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Dear Señor Prieto,

When I returned to Madrid last October I saw Sr. Macarrón and I handed him your letter. A few days ago I received a letter from Sr. Macarrón explaining your position. As you know, I am not allowed to send his letter to you, but I can state the gist of it.

He says that in his store-rooms he has not enough space to keep all your things in your studio. "We have hired a room in a furniture depository of Casa Garrouste, where tomorrow (9th January) all the books, documents and clothes found in the small room locked by a padlock will be stored. All the empty bottles, scales, a tin and some things of no value have been taken by the police to the "Almacenes de la villa". This was done by the bailiffs. The costs which Sr. Madrid has reclaimed through his notary from the judge amount to 5,000 ptas. and we cannot become depositories of your goods until this agent receives the money. Consequently, if you don't send the money urgently we are liable to the penalty that this agent may sell everything at a public auction by authority of the judge. As for the costs of hiring which we have arranged with Casa Garrouste and transport, I should be grateful if you could send us the amount of 500 pesetas. We shall send you an account of them. Greetings from all of us, and hoping that everything will seem all right to you."

I am very glad to see that your exhibition is opening and that the Duke of Alba will be present. I hope it will be a great success.

Yours truly,

Walter Starkie

Director,
British Institute.

Sr. Don Gregorio Prieto,
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