

Country and my compatriots, I cannot take part in any such occasion during my present visit to England, and I know you will understand my point of view. It is the greatest sorrow to me to send you this reply, but I hope that I can be with you another time.

I feel such an interest in this country which I love that everything that concerns it touches me.

As a musician it is my special desire to see the musical life of London restored after the havoc of war and to know that her concert halls and buildings for music are again and still more worthy of this great capital in accordance with its world importance.

Please will you be kind enough to present my cordial salutations to the Worshipful Master, the Wardens and Livery, and believe me,

Yours very sincerely

Pau Casals