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Philip A. de Laszlo, M.V.O.,
at Ritters Park Hotel,
Bad Homburg,
Germany.

Dear Mr. de Laszlo,

I have at last got the Exhibition opened. In the first place, I trust your health is improving, and that Mrs. de Laszlo is also keeping well.

Mr. Paul read your telegram at the Opening, which ^{was} a great success indeed. I have enclosed a cutting from last night's "Evening Telegraph" and to-day's "Advertiser" which will give you some idea of the gathering. I have other cuttings, which I shall send you later. Your son Paul made a most delightful speech, and was congratulated by all who had the good fortune to hear him speak. There were about one hundred and forty people present at the luncheon, and everything passed off very successfully indeed. I shall give you a full report of all the speeches in the course of a few days, as I asked one of the reporters to take it down, and have it typed for me. I shall send you a complete copy the moment it comes in.

The pictures look very well indeed. I was very careful when hanging them, and I think I have them placed just as you would have liked them hung, and they look very much better than any Exhibition of yours I have ever seen. The large room is really wonderful. Of course, we had a few more pictures than we anticipated, and had to take up part of number two gallery, and the pictures in this little Gallery look splendid too. However, you will see them for yourself when you come North, and I am sure Mrs. de Laszlo and yourself will be delighted. You are certain of having a nice welcome. Lord Strathmore was very much interested in the whole Exhibition, and pleased with the way we hung the Royal portraits, and his portrait. I half expect the Duchess of York to visit the Exhibition next week. Of course, nothing has been settled, but in the course of conversation with Her Royal Highness' Father, the Earl of Strathmore, I gathered there would be a probability of/

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of her visiting the Exhibition. I visited the Gallery last night after the Function was over, and there was a most wonderful gathering of all kinds of people, who were taking a very great interest in the various portraits.

The Chief Constable has kindly sent two plain clothes officers to be in the room at all time while the Exhibition is open. He has also promised us assistance if we require to regulate the traffic on Sunday. The Galleries are open for three hours every Sunday, and in the ordinary way, crowds of people visit them, and there will be a very much larger gathering this Sunday, on account of the Exhibition, and the pictures will be carefully looked after. We have lines right round the Gallery within 4 ft. of the pictures, and no one is allowed to go nearer the pictures than the lines. Of course, the visitors strictly adhere to this rule.

By the way, I think that if you could fix for the 14th October, rather than the 13th, it would be better. Of course, I would require to have notice as early as possible, so as to arrange matters but you thought you would be able to give me the exact date. Of course, you could travel down on the 13th, and visit the show on the 14th. My reason for mentioning the 14th is that the Earl of Strathmore is to be made a freeman of the City of Arbroath on the 13th, which would prevent him coming to meet you in Dundee. I shall write you again very soon and give you full particulars and news to date, when I have a little more time.

Meantime, I am sending you the menu with the signatures of the platform party, which may interest you.

I am also sending you a catalogue, which I think you will agree with me is very nicely produced, and the foreward is very good.

I shall now close.

With our united good wishes to you both,
Trusting you will come back fully restored to your usual good health,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

John Robertson

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P.S. You will notice the values are a little exaggerated, but I do not know where they got their information.

J.R.