


19. Warwick Crescent, W

June 14. '75



Dear Miss Fildes,

Pray do not suppose for a moment that I computed any "presumption" to suppose men have the natural desire of knowing a poet - and such a poet! I informed myself, when I wrote to you, of one of his most intimate friends, as to the circumstances under which a new acquaintance would be likely to meet him just now; - and I was bound to inform you in turn. I supposed indeed that you attached more value to the introduction, than it would appear you did, so that my very sincere regret, at being unable to furnish one, was



superfluous; and when I have the pleasure of
seeing you, as, according to your kind
promise, I shall expect, we may both of us
forget the circumstances altogether.

Indeed, I do not enjoy myself in this
African Summer of ours, and am heartily
glad that things are brighter in the little
Island.

Believe me, dear Miss Holland,

yours very truly,

Robert Brownning.

Mrs. Hillard,

Cleveland,

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