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To SUSAN de L

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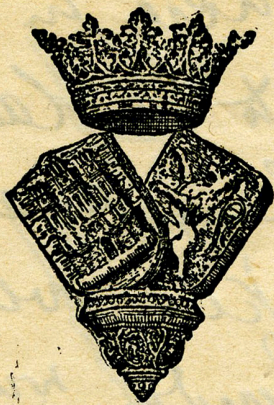
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Letters March / April 1927  
from Lucy de L (Granary)  
to PLdel (+ Stephen del)

re stay in Madrid / Toledo  
while PA del & painted Royal Family



1. May. 1927.



# Hotel Castilla

Toledo

Pauly Dearest - It's quite a long  
time since I wrote to you -  
meanwhile 2 of your letters  
have come, both so welcome  
& touching on many important  
points. The two quiet spells  
with Aunt Sue & the Breeters  
must have been grand "prep"  
grounds for the exam -  
It's coming near now & how re-  
laxed we'll all be when it's  
over! Stef I suppose <sup>has</sup> finished  
his, but we'll only hear result  
in 6 weeks - We were v. glad  
to get Patty's wire today that  
he is safely through -



It is lovely to think that you +  
Pats will both be at home  
with us - I expect Edw will  
get into a "post" as soon as  
pos: Oh! there is so much  
to arrange + talk about  
when we all meet?

Naturally you'll want to be at  
Bedford for the Commencement week,  
+ I should like to be there  
myself! How wise of you  
to take some days off before  
the Exam -

About Henry - As I think Dais  
wrote to you, he has no wish to  
see him at the present time -  
we both feel still much too  
deeply his great disloyalty to us.  
Henry wrote to Dais, asking him  
to excuse his action - It was  
only right that he did so -  
If Dais withholds his forgiveness,



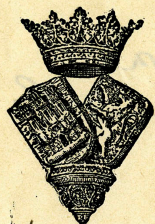
it is because he cannot now  
at this time do otherwise.  
As for Violet, I can't bear  
to think of her; she who had  
it in her power to influence  
Henry, & deliberately chose to  
go against the family of which  
she was about to become a  
member.

We arrived here last night &  
as we were v. tired, we did  
not begin sight-seeing till  
after lunch. We remain till  
tomorrow night & then return  
to noisy Madrid - Doubtless, as you  
can imagine is overdone -  
What work he has been getting  
through! it is amazing!  
Now the King wishes to have

the pictures exhibited here in  
Madrid, before they go to England -  
So an exhibition is being arranged  
for the 11<sup>th</sup>, & then the King will  
send the pictures to London with  
a special man to take them  
in passenger train -

The Ambassador is overjoyed with  
his own luck (finished on  
Friday) what a subject! He  
is extremely like Webster,  
only fatter, & wears specs on  
his protruding eyes - Only a  
great artist could have made  
something of him - Well, he  
is also v. glad being in the  
running with H. M. & S. how  
nice it is, that these pictures  
(his daughters also) will be shown  
with the Royal Family -  
This so on: is a further





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hold up to our departure -  
Of course it will be most  
interesting - Bulliere  
the big man in the Art  
World here, is shadowing  
the matter, & it is to be  
held in the Modern Art  
Gallery, of which he is the  
Director.

We have been seeing  
something of Baron  
Baron Mesendorf -  
You know his portrait in

the back studio? -  
He was Russian Military  
Attache in Spain during the  
war - They have come on  
bad days, & dreadfully sad  
ones - Lost all their  
fortune, & lost their  
two sons (only children)  
when they were living in  
Switzerland - The boys  
were about 16 & 21 - & had  
often gone climbing - One  
day they went off without a  
guide, & never returned & no  
trace of them was found ex-  
cept a flask & some other  
small items - Is it  
tragic! I must stop



believe me. Pearly darling,  
how I'm longing to see  
you & Stef & Patto -  
& there is so much to  
arrange, & the home to  
fix on for summer.

no more now.

Good night - & greet  
y- friend Mr. Linn with  
(forget his name!) -

There are great happy  
days in dear Dad's life  
I'm living - He has  
to pay the tribute of  
under some from Dad -

his signature, everyone  
wants, & is painted by  
him.

Love & love

Mmm

Dearest Pearly -  
I am longing to see  
you at Oxford - on our  
annual dinner 15 - may  
under has taken place here  
- again - which will amount  
in my life - it will interest  
you - that the Prince of Wales  
with Prince George spent  
with me in my studio at  
the Palace a long time -  
Glad to hear Patto is  
through his main exam -  
longing to hear Stephens  
could meet - hoping he  
will now work with Pearly  
for a time. By the end of  
June June Stephens will  
be & hope well through.