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The Editor "The Standard",  
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Mr. T. Smithies Taylor presents his Compliments to the Editor of the Standard, and will be much obliged if the enclosed stamped letter may be addressed and forwarded to Mr. Morley Roberts, whose article appeared on page 18 of the Standard, on Friday last Oct. 11th.

Enclos. Stamped, but unaddressed letter for Mr. Morley Roberts.

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Morley Roberts Esq.,  
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Dear Mr. Morley Roberts,

I have, when reading some of your books and articles, often been pleasantly reminded of our brief acquaintance at Chateau D'ox five or six winters ago.

Your very forceful remarks in the Standard of Friday last compel me to write and express my entire agreement with them.

I was born and bred a Liberal; & if belief in "Free Speech" - "The right of Public meeting" - "Taxation the basis of Representation", and "Government by the People for the People" are still recognised as Liberal Principles, I am a Liberal still.

I have however for years past disassociated myself from Party Politics, because it seems impossible for any man to escape the hypnotism pervading the House of Commons.

All M.P's become "proper" and "conventional" !

Under present conditions I can only rub my eyes and conclude :-

(a) That we need to elect as M.P's only men who do not seek  
election. (Example John Stuart Mill).

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Continuation Sheet No. 1.

From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,  
LEICESTER & LONDON.

To Morley Roberts Esq.

14. 10. 1918.

- (b) That we do not live in a Free Country, but are governed by an unconstitutional and autocratic Cabinet, and by a Bureaucracy under the direct control of the Cabinet.
- (c) That an Englishman's hardly won rights, under the Magna Charter, Habeas-corpus Act, Bill of Rights, and King's Coronation Oath, &c. &c., are at present openly violated and ignored by (b).
- (d) That the only present chance for English men and women who would be free is to themselves strike the blow and become like you "Revolutionaries", and (as the only people who "see") incur the odium of being "cranks", (with the possible "Post Mortem" reward of a statue !)
- "Ye stone the prophets and your children will garnish their sepulchres" (modified).
- (e) With an apathetic public, "waxed fat and kicking".
- (e) With such cases as Mark Wilks, (arrested under two inconsistent laws, fully discussed in Parliament 8 years ago).
- (e) With such cases as the attempt to recover damages from Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. & Mrs. Pethic Lawrence (after they and their ? victims have paid the penalty of imprisonment).

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Continuation Sheet No. 2.

From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,  
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To **Horley Roberts Esq.**

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- (c) <sub>e</sub> With such cases as **Sir Ed. Carson** and others, still free  
(under same conditions as Kb.)
- (c) <sub>d</sub> With such cases as the new rules to penalise bill distribution,  
and asking questions at public meetings.
- (c) <sub>e</sub> With such cases as the ruffians at **Llanystumdwy, Wales,**  
(whose photos show them indecently assaulting, and tearing out  
womens hair) still at large !
- (f) What can "the few just persons who would save the city" do,  
but become revolutionaries ?

Believe me, there are more than a few "just persons" - even Men ! -  
who wait a load.

Yours gratefully.

T. S. T.