

Aurora
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Oregon

Feb. 12, 16.

Mr. Himes

Dear Sir - Yours at hand, glad to hear from you, I want to go to your city just as soon as the boats are running again, I have decided on the size painting I am going to paint, and I want to procure the canvas and commence the real work, I say the "Real" because, all I have done so far has been little excursions into the "composition". After having looked over thoroughly the material at hand, I am now convinced that I can produce a strong work of art.

Of course, the child is named, and that, long ago, but it will be many months before it can be born, and

I have resolved to let no one see this painting until it is finished, So, please invite nobody for "just a look" for it shall not be granted, I will explain to you, Mr. Himes, my reasons,

Believe me

Yours

Thos. Seyour