

To-morrow - Should you prefer
writing by post will you kindly
let me hear by Monday morning,
as time is passing us now -

With best remembrances believe

me dear General Pitt Rivers

Yours sincerely,

J. Horsley

Horsley
3 times put forward

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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS,

LONDON, W.

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Dear General Pitt Rivers.

Forgive my saying that your note
of this morning was a crushing blow
to me & pray pardon me if I venture
to urge your re-consideration of the
matter! - I do this with less hesi-
tation as your words "but I am
afraid I shall not be able to
send the two pictures again", are
so gentle in their expression that
I would fain hope they do not
carry a determined decision in
them! - Pray believe that I fully

I fully sympathise with the self-denial of those who in the public interest sacrifice their own pleasure for a time, in parting with art treasures, & so we can have shown more generously liberal interest in catering for public enjoyment than you have done, in many many ways - This fifteen years since we had your two beautiful pictures, & I have for several years been desirous to see them here again especially as my age precludes the idea that I can deal with "Winter Ex^{ns}" much longer! This

year they have never been absent from my "mind's eye" & I have desired splendid positions for them in our great Gallery - You must therefore kindly forgive me if I throw myself upon the "merciful consideration" of Mrs Pitt Rivers & yourself, & live in hope that you will grant me what I ask, if granted, I may safely promise to cease from troubling you in the future! - To save you all trouble I enclose an addressed telegram, should you be inclined to read me your final decision in the course of