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Sunday  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1921

Dear Mrs. Fawcett,

We think it would be most valuable if you would write a letter to impress the women voters with the importance of the occasion. We think the best plan would be to address it to Mrs. Winteringham herself & let it be a letter from the Chief to the candidate such as the Prime Minister sends to his followers at by-elections. We would read it at the big meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> & put it in the press. Mrs. Winteringham really is one of us. The Party business is obviously of very secondary importance to her. She makes it perfectly clear that we are the people whose support she most values; she consults us on all sorts of things & ~~she~~ <sup>one</sup> can't feel any doubt whatever as to the soundness of her outlook from the N. U. point of view. She will be a perfect treasure to us in the House of Commons if she gets in and she really must get in. I've never known a candidate that it was such a pleasure to work for - the drink question is a slight stumbling block but mercifully she doesn't go beyond local option whereas her husband was a prohibitionist. The constituency is a difficult one to work as it is so large & scattered. There are 64 polling stations so you can imagine

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My love to  
Miss Garrett.

Yrs affectionately  
Philipa Shackleton

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visit as many village women as we can + we find it a  
constant surprise we meet with so much intelligence +  
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in + completely disapproved of her <sup>at first</sup> but now think she is  
the best member in the House. I suppose it must be her  
spirit they admire. We were greatly pleased with an  
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that he wished we had got Mrs. Fawcett in Parliament,  
but added that you were so wise that you no doubt  
had a good reason for not being + probably thought  
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little objection either among men or women to the idea of a  
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naturally. - We are working quite separately from the party organisation  
+ simply speaking from the womanly point of view. If we can get

the wages to come out + vote we shall win, otherwise we are in considerable danger from the labour votes which are supposed to amount to about the majority the liberals got at the last election. If the labour man had not put up we should have been considered quite safe.

My love to Miss Garrett.

Yrs affectly  
Philippa Shackley

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