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23rd December 1910.

Dear Miss Whitehead,

I am desired to inform you that by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of the London Society at a meeting on December 21st, it was resolved to lay before the Executive Committee of the National Union the following report in connection with the recent candidature of Mr. Jacobs in East St. Pancras:-

In consequence of the ambiguity of Mr. Martin's attitude towards Women's Suffrage, it was decided to give him an opportunity of stating his position clearly, and Mr. Jacobs accordingly wrote a letter which after being submitted to Mrs. Fawcett and approved by her, was posted to Mr. Martin on Monday, November 28th. A reply was received on Wednesday 30th.

On Thursday, December 1st, The Parliamentary Secretary of the National Union, acting under the direction of the National Union's Election Sub-Committee interviewed Mr. Martin without first communicating with Mr. Jacobs of the London Society, and in ignorance of the above negotiations.

The adverse effect of this action upon Mr. Jacobs's candidature cannot be estimated.

My Committee deeply regret the intervention of the National

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Union's Election Sub-Committee in the East St. Pancras election without consultation with Mr. Jacobs or his Election Agent, a step which they regard in the circumstances as quite unjustifiable.

I beg to append an Extract from Mr. Martin's election address with a copy of the correspondence between Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Marti

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

P.S.