

67 Great Russell St. Bloomsbury W.C.
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My dear Sir,

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I fear my long silence may have appeared very strange and uncourteous - but the truth is, that the interval between my receiving your last letter, & my arrival in London on Monday last was one of so much pressure & fatigue, from the quantity of work I had done before coming here, that I was glad to post you any correspondence that I thought could wait - and since I have been here, though much relieved by the change, I have been continuously occupied in one way or another. But I must no longer defer thanking you for your last, & telling you how much I shall treasure it when I see you again - you have been so kind as to express an idea of calling upon me, and I shall be truly glad to see you - but I am sorry to add, I fear it must be just now a pleasure deferred. During the course of our stay in London, which will extend to ~~some~~ ^{over} Whitsunday, I shall be absent each Saturday, Sunday, & Monday,