

J. R. D. L.
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My dear Gates

My theatrical life is nearly closed, & I shall have to enter on a new scene. — It is possible, & only possible, that I may perform twelve nights next year, & I have always determined that my last words on the stage should be delivered on the Bath boards — where I first commenced my public career, & where I wish to end it. —

Ever sincerely attached you,
 & with respectful Compts to Mrs. Gates
 believe me

Yours most truly
 R. W. Elliston