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Sir,

re Mrs. Mary F. Ryan.

On Thursday July 17th, and Tuesday July 23rd, I received your promise that the two statements in writing which I then left with you, should be inquired into, and that a reply should be sent to me here.

This afternoon at 4.30, I telegraphed the following pre-paid telegram :- "Home Office Whitehall London. (R.P.) "When may I expect promised replies re Mary Ryan seventeenth and eighteenth instant. Innocent person again in Holloway today Urgent. Taylor. Orgafact. Gold. London."

To the Home Office, (as I had just been informed that Mrs. Ryan had voluntarily gone to Holloway this - Friday - afternoon.)

The fact that the postscript to my letter of the 18th inst. stated that the prisoner had just been released after hunger-striking, may have seemed to render your promised reply unnecessary; but Mrs. Ryan had also written to the Home Office on July 21st, and had received no reply. Her conditional release does not now relieve her from the charge, which from the beginning she has refused to admit.

The Home Office.

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Indeed it only changes a sentence of 14 days into an indeterminate one.

Mrs. Wyan, being without a reply, being unable to endure these conditions, and not having been re-arrested on ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday}, when her ~~license~~ expired, voluntarily returned to Holloway this - Friday - afternoon.

P.S. 27.7.13.

I regret the delay in forwarding the above, and beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter - 222,583/25 of the 25th inst., with copy of Mr. Wedgwood's question in the House of Commons on the 23rd inst.

I fear that this reply will not satisfy an innocent person smarting under a sense of wrong.

The Chief-Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police is being asked for the name and number of the Constable concerned, as suggested by Mr. Morrell's supplementary question.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Capl.