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13th March 1912

Dear Madam,

I hope you will forgive my delay to answer your letter which has been caused by a special press of business just at present. I have laid your letter before my Finance Committee and am desired to ask you whether you would consent to allow us to keep your kind donation and to enter it on our books as an "anonymous gift". By these means your name would not anywhere appear.

All that you say in regard to Miss Violet Markham's speech as well as your condemnation of the law-breaking acts of violence of members of the Women's Social & Political Union makes my Committee feel that you are really completely at one with themselves in all your feelings. They venture therefore to suggest this course in regard to your donation which they would have at once returned to you had they not felt so many bonds of union between yourself & our Society.

Yours truly,

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