

Sunday Nov 30th 1861 - (out of love)

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My dear Louie

I. we have sent this morning as
Hilbert messenger to have the book. I thought
the flowering ^{for} today - but it seemed more right
to have to wait like you do -
I am so very sorry for the painful shock, I so
unwillingly gave you darling - so very sorry -
of course I never dreamt of such a possibility -
I only did begin in that odd manner
from my stupid head that I was impossible to
remember ^{clearly} ~~perhaps~~ for even a few
moments like they were written -
I am very sorry at your decision about coming
here. But even still more so for one
of its effects which I think you do not fully
realize (if at all) - I mean that it must
prevent my coming to see you - You can
fancy darling the bitter pain this is to me
both in itself & as being the likely I fear
to bring also the other still more bitter
pain of your misunderstanding & doing
so - & so attributing to want of love or forget-
fulness of my duty to you darling, what is
truly anything but that - but a stern
necessity forced on me by your self,
thus the line of conduct you have
chosen now - which obedience to the
still nearer lie & higher duty I under-
stand the day I left you darling gave me

no choice but to follow - It is
duty I speak of - not obedience - for
my darling has left me free in this
to go to you if I feel right - but I cannot
do so -

We have both begged you to come
dear Louis, & he has ~~told you~~ how
sorry he is for any way in which he has
misunderstood you, or has seemed
to do so by his imperfect English, or
has caused you to misunderstand
him - that is the same - More I think
he cannot do, & very gratefully I feel
the gentle patient & ~~prayer~~ prayer in which
may have & better things in your
letters either to or of him, my dear Louis
have been borne - For tho you doubt-
less feel the only agreed one in all
this poor badness, & therefore have
felt still more & more likely than
you have spoken it & have perhaps
little idea of how hard to bear must
it be home ~~without~~ without of or to him
must have been - Yet another who
hears - listens to both cannot but see
much of it rather differently -