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My dear Mrs Saul Solomon:-

I am very distressed to find that I have kept your letter so long without an answer, but my husband and I felt the need of a long weekend rest. It was absolutely essential for both ~~my husband and me~~ after the recent strain. So we rowed down the river for two or three days and, of course, could leave no address. We only returned on Monday night, when naturally I found a great accumulation of business awaiting me.

You know that it is a joy to give to this Movement, whatever part of the substance of life that may be called for by the need of the moment. When it was a question of liberty, of health, of life, what soldier in our great fighting army has ever held back with regard to sacrifice. When it is a question of substance that sacrifice has been give by many already with equal cheerfulness. Before the window smashing raid took place, we faced the situation, we told Mrs Pankhurst exactly what it would mean and we deliberately accepted the consequences. So you must not talk of debts or obligations as a society and

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you must not think that we want any of this money refunded to us by our colleagues in the Suffrage Movement. All we do want is the opportunity for service, their co-operation and their help in building up our paper and making it the carrier of our common message throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Thanks for letting me see your letter to the "Daily Chronicle". I was shocked at the Leaderette, but of course, it is a deliberate attempt to discount a protest which if it were properly understood would be most damaging to this Government so stained with shame.

You will be glad to know we have had a charming letter from Captain Davison thanking us for all the "Votes for Women" Fellowship did to honour the memory of his sister. I shall look forward to seeing you on July 4th at our Reunion. Our Fellowship is growing every day and I do not doubt that the time will come when we shall enter the field as a distinct fighting force. At present we must concentrate on building up the paper which is the backbone of our Fellowship.

Yours, with warm appreciation.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence

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