

3. November 1870.

My dear John

I am very sorry to
say that the work I have
to do this month, and
what is almost more that I
can arrange will not allow
me to accept your very kind
invitation. I have had of
Edwin Johnston's character
all my life, and should
very much have liked to
attend the festival, under
your Presidency; but I
cannot.

afford the time. There
are so many things that
require doing, and there
is so much work to be
done.

May remember me
most kindly to your wife.

Yours always sincerely

Anthony Trollope

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