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Montague R. Levenson (M.D.)

65, Hereford Road,
Bayswater, W.A.

June 25, 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

The time I think is ripe for
a new Chartist agitation. I enclose
you a memo. which I hope may be
of use to the cause of democracy.

Will you talk it over ^{with} Mr. Ramsay
Macdonald to whom I am also
sending a copy? I shall be glad
to have your opinion upon it directed

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to me at the Stanborough Park Hydro,
Watford,

where I am going to-morrow for a
few weeks.

I expect to leave for the U.S. a week
month, but should like to see this
movement in process of incubation
before I go.

I wrote the memo. several days
ago Mr. Mr. Cornick kindly had it
typed for me. In your noble enthusiasm

This day you told the House some bullies,
even if it should be held they were
"unparliamentary".

I have struck out two lines of my memo.
which I had written a few days ago, &
prevent it being said that they were
directed at you.

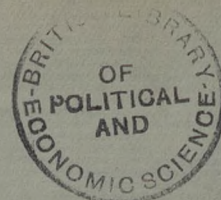
I am, my dear Mr. Lambton
Yours very sincerely

Montagu Leverton
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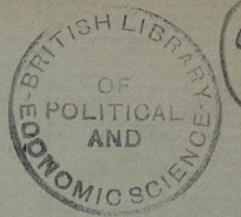
PLAN FOR A NEW CHARTER TO BE DEMANDED BY THE PEOPLE
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AND TO BE EXPLICITLY
STRIVEN FOR BY ALL SOCIETIES ORGANISED FOR FREEDOM
AND REFORM.

Some of us doubtless remember the agitation by noble men and women to whom the name of Chartists was given, as a cognomen of reproach, but to whom and to those leaders, of whom Ernest Jones should especially be named, the men of Great Britain are greatly indebted for the modicum of freedom which has been wrested from the parasites who are permitted by the supineness of the people to live upon their labors and so to rule over them as to retain their hold upon the lives and liberties of the people.

Ernest Jones and many of his colleagues were awarded a prison for their services to humanity, and sixty years later, women, in like case are receiving the like reward to which brutal torture has been added, at the administering whereof the prison doctor disgraces his profession by acting as chief torturer "for his thirty pieces of silver", when one single refusal ~~to~~ to act would have rendered such tortures impossible, and elevated the recusant doctor in the hearts of his countrymen to the highest level of those who sacrifice their worldly prospects for the cause of humanity and freedom!

It is time to formulate a new charter to supplement the time worn charter of King John and the neglected Bill of Rights.

To this charter, efforts should be directed to procure the ~~adoption~~ ^{hesion} of all labor Unions, all associations for freedom



and, in brief, all Reform Societies and Associations.

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The Charter should embrace the matters presently set forth; and however revolutionary some of them may seem to be, they do not embrace all that justice demands, and those who will deliberate upon them should be asked to remember that the more that is demanded, the more will be ~~gotten~~ obtained.

The following then are the lowest demands which should be sought for in this new charter of and for the people:-

- I. Universal adult suffrage.
- II. The Initiative, the Referendum and the recall, to protect the people against treason or ignorance on the part of their Officers, ^{also} and to protect these latter from being tempted to be guilty thereof.
- III. The land of right belongs to the people, and to enable the people to enjoy their property therein, the value of all lands in the possession of individuals or of corporations should be taxed to the amount of fifty per cent of the annual value thereof, supposing ^{such lands} ~~it~~ to be put to ^{their} ~~its~~ most profitable use: should be excluded from such value, the present value of all improvements on such lands, except as hereinafter is excepted.
- IV. All other taxes to be abolished.
- V. The veto power of the house of Lords to be abolished.
- VI. All enclosure acts passed since 1688 to be repealed, and all lands inclosed by virtue of any of such acts to be resumed by the people.

- VII. All judicial decisions which have denied to the people, rights of way, use of the foreshore, riparian, riverine or lacustrance ^{ine} rights, or rights of fishery, which had been enjoyed by the public for a period of 20 years or more prior to such decisions, or for any period of 20 ~~years~~ ^{years} are declared ~~to be~~ void.
- VIII. The Removal of the judges by whom such decisions were rendered, as also of those by whom the right of woman to vote was denied by the decision in the case of Chorlton V Kings, ~~shall~~ ^{to} be submitted to a vote of the people.
- IX. All lands from which crofters have been evicted at any time within the past 100 years in any part of Great Britain or Ireland or any of the isles thereof, ~~shall~~ ^{to} be confiscated to the use of the nation.
- X. Whenever improvements upon land have been effected by persons other than the present reputed owners thereof ~~of~~ ^{or} their ancestors, the ~~value~~ value of such improvements shall not be deducted from the taxable value of the lands upon which they may have been effected as provided by section 111 of this Charter; to the end that where any landholder has become possessed thereof by virtue of that species of robbery known as the falling in of what are termed building leases, the proceeds of such robbery shall not be further enjoyed by others than the builders

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or those claiming under them, or by the nation.

XI. All pensions not earned by the personal services of the pensioner to the nation, or by his immediate progenitors, ~~shall be~~ *shall be* abolished.

XII. All pensions exceeding £500 per ann: granted for services or supposed services rendered by the holder thereof to the nation, ~~are~~ *shall be* reduced to that sum.

XIII. All Official salaries at present exceeding the sum of £500 per ann: shall be reduced to a reasonable amount not exceeding £2000 per annum.

XIV. All lands formerly possessed by the Church or by ecclesiastical houses or bodies, which were confiscated by Henry VIII or by any of his successors or by any Act of Parliament subsequent to ^{XV} ~~the~~ Henry VIII, in whatever hands they now may be, shall be resumed by the nation; but the present value of any improvements effected thereon by their holders at any time within the past thirty years shall be a charge upon such lands for the benefit of the persons by whom the same were effected, or of the persons claiming under them.

XV. The number of members of the House of Commons shall not exceed 300. ~~so as to enable the rowdyism which of late years has disgraced that House to be readily put an end to.~~ X

XIV. As Office is established and should be held for the public service only, no rights to Office shall ever vest in any person for his own benefit; not shall any person be entitled to compensation on the abolition of any such Office; but

I have this in mind, but I do not know where I really am in it. He told the house the truth on this 25th day of June 1912.

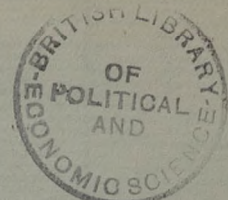
any person claiming to have been elected to any Office and to be prevented from exercising the duties or from receiving the emoluments thereof shall be entitled to ~~one~~^{suit} for the same. A law Officer appointed for the purpose may join in such action on behalf of the people.

To enforce the above demands and the enactment of the people's Charter as above set forth, a Universal strike shall be declared, to commence on the first day of May 1917. All organised bodies should at once begin to set aside and collect funds to provide for such Universal strike and shall report to the organising Committee (to be appointed) ~~as hereinafter provided~~, on the first day of December in each and every year the quantities and amounts of provisions, stores and money collected for such strike and where deposited or invested. Said organising Committee shall ^{for} provide the distribution of such provisions, stores and moneys among the strikers and their families, as may be necessary, by local Committees.

A peace army of 500,000 men and women shall be organised, to begin a march upon London on the first day of June 1917, if the above^r Charter be not enacted by the 1st day of May before mentioned.

Men and Women, worthy of Wat Tyler^{and the other true heroes of English history} are called upon to enroll themselves at once in such army. To begin at once a course of gymnastic training, to include boxing, ~~jitsu~~^{jitsu}, sword and gun exercises.

Let as many men and women^m as possible be drilled and



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exercised in the use of arms, as have been our worthy sisters
of China.

All men and women are urged to begin at once to save,
so that they may contribute to the cost of bringing to a successful
issue the Universal strike; all sums of money and the value of
all provisions and stores contributed will be accepted as a
charge upon the nation, to be reimbursed to the donors, or at
their option, credited to them upon their national savings
in the Post Office.

It is urgently pressed upon the people to abandon the
drinking of beer and other forms of alcohol and the use of tobacco,
as a means for saving for the Universal strike, *because so to do* and ~~which~~ would at
the same time materially improve the public health.

A D Macpherson

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18 CORNWALL MANSIONS,
CHELSEA, S.W.

June 25th 1912

Dear Sir,

Will you please
accept the warm
congratulations of a
fellow member of the
I & P upon your
pictorial in the name
of common sense and
decency. Your remarks
to-day in the House
of Commons are the

best words that have
been spoken there
for years. You have
indeed struck a blow
for human freedom.
Generations unborn
may well, in my
opinion, call you
blessed. You are one
of the few "men" in
the House of Commons.

I am
Yours faithfully
A. D. Macpherson
(Assistant Medical
Sec^y, British Med.
Assocⁿ).

Ernest Lambury Esq.

T. Miller Maguire

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TERRITORIAL FORCE WAR SCHOOL.

TELEPHONE: 103 WESTERN

10. EARL'S COURT SQUARE, S.W.

June 25 1912

Dear Sir

Heartly Congratulations
 on your article on
 Asquith, quite independent
 of the Home question
 he is an obvious hero
 in every way - I don't
 know whether you know
 about the ^{Blair} Carmichael Case
 and Mrs Beccard; Asquith
 does & yet is a party to
 gross injustice. But he
 had been a legal vote catcher
 of the base type & they
 certainly knowledg your friends
 & no more

T. Miller Maguire
with 25 June 1912
Since I wrote this I have
obtained further & much more

Sent to Lloyd George by request of a large number of all kinds of folk in this Parish.

terrible details of the
villanous and pitiful
cases beneath the

Women won't tell their age and they are right. I would as a lawyer advise very many of them to go to gaol rather than do so.

Re Insurance Act

10 Earl's Court Square
S.W.
June 4th 1912

Tel: 103 Western

To the Right Hon. The Chancellor of the Exchequer

Sir,

I have just been consulted by some of my poor friends, including one of my servants, a poor, honest good woman, who was a patriotic, self-sacrificing citizen when you were basely insulting brave Generals and other military officers, my former pupils, for doing their duty in Africa. She has had your Insurance Forms and does not understand them - nor do I nor do any of the many folk, legal, military, clerical, suffragette or anti-suffragette whom I have consulted.

They all called you a mere drivelling, spouting charlatan and that is all the information I can get and it sounds very like your own language about your own adversaries. Not one person in this neighbourhood - Conservative, Liberal, Home Ruler - or the Non Party man wants the Insurance stamps - neither to buy, nor to affix nor to receive them.

I learn that you are appointing preachers - even nonconforming preachers - of your financial heresies and your fooleries and are circulating commentaries on your new Evangel. Hence I am writing to ask you or your Agents to send round a man or a woman here, who can understand the Act and explain it.

As I wish to be quite fair, I will arrange for a good congregation for him and lend him a large lecture room from six to ten in the evening and see that he is properly refreshed.

Of course, for my part as a lecturer on Political Economy before you were even an M.P. or a financier - - and as an employer on a large and complicated scale myself before you had to run out

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of Birmingham for disgraceful conduct and as a friend and champion of the poor all my life. I must say that your Act is utter bosh in almost every detail and offensive to women - old and young, rich and poor in the last degree. To my certain knowledge many of them are arranging to lie about their age already and I was coaching a fine lot of young women on the topic myself to-day.

Lord save us! With what little wisdom and what ample and spurious rhetoric the leaders of our Democracy win power and money for themselves and secure shame, perplexity and decadence for the masses who trust them.

But please send round a lecturer betimes or neither employers nor employed in this neighbourhood will fill in the documents and you will be imprisoning us wholesale.

By the way I have to lecture on Haldane's pilgrimage and its results. The tax payers want to know what that simpering and bleating imposter was doing in Germany for £14 a day. Can you tell us? Excuse my obtrusion,

and believe me to be,

Your obedient servant

R. Miller Maguire.



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From THE BROAD ARROW: THE NAVAL AND MILITARY GAZETTE,
Friday, 7th June, 1912.

"EYE WASH" AND STRATEGY.

SIR,—I read your articles on "Eye Wash" and the "Situation in the Mediterranean," with much interest. Every M.P. should learn them by rôle.

What you say about the wholesale "making of lies" by the Army Council is only too true, and the lack of strategy among Asquith and his highly-paid departmental chiefs is only too deplorably true.

The "Valour of their Ignorance" would be sublime, if it were not ridiculous and disastrous. But the position of the Government is not affected, and is certainly not shaken by such criticism—the average Radical voters are only influenced by appeals to prospects of personal financial gain or class animosity. "Where do I come in?" is his vital question. The speaker who "wasted" time on Imperial questions would have a very small audience in Hyde Park on Sundays or on street corners in Hackney. You very truly remark that the "Eye Wash" of that metaphysical translator of Schopenhauer and worshipper of Goethe and chief of the War Office is not exposed as it should be by the Tory and cheap Press and is basely championed by official sycophants.

Hence we are all very much obliged for your very able remarks on the vagaries of this K.C. Secretary of State for War, who charges £14 a day for essays on German mysticism and whose rambles in the Black Forest and visits to our Teuton rivals are as mysterious as the pilgrimages of that far more efficient tactician and orator, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, whose absence from the Old Bailey recently to my certain knowledge was more sincerely lamented by the Police than is Viscount Haldane's from Whitehall by the Army!

As to the "abandonment of the Mediterranean in consequence of the recent reorganisation of the Fleet," your writer is quite moderate in his just criticism of the fatuity of the Asquithian following and on the insensate indifference of the electorate, though they have been warned again and again. The strategic importance of the Mediterranean, age after age, from the days of Themistocles, Scipio, Hannibal, and Sylla to those of Byng, Sidney Smith, Nelson, and Codrington were fully discussed last October in the Royal United Service.

Your writer agrees with Alexander the Great and Napoleon as to the importance of Egypt, and Mahan agrees with you that Great Britain in the time following Admiral Lord St. Vincent's retreat from the Mediterranean was in the position of a nation struggling for existence, and so she felt it; and, as Lord Kitchener evidently thinks, the true question of to-day is not whether Mr. Thomas has no right to earn a living because he does not join a Union or whether Irish members should sit in the two opposed and contradictory Legislatures in London and Dublin, but whether Great Britain is to be enrolled in the list of European nations.

The views of Napoleon as to Egypt are easily ascertained, and his Eastern schemes, though brilliant in conception, were foiled by sea at the Nile battle and by land at Acre; but a hundred years have not altered by one jot or tittle the permanent international importance of the land of the Pharaohs and the Ptolemies, and Napoleon bitterly regretted the failure of his Eastern enterprise.

It was my duty to dwell fully on this subject in a lecture published in the February number of the *Journal* of the Royal United Service Institution, but I must not trespass any further on your space than to emphasise the truth of the arguments in the article in *The Broad Arrow* of 31st May, which I am well assured are also the views of Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener, and were eloquently set forth by Alison.

Placed in the centre of Europe and Asia, on the confines of east and west, amid the western force of civilisation, at the extremity of the African continent, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, the basin of the Nile and its adjuncts in Syria are certain to become a central point of communication for the varied productions of every part of the globe. The waters of the Mediterranean bring thither all the fabrics and all the iron work of the western looms and forges. The Red Sea wafts to its shores the riches of India and China. The Nile floats down on its bosom the products of vast and unknown regions.

If any eminent writers on military history and geography of any race or age from Herodotus and Julius Cæsar to Leibnitz and Freeman and Mahan are worthy of any attention, then the members of the Cabinet are mere vote-catching partisans, and your warnings of last Friday both as to party "Eye-washing" humbugs and grave Imperial dangers deserve the careful study and thankful appreciation of every patriot—British and Irish.

I am, &c.,

T. MILLER MAGUIRE.

10, Earl's Court Square, S.W., 3rd June 1912.

P.S.—Questions which I heard asked amidst jeers and loud cries of contempt and scorn yesterday (Sunday, 2nd inst.):—"McKenna. Why was he not retained at the Admiralty?" "Where is Haldane?" "What is he doing?" "Why is he chief War Lord?" "Why pay him more than six real Colonels?"

I heard these and similar questions asked at the throngs of poor strikers on Tower Hill and also at well-dressed audiences at Wimbledon. Thousands awaited replies anxiously—but in vain.

If you could tell us, sir, the public, male and female, would be very grateful to you.

Is, as was suggested, the distribution of our highest offices a mere matter of party corruption, wire-pulling, craft, and "graft"? If so Revolution and Ruin are at hand; nor will its "watery wall" protect a weak and wealth-worn populace from any more sturdy foe.



See vol. 28.a, fo. 70-71 for a letter of
Harry Inbery, dated 24 June 1912.

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. back to the stage that missed him in greater form than ever,—“ Press.”

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He would be a Father.
Millionaire for a Minute.
Ransomed.
Called For.
A Midnight Charge.
Only a Wedding.
Best Man Wins.
Phantom Footpad.

Hamshire Hog.
Pugge, the Preacher.
Funny Fish.
Prize Fighter's Daughter.
Militant Crusader.
Bottled Bequest.
Last Good Night.
Den of Thieves.

Rope Merchant.
Jim's Little Joke.
Bow Street Case.
Brace of Horrors.
That Beastly Child.
Clever Capture.
Danger Hill.
The Coming Clown.

Mothers' Meeting.
Turned Up.
Tip Top Flat.
The New Adam.
The Scarecrow.
Tale of a Tigeress.
Stage Frights.
Same Thing—
not quite

*Select ed Ref
Shepherd's Bush
Tues day
evening*

Dear Mr Landau

It is impossible
to refrain from sending you
heartfelt words of congratulation
& admiration for your noble
& heroic denunciation of the
the ministers guilty of the
cowardly & brutal attack upon
the grand women whose lofty
aim and matchless courage is
beyond them / grateful thanks
& everlasting honor to you
Mark Melford

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QUEEN'S GATE,
JUNE 25th / 12 WILMSLOW,
CHESHIRE.

Dear Sir

I desire to thank you not only for myself, but for all those women who claim a freedom hitherto denied them, for your brave action in the House of Commons today.

You could not be surprised that you were asked to retire for you let in upon

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the House a blinding ray of Truth which as constituted at present it is quite unable to bear. When it ~~is~~ contains a majority of men like yourself it will not only be able to stand the Truth but it will welcome it; but not till then.

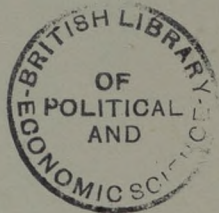
This is a quite impartial tribute for I am not a member of the W.S.P.U. & do not agree with

the window-smashing campaign, but
I do approve of the strength of
that principle which takes
women to prison + keeps them
there in torture. I believe
however that there are members
on both sides of the House who
until today were still in
ignorance that that principle
exists.

Believe me that when the time
comes we shall not prove
ungrateful to you + other men
like you who have proved by
their actions that they are
true suffragists.

Once more thank you

Yours most faithfully
Helen M. Hidd

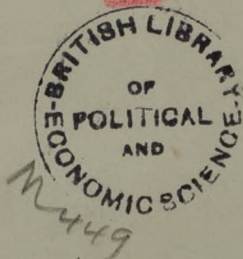


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Sewell

36 Kings Rd^d (115)
Keytushme
U.S.

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Dear George

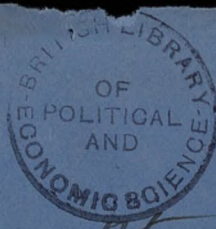
Our sympathies are
with you in your fight

Yours always

Wait Alice

Berke & Cissie

Andrew Sloan
Dear Mr Lausbury



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THE ATHENÆUM,
GLASGOW.

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I cannot refrain from thanking you for your brave words in the Commons this afternoon on behalf of the tortured Suffragettes. You are one of the few men in Commons who speak boldly out on their behalf, and I say bravo and all honour to you - His youth said there are so few humane men in the Commons in dealing with such fine and moral ladies - Men of any party should be humane first, politicians after & if the House generally had shown humane feeling they would have forced Vickers long ago to put the women into the first division where they ought

to have been from the beginning. A Jury of common sense men showed more humanity than Cabinet Ministers & Judges generally, all partly paid their salaries by some of these women. The Labour List seems the only one filled with principle and humane feeling. - Perhaps some day I may be an M.P. - I may aspire to try just because of the vile treatment the women have got and are still to get in remedying evils borne by their sex. I hope to see & assist towards a vast women's union, among working women of all classes

as citizens & human beings,
whether paying taxes or not.
I am afraid if I had been
in the House I would have
said long ago much you
said to day and been
suspected of course. It is
dishonour to you to be
suspected for such noble
stand up for the women;
a dishonour to the cabinet
& the Commons who provoke
you or any one to require
to use the words you did.
You might well have added
to your words. - The women
"who were offered by their
"sentencing Judges their
"freedom if they promised
"not to repeat the offence
"likely to promise now

after undergoing cruelties and on
the eve of release" Not likely
and acquittals & the men are
mighty thick headed not
to see that. - I know Scotch
women in prison who
would be hanged & quartered
but would ^{never} promise that which
they consider would be an
admission of guilt on their
part and all honour to their
Scotch blood. - Every one of
these Scotch women while suf-
fering, is all unconsciously
making thousands and
thousands of suffer yet in
Scotland not simply among
women but among men.
I meet them every day who
were active at the beginning
Blood may yet be shed

Andrew Sloan

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THE ATHENÆUM,
GLASGOW.

in Scotland before this whole
 woman's question remedy of
 their wrongs is righted —
 The Scotch nature is slow to
 move and as slow if not
 slower to forgive a continuance of
 a ~~and~~ repeated wrong —
 I believe if the Press generally
 had reported about the women
 more generally and their unfair
 treatment there would have
 been more indignation in
 the Country. They have printed
 garbled facts and garbled
 reports of Commonsense.
 our 3 Evening papers here
 to night have different
 versions of your words

I have all along found outside
 women's view 3 papers Common
 Cause. votes for women and ^{Quakers} vote
 that the Manchester gave
 the fullest publicity to the
 matter. — And of course the
 women's platform page in
 the Standard has done good.
 But as you know most
 men just read their own
 little local paper and as
 for women in general
 they don't read newspapers,
 and the more is the pity.
 I wish the working man's
 wife would read more and
 his daughter fewer novellets.
 What is wanted badly is
 a good half penny daily
 or weekly women's paper

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for working women. The labour
papers write more for men
and men's affairs. —

All working women of the
Country must be educated
on this question of their
vote being necessary, and
where do City prostitutes
come from but from working
or small middle class
families. Truly it is
lamentable that working
men and their wives can
not always see that unless
it has come to themselves
or some known neighbour.

If ever you come to Glasgow
I will make an effort to try
and see you. To thank

Britain should be nothing if the public
cannot stand the search light of publicity in
the press. — Everything which

indicated how to render visitations of such a
sort as women's Catholic Congress were found by
to all persons in Britain should be open to

You personally for the bold
stand you have made all
through for the women and
it is to be hoped you will push
for a public & searching in-
dependent inquiry of every
woman's experience & her
treatment in these dark
fortresses of apparent cruelty.
There should be no prisons in
Britain ever for a murderer.
They should be only houses of
detention depriving them of
liberty and no more, with
perfect freedom at any
time for friends to go and
see them without any Home
office order. A request at the
door of prison at any time
should be enough. —

A. H. Smith Derby 25/6/12

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Sir.

A life-long Liberal
offers you his best thanks
Heartiest congratulations
on your magnificent
action in the House.

Forcible feeding is
Murder, & the Prime
Minister is responsible
for it. He and the
Cabinet are beneath
contempt.

A. H. Smith

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Hon. Wth Lansbury M.P.
House of Commons,
London



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Frank Smith
County Hall,

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Spring Gardens, London, S. W.

Dear George. Hooray! for your
Protest in Home! I wish
you had had half a dozen
like minded to stand by you.

to a
finish.

Good luck

Ever yours

Frank



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Mr. Geo. Hausbury M.P.
103 St. Stephens Rd.
Bor
E

5. Wellesley Mansions

W. Kensington -

June 25th - 1912

Dear Mr. Levesbury,

May I send a few words to thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your noble words this afternoon in the woman's cause, and for your endeavors to obtain justice for

those women who are
now suffering so terribly
and sacrificing everything
for principle.

That little band are the
noblest women in England,
and they are much to
you, and the few other
men who so whole-
heartedly support them.

There are thousands
of women in England,
like myself, who have

not, alas! the courage
to go to prison, but whose
hearts are burning with
indignation at the
resentment meted out
to women by a so-called
Liberal government,
and with admiration
& gratitude to you for
your noble championship,
and we trust that a
cause for which the
best women are fighting

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And the noblest men
sacrificing so much
must prevail.

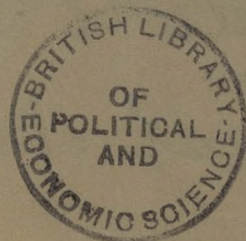
I can only again say
thank you.

Yours gratefully.

Sarah E. Waller Nettles.

My Husband who is
a member of the Liberal
& Eighty Clubs fully
agrees with what

I say -



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NATIONAL TELEPHONE 10.
TELEGRAMS,
"CLUBLAND," LEICESTER.

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LEICESTERSHIRE CLUB,
LEICESTER.

Womens Suffrage 25. VI. 12
11.45. pm

Dear Sir

I have been working all day until now, when I see an account in the evening paper of your protest in the House of Commons today.

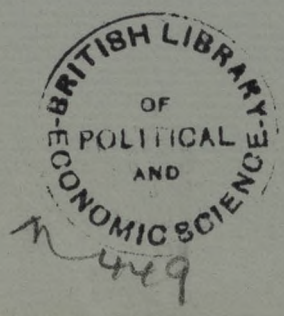
May I have the satisfaction before I sleep of thanking you?

I hope I shall always be a Liberal ~~in~~ but the present Government & the House of Commons are beneath contempt. - mostly cats & curs!

Please do not reply

Yours most gratefully

Smithies Taylor



S. Weevill Turner "Ours" (125)
Private
Saxon Road
Selhurst S.E.
June 25th 1912

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing to you to express my gratitude for the brave and sincere action you took in the House of Commons today to defend those who are at present unable to speak for themselves.

I am not one of your party,
but I am an Englishman, and when I opened the evening paper I rejoiced to find that at least

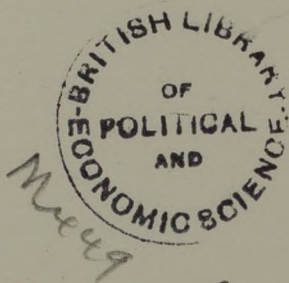
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one constituency had been fortunate enough to find an English gentleman for its leader,

Mr. ^{essno} Asquith & Mr. Keema's name will go down to posterity as murderers of innocent women, and yours as one who loved his fellow men.

Yours dear Sir
Yours obediently
S. Weevill Turner

G. Lushington Esq. M.P.

E. H. Watson

CHIGWELL ROW,
ESSEX.25th June 1912

George Lansbury Esq. M. P.
House of Commons

Dear Sir

I offer you my deepest admiration for your conduct in the House this evening. Especially do I feel it due to my honour as a conservative to render you my thanks and respect.

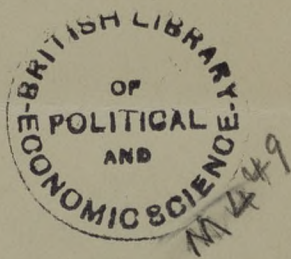
I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. H. Watson.

"Well-wisher"

June 25
1912



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Dear Sir,

If you do not exercise more self-control, you will in time lose your reason.

You should note that only those prisoners who prefer it are fed artificially. Those who like to take their food in the ordinary way can do so.

You would be wise to consult a good doctor, and take a holiday, as you are evidently on the verge of hysteria.

A well-wisher.

June 25th 1912.

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REVRD P. E. T. WIDDINGTON,
ST. PETER'S VICARAGE,
COVENTRY.

My dear Lady.

You are splendid!

I congratulate you with all my heart -
It is something to have made that strong,
self-sustained lawyer squint - But
where were the Labour Party? I grow
more & more disgusted with J. R. M.
His article "The New Republic" in
his week's Leicester Pioneer is about the
limit - His assumption of calm,
dispassionate political judgment, and
denunciation of "rot" agreements, etc.
etc. is simply sickening - I am

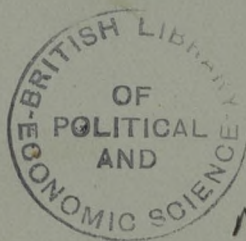
sure that nothing really important will be
done until the defect remains (as yet)
their "gentility" and the complaints of the
Literary Press. and hopes to do as
a body that you have done as an
individual — True power to you
elbow. ✓ See bless you!

Always affectionately & —

P. L. T. Midington

My wife is expecting an infant
next week — She sends you her
thanks for what you have done

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Gertrude Wilkinson (130)

C/o Mrs. Lamartine Yates
Dorset Hall, Merton
Surrey.
25. 6. 1912.

Dear Mr. Lausbury -

You are a champion
indeed !! Bravo + thank you -
I was discharged suddenly on
Monday afternoon from Holloway
& am now in bed with a nurse
after 5 forcible feedings!
Many thanks for your letter
about Vera W. She only
returned to W^x from hospital
the day I left. so there is yet
time to save her from forcible
feeding - Pray do if you can.
She ought not to have to go
through it again -
I hear that Arthur Jones

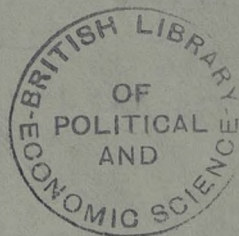
has implored MacKenna
to set her free -

The other most urgent ones
in Holloway are Miss
Davis and Mr. Gatty, but
all are urgent.

Yours most gratefully

Gertrude { Jessie Howard } Will Kisco
prison name

I hope to have the opportunity
of meeting you when Vera
comes out.



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HARDHILL,
CENTRAL AVENUE,
CAMBUSLANG,
NE GLASGOW.

June 25.
[1912]

To G. Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Sir,

A thousand, thousand
thanks for your noble
concern, from
an ex-prisoner.

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June 25 1912

Dear Mr. Sainsbury,

This is just to send you the
heartiest congratulations from the
Women's Freedom League for the
protest you made in the House
this afternoon. We only wish that
McKenna had been present to
share the Prime Minister's discomfiture

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We very warmly thank you for the protest you have made.

Yours very truly,

F. A. Underwood.



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M. Bridges Adams

26 June 1912

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Good luck. Bush
up the Dipinty (and
Paine us!) of which Collett
so beautifully described as
the Den of Thieves
yours M Bridges Adams

Tell the Minister of Education
he is completely inadequate
to rule that he is leaving
Christophers children
Wadie -

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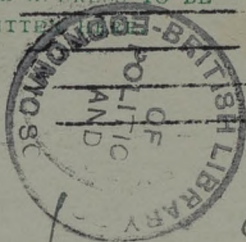
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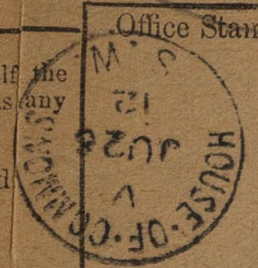
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Heartfelt thanks and sincerest admiration
for your brave protest in
Parliament every true woman understands
and honours you Rose Atken
The Blore Norwich and Eleanor
Barnes Roselawn Chislehurst relations of
Suffragists just released after brutal treatment of forcible
feeding

Andrade, H. de Costa 12 Gleneagle Road. Plymouth.

26th June. 1912.

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George Lansbury Esq M.P.

House of Commons.

Dear Sir.

I have the greatest abhorrence against the principles of Socialism which you so ably advocate, and no sympathy with the desire of women for the vote, and a strong repugnance against the violent and senseless methods lately adopted and for which some are now as I consider, quite justly imprisoned; but I have a very strong feeling that forcible feeding particularly of women who however misguided are acting as prompted by their consciences is dastardly, cruel, and revolting, to the extremest degree, and that Mr Asquith's remark that they "could walk out of prison at any moment" is evidence of the meanest, unnatural, and cold blooded cynicism. I believe that if the most brutal criminal was subjected to this horrible torture of forcible feeding it would by many be considered an outrage.

I have the greatest respect and admiration for the humane feeling and manliness that prompted your indignant protest, and consider your loss of self control under the circumstances highly creditable to you, and I trust that you will not consider that I am taking a liberty in thus expressing my sympathy and regard; I hope you will receive thousands of letters to a similar effect, I am sure that millions of people in the Country must feel as I do in the matter, though I am sorry to find that amongst those with whom I have come in contact here, there appears to prevail a most strange apathy in regard to it. With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely

H. de Costa Andrade

W. Andrade
National Union of Gasworkers and General Labourers.

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TELEPHONE NO.
1953 CENTRAL

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

LONDON DISTRICT.

S. J. WRIGHT,

District Secretary.

Registered Office: 172, PENTONVILLE ROAD, KING'S CROSS,

LONDON, N.

Millwall East June 26 1912
George Lansbury M.P.

Dear Comrade

I should consider that I was not doing my duty if I neglected writing to you to congratulate you on the noble action you took up in the House yesterday you told me yesterday that you were glad to think that I was still in the movement I am doubly glad that there are such men as you who are prepared to sove the rights of the people by reading the account of your action in the house simply fill me with the fire of renalution I must conclude by endorsing the playcards of our Paper the (Daily Herald)
Bravo George Lansbury

one of your admirers

W. Andrade

W/B

I was at Tower Hill yesterday and we had a fine meeting I have got Charlie Sumner for Friday next and comrade Mrs Shepard has promised to come if she is in London

good Bye and
good Luck

Anonymous

26 June 1912

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For the love, you
ought to be united
to one of those
female suffragettes
and then fastened up
together in a pig
sty - What an apt
pupil you are of that
arch thief & fraudster
Hoyd George - It is
dearly to be hoped that
he and the rest of the
Rotten Radical Rabble
will soon be kicked out
of their ill gotten power
to tyrannize over decent
folks

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Mr Geo' Lansbury
Lonsy Linnikane Paper
House of Commons
Westminster



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W. H. Archibold

6, BALMORAL MANSIONS,
RICHMOND BRIDGE,
EAST TWICKENHAM.

June 26. 12

G. Lansbury Esq^r M.P.

Dear Sir

Will you please accept
my sincere thanks for yr
noble outburst on Tuesday
last in the cause of the
Suffragette prisoners. The
action of the Government over
this matter is most despicable,
& as a life long Liberal I so
much regret. It will always
be a black spot on their record
wh: time will only accentuate.

Mr Asquith's Excuse
that they could be liberated at

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once by promising not to act
in the same way again
was pitiful. yr answer
was admirable. Future
generations will I'm sure
endorse yr view as the
Government's position is so
illogical.

I am thankful there is
one man who is not afraid
to speak from his heart

Again & again thanks!

Yours very truly

W. H. Archibold

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TO { George Lansbury Sec of Common

Your action was a credit
to the best traditions of
British manhood the traditions of
Parliament are not worth much
it was a show up
for the whole House.

Baker 71 Margaret St W.

J. Saward Beanland

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Manchester, 26 June, 1912.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I have long wanted to write and express my warm appreciation of your constant support of the Women's cause in Parl^t. and out, but your outbreak last night compels me to do so without further loss of time. It feels so humiliating a thing to me sometimes when I have done my little best for them at an open-air meeting, that they should afterwards come and thank me for what I have said, as if it were so rare a thing that a man should defend a woman's rights that it merits thanks, instead of being the most natural thing in the world, that I wish your hot and passionate words could set England on fire. I am glad to have met, and remotely to be associated with, one man who has blood in his veins.

I could almost wish, as you seem to have yourself intended, that your exposure of Asquith's meanness had ended in another Bradlaugh ejection, but I am glad, very seriously glad, that you have not got yourself suspended, for I am very much afraid that the tempting bait of the Manhood Suffrage bill will cause some of the tame sheep in our Labour Party to wobble when the time comes, and I want you to be there for the second reading, to keep them right, and to tell the House straight that we don't want men's rights at the cost of women's wrongs, and make that the clear issue.

It is an abominable thing that England, the ancient home of freedom, the sanctuary for the oppressed of all nations, the first to break the chains of slavery, the foremost in sending martyrs to die for every great cause wherever the sun has shone, should be the only

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26 June 1912

one among the nations of the earth which thrusts its women into prison by the thousand rather than grant them the most elementary of human rights. You are quite right about Asquith. The first essential of statesmanship is Vision. May his grave be defiled.

Excuse my troubling you. And don't bother to reply. Take my hearty thanks for saying so well what I hope may be repeated a hundred thousand times, and believe me, with my hat off,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Beanland

Mr. J. Saword Beanland.

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June 26 '12

Dear Sir

As I see our enemies are out slow to try to make political capital out of your action last night in the House, may I be allowed, on the other hand, to express to you personally, in the name of many others, our appreciation of and cordial thanks for your spirited intervention against the heartless injustice with which our women are being treated by the Government? It can do nothing but good for the Prime Minister to hear from you, face to face, and for the world to read what so many of us are thinking and feeling about him. If a few more members of the House had the right feeling and the courage to speak out against this Government, our position would have some chance of being conducted on healthy principles.

Yours with all respect

Yours faithfully,

Ernest Bell.

G. Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Alfred John Billingham
(R.B.A.)

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26/June 12.

6, ALBERT STUDIOS,
ALBERT BRIDGE ROAD,
BATTERSEA PARK, S.W.

Mr. Geo Lansbury M.P.
Dear Sir

Kindly accept my sincere thanks
for your noble support of the Suffragette
prisoners by your strong action in the
House of Commons yesterday.

I feel that you had almost done me a
great personal service.

The constant vindictive oppression
brought by the Government against these
brave women should rouse every man
with any sense of honor and chivalry to
strong protest.

I trust you will know that your action
has the heartfelt praise of all men
and women who understand the real
meaning of the women's movement.

Sincerely and thankfully yours

Alfred John Billingham

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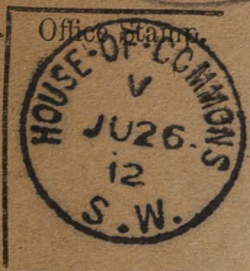
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Mrs Brailsford begs to send warmest thanks and congratulations splendid protest yesterday

Mrs. Henry Noel Brailsford

Christina Sinclair Bremner (146)
(author of Divorce & morality, 1912)
14 Addison Rd. North
Holland Park W.

June 26. 12

Dear Sir

Just a word to thank you for your fine advocacy of the women's cause in Parliament. I am truly glad you had the courage to speak to our pseudo-Liberal Premier in the way he richly deserved last night. In an emotional moment, we are sometimes carried away by feeling & afterwards, in colder mood, regret it. You have no cause to do so: the Prime Minister is

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a thousand times wrong, & you are a thousand times right.

If members blame you, do not forget that some of them went to the railing of the House of Commons enclosure, & jeered at the women whom the police were maltreating for their insistence on seeing the Premier. It occurred two or three years ago. I was present at the meeting in the London Opera House last March, & listened with keen interest to your able & eloquent speech. Whatever the success of opponents may be, whatever pleasure they derive from your suspension, & deprivation of their honourable

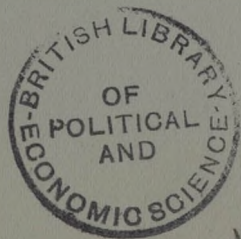
Society for a few hours, there are men
& women in this land who realize,
who know, that you have struck
another blow for Enslaved women, &
consequently for Enslaved labour.

May I remind you that just before
Phipps's bill on the load-line
passed in the Ho. of Commons, he
treated to them to a scene & accused
members of being the murderers of
Seamen. The bill passed. Asquith
is a murderer of liberty & Justice
that you faced him & said so.

My cordial thanks.

Yours faithfully
Christina S. Bremer.

I send you a copy of my newly
published "Divorce & Morality" &
when time permits, I shall be
grateful if you will give me your
opinion on it & permission to
publish the same when Mr. Palmer
issues a leaflet.



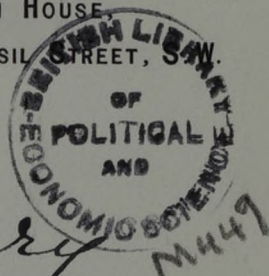
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Mrs. Seymour C. H. Bushe
(n. Lady Kathleen Maude,
d. of 1st Earl de Montalt)

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2, WASHINGTON HOUSE

BASIL STREET, S.W.



June 26th 1912

Dear Mr. Laubury

Will you allow me
to congratulate you
on the noble stand
you took yesterday
in Parliament, for
women.

I have had the pleasure
of meeting you when you
spoke in another good
cause, that of Antisocialism.
Wishing you success.

Yours truly
Kathleen Bushe

Mrs. Humphrey C. Butler

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Kapar

Selangor

F. M. S.

[Sat 26 June 1912]

To Geo. Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Dear Sir,

From a solitary bungalow
on a rubber plantation may I
send you, as a woman, my grateful
thanks for your chivalrous words
in the House of Commons on
June 25th - as reported in the
"Malay Mail" of June 26th.

This just to show you that even here
on the edge of civilisation there are
those who wait - & watch, with
regret that they are so far removed
from the scene of action.

I cannot tell you how much one
appreciates such action as yours
in the face of public opinion,
ridicule, & the unthinking majority
- and nowhere perhaps so much

Mrs. H. C. Butler

[Sat 26 June 1912]

as our East does one realise
the stupendous necessity of the
emancipation of women.
Once again, Sir, I thank you
& beg to sign myself

A Solitary Suffragette.

I enclose my card.

Mrs. Humphrey C. Butler
Sungei Serdang Estate
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