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My dear Mr. Gladstone -  
I am quite ashamed  
at my long silence but I am no  
longer unwell so as I am most  
anxious to turn to you all  
are giving me & what accounts  
these last of things have brought  
of George - I am give a very good  
account of all your London  
friends the dear good King is  
in perfect health I wish I could  
add his eyes kept pace  
with his general health  
I fear they are more than  
better, It is quite wonderful

can be supposed his efforts, the  
 repetition to (I think) your  
 memory is completely successful  
 has passed as all & I think  
 will pass to the world and  
 can do my will without  
 all the talents I suppose  
 & I wish as to the will being  
 give my hundred to  
 them - I hear the Duke of  
 Portland is much pleased  
 with the collection & says in  
 the number of years he  
 has been in office he  
 never had any body in  
 that situation he looks  
 so well

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What delightful matters are  
 now had you can not  
 think how we enjoy it  
 I get my walks before breakfast  
 every day & really have been  
 very well lately however  
 I can not say I do not  
 feel very stout at times

Elvira's little cottage is  
 a great amusement to  
 us all it is a nice little  
 place & is quite her  
 delight - God bless her

Yours affectionately  
 Mary

Remember me kindly to  
 your father -

I had wrote so far when your letter  
was brought me to me I therefore  
open this to say how truly  
sorrow I was at the death of  
Mr George Colman & how  
sincerely I feel for you all  
as I know how she was beloved  
in your family - but more  
particularly since I heard from  
Mr George - as I really think  
it quite shocking for  
him to be any from all  
his friends & relations at  
such a hurried release  
as appears I sincerely hope  
his health may not  
suffer from or receive  
a blow -

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