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My dear Mrs Fawcett
It is most vexing to be laid
aside at this time, I have
had a nameless 'malaise' of
long, & felt very tired at our
Dover St meeting, (how very
good Mr Russell was!) Arthur
dined with us that night, & was
taken ill at dinner with what
proved to be his attack of in-
fluenza, and after going to
bed I was seized with violent

sore throat. It first ulcerated, and then quinsy set in, & I suffered horribly. However as regards the throat I am now well, but the Dr won't let me up, as he thinks I sh. get another in the condition of weakness I am in. I much say I think we are in a very grave state of matters the country seems indifferent to the Bill, and nothing is so likely to intimidate the Lords as this unpleasantly "flowing tide" of the bye elections. I

doubt if anyone is to be blame except the new register, you know we always score on an exhausted one, & all these have been on the new one. To me the Church (W.) Bill is an iniquity, & Wey's speech divested of every rag of morality. How good was Randolph, he knows how to wield the hammer of position. But they are showing themselves strong, & they have Parliamentary art, our people never seem to learn. But the real moment to fight has hardly come yet. I think the petitions are excellent if it is only to keep Min. Tod & Min. C. fr. thinking too much. The more splash Ulster makes the better. I think the Lords will

rejed all these Bills.

Mrs Courtney came in while
this letter was in progress & I
showed her yrs about the W.S.
Bill. She wd Mr C. wish sd he
had had a letter on the subjed,
but he was in a hurry, he is
the man to frame something
wh. cannot be ruled 'out of
order. I am sure MacLaren's Bill
had better be supported, but Gerald
assures me there is not a chance
of its coming on. My two big
children are at the sea, wh. en-
ables me to keep quieter, but
I think by the end of next week
if I have no return of the malady
I ought to be quite myself
So glad to hear of Mrs C. that ^{St Pauls}
~~have~~ scored by & yr. yrs. Yrs sincerely
P.B.