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Mr. Henry Searby,
Royal College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1. Victoria.

Dear Mr. Searby,

On the advice of Mr. Daryl Lindsay I am writing to you with reference to a portrait of Dr. Farquhar McCrae belonging to my Mother which I understand you are interested in.

The portrait itself is large, being approximately 6' X 4' and would need a certain amount of retouching and probably the frame would need replacing, as this would no doubt cost probably £20 or so I would be prepared to accept in its present condition 50 Guineas.

For your information here are a few facts concerning Dr. Farquhar McCrae:-

Surgeon in Fifth Dragoon Guards. The Inniskillings.

Born at Gravesend, County of Kent September 7th 1838.

Lived in Bourke Street Melbourne.

First Doctor to give Chloroform in Surgical practice in Australia.

The painting is by Georgianna McCrae, Grandmother of Hugh McCrae and Sister-in-Law of Dr. Farquhar McCrae.

Further details are available, if required, in "Georgianna's Journal" by Hugh McCrae.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J.H. Fraeman.