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My dear Mrs Fawcett -

I had to return here on the
20th, as my sister in law who
was in charge of the combined
families has gone south. I
am absolutely alone with the
children, & so have been left
to my own devices & thoughts
after studying the Times. I
don't understand Arthur's
speech, in the light of his

being for the Parliamentary
Franchise, but I don't think
he spoke in that lights at
all, I think he was referring
to the prospects of the Bill before
the House, & warning the Govt
that their line much extend the
length of time it wd take?
Write any thing you think wd
be of use to him, he will
like to know how it strikes
the women leaders. For re-
mark on the one man, one

vote is obviously true, it never
struck me. One thing is clear
everyone is uneasily feeling they
can't afford to ~~&~~ overlook
or override us! Even H. James
was almost conciliatory! I spent
last Sunday at Hatfield, a
very interesting see & plenty of
talk. The Speaker, my father
Buckle of the Times, J. Curzon
& Arthur. Of course both leaders
so we owed our great victory
to Herschell, & the angry Radical.
Arthur said "don't let the women
imagine they will get that ~~new~~
majority again!" I wd say
father says to Salisbury that
he had always been agst

the suffrage, but now he was
not. I sat near Bouckle at
dinner, & did my best in a
very conciliatory style, I hope
not without some slight effect.
He is only agt the Par. Franchise.
He is not a very striking speci-
men of intellect. You know
Arthur is always quite easy
to interview in the house if I
think it expedient. Do get
Mr Blackburn to store up
our own Jh College & set to
write to members. I am now
setting in hand the appeal in
Dunbar. The campaign is hardly
opened but I suspect of a go-
ing to get unlooked for support.
Yrs very sincerely F