

Windsor Hotel

May 25. 1885

Dear Sir William

In answer to the
question, contained in
your kind letter, about
the price of little portraits
like the one you saw
here on Saturday I beg
to say that it would be
twenty guineas to you
35- to another & you
must, please, allow me
the pleasure of doing
those I should not wish ^{to mention} ~~to others~~
About the
Mrs -

photo, no, not without
sittings, though photographs
may & often do same
Several sittings - but a
picture painted from
photographs only is, to
my mind, worth very
little. You must
have nature if you
want a good picture

The number of sittings
required depends very
much upon the sitter
more are required, as a
rule for ladies than for
gentlemen - I would

say from 7 to 10. I may
tell you I have painted
with fewer but it is just
a chance when every
thing has gone quite
smoothly but it is better
to reckon on the out-
side number.

I would give me
much pleasure to paint
Lady Dawson & I think
I could promise you
a really beautiful
picture
With best thanks for
good wishes
Yours as Sincerely
Maria Brooks

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