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88, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, S.W.

Dear Mr. Drew.

I do not know what you will think of me for not having replied to your letter. It is not <sup>from</sup> any ill will, for I will gladly look at the portraits you tell me of; but I am divided in so many directions & just now have so many things to look after, that first I was in a difficulty about finding a time when you could come to

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my studio as you propose,  
& then I am afraid the  
matter slipped my memory  
from being put aside. & I  
have just come across your  
letter. After this week, during  
which I am every day & all  
day at the Academy arranging  
the Watts Exhibition, I hope  
to have a little regular time  
at my studio, & if you

will let me know when you  
are in town I shall be very  
pleased to make an appointment  
~~at my studio~~ there.

Believe me

Very respectfully

Edward J. Poynter.