



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

11 May 1983

Dear Lord Burton,

Thank you for writing to me about the portrait of Lady Sunderlin.

I am naturally sorry to hear that we will be losing her, but I quite understand why the portrait must be withdrawn. It has certainly given me, and the many visitors to No.10, a lot of pleasure, as indeed have the other pictures which you have so generously lent from your collection.

It was good of you to offer Reynolds' portrait of Lady Marsham or one of the other pictures at present on loan to Birmingham as a replacement for Lady Sunderlin. May I leave this open for the time being? The Curator of the Government Art Collection will in due course be in touch with your Trustees about this.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Lord Burton