

pleasant, how relishing all our several
experiences. ^{12 pages suppressed} When the officer arrived to
announce our capture we both said
that Maria was for criminals not for
Suffragettes and we refused to move
until he saw a lascar was brought.
After finding persuasion useless an officer
went to consult the Magistrate - who
however had left the Court and in
the end we were carried forcibly to the
Van. Miss Bell made such a plucky
^{effective} fight that she must have been terribly
wounded ^{by the time} she was at last locked in the
wooden box which gives you the feeling
that you are in a coffin. As there is such
a holy fear of Suffragettes complaints
to the minds of officials that all the
way to Holloway the officer was trying
to make his peace with Miss Bell.

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To/
The Governor of H.M. Prison,
Parkhurst Road,
Holloway, N.

Sir,

re Mrs. Mary Wyan.

H. J. ...

I called at your prison at noon to-day under the following circumstances.

I had been informed by relatives of the above prisoner that they had just seen in the newspapers a report of her arrest on Monday last, and her conviction on Tuesday on a charge of assaulting the police.

This conviction had been made on the unsupported evidence of one constable in spite of the protests of the prisoner, to the charge officer and to the magistrates.

The prisoner's relatives having been unable to trace her since Monday asked me while in London to make enquiries if she were confined in your prison.

On arrival at your prison to-day, I presented my card to the warder on duty, and was informed without delay that you were particularly engaged and desired that I should state my business in writing.

As I felt I could not in the absence of paper and envelope record the above details in such a way that they might not become known to your subordinates before they reached you, I asked your warder to convey my compliments to you, and to say that I was on my way to the Home Office, and that I would if necessary, correspond with you, later.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

11 Magazine Square,
Leicester.

Your obedient servant,

H. J. ...

18. 7. 13.

P.S. I have just received an intimation that the above prisoner is to be released between 5 and 6 p.m. to-day.

Capt.
A.S.C.
O.C.N.M.M.B.
T. & S. Col.