

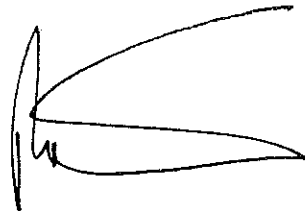
INVOICE

Robert Fleming Holdings Ltd.  
25 Copthall Avenue  
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For the attention of Selina Skipwith

To payment in respect of the purchase of "The Geisha Girls"  
by Edward Atkinson Hornel.

Price as agreed £20,000.



Alastair Howie

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Dear Selina

**E.A.Hornel**

I promised to write to you with details of Alastair Howie's Hornel *Geisha Girls*, signed and dated 1894. It was no.75 (EH24) in The Scottish Arts Council's 1978 exhibition *Mr Henry and Mr Hornel Visit Japan* and is illustrated in black and white on page 52 of the catalogue. It was also exhibited at The Fine Art Society's Hornel exhibition in 1982 (no.20). I think that it is a very good example of his true Japanese work, although, as I mentioned, you will have to get a restorer to look at its condition – there is a bit of crackling apparent, but not serious I feel. The price is £20,000, which, subject to a satisfactory report on condition, is very reasonable for a work of this period. I can arrange for you to see it without commitment on either side, if you wish.

I do hope that you are successful and get the Guthrie.

With kind regards  
Yours  
Jim

William N Smith