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BLYTHE,

WOLDINGHAM,

SURREY.

July 9. 08

Dear Mrs Fawcett.

I was told a week ago  
to-day of the Government's agi-  
tation at the latest 'militant'  
manifestations & of the idea of  
their receiving a deputation from  
the older Suffrage Society. I  
wanted at once to report this  
very important piece of news to  
the U. S. P. U. headquarters. I  
was asked not to do so "at once",  
as a conference was to be held &



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it was best to wait till that  
was over + it was seen what  
was to be decided. I did  
wait. But I have looked in vain

for any public intimation of  
such a move. My time is frustra-  
tion for the supposition that the

Government means to do so  
as best suits the constitutionals  
sensible thing, nobody wants the  
apple cart upset. Many of us

w'd like to see the Government  
helped to save its face. Arbitration  
Capitulation  
might - surely would be more

difficult upon the heels of a few  
less + more pronounced militant  
actions.



The numerous cases where I  
 feel it best to take it upon my-  
 self to say privately that the  
 Gov. was reported to be so unskil-  
 ed at last to the facts trying  
 some ultimatum to face, that  
 there was no further need of  
 stirring them up. But the

proof hangs fire. If I can't or  
 better still if even no authority  
 can't substantiate the numerous  
 it will be held to be a piece of  
 my optimism + their present  
 be now almost a-buzzing for  
 the owners that be . . . . as to  
 effect what may be already effected.



If I may make my statement  
 upon your advice will you if it's  
 possible wire me? I leave  
 here Sat. A.M. after the 1st post  
 for N.Y. it's necessary to post in  
 London before 6) + shall be res-  
 turning to Sunday night  
 when I return.

Yours sincerely

W. J. Williams

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