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De Beer Studios
Conservation of Paintings

*9, Old Bond Street,
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*Telephone: 0171-629 1470
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Mrs Josephine Fitzalan Howard
8 Turnchapel Mews
London
SW4 0PX

14 April 1998

Allan Ramsay

Portrait of an Officer, possibly Brigadier-General David Wedderburn

This portrait is in fine condition. The canvas is paste-lined and the overall tension is very good on the six-membered stretcher. There is, however, a small deformation in the face.

With regard to the paint layer there is some thinness due to over-cleaning in the past. This is especially evident around the face and hair. There are also some old retouchings and attempts have been made to strengthen the abraded areas. There is no flaking or recent loss, and generally the paint layer is very sound.

The degraded varnish has yellowed and has several scratches. There is blooming in isolated areas.

Estimate:

Removal of surface dirt.

Removal of varnish and retouchings.

Treatment to amend planar distortion to the face.

Varnishing and retouching.

£800 plus VAT

JOSEPHINE FITZALAN HOWARD
FINE ART CONSULTANT

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Miss Selina Skipwith,
Flemings,
25 Copthall Avenue,
LONDON EC2R 5DR.

14th April, 1998.

Dear Selina,

I was so delighted that Flemings was able to purchase that beautiful Alan Ramsay for such a good price. As I mentioned to you there was only one other commission bidder and as it was the last lot in a long and rather dull sale in the middle of holiday time, I think we were lucky.

I enclose my invoice of £850 as I charge 5% of the hammer price when purchasing for clients at auction which includes 'aftercare' advice on restoring and framing, should you need it. I also enclose an estimate sent to me today from Wendy de Beer who did the initial condition report on the picture for you and whose work is highly recommendable. She is also available to begin work on the picture immediately. Simon Folkes who I also recommended is unfortunately quite tied up with a huge amount of work for the National Trust at present.

Let me know if you would like to go ahead with the restoration and I could arrange for it to be delivered (literally) down the road to de Beer studios. (You would probably have to fax the department a note authorizing her to pick it up but we could discuss this later).

Best wishes

Josephine

P.S. Please find enclosed a colour transparency & a bl. & wh. photograph for your records, which I obtained from Sotheby's on your behalf.

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INVOICE

For services rendered re: purchase of portrait
by Alan Ramsay at Sotheby's, 8th April, 1998.

£850

Signed.. *Josephine Howard*

Dated.. *15th April, '98*

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