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Mr Geo Edw. Jewell

Peterborough
(England)

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3 août 1934.

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Monsieur,

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que le tableau dont il s'agit dans votre lettre du 25 juillet, n'entre pas dans le programme des acquisitions actuellement poursuivies pour nos collections.

Je vous remercie de m'avoir soumis votre offre et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

Le Conservateur en chef,

A Monsieur Geo Edw. Jewell,

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Peterborough
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Programme

"Lero Villa"

3/11

Line Tree Avenue

Peterborough

The Director

York House

Line art Gallery

England.

Brussels

25. 4. 34.

Belgium
Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you are interested in a very fine quality oil painting on a Mahogany Panel - by Henri Meunier a Belgian painter of genre & historical subjects. He was born at Nederbrakel - in 1798; & was a pupil of David & of Gallinet; he died in the City of Brussels in 1866. & prior to his decease he was created a professor of the Brussels Academy. This you will know to be true by research; this painting of the "Incredulity of St. Thomas" in 1824 - gained for him the prize.

I have a very fine example by
this clever artist of an Interior
full of domestic interest in
the depicting of Furniture &
Ornaments, utensils &c. showing
marked ability as it does in the
handling of the human life. There
is an old gentleman seated
& resting low the table sleeping
& two boys have stolen his pipe
assisted by a little sister to
light it with a flare from
the embers of a nearby fireplace.
There are two ladies - evidently
the mother & an elder sister -
just arrived from the stairway
& caught them in the act. One
can almost see the look &
spirit of correction on the
mother's face. & the whole work
is so sure - fully signed
& perfectly genuine - fitting
as it is to hang in the finest
Gallery. & it occurred to my thought
that it would appeal to you -

account of his origin.

The size of the painting is about 5ft. 6ⁱⁿ X 1ft. 10ⁱⁿ & it is painted on a mahogany panel. I may add. that it was purchased by a millionaire in Paris for a large amount: & I should be prepared to sell it for £100 one hundred pounds with the frame complete.

Thanking you for the favour of your consideration

I am Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Geo. Edw. Sewell