

My dear sir: ^{when I left your} Your last words ^{there}
that if I was unable, either in health or
~~for any cause affecting~~ because of any
lecture or other engagement, to come
down on Thursday last, the examination
should be continued ^{upon my notifying you} by consent.
^{I did notify you.}
This the Referee will kindly recall.

Now the idea of entering a default
after such an agreement seems to me
a most unjustifiable bit of sharp
practice. I am amazed that the
referee should have consented
to such a violation of an ex-
press agreement made in his
hearing. I ~~am~~ ^{willingly engaged} that Mrs. Jones
you should come without subpoena
and give such information as
you were entitled to ask and had I
being able to move at all ~~it would have~~ ^{we should have}
~~been done~~. This was in compliance with an
express stipulation for a contingent contract
made in presence of

therefore and with his express consent.
Such a stipulation does not justify
refusal and if that is the way ~~you~~
proceed ~~to be treated~~, I will ~~of~~ ~~it~~ simply
~~make all the trouble & even instead of~~
~~facilitating the examination as I am~~
perfectly willing to do.

If you waive the default Mr. J. and
I will come down on Thursday, if at all
possible. If not you and the referee can
come here on that day or any subsequent
you may give ~~with the examination~~.
I ~~have~~ ~~not~~ ~~been~~ ~~out~~
since writing to you and ^{still} under
medical treatment. I am not to get well
enough to fill some lecture engagements
about Feb. 20" and am much more
desirous than you can be to get this
matter over but do not feel ~~it~~ ^{my} duty
to be carried in a ^{to} ^{harmless} ^{or} ^{imperial} way
health to give information which you know
is as valuable as researches into Egyptology.
I have no desire to avoid ^{under} ^{order} ^{your} ^{inquiry} or
prevent you from learning all about

any affairs, but I am not going to be
clubbed with a isolated stipulation nor
forced to go to Jamestown when I can scarcely
sit up. If you want to interrupt the ac-
quaintance to try the question of a default-
you may do so. I will make no effort to
comply with your wishes unless it
is advised.

Yours

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