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My dear Sir

I am beginning another picture from the same model as the small one you last saw here; and as you expressed regret at that one being engaged, I give you the first offer of this.

It will be a good-sized and very careful picture (the figure rather under life-scale, & the canopy a little smaller than the large Venus you saw here and its price will be 500 guineas. Would you let me have