

sea & rocks as I am anxious
to keep at any rate part of each year
for picture painting - and not stick to
portrait work only - as I think each
must help the other. I should
like to paint another portrait for you
after my winters study & work and
see whether you do not think I have
got on in many ways.

I should be much obliged if
you would send the cheque to me
~~c/o S. Beaumont~~ here at above
address.
11 Egerton Road
Greenwich London S.E.

I don't know whether you would prefer
paying for the frame direct to Ellis the
framemaker - or in one cheque with mine.
The price is £21—

Again thanking you for your most kind
letter. Believe me to be
very truly yours
Ed. S. Beaumont

Beaumont
~~Ed. S.~~
Cheque sent
£150

c/o Mr. Lamson
Sark
Channel Islands.
Oct 8 '79.

(2728)

Dear General Pitt Rivers

Your kind letter has only
reached me today owing to a gale
delaying the mails. It gratifies
me much that on the whole
Mr. Sors picture gives you such
satisfaction. Your criticisms
are so much in accordance with
my own intentions in the picture
that I think I hope I may be able
to please you in the various points
also, that you speak of when I see
it afresh - before it goes into the
Academy where I think you said
you would allow me to send it.

You will see by my address that I have come over to the Channel Islands where I had the intention of staying till after Xmas, to avoid the dull weather which last year for days together put a stop to my work.

I should very much like to do your daughter Mrs Scott + her little girl - and should be very unwilling to lose the chance of it by putting it off - but really these three months in London - the light is so poor at its best and so bad at its worst that as I learnt to my cost last year, it is not fair to my sitter or to myself to try to paint a portrait then. It only wastes their time + mine + I cannot do my best work.

If you wish the picture to be done

for next years Academy there would be time if I began by the middle of January or even the end - when the light should begin to improve.

Can you persuade your daughter to let me do it then when I should have a fair chance of doing her justice + of pleasing you.

With regard to price - I could not afford to do the ~~two~~ figures for the same price as for the one and I should have to ask 200 pounds.

We - my wife + I - have had lovely weather here with summer sunshine, excepting the last two days and I am making studies of drapery and one or two figure pictures with