

P.S. I duly received your postal of July the 8th re Charles Coppier but you had really acknowledged my letter of June 28th concerning that man and even given me copy of your reply to him.

copy delivered with I.R.S. registration or other than for any to give an advice

July 25th, 1945.

Mr. G.H. Davey,
M. Knoedler & Co. Inc.
London.

Dear Mr. Davey,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 11th enclosing a copy of your letter to New York of June 15th. I enclose you copy of mine to N.Y.

I note what you say concerning the payment of the rent. You should have told me that sooner as I had already written you that we were a long way back in the settlement of the rent. Since I deposited the money : frs: 25,000.- just before the change of banknotes (as you see I would have had to declare that money with my own, which I did not like to do, as we are going to pay heavy taxes on capital shortly, this being comprised in the Pleven financial plan) there has been another term falling due on July 15th. Now that I know your views, I shall wait and we shall pay at a later date - in fact, this is what we have been doing all the time during those four past years. Mr. Billet had been very nice at the beginning of the war and never said a word about the payment of the rent. He only did it after more than a year on the proprietress's pressure, Comtesse de Bournazel (not Mme Bourraud) who threatened us to put the matter in her solicitor's hands.

Mlle Petit. Some correspondence came here for her and I forwarded it to Brives, after having ascertained from her concierge, that she was still there.

Roland Balay. He was going to take Hessel's place some time in 41 I think but somebody else offered a better price which he was unable to equal and he had to give it up. I saw him lately and I know he wrote you and Mr. Henschel. He prefers to wait for your arrival to go into the question of sales thoroughly. I am to telegraph him wherever he will be as soon as you are in Paris as he does not wish to miss you. He said he was ready to pay whatever is needed for the office from now on.

Yours to N.Y. of Sept. 14, 1944, re GUYS WCA.756. Bought by Mme Lippmann and paid for Dec. 29, 1939.

Mr. R.S. Clark's Rembrandt. I have not looked up the Klassiker der Kunst, p. 79, but I think you mean his small "Crucifixion". I presume this picture is at Maple's in his room to which I cannot have access as the power he signed is for you and Allen. The best thing would be his sending me a power, but of course, you will be able to investigate at Maple's yourself when you come, better wait till then.

(to G.H. Davey, London, July 25th, 1945)

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Pendleton Beckley. I got Mr. Pendleton on the telephone and he is ready to send the portrait belonging to Mrs. J. Guthrie Beckley to our gallery provided I send him a written confirmation of my telephone communication, which I will do.

Your personal monies. Mr. François Balay must have handed the money to Mr. Roland. I know the latter went once to Cannes saying he would try and get refunded. I handed him the quittances de loyer as he could not get repayment otherwise. Therefore, he still owes me the money for the five first terms, about frs: 11,000.- Next time I see him, I will insist on the settlement of this. It is curious how such matters can be postponed for ever and ever with Roland, one gets tired of it, it is so unbusiness-like. But, you may be reassured, it is perfectly clear in my accounts, the more so as I handed a cheque for this sum and I have just secured a letter from the Gérant giving me the details of the first payments.

Bon de caisse. These are issued by the banks for their customers. They bring an interest and replace the "Bons du Trésor".

Rudier. I have written him on July 20th but have not had any answer yet.

Westminster Bank. has only sent a statement in the name of Miss Hélène Davey showing a credit of 3,838.59 (A/c N° 52476) from Jan. 1943 up to Dec. 44, and enclosing a list of securities. Must I forward you all this? The enclosed little slip was attached to it.

Your trip to Paris. I note what you say; it is astonishing to hear of the delay in granting you the permission, as you had been formerly a resident and manager of a French society. Of course, it would be waste of time to come during the holiday season, most of the people going or trying to go away from Paris in view of finding better food. The Grosvallets are at Grasses (Alpes-Maritimes, quartier des Hautes Rudes until the end of September. Helfer is at Dinan, Hotel de la Poste, Place Duguesclin, Dinan, Cotes du Nord. He is much better, had a good long rest already at Pont-sur-Yonne, came back to Paris for medical examination, and then went to Dinan. I had a letter from him yesterday. He inquires after you. There is an awful rush towards the country and a few sea-side places presumed to be safe, most of them being stranded with mines. To book a place or even have a mere fiche d'admission means hours and hours of waiting, on some lines, a night and a day, there are so few trains. I intend to go to Normandy, at Mortain towards the middle of August until the 10th of September, but I hate to go on account of the crushing in trains.

Mrs. Hatcliffe and Jacqueline. They left Paris last Sunday for Enval where Allen died. She made the acquaintance of a young couple willing to give them a good boarding; the place is lovely and healthy and the child needs a real change of air. It will be also a pilgrimage, the child feels for the loss of her dear father, though she does not luckily quite realize what this means in her life.

I think it would be wiser not to come to Paris before Sept. 15th on account of the closing up of so many firms. Wherever I go, I shall let you know my address so you can telegraph me if needs be. Believe me,

Sincerely yours,