

## A/68/2 Harry Payne, Artist: Correspondence

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#### Introduction

This collection contains letters from Henry Payne (1858-1927), artist of Catford, Kent, to Grant Reid. Harry was a prolific military artist. His painting The Royal Horse Guards (The Blues and Royals) crossing Horse Guards Parade he painted in 1901 sold at Bonhams Bond Street in 2007 for over £50,000. He also painted several series of Oilette postcards for Raphael Tuck [See <http://www.postcard-gallery.fsnet.co.uk/payne/tuck3478.htm> for details].

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| A/68/2/A/1 | Harry Payne, Norfolk House, 322 Camden Road, N., to James ? Fernan.<br>Reference to a meeting arranged between them at the Savoy Hotel. 21st June, 1892<br>1 Item   | 1892 |
| A/68/2/A/2 | Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John Grant Reid].<br>Reference to his autobiographical notes, his black and white work, a water colour military picture which appeared in "Sketch", his oil painting of the "Battle of Villiers-en-Couche 1794". 7th November, 1896.<br>1 Item | 1896 |
| A/68/2/A/3 | Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid, Tottenham.<br>Reference to his pressure of work, his pencil sketch for a book illustration and his recommended method of pasting it in a scrap book. 6th October, 1897<br>1 Item   | 1897 |
| A/68/2/A/4 | Harry Payne, 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid.<br>Reference to the sketch, an offer to publish a notice of his work in the "Brown's Bookstall" and a suitable drawing to be used for the purpose. 19th October, 1897.<br>1 Item  | 1897 |

- A/68/2/A/5 Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid. 1897  
Reference to a black and white study suitable for reproduction, photograph of his picture "Artillery in South Africa" and his unwillingness to have this published, his request to see a copy of the paper when the interview appears. 10th December, 1897.  
1 Item
- A/68/2/A/6 Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid]. 1898  
Detailed account of his life for publication: reference to work in Merchant's Office, Mincing Lane, attendance at Art School, work as designer to firm of military contractors, sale of pictures to H.R.H. Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, commissions during Jubilee Year, 1887, his brother A. Payne and their work on a book of original sketches to be presented to Her Majesty The Queen, work for Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons Ltd., 1887, military Christmas Cards, c.1887, publication of book "On Service", 1889, illustrated by Payne and his brother and the Queen's order of several copies, his accuracy on military matters, his black and white work, 1893, and his work for Messrs. Cassell & Co., Messrs. Virtue & Co., Messrs. G. Routledge, "The Strand Magazine", "The Navy and Army Illustrated", and "The Graphic"; his and his brother's work for the Diamond Jubilee, 1897, including illustrations for books on the Queen's life and reign and the lives of the Prince and Princess of Wales; his commission by a Scottish firm of publishers to illustrate histories of the Highland Regiments, his work to illustrate a lecture by Lieut.-Colonel Percy Groves on the history of the Colonial and Imperial Army Regiments which was praised by Arthur Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn; his work for military officers. 22nd February, 1898.  
1 Item
- A/68/2/A/7 Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid. 1898  
Reference to Mr. Reid's compliments about his work, his move to a larger house and studio "2 or 3 miles further from town". 7th March, 1898.  
1 Item
- A/68/2/A/8 Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid. 1898  
Reference to notes of the interview, to the text being published, and to his album sketch. 21st July, 1898.  
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- A/68/2/A/9 Harry Payne, 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid. 1898  
Reference to his wash drawing in an album, Reid's borrowing a block of one of the book illustrations Payne did for Messrs. Cassell and Co., Messrs. Virtue & Co., George Routledge and Sons, including illustrations for a book called "Scotland For Ever"; and death of Reid's mother. 22nd August, 1898  
1 Item
- A/68/2/A/10 Harry Payne, "Hill Brow", 91 Perry Hill, Catford, to [?John] Grant Reid. 1898  
Reference to his rush of work, illustration done for the "Navy and Army Illustrated", black and white artists, a recent publication. 13th October, 1898.  
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