

Bedales,
Lindfield,
Hayward's Heath,
Sussex.

23rd August 1937.

My dear Armand,

Since you left I have not heard from you! It seems, out of sight, out of heart! And so I am sending this to Paris as I do not know where you are at present. I hope that your cure has done you much good. Since you left I stayed for eight days at historic Syon, with the Duchess of Northumberland and painted her portrait in a small size, full length, as Mistress of the Robes to the Queen, in her Coronation Robes. She is one of the most beautiful women in England. I will send you a photograph of it.

For the last two weeks I have been fully enjoying our lovely home here, taking a thorough rest, doing some sketches and dictating my Life. We see much of the family and our sons are all doing well.

Will you kindly let me have the name of the place near Valliere when we dined with that Lady. The Comte and Comtesse d'Eu and son were present. I remember they were addressed "Imperial Highness" and why. I remember him, tall, with a pointed Napoleon III beard. What is the lady's name, the hostess? She also gave a magnificent gallery of pictures to Paris- and who was she? Please send it typewritten, I need it for my Memoirs.

Monsieur le Duc de Gramont.

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At the end of September we return to London when I will place the Gobelin on the wall. It is so interesting to possess it, especially as it was so long in your family. I would be pleased if you would send me the frame for it, as you promised. I feel much better and the quiet here is doing me good.

Remember me to our mutual friend, and let me hear from you soon to this country address.

Ever yours

Monsieur le Duc de Gramont,
41bis Avenue Henri Martin,
Paris.