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While the words "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny" remain on the Liberal banner, can you justify the Liberal Home Secretary in permitting imprisonment in the Second Division of those militant Suffragettes who have committed merely technical offences as a political protest?. This question refers to those women who, being tax payers and unrepresented, have made their protest without violence or damage.

One object of this question is to compare the treatment of these women in the Second Division, with the treatment of Irish and other male political prisoners who, while having representation, have committed more serious offences, but were placed in the First Division.

If you cannot justify the Home Secretary's action, what public protest have you, or will you make against the unseemly levity of the House of Commons, when these womens' claims to justice and the rights of free speech have been discussed?.

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