

W. B. Johnson, 1874-1875

Edmont. Selvon Mill Cottage
Nov. 13 1852

Dear Sir

I enclose a letter on Major
Goutts of this date, for £15 from
the R.S.A. for behoof of Mr. Hill -
The reason of troubling you on this
matter would be explained by
our Secretary Mr. Hill when he
wrote to you yesterday.

Mr. Hill would probably
inform you that the Academy
has declined Mr. Grundy's offer
of £2000 cash for Elly's
Woman pleading for the
Vanquished.

Your generous promise
has given the highest possible
satisfaction in every quarter,
and is most gratefully
appreciated by the Academy

Wm. Borthwick Johnson
1854-1858
L. Currier 2875

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I take the liberty of
reminding you (though it is
almost unnecessary to do so)
of your kind promise to
interest yourself on behalf
of the son of the late
Thomas Duncan.

I am afraid I must
trouble you to acknowledge
receipt of the £15 as I
will be required to produce
a voucher for it.

Yours
Dear Sir

Your faithful Servant
W B Whiston

W B Whiston R.S.A.

David Roberts Esq
R.A.

Thomas Duncan Esq
Ocean Dumper -
New Zealand

Edw. W. Henderson Esq

22 Dec 1858

My dear Sir

The pictures have
arrived safely - they have not
yet been before the Directors
but I beg you will not
think me presumptuous
in offering in a some official
way my opinion on them
for which though un-
prompted with the generous
and patriotic motives
that prompted you to
offer them to the Natl
Gallery of your native
City, - I am jealous of any
thing bearing your name
that is not worthy of
it.

Now the portraits
are merely copies done
about the latter half of
the

W. H. W. W.

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the last century at
farthest - At that time
the facile feeling practi-
cally wearing out, seems
to have coined itself
in the way of memoranda
such as portraits, rings
and it is well known
that there were artists
at that time who made
a living by multiplying
such works. I have seen
a great many, and
numerous examples are to
be met with in family
Mansions -

I do not think there-
fore that the portraits of
P. Charles & I Mary - tho' I
have seen many I may
portraits not nearly so good
yet highly prized, - would
form fitting pendants to
your glorious Rome (which
I have)

placed on the line on a
centre of the great Room
for we are arranging just
now, - looks splendid) -
and the portraits where
hung would be searched
for as bearing your
name in the Catalogue
as the donor -

These being my sentiments
I do not hesitate to advise
you of them, as even tho'
you do not agree with
me I know that you
will give me credit
for sincerity in this
matter. - I shall do
nothing else I have promised
you

My dear Sir
Very truly yours
W. J. Sturtevant

David Roberts Esq