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My dear Raza,

Accept my congratulation for your Delhi exhibition, and my best wishes for the next one at Nagpur. Hussain let me read your letter to him. I think the amount of sale was quite splendid, since the Delhi citizens are apt to patronise their own talent (if at all there is any, according to my meaning of the word "talent" of course there is ~~not~~ hope for him, doomed to impecuniosity). But you ~~it~~ have done well. And of course you will do fine at Nagpur too. There is that "general approval" in your painting. I wish I were as lucky as you.

I wanted to send you a telegram ^{of greetings} on the opening of your Delhi Show. In fact I was the one who thought of it first, and expressed so in the presence of Ara and Hussain. Whereupon Ara, ~~to effect~~ requested me to send another in his name. But the thing became

impossible, (after standing in the Post Office "Q" for nearly an hour) because I had an appointment with Mr. Schlegel, to take him to Hussain place, to view his paintings. I shall tell you about it in Bombay.

Ara's exhibition is in the first week of Oct. I hope you will be in Bombay before then.

I am longing to see your Kashmir paintings. Perhaps the best of them are sold eh? Any way the more they are sold, the better for you.

Good Luck for your next show.

Yours as ever,

Francis Newton