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Continuation Sheet No.

From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,

LEICESTER & LONDON.

To Mrs Mary Ann Taylor  
from her son Thomas Smithies Taylor

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7. pm.

Dearest Mother.

I have just called here for letters after two very busy days in London, & before going to Nottingham.

I have just received your letter.

The hardest thing to bear just now is that you feel upset & so not understand. Please do not discuss it yet. - of men's opinion I care nothing.

The Liberal Government profess "Taxation without representation is tyranny" (The Conservatives do not.)

Nellie has paid taxes in her own right for years past & has no vote. Women like her <sup>Wattson</sup> have for nearly 50 years tried to get the vote by constitutional, proper & ladylike methods but, being voteless, have been fooled.

Now M.P.s have voted themselves £400 a year <sup>each</sup> for which Nellie pays her share, but without a vote to decide who shall represent her!

The men who only got their vote by much worse violence in 1832 & 67 care little. I admire her pluck & wish I were in her place.

I quite endorse her action in breaking a post office window in Sloan St. value £3.14.0. but valued in charge at £6.8.6!

She is well, bright & well looked after. I saw her again yesterday. The children are well looked after & are as proud as I am. The case comes up next Tues or Wed.

We do not live in a free country & are subject without knowing it to many illegal impositions on the part of a frightened weak kneed government called Liberal.

Your loving son

Tom