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My dear Mrs Fawcett.

I am much perplexed as to my
course of action just now, &
want to ask for advice. My
husband is very gravely ill,
with various complications,
but head trouble ^{is} the most
outstanding one. I have had
real anxiety ever since I came
to town. only last Tuesday could
I get a Dr in, & he has said
to me, that it is aggrave con-
dition. He anticipates

that certain complications
wh. are now aggravating his
condition will yield to treat-
ment, & that he will get back
to his normal, unsatisfactory
but not absolutely dangerous
state of health. He is very
unwell as I write. By the
merciful interposition of
Pro. J. Stuart being also ill
with heart, two meetings I had
at Norwich were put off. They
were for yesterday, a day
I spent in great anxiety.
I am perfectly free till the

23rd, and then I have this
five days' town in Devonshire
Monday to Friday. That, is
followed soon by Bourne-
mouth & Sherborne, & then
round London.

If he is as he is now, I
dare not leave on the

24th, I could not, ^{alone} leave
the children to face ^{all}
the conditions hold.

I am always indifferent
to public opinion, but of some
years, the idea of what
people wd say, if anything
sudden happened, & I was
reported stamping & suffrage
was rather got on my nerves.
But, true to steel my nerves

are necessarily worn rather thin,
& even when I was at Brighton
it was a nervous worry.

If the worst was to happen it
would be sudden. If the
thing runs on, it means much
dealing with a difficult &
painful state of affairs.
I have an army medical
nurse, & a Dr twice a day.
In a week I shall know
more about our future, but
how I ought to stand with
regard to these arranged
meetings? I can't well put
them off now, with out saying
my husband is seriously

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ill, & that as you will understand will make things difficult for A. J. B. will happen anything I may be able to do for. Day to day, & near at hand, & besides bring on me all the burden of inquiries & callers, & ^{me} ^{hands} ^{are already} & rather poor strength & ^{is} ^{strong} taxed. I was up till 3.30 last night. I have been in all day, & naturally the Office has been sending for decisions re our Service. I am greatly perplexed. I am sorry to

pass the difficulty on to
Gen, but I want ad-
vice. At present I am
strictly tied to the house.
Of course all this is be-
tween ourselves. As I re-
turns tomorrow night, I
I have a letter awaiting
him, but the family even
dear Mr. how grave things
are. Personally, I think
there is more reserves of
strength than the Dr. believes

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or knows, but I know
his diagnosis of the organic
trouble must be
grave: Iroaffagh
Francesca Saffery

The Dr has been in tonight
& is pleased, but admits
he is very low.