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SMITH SQUARE,  
WESTMINSTER.

Mr McKenna begs to inform  
the writer of the accompanying letter  
that the answer given in the House  
of Commons bears a different  
interpretation from that suggested.  
The distinction between the case of  
Mrs Lawrence and that of Mrs  
Wyan to which Mr McKenna referred  
was that in the former the Committee  
Magistrate himself reduced the sen-  
tence and in the latter he did  
not. (unsigned)

original letter  
City of London  
Jennett T.S. at  
36 Lambeth St. W.  
10 am. 30/7/13  
(See reply)

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The Rt Hon. Reginald McKenna

Sir

You are reported in the Press as having stated in the House to-day that the case of Mrs. Peshick Lawrence and others was not analogous to that of Mrs. Bryan, in that they "were not militants habitually engaged in criminal methods". I beg to submit that the only act of any kind, with which Mrs. Bryan has been convicted or even charged is that of breaking the window of a Government ~~window~~ <sup>building</sup> (intentionally not that of private property) in concert with and under the leadership of Mrs. Peshick Lawrence. Your reference to Mrs. Bryan is without foundation and your comparison of the two cases should rather be reversed. The recent action of these ladies was witnessed and admitted, the charge ~~rested~~, against Mrs. Bryan, rested on the sole evidence of one available, and was denied by her; her only admission being that of a purely technical and passive obstruction.

I beg you will extend, to her, the same treatment as to Mrs. Peshick Lawrence and Lady Sybil Smith and remit the remainder of her sentence.

I am, yours faithfully,

Tomthie Taylor  
Capt.

Melvin Hall  
Goldsboro Rd. NW  
30 July 1913