



Margaret Thatcher

9th February 2000

Dear President and Mrs. Sullivan,

I have so much to thank you for that I scarcely know where to begin.

The welcome by all the students on Friday evening, their lively reception and penetrating questions, were all terrific. And the fabulous dinner party you and Mrs Sullivan gave with so many distinguished people present, was a joy. I greatly appreciated all the effort that went into it.

As for Charter Day, with the wonderful choir and orchestra, the Honorary Doctorate and the immense sense of occasion, it was an event I shall always remember; such days are milestones in one's life.

May I also say a very special "thank you" for your wonderful remarks, both at the Convocation and at the luncheon afterwards when you made such an effective appeal to the guests. The inscribed wooden box was a marvellous surprise which I shall treasure.

It was so fitting that Mr & Mrs Nelson Shanks could be at the unveiling ceremony. He is the outstanding portrait painter of our time and such a nice man. He always manages to capture the personality of his sitters as well as their appearance. And he takes such great care over each portrait – I had some ten sittings of about four hours each. I hope you are happy with the result.

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I can hardly believe that my period as Chancellor of the College of William and Mary is almost over. It has been a singular honour, and a great joy, to work with you all. The education given at the College is outstanding.

Altogether it has been a momentous seven years and a privilege to be part of the history of the College of William and Mary.

I look forward to seeing you
in London soon.

With warmest regards.

Yours sincerely

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President T. Sullivan

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A letter from
Margaret, the Lady
Thatcher to President
and Mrs. Sullivan
thanking them for the
celebrations for
Charter Day 2000
and expressing
her pleasure in
her 7 year term
as Chancellor

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