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2, Gower Street.

My dear Lady Frances,

I cannot say I am surprised  
under the circumstances by  
Lord Salisbury's & the D. of S.'s  
refusal. We are all tarred  
with the same brush in the  
eye of the general public.

We must just go on; and take  
every opportunity of emphasizing

that our del. do care for law  
and order and are citizens every  
before us we are women's suffragists.

I have raised (written a few  
pounds) the £1000 guarantee  
fund I wanted for the International  
Congress, so we can pay our way  
and give receptions, dinners &  
to us, off our own bat.

Our foreign friends (especially the  
American & Men republicans) would  
have loved L. J. & L. Salter Stafford  
Hunt & Hatfield, but it can't  
be helped.

Please decline firmly but emphatically  
the invitation to confer with the  
W. Freedom League on the 13<sup>th</sup>. I  
shall be at York on the 13<sup>th</sup>. I know that  
an attempt is now being made  
to seize the Men's League in the  
interests of the disorderly societies.

Mr Billington Greig is the real head  
of the W.F.L. Mr Despard is more  
or less its figure head only. Mr B.G.  
glorifies the Grillo incident in this  
week's "Woman's Franchise" as  
one of the most magnificent things  
ever done for W.S. We cannot  
work with people like that. It was Mr  
B.G. who organised the scene on  
Asquith's door step last May, in  
consequence of which I declined  
to appear on their platform in Edinburgh.

It is all hush about the £100,000.  
I could tell you more but have no

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time for writing fully.

I think our best line on Tuesday will  
be to emphasize the absolute  
necessity of keeping our Society  
plainly identified with lawful  
& orderly proceedings only.  
Those who are dissatisfied with  
agitation within these limits should  
leave us & join the "militant"  
Societies. I think we could  
dwell on this without attacking  
the militants. I still feel

that they have "ruined the country"

and when we were unable

to do. None should be the country

I dare say: but no one will be able

to say now that W.S. (if introduced  
by any Government) has not been

considered by the country.

Yours sincerely

W. Fawcett