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2nd July, 1910.

Dear Miss Strachey,

Demonstration in London will take place, as on it depends the hour at which our train will start, and this again will affect a great many people who are working, and could get away at one time and not at another. Would you be kind enough to send me a wire as soon as it is settled. Would you also kindly send me patterns of any red, white and green ribbon that you have. I saw somebody at Bristol wearing a very effective badge of a wide soft ribbon in the stripes. I shall be very glad to know the price per yard if you make it. As I said yesterday in my letter we hope to bring at least 50 small bannerets on staves with different mottoes printed upon them, such as "The North supports the Bill" "M. P.'s vote for the second reading", etc., and we shall decorate the tops of the staves with the colours. I hope this will fit in with any of your schemes?

At the Council Meeting yesterday Miss Catharine Marshall made the excellent suggestion that the Demonstration should include a procession of men each holding a banner with the name of a constituency in which signatures to the petition were collected at the last election, and the number of the signatures. Her idea was that they should march in procession round Trafalgar Square,

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and then take up their places. I suppose if this suggestion is adopted these banners will all be made in London? I ask this because I want to be quite sure that we are not supposed to be getting our own done.

It was also suggested yesterday that we should reprint our round badge "Support the Bill" substituting the word "Occupiers" for "Householders", and the word "July" for "June". We are quite willing to do this, and I will put the matter in hand at once, and order as many thousands as you think could be used, if you will kindly let me know. I should like to suggest that if you arrange to place stewards at the stations or in the Square to give out these badges, they should each be provided with a large pincushion with pins stuck in it; we have found it rather awkward fishing pins out of a box in a hurry - it is much easier to pull one out of a cushion, and of course the badges are useless without pins.

I am sorry to bother you with all these suggestions when you must be very busy, but I expect you would rather have them at once if they are given at all. Our train will arrive at the Great Central Station, Marylebone, and I hope that the more able-bodied amongst us will walk to Trafalgar Square carrying our banners and bannerets.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Contuey