

Essexdown ^{8.}
Wednesday
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My dear Spencer,

There are occasions on which the ordinary safe maxims about the enticement of sinners may, on high moral grounds, be set aside; & your invitation to dinner on Friday is one of them.

I enclose a formal acceptance, but wish to accompany it with this note to you, asking you to explain to the rest of the hosts, if I am not there, that my absence is caused by illness. I have not been myself lately, & get utterly wearied out with a

very little work.

I shall certainly be
with you if I can.

Yours faithfully

Loisimer Fison