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Any reply should be addressed to:—

THE DIVISIONAL FOOD COMMISSIONER,

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*March 28* 1919.

Dear Mrs Stachey

Thank you for your letter  
of March 21<sup>st</sup> + your kind invitation  
to speak at Caxton Hall on the  
14<sup>th</sup>. I have been waiting for  
the sessions dates to be fixed this  
week, and as things are now  
I am afraid there is no chance of  
my being able to get away  
then — the 14<sup>th</sup> begins one of  
the sessions weeks. I have  
several appeals down for hearing.  
I am truly sorry — and much  
appreciate your asking me —

The Bill will probably go through  
this session & then everything  
will depend on the first women  
who go in for it — not only  
on their ability to stand the strain  
of the work but on the amount  
of respect (far more, I think!)  
that they are prepared to  
show to such time-honoured  
institutions as the dinners in  
Hall, & the Bar Mess on Circuit!

Yours sincerely,

Agnes Thomson.

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