

Letter from Allard to Mr. Goëlet
Paris, 30th of July 1883
c/o Messieurs Brown, Shipley & Co

Dear Sir,

As agreed, I went to Mister Chaplin's home, three times in succession, I rang the bell in vain but his door remained closed. This morning, I made such a racket that a porter from a neighboring home went to find out what was happening. He told me that Mr. Chaplin has been to the seaside for three weeks, which explains my unsuccessful visits. The date of his return is not known.

I looked for a decorator to create your waiting room ceiling, and I found, I think, what you need. Here are his prices:

1. A sky only, with gentle clouds, the canvas included: 1100 francs
2. The same sky with three groups of putti, offering possibility of dividing it in three different ceilings, the canvas included: 2000 francs

The decision is yours. Please tell me as soon as possible, so that we don't fall behind with this.

I also remain at your disposal concerning your over-door and over-window paintings.

I am waiting for the fabric from Italy for your fanciful seats and I will send it to you with the sample of the embroidered seats which will be ready next Saturday.

I already have three embroidered bands finished, it's really splendid.

Yours sincerely, etc.

Jules Allard