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Simon Wedgwood is spot on: it is indeed tragic that a minor piece of legislation, intended to protect people's pensions, could lead to the breakup and sale of the world's greatest ceramics collection (Wedgwood Museum closure condemned, 6 February). The collection is uniquely British, containing gems such as letters by Charles Darwin and paintings by Stubbs, alongside Josiah Wedgwood's greatest wares. It would be a travesty if in a year of celebrating Britishness we were to allow this unique collection to be sold.

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