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Dear Mr. Barrett

Your letter today fills
me with trouble at the thought
of you alone struggling with
difficulties. I ought to be in
London too, yet I am in a
very disordered state just now
here few days -

I read all the Portman
correspondence & returned it
yesterday to my Clerk.

It impressed me deeply
with the difficulties of getting

men to ballot. I had not
realized before that a man could
only ballot for one bill. It
is evident that a most
tremendous effort will be
necessary to get together
20 men for the ballot.

There is no doubt some pressure
on the Party whips will have
effect but you must rest
with Bartwick. This just
demonstrates the great importance of

The metropolitan M.P.s should
help somewhat. - But we
think that out of that bundle
of letters only 3 men were
secured for the ballot.

It is a critical moment
for us. & especially trying
& painful to me when I can
only sit at home & pray.

You have done splendidly &
at least will have the consolation
of feeling that you have done
what you could. -
With deep gratitude. Ever yours A.H.