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Dear Mr. Gladstone,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. and the  
accompanying memorandum.  
I was fully aware after the corres-  
pondence which took place between  
us last year on the question raised  
in connection with the payment of the  
Indian troops employed in the military  
operations in Egypt, that any member  
of the Government who abstains from  
voting <sup>on a critical division</sup> virtually places his resignation

in the hands of the Prime Minister; and  
I can assure you that I did not decide  
to abstain from voting on Mr Woodall's  
amendment until I had duly weighed  
in all their bearings the consequences,  
which such a course of action might  
involve.

With many thanks to you for the  
personal kindness of your  
communication

Believe me, Dear Mr. Gladstone

Yours very truly

Henry ~~Henry~~ Fawcett