MUSÉES ROYAUX Bruxelles, te DE PEINTURE 190 . SCULPTURE DE BELGIQUE SECRÉTARIAT -

(Graduetron Je me huis efforcé de l'atrouve la trace de l'origine de l'illustrates ci- u chun, tant le catalogue de tableaux formers on Ruysdael for prown ) an um copie va um " uplique de att printive; la photographe G-jointe l'attete. l'attete. Je den nakurellement déserieux d'obtenis le John d'informations possell con conant à fameux du cours de mes

reches che, j'un deserred dan le catalogne de Smits (1829) gu alle peintère provent de la collection du prince d'orange [1835] Ill et en ma forsenios depuis um Conquentain à annez et a été a chète a Bruxeller par un Onch de ma femme

130 West 128th Street, New York, U.S.A., Feb'y. 10, 1905.

To the

General Director,

Brussels Art Museum,

Brussels, Belgium.

My dear Sir:-

I am endeavoring to trace the original of enclosed illustration, from Brown's Catalogue of famous paintings, by J. Ruisdael or Ruysdael. As I have a replica or copy of this painting, minus the extra horseman, as enclosed photograph will attest, I am naturally desirous to obtain all the information I possibly can in regard to the size, date and signature of this famous work.

Thus far in my researches, I discovered in Smith's Raissons (1839) that this painting belonged to the collection of the Prince of Orange (1835). As the painting in my possession was purchased by my wife's uncle at Brussels fifty years ago, I was led to believe it to be the original until I recently came across the Brown illustration, showing the additional horseman. Can you kindly enlighten me on this matter?

Any service you can render will be most gratefully appreciated and acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

Geodrays. Ly Estavington atty