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The Home Office,  
Whitehall, London, S.W.

18th July, 1903.

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Sir,

re Mrs. Mary Wyan.

I beg to confirm as follows purport of my interview at the Home Office at noon yesterday, and subsequent telephone messages.

When I called yesterday, I left you a statement in writing signed by myself, into which you promised to enquire in the ordinary way, and on which you promised to reply to me as soon as ever possible.

I pointed out the peculiar circumstance that the unsupported word of a refined and cultured woman should not be accepted in spite of her repeated protests of innocence when contrary to the unsupported evidence of one constable;

And when, moreover, the woman's protest included a direct charge of assault upon her by a constable. ~~I left with the~~

I left with the understanding that I might communicate with you to-morrow, but that unless I could receive an early



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and prompt reply, it was arranged that I might telephone to you  
again after 3 p.m.

At 3.30 I therefore again telephoned, and was informed  
that no reply was available.

I replied that it seemed very extraordinary that some  
women arrested last night under very similar circum-  
stances to those of the above prisoner should have been  
to-day dismissed by the Lord Mayor on the ground of  
insufficient evidence.

In the case of the women arrested yesterday, there  
appears to have been no protest and denial of assault.

I concluded then my message, by arranging that you  
would let me have your promised report as soon as  
possible, but that while thanking you for your courtesy,  
I was free from that time to take any action in the  
House of Commons or elsewhere, as I might think well.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

Capt.

P.S.

Since my last telephone message referred  
to above, I have received a telephone intima-  
tion that the above prisoner is to be released  
between 5 and 6 to-day.