

WOLMER WOOD,

MARLOW COMMON,

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My dear Philip

Very many thanks for the reproduction of the Queen Marie portrait; it is an admirable achievement and one of which you can well feel proud. I am sorry that I have not had a chance to see the original; I think it must be even finer than the portrait of her in mourning, but both of them are very good.

I saw in the "Times" a few days ago that you were a guest of honour at a dinner and that Lavery and Sir Robert Witt were at it - what do you think of Witt. I only met him once, some while ago; he struck me as a rather pompous person.

What work are you doing now? You said in your letter that you were busy but that is not unusual. I only hope that you are not being

unreasonably energetic. I do hope you will do as you say and run down here to see me — it will at any rate give you a break in your work and bring you out into the country for a few hours. I have still the remains of my cold hanging on and still a bit of a cough but it is going away slowly and so I hope to be rid of it within the next few days. The weather does not help, as it is not as warm as it ought to be at this time of year.

What was the poetry about your lecture? You did not enclose it in your letter. Was it complimentary or the other way round?

Have you been to the Academy yet and, if so, what did you think of it? I cannot remember

whether you said you had been when I saw you
last.

Many congratulations on your promotion in
the Legion of Honour; I am glad it has come.

I hope Lucy is well and that the new grandson
is steadily progressing.

Our love to you all
always yours
A.L.V.