

Wednesday my
13 Sept 1882

Dear Andrew,

I am sure you would not wish the note I have just received if you had reflected what pain it would have given me. I have no money at present save the feeling that possesses you that I have deliberately put a slight both upon your friendship and your criticism. If my conduct in this matter justly bears the interpretation you appear to put on it, I should indeed be unworthy of your regard, of any more

taking your hand, and
leaning on an affection
which has sustained me in
many bitter and despairing
times - God knows! I would
not willingly have given
any cause for such a feeling
on your part; and I know
your ingenuous nature too well
to imagine that you would
have written as you have
done save under strong emotion.

I cannot venture any
more - I hardly know what
I have written - It has no
explanations - I too cannot
trust myself till a quieter moment!

J. G. D.