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Dear Madam

Most happy should I have been to have partaken the always memorable pleasures of a party in Seymour Street; for even to be thankful to you and Mr. Sotherby for your perseverant kind notice of me is itself a pleasure if indeed that which does our hearts good, and supplies at once impulse and motive to merit regard does not ask a still higher name. - But on Saturday night I leave town for Keswick, to return in the first week of March at the farthest. Be so good as to inform Mr. Sotherby that I will not fail to bring back with me his Petrarch, for my unintentionally and almost hopelessly long detention of which any other apology would be idle, but that I proving hereafter that the Lady of the amiable old Moralist has enabled me to furnish something for the entertainment of perhaps instruction of others.

On my return if I can procure at a reasonable price a respectable house in any respectable part of the West End of the Town,

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Mrs. Sotherby

St. Seymour Street.

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I shall, if Health & Power be vouchsafed me, give
a course of Lectures on Dante, Ariosto, Don
Quixote, Calderon, Shakespeare, Milton, and Keats.
assigning, on the average, two Lectures to each.

With sincere respects to Capt. and Miss
Sethcy I am, dear Madam,

with very affectionate esteem your and
Mr. Sethcy's Obedient & grateful
Friend and Serv^t.

S. T. Clendinning

P.S. Shortly after my return to town I
expect to move ^{to} into 71, Berners Street,
Oxford Street.

7, Portland Place
Hammer-smith