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table on van Gyck.

4. Pall Mall Place, J. HARRIES. FINE ART AGENT. King Street, St. James, TELEPHONE: London, 20th April REGENT 617 1.92 5. SHOWROOMS: No. 2 Sir, In reply to your favour of the 17th instant, I herewith enclose a photograph of the original picture by Van Dyck, which you inspected at my shop. I desire to draw your attention to the fact that my picture is the original and the one to which you refer is merely a replica. If you compare the two photographs, you will no doubt agree that mine is the masterpiece. It was originally in the possession of Lord Wimborne of Dorset, England, and purchased some years ago by the gentleman from whom I bought it. I have never yet known a period copy of a painting to be made larger than the original. You will please note the size of this picture: - 7ft.5in. by 5ft. 4in. I should be glad to know if the same would be of interest to you for your Museum. In reference to your request re photographs, I shall be most pleased to forward any which come into my possession, or if you wish I would get pictures which are coming on sale photographed, at your own expense. I remain, Sir, Yours fai thfully, voir photo. Bibliottèque M. Le Conservateur en Chef, Musee Royal des Beaux Arts de Belgique, Bruxelles.