

3/10/7



Crichton Esq.

My Dear Sir,

It is still uncertain whether I shall or shall not go into Edinburgh to-day: but as there is a chance, in case I should go, of my being detained until after seven in the evening, and thus losing much of your company, — and as

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There is some possibility (according to my
own interpretation of what Miss Crighton
said last night) that you may yourself
be ^{otherwise} engaged on Thursday evening. — per-
haps Friday may not be inconvenient
to you: which will have the advantage
also, in my son's case, of allowing him
to attend. If therefore we hear

nothing to the contrary from any of your fam-
ily, we shall count upon the pleasure
of seeing you on Friday evening.

Yours, my dear Sir,
Thomas de Quincey.

May 3, 1848.