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13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Jacobs

I suppose you got a shock yesterday when you saw the Coronation Honour list. We knew it about ten days ago, but nothing could be said. I think George R. was so impressed with G.R.O & the two girls that he sent word to her acquitted at once. Such a torrent of cables & telegrams! Really

Mrs Friends are awfully good.
This thing cannot make us any happier and as we were very contented before I hope it will not disturb our Equanimities. Of course my people will be enchanted. Everyone here is most kind & the whole town has called. E & the girls are up in town for the June I am having a peaceful time at home.. I shall ask Phipps for the extra £1000. I do hope the Pagnes Executors will not raise the price. The collection is wonderfully rich. I shall be heart broken if we do not get it – pure bribery too as

there are three or four items

I must bid for — tho I believe these barometry fees are ruinous, & may take all my spare cash.

Love to Mrs Jacobs.

Yours.

"Sir Billy" +

+ The girls call me this!