

Victor Count Gleichen

1853-1911

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St. James Palace
March 8/69

Dear Mr. Paucchi

Thank you very much
for your note of Saturday
& your kind offer of
showing me your books
& prints - If you
will allow me, I will
come & pay you a visit

Gleichen

next Thursday about
11 O'clock, but if any other
day or hour should be
more convenient to you,
I hope you will kindly
let me know —

Believe me yours
Very truly
Gleichen

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE VICTOR FERDINAND FRANZ EUGEN GUSTAF ADOLPH CONSTANTIN FRIEDRICH OF HOHENLOHE-LANGENBURG, is better known in England as Count Gleichen and as the Queen's nephew. Born fifty years ago, he was sent to school at Dresden; but at the age of fourteen he conceived ideas not to be bounded within the confines of the small life of a German principality. So he ran away from school to go to sea, and his aunt the Queen of England being informed of the fact, proposed to her sister to let her adventurous nephew become naturalised as an Englishman and enter the English Navy. This was accordingly done, and Prince Victor, as he was then called, was appointed to the *Powerful*, on the Mediterranean Station, in 1848. He served in the Crimean War and in the operations in China, he proved a popular officer and a good sailor-man, and was three times wounded in battle. In 1861 he married the daughter of Admiral Sir George Seymour, sister of the fifth Marquis of Hertford, on which occasion it was that he put down his title of Prince and took up for future use that of Count. He became in due course a Vice-Admiral, and in the meantime he had also become a sculptor. It is in the latter art that he now mainly busies himself, and he has created many pleasing busts of his royal relatives and some works of greater pretensions than family portraits. An Alfred the Great, a Beaconsfield, and a Prince Imperial have issued from his studio, and he is now engaged on a bust of Miss Mary Anderson. The Count is, as becomes a sailor, frank and outspoken; he is well-known and popular, and the Governor of Windsor Castle.