

MUSÉES ROYAUX

Bruxelles, 19.....

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Peinture et de Sculpture

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Mrs. Street
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Nous avons l'honneur de vous faire connaître
que la résolution de la Commission directrice n'a
pas été favorable à l'acquisition, pour les col-
lections de l'Etat, d.....
dont vous avez soumis la reproduction photogra-
phique à l'examen.

Veillez agréer, M....., l'assurance de
notre considération distinguée.

ANNEXE

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POUR LA COMMISSION DIRECTRICE,
Le Secrétaire,

41 Union Street
North Shields,
England
Oct 3rd 1913.

To the Director -
Brussels Gallery of Art.

Sir,

Having recently come into possession of an Old Oil painting by Peter Brueghel the Younger I shall be pleased if you will kindly let me know whether there is a demand for this picture.

It is on a panel of hard wood 3 feet 4 inches broad by 2 feet 8 inches in height and is evidently of great age which has somewhat darkened it. It is not framed and apparently no attempt has been made to

restore it. There are scores of grotesque figures - Animals and reptiles on it all quite visible and among them you will observe there is a full female figure with cloven feet and a tail and near her another female in a stooping position exposing themselves to a Hermit sitting with the Bible on his knees and an Owl looking from between his legs.

The Photograph inclosed herewith is but a very poor one and does not show one half of the many objects on the picture which are visible to the naked eye.

On the left of the picture among many other objects is a gallows with a man hanging to it by the neck and against which is a ladder and a

representative of the Devil
ascending it; apparently with
the object of taking it down.

In another part of the
picture there is a City all on
fire and what appears to be
a dreadful explosion.

I am sorry I am not able to
give a proper explanation of
it but as to its age and the
Artist who painted it I think
there is no doubt. Whether it
is a picture of the Temptation of
St Anthony or not I shall be
pleased to accept your
judgement as I am willing to
dispose of it.

Herewith inclose Coupon
for return of Photo and your
reply and remain

Yours Obediently
Wm Street.