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[ROSSETTI W.M.]

20 North Row
Park Lane W.
6th August 1877

Dear Mr. Rossetti,

I must apologize to
you for not having been able
to be present at either of
your evenings. I had intended
giving my ~~very~~ ^{best} pleasure
on all 3 occasions but was
unavoidably prevented from
doing so, on the first occasion,
by the unexpected arrival of my
brother from India after six
years' absence, and on the two
last by a very severe & painful
accident to my foot, which has

laid me up for more than 5
weeks. I am still lame and
am now going into the country
for a 3 weeks holiday, but
when I return, I hope to
have the pleasure of calling
on you.

With kind regards
to yourself & Rosetti,

Believe me

Yours very truly

John Payne

Payne, Post-Translator of the
1001 Nights &c

Dr. H. M. Rosetti