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To/ The Right Hon. Reginald McKenna, M.P.,
Home Office,
Whitehall,
London.

Capt. Willis
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Re Mrs. Nellie Taylor. Miss Nellie Crocker & Miss Gladys Roberts, Suffragettes, each sentenced at Newington Sessions on March 28th to 3 months imprisonment for breaking windows at Sloan Street Post Office on March 4th last.

Sir,

I beg to forward the following on behalf of the undersigned relatives and friends of the above named, who desire to call your attention to their case, and to request that steps may be taken to reduce the sentences on the ground that they are excessive, for the following reasons -

1. The damage done by each prisoner was only £3. 16. 8.
2. Each prisoner was in custody on remand from March 5th. until sentenced on March 28th.
3. There seems to be some considerable discrepancy between their sentences, and those in the following quoted cases.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

T. Taylor
Capt.

2 Newarke Street,
Leicester.
10 April 1912.

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Quoted cases.

Ex. Leicester Mail. April 10/12.

LOUGHBOROUGH PETTY
SESSIONS.

John Jelby, labourer, Barrow-on-Soar, was charged with neglecting his children, at Barrow, on April 2, and dates prior thereto.

Mr. Clifford, junr., appeared for the N.S.P.C.C., and said there were three children, aged 4 years and 9 months, 2 years and 5 months and 9 months. The man was a lazy, good-for-nothing sort of a man, and would not work. The wife had now left and got a situation herself. He was a reservist, and drew his pay, £2.6.0. on April 1st. He promised the Society's inspector that he would then get some beds, but instead he got some clothes for himself, and went to London to see his wife. Evidence as to the state of the children on examination was given by Dr. Skifton. Inspector McKee said he had the case under his observation since February, 1910. The Bench considered it a very bad case, for which defendant was responsible, and sent him to prison for two months.

Ex Leicester Daily Post. April 10/12.

LEICESTER COUNTY QUARTER
SESSIONS.

Joseph Thurman (44), labourer, was indicted for unlawfully and maliciously wounding Sydney Baldwin, with a hammer, at Loughborough, on the 16th February. He pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutor stated that he was the taskmaster at the Loughborough Union Workhouse. About half-past eight he called to the tramp ward, and had just reached the bottom of the corridor when prisoner approached him, holding a large stone hammer in his hand. He raised the hammer, and before witness could get out of the way struck him a savage blow on the head, inflicting a serious wound.

The jury found prisoner guilty, and the court sentenced him to three months' hard labour.

Wm. Poyser (25), labourer, pleaded guilty to feloniously breaking and entering the shop of Wm. Hogg, and stealing six and a half pairs of boots, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on March 1st, and was sentenced to a month's hard labour.

Ex. London Standard. April 11/12.

Two Liverpool police officers were found guilty at the local police court yesterday of an assault upon a young married woman. It was stated in the evidence that, without justification, the officers entered the house in which she lived and struck her with batons. The stipendiary magistrate fined them £1. and

Quoted cases. contd.

costs each, but, as the officers desired to appeal, altered the fines to seven days' imprisonment in the second division, and allowed them to be bailed out on their own recognisances.

Ex. London Telegraph. April 10/12.

For deserting his wife and four children, who had been granted relief by the Croydon Guardians since July last, Charles George Mills, aged 40, of Johnson Road, Croydon, was yesterday sentenced by the local magistrates to a month's hard labour.
