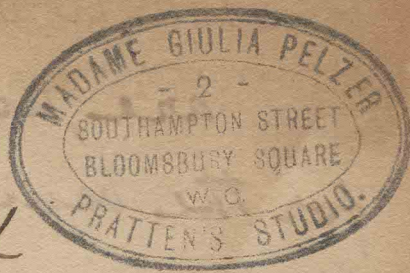


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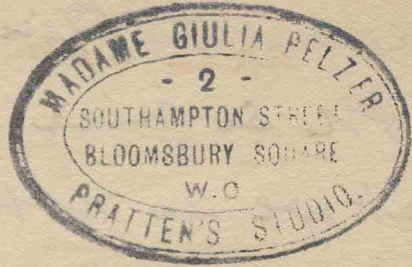
29<sup>th</sup> April 1927

My dear Mr Bickford

I have been rather long answering  
 + thanking you for your kind & long letter  
 the fact is I have been having my Father's  
 + sister's Pictures re photographed some are  
 taken large & fairly well they are 5/ each  
 the one you have in "Bonnie's Book" of little  
 Josephine Pelzer is as large as sheet music  
 in her golden days, just before her marriage  
 when mounted would be about the same  
 size - also my Father's from a fine miniature  
 water coloured painting 5/- then if you like  
 Madame Pratten & her husband <sup>5/</sup> they make  
 a fine pair - he was the Greater Flute  
 player in his time - Played Patti's &c:  
 Italian Opera for many years

What a wonderful little party  
you are, doing such a lot of work  
for the benefit of our loved Guitar  
The Americans make such a lot of  
funny shaped Guitars, I stick to  
the old makers such as used here  
in Giuliani's time Lacote, Panormo, &c.  
I have many of them at one time 74  
many belonged to my Father & two  
Sisters, Josephine & Annie this latter  
played all Regondi difficult lovely  
music, he gave her lessons on his  
own music I used to sit in the room  
& hear it all - he was such a charming  
man, such a good man - everyone  
loved him & his lovely Guitar I have  
the one he last played on & which

he gave to my Father - What a  
chat we could  
have if you were  
here by my side,  
well as that cannot be or I get to  
you we must do the best - we  
can in our own Studio's - Tell  
you have a Panormo, I think they  
are very fine Instruments but if  
large to much so for a womans hand  
he also made smaller ones they mostly  
are Satinwood the larger ones Rosewood  
& more fit for mens hands, The Lieste  
Guitars are very fine such lovely  
tones & touch - in your picture you  
seen to have a stiff wrist in your left-  
hand



is it so or only the way you are  
holding the Guitar, your husband  
looks so nice he has an Instrument  
that we do not see here - Spanish &  
Italian Guitars are quite nice, but  
German Guitars drop to pieces in hot  
countries - Well dear Mrs Bickford  
I am coming to the end of my paper  
so will end with best wishes for  
a very happy life to you both -  
I enclose you list &c of Prattens Music  
if you want any it is rather expensive  
but charming & easy for pupils, you  
can have it for 2/- instead of 2/6 -  
it really goes nearly all over the  
world - many thanks

Ever yours  
Giulia Pezzer -