

Rev. Arthur Astbury

(50)

349, CAMDEN ROAD, N.



25 June, 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Just a line to assure
you of my hearty sympathy
with you in your protest in
the House of Commons to-day.
May God bless & help you.
Thank God for one man in
Parliament.

Remember Chivisoll!
(+ his protest in the House)
Yours very truly
Rev. Astbury

Eli Auty

(51)

Postage la Prairie Man.

Canada June 25/12

Dear Comrade

I fully understand your view point and sympathise. Had your colleague ^(?) in the House taken up a like attitude on this 'Woman' question there would be something doing but till then this matter must hang fire. With all my heart I thank you for this and also for the good work you did in connection with the ~~gouging~~ of Tom Mann. affair

Do please hasten on the Revolution. There is a Titanic boat load of people dying daily and almost everybody is apathetic. Feel like you, that if we could emancipate the women politically they would settle the poverty problem in quick time. The men - even the Socialists - are developing brain and muscle at the expense of heart so that we need the women to supply this lack.

Can't you arrange to talk to us lone scouts out on the Prairies through the medium of the "Clarion"? Robert is a good fellow "whom yet unseen we love" but oh! for a man like yourself who will smash something occasionally and make those cowards tremble who are

standing between us and our hearts' desire

God bless you

Yours for the Revolution

Eli Auty

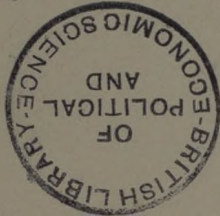
J. Benazon
Dear Mr Lansbury.

39 Howland St. W.
June 28/72

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May I express to you my
admiration & unqualified support of your
action to day in the House. I have long admired
you as the finest man (the only decent one, in
fact) in the H of C. I only look at my daily
rag to see what Lansbury says. Please do
not be discouraged by any criticism, from
whenever source. I have an idea that you
sometimes pray to be delivered from your
friends. If you should feel discouraged at
any time please drop me a line & I'll
undertake to buck you up. By the Lord Harry,
Bow Bromley ought to be proud of you.
That you may be spared for many, many
years to come to continue your noble work
of protecting the downtrodden, uplifting the
fallen, educating the ignorant, slushy,
unmasking hypocrites heads is the fervent
wish of, yours ever J Benazon.

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G. Lansbury Esq. M.P.
House of Commons
Westminster. SW

Randolf House

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Alice E. BillinghamST Coxway Street
N.W.

June 25. 1912.

Dear Mr. Mansbury

I must thank you for
the magnificent protest
you made in the House
this afternoon.

You and the few good men
who are standing by the
women in their fight for
Freedom are doing more

than you know ~~of~~ for many
of us. You are saving
us from losing all faith
in men and growing absolutely
bitter.

I felt last night, after
reading the accounts in the
evening papers of the way
in which the questions
about Mrs. Pankhurst and
the splendid brave women
who are fighting for us
all were received in the

House, that all men
were despicable brutes,
and this afternoon I have
got back hope again. And
there must be many thousands
of women who feel as I do.
Thank God for those of you
good men who prevent this
bitter fight from becoming
a sex war.

Believe me

Yours gratefully

Alice E. Billingham

Wm. Boulting (L.R.C.P.)
[noted doctor]

31 Argyll Mansions
Chelsea, S.W

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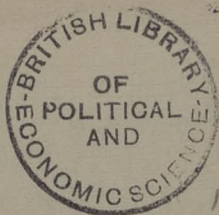
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Dear Mr Laurbury.

I wish to add my deep
and respectful homage to my daughter's expression
of gratitude. Thank God that there is one
man in the House; and, ^{in confidence} that he will gather
others round him, believe me,

Gratefully,

Yours very respectfully and
William Boulting (L.R.C.P. &c)



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Queenie Carson
Parkmount,
Lister
Ireland.

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Dear Mr Laubury
I am a North of Ireland
Unionist and possibly
opposed to you Politically
on many questions
nevertheless I feel
compelled to write you
and express my admiration
for your manly & courageous
defence of honourable

and brave women. But all
treated in a so-called
Christian country. - Every
word you said was
perfectly justified. -
The game of Politics has
become so degraded that
party counts for more
than principle. But we
women thank God there
is at least one man
in that Assembly able
to rise above party. -

and disrespectful
consequences to defend
the weak & suffering. -
Women have no votes
therefore have no place
in Politics. But the
time is coming & near
at hand when she will
come into her own, - and
I hope & believe prove worthy
of those who defend her
cause - You & I are
strangers to each other

and brave women. But all
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Christian country. - Every
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strangers to each other

(57) But two things I know
about you - If you are
married you have a
fine wife, if you are
not - You should be -

Again thanking you.

Believe me -

Very Sincerely yrs

(Mrs) Lucenie Carson

This letter has been
written under difficulties
excuse paper &c &c -

Alexander Cassie
LABORATORIES—

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29 George Square,

Edinburgh, 25th June 1912.

Sir,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I sit down to write to you. I have read in Wingle's Edinburgh papers of your protest in regard to the treatment of the women in Holloway.

My wife & I have one of our greatest friends there & I can truly say that her character is one of the most beautiful that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

Whatever my views in regard to women's suffrage may be, I can assure you that this treatment is the most abominable that I have ever heard of in the history of our country & I quite agree with every word that you said in the House this afternoon. I only wish to thank you for your strong protest & say how much I admire you for it.

Yours faithfully,
Alexander Cassie.

George Laundy Esq. M.P.
House of Commons

London.
P.S. I do not expect a reply to this as it is only an expression of my gratitude.

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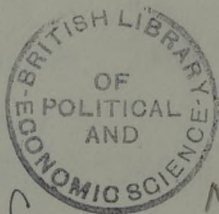
Mrs Cassie

(60)

TELEPHONE No 6236

19 BLACKET PLACE,
EDINBURGH.

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Dear Sir,

Reading, in this
evening paper, of
your courageous action
in the House of Commons,
I can not refrain
from writing to
express my admiration,

19 BLACKBURN PLACE
EDINBURGH

imposes, even more
than for the pain
it inflicts, & this with
struggling subjects
is not readily exaggerated.

Speaking as a
physician, I greatly
regret that the consent
of the majority of
my profession makes

& my sense of the
nobility of character, which
enabled you in such
a difficult position to
give expression to so
spontaneous & enthusiastic
an expression of
opinion.

Forceful feeding must
be repugnant to all
of us for the sense
of degradation it

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it possible to carry out
the abominable & unfair
policy of the House
Secretary.

Please do not trouble
to reply to his
simple expression of
opinion.

yours faithfully,
Ethel Cassie.

M.B.L.B.S.P.H.

Mr George Lansbury.
House of Commons.

R. S. Court 21 Colworth Road (62)

Leyton Line

25/6/14

Sir

Allow me Sir to

thank you for your noble
action in the House of Commons
today. I have for a long time
felt ashamed of the action of
these leaders of the Liberal Party
I am glad Sir that you have
told them what others as well
as yourself think of them

(63)
Treatment of the Women of England.

I have hi decided that for
the future I shall vote for
Labour Members, from what I
can see and hear you place
principle first and party
politics after. Go on hi
You have the best workers and
charities not only of the Women
but also of every right thinking
man. Yours Very Truly
Rupert Lacey Court-

TELEPHONE 412.

L. J. R. Cripps
[see Vol. 17: Section II, folios 371-7]

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Arzana,
Shelley Road,
Worthing.

25th June 1912.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I have just seen in to-night's paper a report of your splendid protest in the House against the Government's scandalous treatment of political prisoners, and I hasten to write to assure you of how proud we members of the (Worthing) I.L.P. feel of you. - We most heartily endorse your action, and trust that it will act as an inspiration to the other members of the Labour Party in Parliament.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J.R. Cripps
Secretary,
Worthing I.L.P.

Mr Geo. Lansbury, M.P.

House of Commons.

[Mrs. Ada Cripps]

P.S. My mother wishes me to say that she hopes we may soon have the pleasure of seeing you here for a nice quiet week-end. I am sure you must need a rest. I can easily fetch you in our car.
J.R.C.

[George Dagger]
(1879-1950) ~~just away to~~ Starbuck 65

Dear G. L. 25 June 1912

Bravo! Not a single
damned one of 'em man
enough or sincere enough
to follow suit! The whole
of the so-called Labourites
ought to have done the
same, solid, Cuss 'em!

Ever
G. D.

[See signature of George Dagger
on letter 11 Dec 1833 under Williams
in Vol. 15]

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George Lansbury Esq MP
103 St Stephens Road
Bow
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Marianne Dale

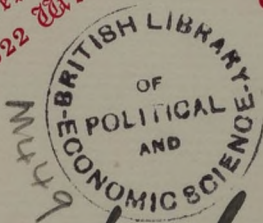
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Telephone,
2322 Western.

60, Onslow Gardens,

S.W.



Thanks dear Mr. Lansbury

a thousand times for your

noble ^{protest} ~~protest~~ in the House.

With best regards

Marianne Dale.

I wish you had hit Asquith!!

June 25th 1912

R. May Davis

(67)

Inglewicks
Wanstead Place
Wanstead

Dear Sir

I thank you

from the bottom of my
heart for the brave stand
you made in the House
of Commons today -
You at least have kept
your manhood unstained.
I know the moral courage
& singleheartedness which

brought it forth, & am
thinking what a proud
woman your wife must
be, tell her so from me.
I also know what your
independent action will
mean to the Executive
at the next election, but
do not fear (it is needless
for me to mention fear to
such as you) the country
needs such men, in fact
we cannot do without
you & such as you.
The Suffrage societies are

not likely to forget their
friend, least of all the
Women's Social & Political
Union, of which I am
a humble paper seller.

Believe me gratefully

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) R. Mary. Davis.

G. Lamsbury Esq. Le. P.

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Mary Deane 35 Pemberton Road
Harroway N.

June 25th 1912

Dear Mr. Lambour

May God bless, preserve
& prosper you for your
magnificent bravery in
defending women in a
place, encrusted by
tradition & where they
have no possibility of
defending themselves.

I thank you with
all my heart & I

know the love & gratitude of
all the women in the W.S.P.U.
will go out to you &
make you strong in the
face of the attitude of
both press & parliament.

I thank you & think of
you as one of Nature's
gentlemen.

With the deepest &
sincerest gratitude

I remain

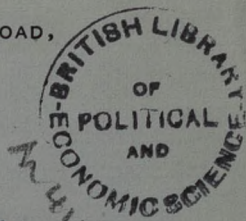
Yours very sincerely
Mary Deane
W.S.P.U.

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18, HARRINGTON ROAD,
S.W.

Una Dugdale Dural
[of Parkhurst, 431]



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Dear Mr Lansbury,

You have done
a noble deed
this day in standing
up for the oppressed.

Gods blessing will
be upon you

Yours -

Yrs sincere

Una Dugdale Dural

Henry East

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"Homeleigh"

Brandenburgh Road,
Gunnorsbury.

25th June 1912

Dear Sir,

I cannot refrain ~~to~~ ^{from} writing to thank you from my heart for the noble stand you have taken in the House on behalf of the women of the country as a protest against the methods of barbarity that are being practised upon the women suffragists who are fighting the battle of their sex.

I am a strong Unionist and as such am strongly opposed to your political opinions but I admire most fervently

~~The~~ your disinterested championship
of the Women's Cause.

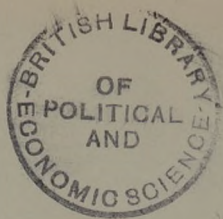
The methods of Mr. Keena & the
Cabinet are a lasting disgrace to a
so-called Christian Country, & if
practised in Russia there would have
been a great outcry in England.

Oh! what Pharisees & hypocrites we
are. It is (to me) simply nauseating.

I am,
Yours truly
J. E. East.

You have nothing to be ashamed of, but
on the other hand have caused to be proud
of your actions.

I occupy a semi official position, therefore please
do not mention my name except in^a confidential
manner.



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John Edwards

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ONE HUIS,
DARLEY DRIVE,
WEST DERBY.

Liverpool June 25th 1912

Dear Lansbury

I am one of the oldest Socialists
(Fabian & I L P) in this district & I desire
to express my sincere sympathy with
your outburst of righteous indignation
this afternoon. I know many will
condemn you — many of cold and
unfeeling hearts will say you acted
foolishly and wildly — but I cannot
help feeling that the Government

are
acting in a most wicked + brutal
manner, and the ordinary forms of
expression are incapable of conveying
to them the sense of utter abhorrence
which decent men ought to feel
towards them. Dr Ethel Smyth

gives in today's Standard a quotⁿ
from some French poetess which
describes England as she looks to
the outsiders: we are simply not
civilised. I hope your Plimsoll-like
outburst may do good. Asquith
& McKenna now know in what
light their treatment of the women

is regarded by a man whose sincerity is
recognised by all men whether they agree with
him or not. I offer you my hearty thanks
for all you have done for the women. I wish
our Party would make a bolder stand against
the Government on the ground of the Government's
antagonism to the women & the Franchise! The
determined & organised opposition of the Labour
Party to every Government measure, at every stage,
would cause them a lot of trouble & might modify
their views on the whole subject.

Yours truly

John Howard

(75)

Dear Comrade Lunsbury

I fully endorse
what my husband has
written to you, but
still I want to thank
you from the bottom
of my heart for your
splendid protest of
to-day and for all
the support and help
you have given to
our cause. I know
that thousands of
women think of you
with great gratitude
and bless your name.
Yours gratefully
W. Elizabeth Edwards.

Walter E. Evans

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High Lea,
Foxhall Road,
Nottingham.

25th June 1912

Dear Sir,

I should like to
express to you my grateful
thanks for the action
you have to day taken
in the interest, not
only of the Women ~~and~~
political prisoners - but
of the Women's Suffrage
Movement generally -

at a time like the
present - when so few

men are ready to
come forward & champion
the Women's Cause, it
is encouraging to see
that there is at least
one member of the
British House of Commons
who has the pluck of
his convictions ^{will} openly
resent the indignities
that are at present being
put upon women.

I sincerely hope that
the Labour Party generally
will make a firm
stand in the matter
of Women's Suffrage.
^{that they will}
& use every endeavour
to see that it is included
in the Bill now before
the House of Commons.

Believe me -

yours faithfully
Walter E. Evans

George Lansbury Esq M.P.
House of Commons.

From Derrell Riggs, (author of Chronicle of facts, etc.)

Cross Anchors,

42 Asmuns Hill,

Hampstead Garden.

H.W.

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25 June 1912

My dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, although we have a good many mutual friends; yet I feel I must write and thank you with all my heart for your manly and honourable protest in the House of Commons today. I do not know if the papers have accurately reported you as having said that that assembly has already fallen into honourable discredit among right-feeling men and women: in any case your clean-handed, clean-hearted, clean-minded protest will do more to raise it in esteem than any of the present or past actions of those whom you so courageously denounced. You will no doubt receive many denunciations from those whose habit it is to truck with honour; and many unworthy suggestions to apologise for a splendid deed. You will no doubt receive even more plaudits. Let me in my own way join in these latter; and thank you, together with my wife, for a deed that makes us feel prouder of our race, and of a stouter courage to say the clean straight word for the dishonourable act.

Believe me always very sincerely yours,

Derrell Riggs

STATION:
WILLESDEN JUNCTION,
1/4 MILE.

Elinor Penn
Gaskell

12, NICOLL ROAD,
WILLESDEN, N.W.

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TELEPHONE:
255 WILLESDEN.

June 25th
1912

Dear Mr. Laushory

I thank you so much
for your splendid and chivalrous
championship of our prisoners ~~to be~~ in
the House today when our hearts are
so sore and heavy it brings unpeakable
comfort to feel that we have a friend
so strong and true as you have ever
proved yourself. The incident today
will I am sure never be forgotten
by those now struggling for their freedom
and will live in history by the sheer
splendour of its spiritual force

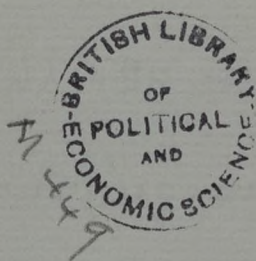
Yours sincerely

Elinor Penn Gaskell

Elinor Penn Gaskell

Alice E. Gillington

(80)



The Yellow & Brown Caravans,
Thorney Mill,

Christchurch, Hants,

June 25th 1912.

Dear Sir,

I thank you with my whole heart
in the name of the nation, for speaking
the truth so gloriously in your righteous
indignation against the Prime Minister.
In the name of all England, I say, you
thank you; and particularly at this
present time of torture of helpless
women in prison for a perfectly just
cause. What we want to see in our
Members of Parliament is Justice and

mercy — and God knows these attributes
do not belong to this most iniquitous
Government!

When their reign is over, bonfires
of rejoicing should be lit on every hill
around the coasts of Great Britain —
ah, and beyond the seas!

Stand up and boldly rebuke vice
and may God be with you!

Yours most faithfully

Alice C. Gillington.

TELEPHONE 489.

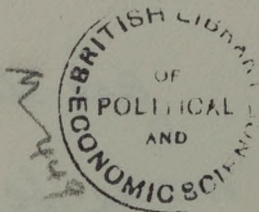
Graham

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27, Norham Road,

Oxford.

25/6/12



Dear Mr. Lansbury

Although I am a strong
Conservative and a non-
militant suffragist. I must
send you a few lines to say
how much I admire your
generous outbreak in the House
last night. To think that men
can sit there + laugh while
the tortures on God have
womene, however mistaken

are described
Their actions may be, is
enough to make any one's
blood boil

"God bless you, is the earnest
prayer of

Yours faithfully

Isabella M. Graham

of Darwen

Lancashire

Wyndham L. HAYES

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TELEPHONE
STREATHAM 1400.

19, Aldington Road,
Streatham Park, S.W.

June 25th 1912

Dear Sir,

I cannot rest satisfied with merely feeling intense admiration for you, but must write to say how inspiring it is to know that, in these days when most of us are selfish either because of too much comfort or on the other hand because of too hard a struggle for the mere means of existence, there

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are men whose ideals have not been submerged in the parliamentary atmosphere of expediency.

When I first heard of you as "Grab-the-lot" Lansbury I ignorantly feared your policy.

Since then I have frequently heard you put your Spirit Courage and Character into true and simple words, and for some time past have felt that if folk like you could "grab the lot" and deal with

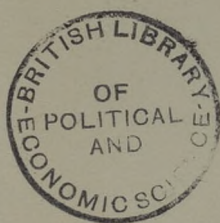
it according to your aspirations it would be the greatest blessing that this or any country could experience — save one thing only.

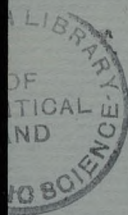
That is that our Nation itself may so reflect Divine Will as to mould its thoughts and desires to create a Public Opinion that will force those whose talents (material & mental) are at present misapplied, to naturally and inevitably exert themselves to perform without legislation what you and all real Christians are seeking legislation to compel them to do.

That you may be spared strength and a long life to uphold principle in every phase of public affairs is the sincere wish of

To
George Lansbury Esqre
House of Commons, E.C.4

Yours truly
Wyndham C. Hart





Evelina Haverfield (d. of 3rd (84)
Barton Abinger,
b. 1862)

[see E. Sylvia
Pankhurst, Suffragette
movement, 1931]

46, Cornwall Gardens,
S.W.

26.6.12.

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Dear Mr. Lansbury.

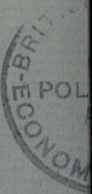
May I add my
tribute of respect & ad-
miration for the way
you stood up for us in
the House of Commons
yesterday, it was
magnificent & much
have made the hearts
of every suffragist throa-
t with pride & thank me

have such a champion
who makes us realize
the days of chivalry are
not past, a fact we
find it hard to believe
her some times in these
days of cant, greed &
selfishness.

When the names of
those members of our

present movement have
long since sunk into
^{the} oblivion by course, yours
will be remembered
enshrined in the hearts
of thousands of women
whose work will be
lighten the burden
for so many others

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women & to teach them
what those glorious
words Liberty & Freedom
mean.

Ever dear W. Lambton

Yr. with profound
respect & admiration

Eliza Hauser Gibb.

Alis O'Connell Hayes (86)
(grand-daughter³⁴ of Daniel O'Connell) Grange Park
Baling.
25-6-12

Dear Sir

Will you allow me to try & thank you for what you did last evening, and for your protest today in the House? My name will convey nothing to you, but I was with the Miss "O'Kelly" - really O'Kelly - on whose behalf you made such strenuous efforts to get in touch with Birmingham yesterday

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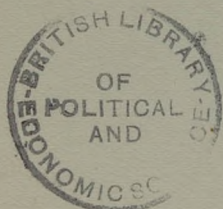
I cannot tell you what a relief it was to her to find someone who would do something on behalf of her sister. When I met her in Whitehall about 7.30 she was in such a state of desperation — her own health has been greatly upset by forcible feeding — that I felt we must make some effort to get news from Birmingham, and suggested visiting Westminster. I used to think a great grand daughter of Daniel

O'Connell had some small claims on Irishmen, but the nationalist member for whom I asked ignored us entirely, and had it not been for your kindness we should have gained little. The fact that you were not merely ready but so willing to do all that anyone could do, brought more comfort to Miss O'Kelly than anyone could express - it would be impertinence on my part to thank you, but I feel I must at least tell you how much your support is appreciated. Your protest on our behalf today will bring a breath of relief to hundreds of women who are tired of endless talk - & no more. We would lose every shred of faith in human nature if it were not for the few friends who act up to their professions of sympathy.

Very truly yours

Alis O'Connell Hayes

w.s.p.u.



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Margaret Hodge
(of Australia)

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69, DELAWARE MANSIONS,
MAIDA VALE, LONDON, W.

G. Lansbury Esq
M. P.

25. VI. 12

Dear Sir,

May I thank you most
heartily for your courageous
& persistent championship
of the brave women, who
are fighting for their
political rights against such

terrible odds & at the
cost of so much
suffering to themselves.
They will be honoured by
posterity as heroines &
martyrs, & those men
who stood by them in
their hour of trial
will share their glory
as they shared the obloquy

& Contempt which was
heaped upon these
women who championed freedom
& inaugurated a new
age in the world's history.
To see the significance
of a great movement &
to support it, when the
blind, ignorant & prejudiced
try to crush it out, is
in reality its own reward;
for to the seer is given that

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Perfect vision, which is
in itself more beautiful
& inspiring than a
sopor in the
Promised Land.

Yours gratefully

Margaret Hodge

An Australian Voter.



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7 Palace Gardens Ter.

Mary D. Home
(? d. of Sir Anthony W.
Dickson Home
1826-1914)

June 25th 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Will you allow me

to write and thank you for your
magnificent protest in the
House this afternoon? I think
you're well. a "brick"!
Plumot isn't in it. may
your protest be as effective

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As was his:

Yours sincerely,

Mary D. Home



Laurence Hausman
(1865—)

(92)

1 PEMBROKE COTTAGES,
EDWARDES SQUARE, KENSINGTON.

June 25th—
1912

Dear Mr Langley
Bravo! It needed
saying, and saying
strongly; and the House
of Commons was where
it most needed to be
said. The Men's League
Committee was sitting
when the news came in
and we gave for a
round of applause. J

enjoy your year opportunity
and wish there were more
in the House like-minded
with yourself.

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

Laurena Housman

Annie Kenney

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Blonelly Manson (94)

25 June 1912

I see Pankhurst, Suffragette Grays Inn Rd
Dear Mr Sanbury, movement, 1912

We cannot thank you enough for the splendid and courageous protest you made in the House this afternoon. Even Conservatives are saying how effective the protest was.

From our point of view it did us all good to hear what you said.

It is a comfort to think that what you said is in the Press and the whole world will know that the women are fighting for principle.

Thank God we have one man in the House of Commons who feels the sufferings of the women who are being tortured in prison and is not ~~afraid~~ afraid to bring a bit of real humanity in that dead alive place.

Will you speak at the Pavilion meeting next Monday we will

Annie Kenney
25 June 1912

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Show you what Women
think about you and
how we appreciate and
value the action you have
taken.

It is late so excuse pencil
I send love to you always.

Yours sincerely
Annie Kenney