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Staverton House,  
Nr. Cheltenham.

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My dear Sir

Ever since your speech  
at Liskeard I have been  
wishing to write and thank  
you for your generous and  
true allusion to the value  
that would attach itself to  
the roles of enfranchised  
women. A friend like you  
who never forgets our cause and  
speaks for us at times and

Sir  
Edward Courtenay

occasions when we might  
reasonably forgive his forgetting  
us is indeed a friend.

I was very sorry to see that our  
address etc was taken against  
you at Bidmire, but the  
intolerance of the Gladstonians  
against freedom of opinion  
was becoming terribly marked  
even before the Unionist split.  
and we can now see that  
nominal Liberals regard us

as much as far Blacker sheep  
than the most narrow minded  
 Tories - but as far as you are  
concerned it does not matter  
if Cornwall does not care  
to keep you. There are plenty  
of other places who will jump  
at the chance -

Since I began this letter it has  
occurred to my mind that you  
may possibly be able to tell me  
(confidentially) whether you  
would think married women

roles for members of the County  
Council would be legal. My  
name is on for two divisions  
and I intend to try and vote.  
I am at present the only married  
woman ~~guardian~~ <sup>England</sup> guardian in  
Wales you (in localities where  
there is a chance of Election)  
advise women trying to get  
elected on the County Councils