

Paris, France

January 24th 1933

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Dear Mr. Bourick,

Your letter has brought me great happiness. Your generous thought to make it possible for my friend to have the longed for comfort of a portrait of her husband, touches me very deeply.

I am forwarding your letter to the Dowager Duchess of Somerset and am asking her to communicate directly with you regarding the desired coat of arms. I am also suggesting that she send you further photographs if possible.

2 While the Duke of Somerset²
was preeminently a soldier
and was for a life-time in
the army, he was of a
most genial and kindly,
though 'extremely sensitive'
temperament. He was
in the executive branch of
the service and during the
war in high authority
at the War-Office. In fact
it was he, who saved
the Allies after the second
battle of the Marne. By
his foresight and command
all supplies and ordnance
obliterated in that battle
(which left ~~left~~ the Allies
without resources,) were
replaced in forty-eight hours
from England!

3 Conscientiousness and 3
truthfulness, high loyalty
and unselfish charity—
characterised his public
and private life. He ful-
filled the country's ideal
of what a Duke should
be—and his retainers will
know him while they
live.

I write thus, hoping
to give an added
touch of reality to our
thoughts of him.

Looking forward to
hearing further from
you about the progress
of the painting and thanking
you most warmly for

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your great kindness in
undertaking it, and with
special remembrance to
Professor de Saenik, whose mes-
sage I deeply appreciate,
Sincerely yours,
Lotus Dudley -

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