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22 April

My Dear Father!

It is with great regret &  
very considerable reluctance that  
I am under the necessity of  
making you my excuses for not  
attending the Drawing Room  
which is given in honor of  
your Birthday. I had most  
fully intended to do so being  
particularly desirous as I could  
easily believe to say to you my  
respects upon the occasion.  
But my Medical attendants



them so decided against my  
going, that I could not risk the  
not following their advice, &  
I flatter myself, that I shall  
as soon I thought to inform you  
of my non attendance, I will  
have since your dear Mother  
as will convince you that  
it is no want of affection, or  
duty on my part that keeps  
me away —

Believe me to be

My Dear Father

Your affec<sup>t</sup>

Dear Mother

Charlotte

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