

me, has nothing to do with  
our bargain; only it led  
me to propose that (solely  
in the want of your preferring  
such plan,) I should finish  
the picture with hands to  
the size of the panel -  
15 x 12 inches, at a moderate  
extra price. Such moderate  
extra price (to be received by  
me on delivery of the picture)  
would be £40, - I could  
not do it for a penny less.  
Thus the 2 pictures -  
Fiammetta and this one  
with hands &c added, would  
cost you £140. It is entirely  
for you to decide whether  
you prefer receiving this little  
picture in a circle of 9 inches  
for nothing, or in a square  
of 12 x 15 inches for £40. I  
can show it you, if you choose  
any day except tomorrow & Thursday.  
Ever yours D. S. Rossetti

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My dear Gambart,  
Periods of general crisis  
confuse the imaginations  
of men, and this must  
account for the ideal  
suggestion to an artist  
that he should receive  
£100 received on a clean  
bargain which he is ready  
to complete - However  
as there seems to have been  
some slight misconception  
in M. Lefevre's report of  
our interview today, let  
us see whether we can  
make things square with  
appealing to poetic fancy.  
When I made you an offer  
of a head supplementary to

The Fiammetta, I first  
showed you the little Christ's  
head, and then you were  
disposed to entertain,  
had I not myself expressed  
an unwillingness to let  
it go into the market,  
as not representing my  
execution at its best.  
Now you had once, some  
time ago, put your price  
on this head at £20,  
though, in the event of an  
amateur wishing to have  
it, my own price would  
be 40 or 50 guineas. I  
myself suggested painting  
you a better supplementary  
head than this, but had  
not the least idea, as I  
then pointedly explained,  
of making it more important  
in size or quantity of material.

I distinctly said it should  
be just such a head as that  
only a female and more  
finished in style. Thus,  
should you prefer sticking  
to our bargain of that  
day, I will send you the  
head. I have now nearly  
done, of a circular form  
and of the size of the Christ,  
(which I now find on mea-  
-surement to be 9 inches  
exact,) and without any  
extra payment whatever  
though, if I understood  
you not rightly, M. Lafont  
misconceived me to say  
that I should then claim £20  
which price I only mentioned  
as the one at which you had  
once estimated the Christ.  
The fact that, in drawing  
this head, an action of  
hands suggested itself to