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Dresden. 18. May.  
1855.

Dear Sir,

The Committee for the Management  
of the Musical Festivals at Birmingham  
has been liberal enough to  
appoint the commencement of  
June as the time when I had  
to give my decision if I could  
assist at the ensuing Festival  
or not. - As I am however able  
to give it now, I do not think  
right to abuse of the Committee's  
indulgence, and beg to say  
that I am sorry for different  
reasons to be obliged to give my  
reply in the negative.

Yours most respectfully

From a fatiguing journey  
through Holland, and bound  
by promise to appear again  
next week at the Dufeldorf  
festival, I shall most assuredly  
rest during the whole summer,  
for the body as well as for  
the soul, and therefore beg, at  
the same time that I express  
my regrets to the Committee for  
not being able to accept their  
invitation, to return my thanks  
for the liberality with which  
it has prolonged the term of  
my final determination, and  
remain,

Dear Sir  
Yours respectfully  
Jenny Gottschmidt  
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