

PARIS, 9th June '57.

My dear Newton,

Are you annoyed with my last letter. I hope not. One gets wicked & méchant in Paris. I seem to be developing some bad habits too.

Bakre has written to me & Hussain also. Bakre retains his directness, naïveté & a strange sort of firmness & all this pleases - in spite of his English. Hussain is humble as usual - uncertain, yet the letter reveals a good heart. What is annoying about him is the lack of decision. Nothing positive either about his coming here, nor a word about ~~the~~ your exhibition. Instead, the annoying news about the expansion of P.A.G. membership. I should have liked to send my resignation, but at the moment, I would leave him & all others to themselves. However, I am enclosing Hussain's letter for you to read.

My wife is pregnant. She might be confined any day now. I am amazed at our disgusting traditions & annoyed with my wife's stupid ~~shyness~~ which made her conceal the news all these months. She suggested it in one of her letters, but it was so vague that I did not understand. Besides I never read her letters carefully. Now they inform me about it & I am almost ~~shocked~~ ^{It's} difficult to believe that it's my child. But I am very pleased & happy since I know that it's mine. It will do her a lot of good. But I feel so annoyed that they should not have informed me earlier. I find myself in an embarrassing position, to have to declare the news as late as this. Anyway convey the news to Maria & tell her that I am awaiting her letter.

I will soon bother you again. I must send her

some more money immediately. If someone is going to London in the near future I must pay him £10 more to be sent to her by air mail. I shall write to you again soon after it is arranged. These people will kill her by their old orthodox treatments. I feel quite worried. The last cheque you sent, has not yet been received. Perhaps you did not ask them to send it by air.

Hartwell came the other day. He talked in his typical accent & I must have said 'Pardon' a hundred times. I made anxious inquiries about Bombay especially about your ~~articles~~ Exhibition. He ~~liked~~ did not like your work though he said that your articles were good & a number of people enjoyed them. He did not like my recent paintings either ~~which was~~ and bought an old ~~sketch~~ landscape I did ~~two~~ here early this year. He inquired about Bakre & I read out ^{to him} the para from your letter where you ^{had} wrote about ~~him~~ ^{anybody} (Bakre). He left for America last Monday by plane. ~~Just the same day I got B. letter~~
~~Please give Bakre~~

Here are some more photos of P. photos. They are excellent. Aren't they. I ~~will also send~~ must also photograph mine & send you. Perhaps next week.
~~etc~~