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Liberty & believe me
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Mary Shelley

24 Chester St
18 April

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She thinks the Chester Square area is quite a healthy location, and compares it with other parts of London. She enclosed a description of a charity hospital in which she is interested, & hopes Halford will make a donation. (Printed in Jones' edition of Mary Shelley's letters (1944), no. 661-II,301.)

Radin

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I delayed answering your note for a day or two with the idea of obtaining better information from a Medical Gentlemen of this neighbourhood - I have been disappointed - so can only now tell you my experience of ["this" cancelled] the Square. The houses are well built on 20 feet of gravel - well drained & the whole vicinity very airy. It is not a bracing air- but I never heard of fevers prevailing - I have had nothing of the kind in my household - which has been very healthy ever since, I came here. I think it quite as ["a" cancelled] healthy a spot as any part of London. Tiburnia is said to be more bracing - but it is cold being on clay - the only part of the town I should prefer as more bracing is Kensington Gore - but that is scarcely London.

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Pray excuse this liberty & believe me

Very truly yours
Mary Shelley

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