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Southern Hotel, Parknasilla, Smeem. Co. Kerry

30th August 1909

My dear Bertha

Lady Warwick's is a private performance which I have fostered as the cast will get paid properly for the job and have rather a pleasant outing. It was quite right to lend the dresses.

As to the rest, I understand that Bedford has licensed the play. It now goes into the machine with my other plays as I told you it would; and the machine is hardly more under my control than under yours. Miss Edith Craig says she is going to tour through the villages & small places where they give performances in schoolrooms with fit-ups; and she has asked if she may have P.B. for the cause. If you will undertake that enterprise, you have first call; but you work and cart. Miss Horniman is to produce

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the play in Manchester on or about the 13th Sept. You cannot get beforehand with her, as the only theatre you could now get would be her own. In short, you should have booked dates "in pencil" for a tour the day after the bank performance & submitted it to me if you really meant to follow the thing up and make use of your privilege. That was not possible. Even Miss Bayl Faber, after getting my leave to do it at the Playhouse, found, as I forewarned her, that it would not pay her. I should have told you if I had thought you could do anything. There was nothing in it for you but the first big bite. Edie Craig is not likely to make triforce out of it either for herself or for her society (which infuriated Charlotte by writing Votes for Women in an indelible smear of butter & blacklead on our doorstep): she will be lucky if she does not lose every rap she possesses; but she is an actress and will have the fun of the tour - if it ever really comes off. If your Society has any strong branches in the provinces willing to & capable of getting up a performance, I have not yet made any contracts that would bar them; but where are they to get their cast? Unfortunately, General Mitchener is a very heavy & difficult part (Soraine's salary is about £60 a week at the lowest); and it would beat an amateur. You had better let well alone, I fear.

I imagine Lady W. gives all her subscriptions to the S. D. P. (ci-devant S. D. F.). If you consider all that it is going to cost her in salaries, fit-up, travelling expenses and so forth, not to mention the expenditure on her guests generally, you will not feel very sanguine about her attitude towards an additional and avoidable claim. However, you can try if you like. Only, remember that she has my permission, and would probably resent any suggestion of rights on your part in the matter. You have a devil of a long address. Who on earth is Diana?

Yours ever
G. B. S.