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Dear Sir,

I had the great pleasure of receiving with many thanks your most interesting letter of the 30th, June last, on the 17th, ult., when I took liberty of cabling you immediately, reading as follows:-

Your letter June 30th received many thanks for unfailing kind endeavour stop agree and approve your letter Matsukata.

I have been obliged since then to keep my rooms, according to a medical advice and I have to apologise for this delay in thanking you for your letter and confirming my telegram before this. Please rest assured, however, that my case is nothing serious; but I am taking a short rest as God-sent after my very hard working.

Before I proceed any further, I beg to thank you most sincerely for your untiring and ever unfailing kind efforts and endeavours for my Museum. Words can hardly express my gratitude for your kind services and I think I have only to wait for an opportunity to thank you personally in glorious Paris. I beg to mention once more my sincere and heartfelt gratefulness for your zealous efforts for my Museum, when you are very busy yourself and the climate is anything but pleasant during these days.

I beg to thank you warmly for your exhaustive description about the Groupe of Pygmalion & Galathee. I have instructed Mr. Hicki since not to buy it at named price, and it may be why he did not come and see you. I am very glad that I did not take it at that price after all, although it may be a good work of Rodin, since you know best about them, and your appraisal should be authority about them. I should like to be informed by your next letter how the piece was appraised at the London sale.

EMAN

I am also very thankful you have been always on lookout and bought me Aman Jean's 2 decorative panels, M. Charlot's 2 pictures, Emile Bernard's 1, 2 of Impressionist Laboratory, 2 of Gustat, who was at the point of being awarded with a medal of honour at the Salon and 2 pictures of Lucie Chavannes, whose work I have not heretofore secured at all and was very anxious to obtain his specimens. You have now obtained a pearl of a gentleman collection besides another one. I can not help feeling very happy and fortunate about them. Thank you again very much. I most highly appreciate M. Gustat disposal of his still life picture for this Oriental Museum at such a nominal price. All these pictures will be very valuable addition to my collection of the modern French arts. I am also very glad that you have secured M. Maurice Banie's promise for 2 pictures.

I beg to mention here that I have given a letter of introduction for Mr. E. Shimidzu of Messrs. Yamazaki & Co., London, and I shall be much obliged to you, if you will kindly receive him when he calls on you. I am sending through his kindness a little souvenir, and shall be greatly pleased, if you will kindly accept it with my best compliments.

With my kindest regards to you for the meanwhile, and trusting that this will find you all in the best of health and happiness,

Yours most faithfully,

most faithfully,
Kipps

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P.S.

Mr. Brangwyn has written to me that he is going to hold an exhibition of his pictures, including those he has painted for my Gallery, in Paris in the coming Autumn, and I shall be very much obliged to you, if you would kindly write me the public opinion on it in details as much as possible. I hope you will not regard me as imposing on your generosity again.

Yours
K. L.