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Duplicate.

February 14th 1908

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the sketches of Unicorns duly to hand this morning.

I have shown them to my friend but am sorry that neither of them are quite in the position he wants.

No. 2 is most like the attitude he would like his Unicorn to be in, but he would like the neck arched more and the head raised so that the horn stands almost erect.

I enclose a rough sketch of the position he wants, if possible, the animal to be in. If you could kindly work yours out somewhat on the same lines I feel sure it would answer his purpose. Of course I am only now alluding to the position of the animal.

Trusting I have made it clear and thanking you for the trouble you have taken

Faithfully yours,

Frank Craig Esq.

January 27th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to know if you will undertake to make two small drawings in black and white for me; if so, will you kindly let me know, and I will communicate with you further upon the matter.

Faithfully yours,

Frank Craig, Esq.,
The Three Gables,
Hindhead,
Surrey.

Craig

March 13th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I regret delay in writing to you with reference to the drawing of the unicorn as I have not been able to hear from my friend with regard to the drawing you sent.

I have now received a message from him in which he tells me he would like you to make the unicorn in the second drawing somewhat more refined and graceful, in character, and not so angular as the one in line. He also thinks that the tail is a little too massive, and asks me to enclose you a tracing of a unicorn which he has seen and of which he likes the graceful proportions. Will you kindly return this tracing and also the line drawing I left with you when you have finished with them.

February 29th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for sending the outline drawing of the unicorn, which came safely to hand this morning.

I should very much like my friend, who is at present travelling abroad, to see it, so will you please not complete the wash drawing until you hear from me again, in case he has any suggestions to make as to alteration. I will write to you directly I hear from him, which I expect will be about the end of the week.

With many thanks,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

F. Craig, Esq.

March 23rd, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I regret delay in sending you further further notes on the unicorn, as I have only only just heard from my friend.

He will be quite willing to pay the increased fee you suggest if you will kindly make a final drawing as nearly as possible on the lines he suggests in the following passage which I have extracted from his letter:-

"Please ask Mr. Craig to make his his finished drawing more in line with the tracing that you have sent him, but I want the beast to be more conventional than in the outline drawing he has made. I should be glad if Mr. Craig would bring his power of drawing to bear upon this, as I do not want the realism of the actual horse, but rather an imaginary beast."

March 17th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., I will communicate its contents to my friend, and write to you directly I hear from him.

Faithfully yours,

Frank Craig, Esq.,
The Three Gables,
Windhead.

April 10th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith cheques for seven guineas for the drawings, as agreed.

Kindly return enclosed receipted, and oblige.

Faithfully yours,

F. Crain, Esq.,
The Three Gables,
Hiddeas.