

Gay's House  
Maidenhead  
29 Feb. 1852

My dear Sir

Particular circumstances render it inconvenient to me to sleep at the house of either of my sons on Wednesday & Thursday next. Can Mrs Chappell be good enough (for I know that if she can she will) to take me in for those two nights?— On the first of those days I want to have the pleasure of dining with you, so that if I get very tipsy I can be carried



up stairs at once. On Thurs-  
day I shall not trouble  
you for more than a night's  
lodging & my breakfast next  
morning.

You see that I am  
making pretty free with you,  
but Mr Chappell & you al-  
ways make me so kindly  
welcome that I have, per-  
haps, less remorse than I  
ought to have.

A line by return of  
post, in order that I may  
know what to reckon upon,  
will much oblige

Yours most sincerely  
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