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T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,

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Mr Marshall

Sept. 2. Crawshaw Williams, E.P.,  
Secretary to Chancellor of Exchequer,  
3 Aubrey Road,  
Holland Park,  
London. W.

Re Mr. Mark Villie's Arrest.

Dear Crawshaw Williams,

Those of your constituents who signed the letter which I forwarded to you on Sept. 23rd, are anxious to know if I have yet received your reply.

I have moreover not received a reply ~~before~~ of Sept. 20th. I think as your constituents, and as Real Liberals, we are entitled to this courtesy.

Pending your replies I have hesitated to publish my letters, but in the interests of English freedom, and in view of the urgency of the case, I cannot delay much longer.

Members of Parliament representing Leicester and Nottingham divisions, have replied favourably to letters from their constituents, and are, I believe, taking prompt action.

I claim to be a real liberal because I believe in the old liberal principles, that "Taxation without representation is tyranny," and that "Government should be by the people for

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From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,  
LEICESTER & LONDON.

To Capt. E. Crosskey Williams, R.F.

2. 12. 1940.

the people's.

While I have hitherto always felt proud to claim that we live in a free country, I now have to rub my eyes and wonder, in view of this case,

what is the value today of -

- (a) The Bill of Rights, ?
- (b) The Habeas-corpus Act, ?
- (c) The King's Coronation Oath, & ?
- (d) Our representatives in Parliament, who were appointed originally to represent grievances, and correct abuses, ?

That the manifest inconsistency between the Income Tax, and the married woman's Property Act, should have remained uncorrected, is a serious failure on the part of the House of Commons.

That under such uncorrected laws a Government Department should be able to apply the "Thin Glass" of putting the dearest affection of a poor husband and wife in opposition to their liberal principles, which they both hold dearer than life itself, is worthy only of the Dark Ages.

Mr. Mills has been in prison for over two weeks, is treated just like a criminal, without occupation, news, or paper etc., because he is

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From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,  
LEICESTER & LONDON.

To  
Capt. S. Grenby Williams, M.P.

2. 22. 1946.

unable to pay taxes on his wife's income, which by law he cannot touch, or control.

This injustice has gone on for over two weeks, apparently without any action by those elected and paid to maintain those rights for which our fathers fought and suffered.

Truly Englishmen must be in a poor way if they do not rise in angry protest, and our so called liberalism must be "dead and buried".

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. J. Lacey Macdonald, M.P.

Yours faithfully,

T. S. T.