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1 Harrington Gardens.
London. S.W. 7.

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Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday *
A portrait usually takes about 6 to 12 sittings,
but of course it is impossible for me to say
definitely how many it will need for a person
I have never seen * I do not know if Mr Carey
has any interests in London but I have often
found in painting those who have such interests
that about 3 visits giving me 2, 3 or 4 sittings
each visit is a good way of working * I have
occasionally, particularly with folks from abroad,
to go right ahead from day to day but that
is terrifically hard work and I don't like to do it.
if it can be avoided it does not leave enough
time for thought * Sittings of about 2 hours each
are quite long enough. Several times in my
existence I have had to paint portraits in a
week or a fortnight and the strain is terrible.

Perhaps that is enough to give Mr Carey
some idea of what is required of him and
will help him to arrange for it.

Yours Sincerely

Howard Chandler Christy

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