

12th August 50012

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Dear Madam

My Dear Madam

It was my full intention had
I been well enough, to have called
upon you this day in hopes of offering
in person my respectful complimen-
tations on the Anniversary of
Birth-day, indeed the attempts
I made at going out in the carriage
were with the hope of being able
at least to perform this part of
my duty towards you on such
an important occasion. But I find
it is quite out of the question &
Dr. Keble's coughs being too
it - I am obliged with very care-
-ful attention to relinquish this
idea - tho' it would have been
satisfied me after missing two years

Unwillingly paying my debt on the
return of this day, could I have
done so when my heart is the
wound of a perfect husband's
see having decided on the
of my whole life by offering to
my marriage — May you live
long in continued health & peace —
Aunt — I hope you will accept

as a faint offering of our respectful
farewell towards you on this
day of the occasion the
— saying so —

Believe me to be
My dear Mother
Ever Affly
Aunt
Elizabeth