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25, WARWICK GARDENS,

KENSINGTON, W.

11<sup>th</sup> July 1909.

My dear Miss Strachey

I see that the same unfortunate wording of the ~~minutes~~ decision about the Albert Hall collection has also got into the minutes of the Executive Committee. I am very sorry about this

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great pity! affectionately yours Edith Simock

and I must take the full responsibility for it; because I see these minutes before they are sent round and I read these particular ones and never noticed it.

I see now that it was a difficult minute to word, so that it would at the same time convey the complete friendliness of the N. U. with regard to

the London Society ~~has~~  
keeping  $\frac{1}{2}$  the collection  
& the feeling that they  
ought to keep it; and  
yet shew that the N. U.  
realized they were  
acting contrary to a  
previous resolution in  
giving up all claim to  
the  $\frac{1}{2}$ . I have not  
yet seen Miss Corbeth's  
letter; but I can quite  
believe that she did not  
in the least mean to

Convey anything different  
to the spirit in which the  
decision was passed.—  
now I see the difficulty  
of it.

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Your contention is that this  
would have been a good  
opportunity for the N. V. to  
have thanked the London  
Society for all it had done  
and then the Minute would  
have shewn the thanks  
they felt. I wish they  
had thought of this at the  
time; but, although they felt  
thankful they did not embody  
it in a Minute. It is a