot spll at ho. 3. Most sincerely yours,

Frederick Chamber