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My dear Miss Billingham

Your letter reached me as I was leaving England but before doing so I arranged with Miss Kerr should instruct M<sup>r</sup> Marshall to see you & advise you about your defence. I feel strongly myself that you are your own best-advocate & that it is best not to ~~to~~ have counsel. M<sup>r</sup> Marshall can be there & suggest questions to be put by you to witnesses & you can write out your speech to the jury beforehand. Lawyers always want to force us away when they defend us we can ourselves

do better than can any outsider (however  
Clever) who does not understand our  
movement. Miss Keary returns to  
London on Monday & will see or  
write you further.

Your defence of course is the need for  
the enfranchisement of women & the  
failure to get it by peaceful means.

I am sure you will do well & ~~as~~  
<sup>I know</sup> ~~surely~~ you will say & do the  
right thing with dignity & courage  
all our hearts will be with you  
with sincerely yours

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