

invited M.^r Intosh & Lady C. Lindsay &
the Lord knows who to meet us – But
however sorry I am to disappoint
her and break my own engagement
this is but a trifle compared with
Fanny's health & happiness _ and
As my dear father used to say the great
art of life is to know how to sacrifice
trifles to matters of consequence. And
to know what are trifles compared
with great objects. I shall write to
M.^{rs} Faddy to state that some circum-
stances have occurred which render
it absolutely necessary that we sh^d
leave London immediately _ and
I am sure in saying this I speak truth
- for I do think it absolutely necessary
for dear Fan's health & peace of mind
– She said the other day “ I am quite
afraid of being touched by the feelings of
the moment /of pity\ for him & being led to
sacrifice my happiness & his ” __ and
another time she said

“I know I shall be teized into mar-
rying this man at last”

You talk my dearest mother of
your own indecision _ But if you could
know the agony of indecision I have
been in these last days you would feel
yourself quite resolute compared with me