

of picture you would
like.

Can you trust me
well enough to let me
go on with the commission
under these conditions?

Believe me to be

Yours very truly
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Dear General Pitt Rivers -

I am much obliged
for your note enclosing
sketch of pose of arm.

I am very anxious
indeed to make this picture
a success & to please
you & I feel sure I
can do both if I have
fair play - by which

I mean if I am left
alone now to work out
the picture having submitted
the general idea for your
approval. During Mr. Scott's
sitting I & the picture
~~too~~ suffered so much from
its being seen & criticized
in an altogether unfinished
state that I want to work
this one in the proper way
& I am sure you will
have much more satisfaction
in the end.

Once fairly started I
want no one to see it
till I am ready to show
it - Mr. Scott I am
sure will agree to bringing
no friends ~~till then~~.

In this way I can &
will do my very best
to paint a picture worthy
of my sitters & I think
I have now a very
fair idea of the sort