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21<sup>st</sup> October, 1995.

To: 'Crucifixion' 1993  
by Craigie Aitchison R.A.,

£12000.00.

Yours sincerely,

Craigie Aitchison

15 November 1995

Mr Craigie Aitchison RA  
32 St. Mary's Gardens  
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I am always deeply suspicious of people who say "the cheque's in the post", but on this occasion, believe me, our cheque for £12,000 was posted to you on 1st November and seems to have gone astray!! I have pleasure in enclosing another cheque, together with a copy of my recent letter.

It is a truly *stunning* painting. We are lucky to have it in the collection.

Do let me know when you would like to see round the collection.

William N Smith  
Keeper of Art

1 November 1995

Mr Craigie Aitchison RA  
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I liked your painting *Crucifixion* immediately Andrew Gibbon-Williams showed it to me. However, I was totally unprepared for its drama and impact when I hung it on our walls here. It looks wonderful and has evoked considerable comment already. Thank you so much for arranging for us to acquire it. I have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for £12,000 in settlement.

I enclose a copy of the recent edition of *A Picture of Flemings*, which illustrates a number of the works in the collection, many purchased in the last five years or so. It really goes without saying that I would be delighted to show you round the paintings, should you wish.

William N Smith  
Keeper of Art