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My dear Friend,

Please forgive me for writing to you in English, but I have no opportunity of typewriting in Hungarian, and I am very busy just now.

I wish to thank you for your last letter with the enclosed reproductions. I would have written to you before, but I have been laid up with very severe influenza, and then I went away to Brighton and have just returned.

I have just had a letter from my friend Barczy, and to my great regret I hear that Ballo, who should have varnished the picture of the Regent, had to go off on holiday, and will be back towards the end of the month. This means that the whole plan which I arranged with him and the Regent has been frustrated, which I very much regret. I think Ballo should have done it before he left, or somebody else could have done it. As it stands now, I have written to Barczy, to an address where he has gone for a holiday, asking him to leave the matter as it is. He will return on the 25th of this month, and next day, on the 26th, the picture will be varnished, and if Ballo is not back, it can be done by the restorer of the National Gallery. I am writing about this also to the Regent's Aide-de-Camp.

I presume that in any case you have to make a photograph of the picture. May I ask you, if it has been varnished on the 26th or 27th, to have this done if possible in the Palace where the picture now stands. I hear that they then want the picture to be officially inaugurated at the opening of Parliament, which takes place at the end of this month. I would advise you after this ceremony has taken place to make

arrangements with the Parliament, or the Prime Minister, to allow you to have the portrait removed, so that you can keep it in your studio and make the coloured reproductions.

I am very sorry for this delay, but I cannot help it when others fail me. I am sure that the Regent himself will be rather disappointed also.

I forgot to tell you that the \$230 which I mentioned, which my wife is offering for charity, is for the "Save The Children Fund" in Hungary, for which the Countess Zsigray and Madame de Vajkay are responsible. We should be pleased if you could kindly make this public, as I have been so much molested lately, and I want it made manifest that I have done my duty amply.

Regarding the portraits which you mentioned to me, I will write to you later on when I know for certain if it will be possible for me to accept the invitation of Messrs. Legrain & Co., Budapest.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature

P.S. -
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með m. mikilvægum vörum stöð.
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