

MISS STEPHENS

PRIME MINISTER

Mr Anthony Cayzer, the Chairman of the National Maritime Museum, has offered the loan of a portrait of Nelson by Lemuel Abbott. He was an Englishman who painted many portraits of Nelson, and that in your room in the House is by him. Would you like the picture here for you to see? If you like it, it might replace the so-called van Dyke "Portrait of a Man" in the Blue Drawing Room. It is the right size.

*Yes please mt*

Mr Cayzer also invites you to visit the Maritime Museum some time this year and perhaps have lunch there. Caroline says that your diary is so full that this is not really possible this year - although, if one could be found, a Saturday morning might, I suppose, be possible. You are visiting the Imperial War Museum in April and we must avoid any appearance of discrimination. I suggest therefore that you accept the invitation in principle but ask if it might be kept open until next year.

A letter to Mr Cayzer is attached for your signature please if you agree with the above.

*CVP*

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