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PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER & THE HOME SECRETARY.

To

Dear

It is proposed to make a great constitutional effort in the form of a Deputation to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary in order to obtain, if possible, the cessation of Forcible Feeding and the withdrawal of the "Cat and Mouse" Act.

The Deputation will consist of a number of independent men and women, not organised by any Society, but representing a body of strong opinion on the Government's present policy of extreme coercion that must be effectually checked. In particular it will voice abhorrence of the methods employed as being not only quite useless for accomplishing their purpose, but also as being cruel, degrading, and therefore an outrage on the moral sense of the Community.

Large numbers have already given their names including the following:- Lady Maclure. Miss Beatrice Haraden. Henry Holiday Esq. Lady Isabel Marjesson, Vincent Evans. M.A. B.S., B.Sc. Lond. F.R.C.S. Surg. R.E. Birkston. M.B., B.S., Viet. Lady Juckison. The Rev. Dr. Roberts etc. Lady Meyer, Miss Abadam.

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You are asked to join in this constitutional attempt to put an end to the deplorable conditions that prevail. Also, as numbers will be a great help in demonstrating public opinion, it would further the object of the promoter if you would use your influence to make this effort known. Should you be able to obtain the consent of any men or women to join in the Deputation, would you be good enough to send the names as soon as possible to Mrs D.A. Thomas, 122 Ashley Gardens, Westminster, London, S.W.

Yours faithfully,

(Princess)

Sophia Duleep Singh,

(Viscountess)

Gladys Lucy Dupplin,

(Lady)

Maud Parry,

^{Miss}
(Miss)

Elizabeth Sloan Chesser. 7/3.