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Achtabek  
May 27

Ernest

I am at length  
down and the office for  
me to write to you. I should  
have received your letter before but  
it being impossible for me to do so  
if you wish to be satisfied you  
be happy if the tax which we  
found to be very great indeed  
and in some respects perhaps I should  
not know how to say much but  
I find I am far from the way  
which has suited me so well  
so long. This would not be  
the best way I could make  
but I must be sure  
that I am not  
I am

...of pleasure, at the expense  
of what I am convinced would  
be your highest happiness. I know  
could appreciate your feelings. I do not  
doubt the fervency of feeling subverts in-  
folds you to speak as you do. But then  
I know your feelings <sup>mother</sup> are not to be  
the mere guide of action but the conviction  
of reason and duty. I could never  
engage your love knowing that you were  
giving to me the warm love, which I  
could return an adequate recompense.  
I know how hard it would  
be to you now. But you ought  
not to give your youth and bloom to  
a man who is unworthy of it.  
I know you will never again be happy  
but will always be a dog and I will  
your life for you. I know how dear  
place in your heart but I will  
not hold it as property. I will

...was that I could not  
possibly be your  
in part would not be  
that I have never felt  
you have been like by  
to the thought that you  
be my wife. But I  
of a miracle could be done to  
you can I think I can  
time to you as I can  
the bloom and beauty of  
without adding to any  
thought would give  
my heart. I will  
hold of you as I  
I will never be  
I will never be  
I will never be

given to humanity are. Let me beg of  
you to look calmly and reasonably at  
our position, to think that you have a  
duty to perform, toward yourself and the  
future. It is no part of your duty to  
make your life barren and joyless because  
some must or will some be so. You  
do not owe your life to  
death because some has been betrayed.

You owe a duty to the world  
and the future which you can  
discharge as any betrayed. Let your  
remembrance of it would ever be a clog  
upon you and prevent your discharg-  
ing the duties which life has placed upon  
you. Constant intercourse or correspon-  
dence with me would help against the  
sorrow of former joys in remembrance  
and disqualify me for ~~any~~ any labor  
of self-denial, you for your labor of  
retention. Do not cease your love but tell  
me that it is coming to spend the  
best of me.

Walter

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