

Transcript of Copy of letter from T. Smithies Taylor to his son Garth in Berlin

18-7-13

... Our anxiety has been that you have not heard much from us this week, but you will understand when you have read this letter

I have failed to send you the enclosed from Mother on 15th. On Monday (the 14th) she went to the Pavilion and unexpected Mrs Pankhurst and Miss Kenney spoke although they were out under the Cat & Mouse Act. On leaving the Meeting they found the place surrounded by police when Miss Kenney was rearrested but Mrs Pankhurst was left alone but was afterwards said to have escaped! !

Late on Monday Mother came home with the news that without warning a constable twisted her arm and then arrested her for assaulting the police! She had been bailed out, but was tried on Tuesday and in spite of her protest that she had done nothing was sentenced to 21 days on the unsupported evidence of one constable. I have had a very full week clearing up all the knots at Melvin Hall and have I now think succeeded to the satisfaction of everybody except perhaps one or two and Mrs M. But I have given every other hour in the day and many in the night to making such a "Hell of a row" in the Home Office, House of Commons, Holloway Prison, etc that I think I have done something to account for the telephone message just received that Mother is to be released to-day at 5-6 p.m. Doro and Aunties Lily and Pattie have gone to meet her and I am busy writing letters to the officials to put on record all their tricks. I am disgusted that the use of an "official" rank by me can help to make the Government do justice when they were otherwise

Good by dear boy

Always your most loving Dad

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SUFFRAGE PAPER MET arrest at Puddle

Copy FROM T. Smithies Taylor for

Copy sent to

C. H. Pensions Van Loosten
Berlin

18.7.13.
5.40 pm

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Dear Mr Bant.

We have received all your post cards & letters with the greatest satisfaction & pride, when we see few serious objections to your work, but you will not return when you have read this letter.

I have failed to send you the enclosure from Mother on 15th. On Monday she went to Pontoon & arrested Mrs Pankhurst & Miss Kenney. After the meeting at though they were out under the 6th 12.30 or 1.0

after the meeting they found the place surrounded by police, when Mrs Kenney was re-arrested but Mrs Pankhurst was left alone, but was afterwards said to have escaped!!

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I have had a very full week in clearing up all the tents at Melvin Hall. I have I think now succeeded to the satisfaction of everybody, except perhaps one or two Mrs M! But I have given every other hour in the day & many in the night to making such a "Hell of a row" in the Home office, House of Commons, Holloway Prison & that I think I have done something to account for the telephone message just received, that Mother is to be released today at 5 to 6 pm!

Dorothy Aunties Lily Potter have gone to meet her & I am busy writing letters to the officials to put on record all their tricks. I am disgusted that the use of an "official" sack ~~sent~~ by me, can help to make the Government go just as if I would not do otherwise!

Goodbye dear boy, I shall be glad to see you always your proud loving Dad.

P.S. 10 pm further to
 always sent to
 all right it is at
 Aunties Lily Potter
 & see her tomorrow

Enclose Copying Statement
 by Mrs Smithies Taylor
 17.7.13
 T.S. & H. C. Jones
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