

5 Cheyne Row. Chelsea
28th April 1843.

My dear Sir,

Mr Carlyle desires me
to give his very kind regards & to
thank you cordially for your invitation
for tomorrow at half past one.

It would have given him great
pleasure to do as you so kindly wish,
but he is really sorry to be obliged
to ask you to excuse him. Though,
considering the very trying weather
we have had of late, Mr Carlyle
has been pretty well; still he does
not feel able for much; & un-
-fortunately this last day or two he

has been suffering from a kind of
influenza cold, which, though it
does not confine him to the house,
makes him feel somewhat weaker
& more useless than usual. I trust
this latter will pass off in a few days.

He bids me say, that for Mr Dixon
he has long felt a real esteem,
considering him a very intelligent
& most honest, upright man,
& whom it would have given him
pleasure to meet.

Mr Carlyle hopes he may have
the pleasure of seeing you &

Lady Leighton before you leave, as
he would be very sorry indeed
not to do so, though he knows well
you must have much to take up
your time at present. Mr Carlyle
begs to be most kindly remembered
to her Ladyship.

It is most kind of you including
myself in the invitation, & I need
not say I should have been very
happy to come had Mr Carlyle
been ^{able} to do so.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,
Margaret Welsh.