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10, Downing Street,
Whitehall, S.W.

7 May 1916

Dear Mrs Fawcett,

I have received
your letter of the 4th.

I need not assure
you how ~~pleas~~^{deeply} my
colleagues and I recognise
and appreciate the
magnificent contribution



which the women of the
United Kingdom have made
to the maintenance of our
Country's cause.

No such legislation as
you refer to is at
present in contemplation;
but if, and when, it should
become necessary to
undertake it, you may

