

[June 9]  
1870

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Dear Lady Colville

Wynth? be free from  
Engagements on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
will you & Sir James Colville  
give the Historian & me the  
pleasure of your company at  
dinner at 7.30 precisely?

I am here for a "bite of spring  
grass," w.<sup>h</sup> is, literally, a "figure of  
speech," for there is not a blade  
in the pastures. The merciless East-  
wind has however given place to a  
westerly breeze, & we <sup>now</sup> live in hopes  
of a shower, & w.<sup>d</sup> willingly accept  
one even at the price of a wet jacket.

Believe me y.<sup>r</sup> very truly

W. Lytton

Shire 9 June. Return to  
London tomorrow. On Sat.<sup>h</sup> we  
sh.<sup>d</sup> be most happy to rejoin in the  
even.<sup>g</sup>, about 9.30.



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To Lady Colville Mrs. Grote  
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Knightsbridge  
near London



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