

[December 30 1812]

Sir

I am going to dine with the
Duchess of Leeds having returned
Your Royal Highness's gracious
proposals, with which she is highly
pleas'd, I feel most sensibly
all the kindness & consideration with
which it is accompanied, but she
feels that her health & nerves
are not equal to such an undertaking

unwilling to refuse in the first
 instance she humbly solicits
 permission to consider the subject
 before she gives an answer; &
 as she sits alone I shall
 have an opportunity of reflecting
 the matter more fully; at the
 same time I do not expect that
 she will decide to accept without
 having her or three days for consideration

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I take the liberty of enclosing the
letter your Royal Highness confided to
me this morning - & I hope I
may be justified in considering that
I have your Royal Highness's permission
to return to Stemma tomorrow

I am your Royal Highness
most devoted & most

Dutiful Servant

Chickering

