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Extract from Mr. Martin's Election Address, December 1910

"I support Home Rule for Ireland, Welsh Disestablishment, Entire Electoral Reform (including One Man One Vote), the Education Bill, the Licensing Bill, Abolition of Workhouses and reducing Pauperism by removing its causes, and the Shops Bill, and I support the whole Liberal Platform of Social Reform, and also Votes for Women on the same terms as for men."

Copy of Letter from Mr. Jacobs to Mr. Martin, Nov. 28, 1910

Sir,

You will I know agree with me that this election should not be disfigured in the eyes of the public by disorderly conduct at public meetings.

I need hardly say that I dissociate both you and your agent from any sympathy with the excess of zeal which a few of your supporters display by violating the essential principle of free speech. It has struck me that a joint appeal from the two Liberal candidates would have the immediate effect of securing that measure of fair play which, of course, we equally desire.

You will be surprised to learn that some of your supporters who have attended my meetings are under the impression that I am in some way connected with the Tory campaign, whereas, as you know, the only difference between us is that I support the Conciliation Bill, and you do not.

I am,

Yours faithfully,,

(signed) H. Jacobs

Copy of Letter from Mr. Martin to Mr. Jacobs, Nov. 29, 1910

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 28th., at hand.

I have no knowledge whatever of your opinions except the statement made in your letter that the only difference between you and me is that you support the Conciliation Bill for Women's Suffrage and I do not.

My supporters think that if you are really a Liberal you have adopted a very peculiar way of showing it. We have a very strong Liberal Association in this constituency and I have been unanimously adopted as their candidate. You can scarcely wonder then that the Liberals of East St. Pancras should refuse to accept your statement as to your being in any way a Liberal candidate.

So far as your position as to the Women's Suffrage question is concerned, I must say that I do not know whether you were put forward by the Tories or not, but if any elector of East St. Pancras should think so it would appear that your action gives him every justification for feeling that way.

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I cannot understand why I should be selected as the subject of an attack from the believers in Women's Suffrage, as I have always supported votes for women. I am opposed to the Conciliation Bill because it is a Tory measure and proposes to give votes to rich women and not to poor women. If you desire to support that Bill why do you not make an attack upon some of the Liberals who voted for the Conciliation Bill in Parliament and then immediately voted to send it to Committee knowing that that course would immediately kill the Bill.

I certainly decline to associate myself in any way with you as a Liberal candidate, as you ask me to do.

So far as the public meetings are concerned you will have to fight your own battles just as I have to do.

I must say I do not understand why you should come squealing to me. If you are not man enough to stand up before the people and support your views, you are not likely to amount to much in the democratic constituency of East St. Pancras.

Yours truly,

(signed) Joseph Martin