

July 18th 1918

PROF. DR. FREUD

39 ELSWORTHY ROAD

LONDON, N.W. 3

Dear Dr Jackson

Many thanks for your
kind letter. I feel all right
here or rather I would,
if not the news ~~for~~ from
Vienna and the inability
to help so many who need
being helped threw a
deep shadow over our
wellbeing. The generous
cheque you sent me I
will turn into some
assistance to these poor
people.
Yours affectionately
Sigm. Freud



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Catalogue description

Sigmund Freud

Autograph letter signed, to Josephine Jackson, on the threat of Nazism ("...I feel all right here or rather I would, if not the news from Vienna and the inability to help so many who being helped threw a deep shadow over our wellbeing..."), and thanking her for the financial support for the plight of refugees, in English, 1 page, 8vo, 39 Elsworthy Road, London NW3, 18 July 1938, with autograph envelope.

Freud had underestimated the personal threat to him posed by the Nazi regime and had not left Vienna until 4 June 1938, two months after the Anschluss. His departure from Austria was a terrible wrench for the elderly Freud, and the knowledge that many of his friends and relatives remained at the mercy of the Nazis weighed heavily on his mind during his final months. Freud's four elderly sisters were amongst those whom he could not help; all were to die in the camps.

Dr Josephine Agnes Jackson (1865-1945) was a psychiatrist and the author of a number of popular books on Freudian principles.