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E. Crawshay Williams Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
London.

Woman Suffrage.

Dear Crawshay Williams,

I see the letter in yesterdays paper addressed to some members of the House of Commons by you and 4 others.

I cannot help feeling that you fail to appreciate the sense of injustice under which these women suffer at the hands of the men. To my knowledge they deplore and shrink from violent action far more than men would. To accuse them of seeking "personal notoriety" is, I think, unjustifiable and mean.

The Liberal Party still flies the flag.-

"Taxation without Representation is tyranny", and the women Taxpayers have for 40 years sought by constitutional methods to secure what an honest Liberal would have granted without asking !

At present we are not Governed democratically, but by an autocratic and unrepresentative cabinet, and the members of the House of Commons are so feeble and "proper" that they allow a cabinet to ignore one of the largest majority votes ever given in it on a non party question.

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To E. Crawshay Williams Esq. M.P.

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When we consider -

1. All that Gladstone, Asquith, Lloyd George &c., have said on the right and duty of manfully resisting injustice, even to violence,
2. That the men of the middle and working classes only obtained their vote by violence and riot.
3. That the Government does not lead, but finally and reluctantly introduces reforms only after agitation.
4. That Mr. Hobhouse, recently directly invited the women to repeat the history of 1832 !

It seems to me that the Government and the men who have done nothing to carry out their principles by giving a vote to Taxpaying women, should be the last to "throw stones from their glass houses" at the women.

Until the Government repeal their Trades Disputes Act it would, if it were not so serious, be comic to see them ignoring the just and proper principle of making an Association's funds pay for its member's illegal acts, in the case of Trade Unions, while they enforce it in the case of the W. S. P. U., and while they quite legally charge the women's leaders with inciting to riot, fail to charge Mr. Hobhouse with the same offence !

Truly our House of Commons is a "feeble folk", and "represents, as it deserves, the nation".

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From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,  
LEICESTER,

To E. Crawshay Williams Esq. M.P.

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"45 millions mostly fools".

Re your letter to the Leicester papers - May I respectfully ask what you have done to help forward this just reform? If nothing, then your threat can have little value. In the meantime if you knew these women as I do, you would see that nothing in the way of opposition, or punishment, will conquer their determination to have justice.

They seem to me to possess the political insight and real Liberal principles, which we men in prosperous times have now largely lost.

Yours faithfully.

T. S. T.