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Jan. 15th 1913.

Dear Sir;

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst and to express my great regret at what you tell me about your sister, Miss Billinghamst.

I feel, however, that there is a great deal of difficulty in these cases & I should be glad to know what, in your opinion, ought to be done. The militant women signally declared that their objection

was to being treated like
other criminals. I understand
that Miss Billinghamst has
been placed in the first
division. It surely cannot
be right that prisoners
should be allowed to dictate
the amount & nature of their
punishment, and that really
does seem to be the claim
now put forward. If you
agree with me ^{that} such a
claim cannot be admitted

by any civilized Government,
the difficulty of dealing with
these women becomes very
great & before making any
protest on their behalf
I should like to be
satisfied that there really
is some alternative way
of dealing with the
question.

Yours very truly,

Robert Cecil

A. J. Billinghamst Esq

Letter from
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