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Sunday night

32 ADDISON ROAD,

KENSINGTON, W.

Dear Mrs Fawcett

I have been doing my little best
about the balloting, I went for
Finlay who if not a convert to
the bill is nearly so, & wd do any
thg to help us, ~~in~~ if it did not
imply making himself responsible.
He expresses the gravest doubts as
to whether men can ballot, & pass
on their "day" to another. He says
he can't think it right, and tho'
he does not assert it can't be done
he thinks it cannot. I told him
you had distinctly assured him
it could be done, & that Wolmer was
to be in the look out of men. This
was before your letter, wh. I found

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each night on my return of
Bridgton where business had
taken me of the day. Tonight
he has been with me, & again
expresses doubt. Are you sure?
Can an M. P. having no Bill
of his own to introduce, balled
for a day & transfer it to
Sir A. Borthwick, his name
not appearing at all? If you
are sure please send me a
line by return & I will renew
my presence on Friday, & also
try to deal with Gerard Balfour.
Unfortunately I do not know
Akers Douglas but I will
write to ~~Mr. Balfour~~ ^{Scrantom} & suggest he sh-
ould ask him to put a letter
presence on him, after I get
your assurance all is right -

I am very much afraid I shall
be no use of Wednesday, I am
suffering fr. a most odious attack
of sciatica. You know I have
a lameness in one leg, wh-
always causes me a good deal
of pain & this rheumatic af-
fliction when it sets in gives
me so much added suffering
that it is all I can do to bear
it at the time, & when it departs
I am so stupid I cannot do
anything. I can move about &
go where, I can change my
position, or be silent, but if
an attack came on while I
was standing & speaking I simply
could not utter. I trouble you
with these details that you may
understand on the day. I had
as I ~~was~~ ^{am} announced to speak on
the card it wd be best to wire to
the house first, before some ex-
cuse, but I tell you the exact

State of the case, I can pro-
bably appear at the Committee
next day, & if I can walk at
all, nothing depends on me there,
but I know to do the other thing
wd mean perhaps a painful
fiasco. "This" "what comes of
women speaking" wd be the ver-
dict! Yrs very sincerely

Francis Hallam