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BRIGGS, E.J.

'14/'15

Received oil painting
portrait - for Mrs. Briggs

Aug 14/15 A. A.

Wigmore St.

14 August 1915.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for sending the portrait
of the Edinburgh doctor for inspection.
I regret I am unable to make you any
offer for it. I am sorry also that the
picture you describe called "Hygenia"
would be of no interest to me.

Thanking you,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
15. Catherine Street,
Strand.

21 Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
13th Aug / 15 S.W.

Dear Sir

I am sending you
the patent of Dr.
Cecil as received from
Mr. Kennedy. He was
an Edinborough man
and had large fees.
Enclosed letter re-
re. same. If it interests
you please do not
offer more than
Five pounds (£5.) - W.

Kennedy seems uncertain
as to how the name
was spelt -

I bought a little
picture at a sale
called "Hygeia"
would it interest you?

Yours truly
S. J. Briggs

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.

P.S. The latter picture
shows a nude man &
woman standing in a
stream of water. Very well
painted. L. B.

Aug. 4/15

Ciprian House.
Church R^d.

Lepton.

Dear Mr Briggs.

In answer to
your card, in reference to
the girl's portion, I think
the name was Nell, —
~~the~~ CIDDIE, but I cannot
be certain on this point.
Kind regards.
Yours sincerely

T.R. Kennedy.

P.S.

When are you coming to
Lepton?

POST OFFICE CARD



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2. 15 PM



C. J. L. Thompson Esq.
54^a Wigmore St.

W.

15 Catherine St

28th July 1855

Dear Sir

The portrait of Dr Liden -
Liden would be about 90 or 100
years ago at Edinburgh.
I think

Yr truly
H. J. Briggs

15 Catherine St.

Strand

21st July 1885 - W.C.

Dear Sir

I thank you for
cheque & enclose receipt
herewith.

Will see about the
Dr. Sidie on Friday postent
I know he was a good
man - as the family tell
me he used to get very
good fees even in those
days.

My friend will also
write you re. Microscope

But afraid his price will
be too much for you

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

C. J. Thompson Esq

Briggs (E. J.).

Wigmore St.

19 July 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 17th inst. I enclose you a cheque for £5. 10s. for the panel portrait of the old botanist. I shall be glad to see the portrait with the microscope when it is submitted for inspection. I should like to hear more about the portrait of Dr. Sidie when you are able to get further particulars. Kindly sign the enclosed receipt and oblige,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
15. Catherine Street,
Strand, W.C.

Briggs (E.J.)

15 Catherine St.,
Strand

W.C.
17th July/15

Dear Sir,

Your card to hand. I had better accept your offer of £5-10-0 for old Paul portrait & save me writing Mr. Bates again & taking it up there &c.

As to the microscope portrait Mr. Ward will send the canvas direct on to you. The size is 4ft. 2 inches by 3ft. 4 inches. He is asking £20 for

it. Would you care
to see a portrait of
a Doctor Richie a native
of Edinburgh
Edinburgh I think
about 1840. I can
get more particulars
of it.

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

C. J. L. Thompson Esq.

15 Catherine St.

Strand W.C.

16th July/15.

Dear Sir

I have to hand
Make it £6. The firm
for which I have for
the panel - And you
may have it - To save
me sending it on to
the other people -

Yours faithfully
T. J. Briggs

C. J. P. Thompson Esq.

P.S. I can get that price
for you if you wish to
sell again latter on I ought
to have put it up to competition 1/23.

Wigmore St.

15 July 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours with reference to the panel portrait, I think £5. a full value for it as I have so far been unable to identify it. I do not mind giving an extra ten shillings, and making the amount £5. 10s. to close it, but please regard that as final. Kindly let me know by return of post if I shall send the picture back to you.

Faithfully yours,

C J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
15. Catherine Street,
Strand, W.C.

15 Catherine St.
Strand W.C.
15th July/15

Dear Sir,

Thanking you for
your letter of the 13th
I can accept Ten pounds
(£10.) for this old panel.

I was offered £6. by
someone in connection
with the London Museum.
"a sporting offer" as
he called it. I think
£10. cheap.

Yours faithfully
C. J. Thompson
P. J. Weyjs

Wigmore St.

13 July 1915.

Dear Sir,

I received the portrait quite safely this morning which you have kindly sent for inspection. I am sorry I could not value it at the price you mention, but should be willing to give £5. for it, which I think is a fair valuation.

Awaitin your reply,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
15. Catherine Street,
Strand, W.C.

15 Catherine St.

Strand W.C.

12th July/15

Dear Sir

By this post I
am sending you the
portrait on panel. You
will notice how carefully
the old panel has been
laid in another panel.

We cannot decipher the
Christie's number on back.
I think you will agree
that Fifteen pounds
£15. is a fair price
for same or shall

I put it in a sack?

I have not yet rec^d the
photo of the large
portrait I mentioned.

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs,

To Mr Thompson,

21, Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting.
29th June/15 - S.W.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose
receipt for three guineas
for old panel mythological
subject. I have to pay
Messrs. Puttick & Simpson
commission on four pounds.

My friend will have it
- say so if can find
any record as to Elizabeth
panel portrait
& through the default number
on back of panel. I will
then let you have it.

Thanking you for cheque
yours faithfully

C. J. Thompson Esq. S. J. Briggs.

Briggs.

54A Wigmore St.

28 June 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. I have sent for the picture to Puttick & Simpson's, and am enclosing you a cheque for three guineas as agreed. I should be glad to see the other pictures when you are able to submit them. Kindly sign the enclosed receipt.

Thanking you,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

POST



POSTING CARD

26 JUN 15



C. J. S. Thompson Esq.
54^a Wigmore Street

W.

21 Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting

Since writing you I have been
offered four pounds for Lot 20
mentioned. I consult with you
whether I shall accept it. or
you might meet me half
way. It does not matter.
Yours
J. J. Briggs

21 Cecil Mannon
Upper Tooting
25th June / 15 - L.W.

Dear Sir

Thanking you
for your letter -
you can have Lot-
20. Mrs. Pattick & Co.
picture sale for
Three guineas - There
was an offer at the
sale of four pounds
and selling it too
cheaply - Enclosed
voucher -

I shall be sending

from the Elizabethan
panel - My friend is
trying to find out
from Christians who
it is. There is an old
rather indistinct
mark or number on
back - Will also get
a photograph of the
microscope portrait.

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.

54A Wigmore St.

21 June 1915.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 18th inst. about the pictures. With reference to the alleged subject of Aesculapius and Hygeia, as there are no attributes or symbols depicted I cannot see how you can possibly identify it. I have never seen Hygeia represented either in ancient times or later with a bottle in her hand. The whole thing in my opinion is very doubtful, but as a speculation I should be willing to offer you £3. for it.

I should be glad to see the portrait of the man with the red coat and the old microscope you mention if the owner could kindly send it here to me for inspection, also the panel picture of the man in the doctor's robes of Elizabeth's time that you mention, which might be of interest. I should be pleased to consider them if you could get them sent here, and would let you know my opinion as early as possible.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. E.J. Briggs,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

Briggs (E D)

21, Cecil Mansions

Upper Tooting

18th June / 15 - S.W.

Dear Sir

Thanking you for
your letter of yesterday's
date - I cannot agree with
you about Esculapius,
but I give way about
Hygiea you may be
right - I know for a
fact that it portrays
Esculapius - The woman
has the bottle of liquid
in her hand - There is a

Mirror with cupid
holding the glass.

Then are strong men in
the distance &c. &c.

They told me it National
picture gallery who it
was. But they would not
say who it was by.

Also Dr Swainston &
other told me. As for
to a reasonable offer.
It is on a fine old
panel. And are told very
speculative.

A friend of mine
a private man, who's

father used to collect
those things, has also
a fine portrait of a
man in red coat of
Charles II time with
a very old microscope
on the table in front
of him. He says it is
Liesonweverlock he ~~says~~
thinks. I believe I have
the name right. He has
also a very old panel
let in another panel
of an old man in
kind of Doctor's robe.

of Elizabeth's time.
~~set~~ The old man has
a basket of some ~~kind~~
kind of plants therein
amongst them a thistle
which stands out amongst
them. There is a glass
globe on table. On the back
of the panel there is a
cutting from a paper
about a society called
the Seamen. I would
get the panel & send to
you if you like with
plumage.
Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

P.S. The panel has been through Christen
many years ago by a rather indistinct
number in book 111.

574 A
June 17th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th. concerning 2 pictures, I saw the one you mention which was called 'Esculapius and Hygiea' in the sale room last week; but I cannot see any connection whatever between the figures in the picture and the dieties named. There is nothing emblematical of either and I cannot think it is intended to represent the dieties of Medicine or I would have been glad to have considered it.

The oil painting of the raising of Jairus's daughter is of no interest to me.

Faithfully yours,

E.J. Briggs, Esq.

21, Cecil Mansions,

Upper Tooting, S.W.

13 regis.

15 Catherine St.
Aldwych Strand
29th March/15 - W.C.

Dear Sir,

I have an old
picture here of the great
physician raising Jairus's
daughter from the dead.
He appears to be touching
the pulse of the left
wrist -

If the picture
were cleaned - The colors
would be very brilliant
as one can see by two

of the faces - Am only
asking five pounds (£5)
for it - You could
see it at any time
when passing - I will
leave word as am going
to Paris for a few days

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

To J. Thompson.

21 Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
15th June/15 - S.W.

Dear Sir,

I had two pictures
in Mrs. Puttick & Simpson
Leicester Square sale
yesterday - I forgot to
let you know Lots 20,
& 21. They might interest
you. Especially Lot 20.

The God of Medicine
(Aesculapius) & Hygieia his
daughter who looked after
the health of man, The

other one is also very
~~good~~ well painted! It
shows the great physician
raising Jairus' daughter
by the hand - touching
the pulse - Or I am sending
them down to a Country sale.
Will they interest
you price eight pounds
(£8.) the two?

Yours truly
S. J. Briggs.

To Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Puttick would show
them to you - SJB

21. Cecil Manon
Upper Tooty
8th Dec/14 S.W.

Dear Sir

Enclose receipt-
with thanks -

It would be most
interesting to hear if you
find out anything about
the painting -

Yours faithfully,
T. J. Briggs.

C. J. Thompson by 2

54A Wigmore St.

7 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

I duly received the oil painting yesterday, and enclose herewith a cheque for twelve guineas as agreed. Please sign the enclosed receipt form and return to me at your early convenience.

I am,

Faithfully Yours,

C.J.S.T.

E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

21. Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
6th Dec/14 P.W.

Dear Sir

The oil painting
was sent on to you
yesterday - It is really
a shame to sell it at
that price - If you can
see your way to
let me have more
please do - as there is
nothing in it to me.
And it is an historical

picture.

With Compl^{ts}

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

C. J. P. Thompson Esq

Wignmore (5)

4 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

Your telegram just to hand, and in
reply I will give twelve guineas for the
picture if delivered here free tomorrow.
A cheque will be forwarded to you the
same day.

Faithfully yours,

C. J. Briggs

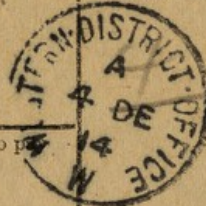
E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

POST OFFICE



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Words

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Victoria

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THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ANY ENQUIRY RESPECTING THIS TELEGRAM.

Received here at

TO

Thompson
54a. Wigmore St.

1220P

Twelve guineas and will deliver
tomorrow morning Briggs

54a Wigmore St

3 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours I have sent a man to look at the picture at Robinson & Fisher's, and the very highest I can obtain for it is Twelve Pounds net. I do not require any commission as you suggest. Whatever the picture might fetch at any other time, I am perfectly sure that you are not likely to get more for it at the present. Please let me know at once if this is accepted, and kindly regard this as final on the matter.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. Briggs

E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting,

S.W.

Dr. J. E. (3)

21. Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
S.W.
2nd Dec/14

My dear Sir

I should be obliged
to you if you can sell
the large picture for me.

Will you get me twenty
pounds (£20) for it. And
please to allow me
10%.

I have had expert opinion
in any other time but
this it should fetch hundreds.
We are perfectly certain

about.

Thanking you for your
kind consideration over
the matter.

Very Dear Sir
Truly Yours
J. Briggs.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq

W. S. F.

1 December 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult. re your large picture, if you will state your lowest price that you are able to accept for it, and will let me know, I will see if I can find a purchaser, but in my opinion nine or ten Pounds is as much as you will get for it anywhere. At the present time it is practically a white elephant.

Faithfully yours,

E. J. Briggs

E. J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting.

21. Cecil Mansions

Upper Tooting

29th Nov. /14 J. W.

My dear Sir

I am sorry I
cannot accept the
offer for the oil painting
of Nero watching the
physicians Galen curing
some celebrity of the
plague of Rome -

Should you
hear of anyone who
would buy during the

next-week or so. please
let me know how
then sending it abroad
by advice.

Again regretting I
cannot accept as I
told it would be for
your Museum, a good
cause. Very Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully
J. J. Briggs

P.S. I know of a small
portrait about 10 inches
square of Dr. Mayan, written
on the back Dr. Mayan R^t
Author. We saw it on Thursday
price £4. 9. 0.

21. Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
21st Nov. /14 S.W.

Dear Sir

I have put the
picture in the sale room
opposite Messrs. Christie's
King St. St. James. Should
have to have waited too
long for Messrs. Christie's
as they told me they
do not open for some time.
They would have taken
it in otherwise. They
have given the name
of the subject to the picture.
Hope it will sell. The
colours are very fine.
Yours faithfully
T. G. Thompson. L. J. Briggs.

P.S. I think the sale is
on Thursday next. If
you can offer a price or
know of any one to. I
should be obliged.

8/13

27 November 1914.

Dear Sir,

I regret delay in replying to your letter re the large oil painting. If we made you an offer for the same, it could only be a small one. If you are willing to accept £8. for it we should be pleased to give you that amount, if you will let me know at your convenience.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting,
S.W.

19 October 1914.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the picture,
I am sorry I cannot make you any
adequate offer for it just now. It
is a difficult matter to dispose of a
picture of that size, and I am afraid
it would not realise more than a few
pounds.

Faithfully yours,

E. J. Briggs

E. J. Briggs Esq.,

21 Cecil Mansions,

Upper Tooting, S.W.

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Mr. Dr. Thompson
Medical Museum

1 45 - Wigmore Street
Oxford St.
W.

GRAND
HÔTEL TERMINUS

RUE ST LAZARE

PARIS



14/10/14

21 Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting S.W.

Dear Sir

What is your offer for the
picture at 5, Carburton St. to save
me the trouble of placing in sale room
as I may be in Paris a great deal & oblige
Yours truly
J. F. Briggs.

Sha Wigmore St.

9 October 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter I am
sorry but £40. is quite out of the
question for your picture.

Thanking you for the offer of
the same,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. D. S.

E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting,

S.W.

21. Civil Museum
Oppen Tooting

8th Oct/14 S.W.

Dear Sir

Would forty pounds (£40) be a fair price for the painting at 5 Carleton St. W.? It is certainly a most interesting picture.

Some of the figures had been much painted over which paint all came off quite easily showing the beauties of the coloring.

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs
Dr. Thompson.

54a. Wymore H.

1 October 1914.

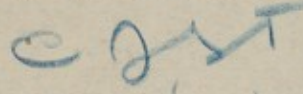
Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 30th ult. respecting the oil painting I am afraid I could not make you any offer for it unless I know your price. A picture like that is not easy to dispose of especially at the present time. I should think your best plan if you wished to do so, would be to put the picture in a sale-room where it would be sure to bring its market value.

Thanking you for your letter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,



E.J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

Briggs. (E. J.).

21. Cecil Mansions

Upper Tooting

30th Sept. /14 S. W.

Dear Sir

'What is your offer
for the oil painting at 5,
Carburton St. W.? Am. sure
it would interest you
now it is cleaned - That
is why I asked you to see
it again, as it is thoroughly
well done, and there should
be no trouble in disposing
of it. With Compts

Yours faithfully
S. J. Briggs.

To Mr. Thompson.

P.S. Do you think I gave too
much for the restoration?

E.B.

21. Cecil Mansions
Upper Tooting
22nd Sept/14 S.W.

My dear Sir

I should esteem it
a great compliment if
you would kindly view
the picture at 5 Carburton
St. now it is finished.
Also the restorer would
appreciate it. It has
cost me £5 to restore -
And £5-100 for lining
(I think they call it) and
reupholstering frame.

Am open to a

fair price for the
picture, & it looks very
well - And will improve
I am told as time
goes on.

Yours faithfully
G. J. Briggs.

To Mr. C. J. Thompson
P.S. I think you will be surprised
at the colors & faces that have
come out.
GJB.

21. Cecil Mansions

Upper Tooting

18th Sept/14 P.W.

My dear Sir

I should have written
to you last week re. the
painting at 5, Carburton St.
but have been away. The
restoration to it is now
finished. It only wants
to be hung in a good
position to enjoy the whole
beauty of the design & coloring.
It is a most interesting
picture, & of attraction.
It reminds one very much
of the figures, interior &c in

the celebrated picture by
Rembrandt at St. Petersburg
"The labourers in the vineyard".
It is very much like it indeed,
& only wants to settle down
again after being cleansed.

I should like you to see
it before showing it to
anyone else besides Dr. Swainston.

Yours very truly
J. J. Briggs.

To Dr. Thompson.

21. Cecil Mansions

Upper Tooting

27th Aug^r 14 S.W.

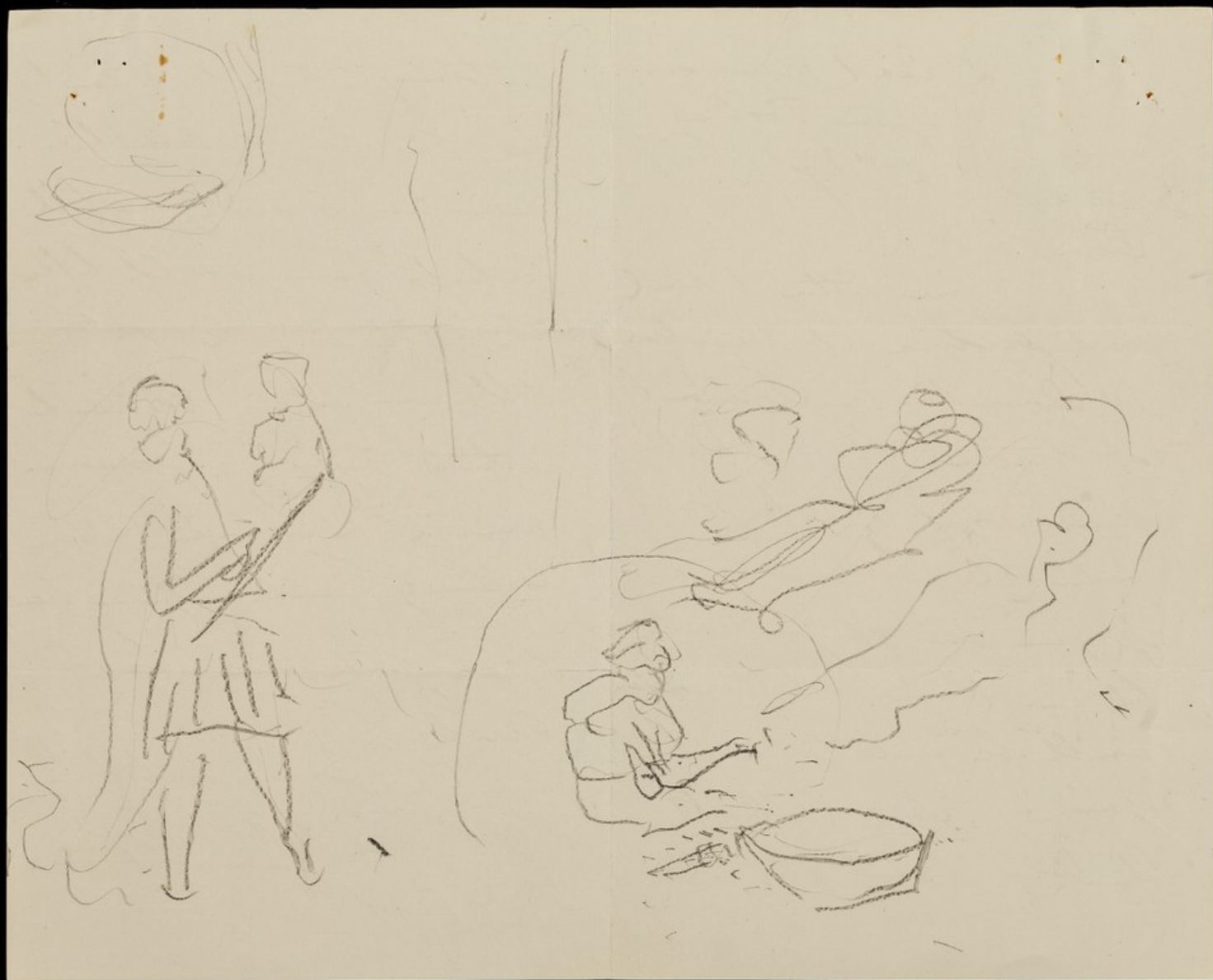
Dear Sir

Your letter to hand
is to picture at the residence
Mr. Downsett's 5 Carlburton St.
St. Pettland St. - I hardly
know what to ask for it
under the circumstances.
If you saw it you could
let me know whether it
would be entertained by
you - I do not think
Mr. Downsett has started

restoring it yet. Although
he is a very reasonable
man in prices I am told.
Perhaps you would like
it as it is. A gentleman
tells me it is Flemish
Artist probably someone
named Maluse. There
is every indication he
says of it being by this
Master.

Yours faithfully
J. J. Briggs.

T. D. C. J. L. Thompson.



28 August 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst., I called to see the picture at Mr. Dowsetts. I see he has already started restoring it, and it wants a considerable amount of work to make it anything like marketable. It is a very difficult matter to fix it to belong to any school, and the picture is really in very bad condition, and I am afraid I can do nothing with it. If you are disposed to take a very low price for the same I might consider it, if you will write and let me know.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. F. T.

E. J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting.

W. H. M.

26 August 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. respecting your picture which is at Mr. Dowsetts, 5 Carburton Street, if you will kindly let me know the price you require for the same, I will call at Mr. Dowsetts at a convenient opportunity, and look at it.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. T.

E. J. Briggs Esq.,
21 Cecil Mansions,
Upper Tooting, S.W.

Kruggs.

(E. J.)
