

Putney

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

My dear Sir; I cannot sufficiently express my  
thanks for your most kind and liberal offer. The  
fact is that circumstances which I can better  
explain verbally than in a letter (and to which  
explanation your friendly liberality entitles you)  
the motions which induce me to decline the Honor  
of Clarence Terrace - I will do myself the pleasure  
of calling on you shortly and tell you all about it  
in the mean time pray accept my sincere acknowledgments  
for your goodness and believe me  
most truly yr  
Thos. S. Hoche

J. W. Hook  
Nov. 11/25