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Private

The Dock Old Bailey,
PALL MALL GAZETTE
NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
STRAND.

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Dear Mrs Hawcett

Will you pardon me who is all but a
curved criminal to say just one word
of heartfelt gratitude and more, to you who
have been so good & kind to me who
has made such a mess of things but now
going to quit with a feeling of satisfaction
born of a hope that my imprisonment may
be some atonement for all my blunders & all
the trouble I have brought upon so many
good people.

God bless you and keep you from
ever again having to defend so poor a
creature as .

Yours in sincere humilation

William J Stead

I always felt that in some
legal quibble you might be
tripped up as it were: but
this is as nothing: your work
will stand. A gigantic step
has been made through
you in the direction of purity
and goodness. Your work

is ~~to~~ blessed and honored
for ever. I am afraid you

will suffer very much in conse-

quence of all that is being so

vehemently said against

Rebecca Jarrett. I even fear

that you may have to see her

sent to prison while you are not.

Iago said of Othello "I know his ^{whole}
nature", and your enemies may

know yours well enough to see that

you might be made to suffer more that
way than any other. Even under
this I hope your high courage may
be kept up; under the sense that the
pain is part of the price you have to
pay for the great good which has
been accomplished.

I have thought a great deal of your
wife. I have known myself the sustaining
power of sympathy in trouble; therefore
let me tell her how hundreds & thousands
of women's hearts are going out toward
her in deepest sympathy and gratitude.
I cannot call the present circumstances
exactly a trouble for her: she must be
so proud and thankful: but

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2, Gower Street.

They are circumstances which
call for a great strain on
strength and courage; I
do very earnestly trust that
hers may be equal ~~to~~ to it.

I feel sure that if you and
your wife could ^{have} foreseen
^{what} all that you have done
would ~~have~~ cost you

you would still have done it - &
she would have blessed you
for doing it. I really ~~am~~ ^{am}
you as much as I admire
and honor you: very few
people, even among heroes
and martyrs, have had
the happiness of seeing their
faithful work so immediately

crowned with good results.

Everything I have written sounds
so cold compared to what

I feel: but of gratitude &
honor from myself and many
hundreds and thousands of
our country women can help
you at this stress. I want you
to have that help.

Yours very faithfully

M. J. Sawatt