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March 14.
Wednesday.

Dear Mrs Fawcett.

I found yr letter when I arr^d
here yesterday. My father is bet-
ter than when I was here last,
but still a complete invalid, &
I have no great conviction that
he is to make any permanent
rally. However, he has so much
vitality it is very difficult to
forecast the future. It is the
great distance which makes
us all anxious & unsettled. I
don't mean to stop long at this
time, but I think I may have
to come back again, and it
makes me all the more glad

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that such an arrangement
as that about Mrs Sterling
sh. be made. I have always
felt that with my rather uncer-
tain health, & heavy domestic
claims, & an of more use
working of special objects, &
in those special ways wh. my
natural political surroundings
enable me to be of use in, than
in regular attendance of committees.
I often leave a committee
with my back or head made
useless with neuralgia, & won-
der if I have been of use
enough to make it worth
while, whereas in a time

like the London ~~South~~ ~~Committee~~
Municipal Bill I seem to be
incapable of fatigue or headache!
As I write to you I have missed
our letter in the Times, & doubt
ⁱⁿ on Monday, & I shall receive
the paper of my father's room,
& I read it. I quite approve of
the general line, especially as
I hear of Mrs 'A. Forster' this
a.m. that the signatures are
only those of the elect - i.e.
dib. Unionists!

I see that Mrs Dowdeson
spoke of, had her baby lab
week, so she may very soon
be fit for active service.
I am very bad at this new
departure, I know no language
but English & Scotch, & I have

So hated foreigners, I have
always avoided them. Moulded,
isolated & insolent with regard
to 'foreign devils', describes me!

Yrs affly B.

I think Mr. Ridley's Bill
will need working at - especially
when it gets to the Lords.