

Joseph Clayton  
(1868 - 1943)

26.6.12  
PROSPECT HOUSE,  
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

Dear Lansbury.

God bless you. You  
were ever a brave fighter for your  
fellows. The Pharisees are raving, but  
honest folks know that you have  
said & done the right thing. Courage  
& sympathy are the most precious  
gifts, & you have 'em both. Joseph Clayton

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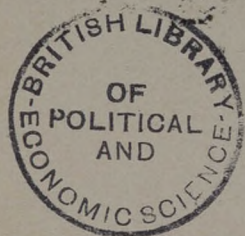
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George Lansbury, Esq., M.P.

103 St Stephens Rd  
Bow.

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Rev. Wm. Frederick Geikie - Cobb  
(1857-1941)

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From The Rev. Dr. Cobb,

Church of St. Ethelburga the Virgin

Within Bishopsgate, E.C.

Replied to  
27<sup>th</sup> 12

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose a letter which

has been signed by a few of our people

who are gathered here to night.

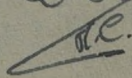
No attempt was made to get signatures.

but had ~~has~~ been done, there would have

been no difficulty in obtaining them in large

numbers. Yours faithfully,

W. F. Cobb

Geo. Lansbury Esq. M.P. 

From The Rev. Dr. Cobb,  
Church of St Ethelburga the Virgin  
Within Bishopsgate, E.C.

June 26, 1912

Sir, We, the undersigned members of the Congregation  
of St Ethelburga's, desire to be allowed the honour of  
expressing our thanks for your out-spoken protest  
against the duplicity which has marked the treatment of  
the Woman's question by the Liberal party, and of  
expressing also our appreciation of the generous and  
manly indignation which called forth your protest.

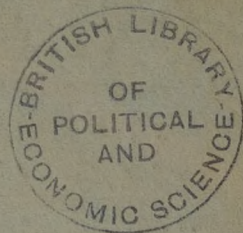
Your obedient servant,  
W. F. Cobb, D.D. Rector.

- M. Hurford
- E. M. Barclay
- H. K. Haslam
- A. R. Haag
- E. Rankin
- Coole
- E. Broome
- A. R. Haag
- J. H. Rose
- Robert Jones
- A. L. Williams
- H. Nixon
- M. Gertrude Cobb

Replied to  
27.6.12

Jas: Lonsbury Esq. R.P.

Acknowledge with thanks.



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"Conservative"

26 June 1912

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Heartly congratulations  
to you for your  
manly & brave protest  
in the cause of liberty  
& justice, against the  
tyranny & brutal  
conduct of the Liberal  
Government, towards the  
women of the country.

"A Conservative"

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G. Lansbury, Esq., M.P.  
House of Commons.  
Westminster.



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"Braun" "Conservative" (155)  
26 June 1912

Mr. Lansbury.

You are the most  
straightforward and admir-  
-able man on the Liberal  
& Labour side at present  
in the House of Commons.  
Go on and win.

A great admirer of yours  
although one of the  
(at-present) despised  
Conservatives

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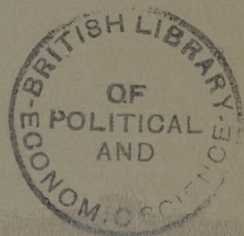
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House of Commons  
Westminster



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"Conservative Women"

[Say 26 June 1912]

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George Lansbury Esq. M.P.  
House of Commons

Dear Sir

At a time when you are  
under a fire of criticism, please remember that you  
have struck a blow for the uplifting of womanhood.  
Women rejoice that "the man" in you caused you to  
make such an effective, honourable, & noble speech.

You have done good, — There is an  
answering echo in the hearts of all good men, whatever  
opinion they may hold about the etiquette of the House,  
or the advisability of extending the franchise to  
women.

Please accept admiration & grateful thanks  
from

Several Conservative Women.

Emma Cowles

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MANOR HOUSE,

FELIXSTOWE.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Dear Mr. Lausbury.

I cannot allow a post to go without a few lines to tell you how profoundly grateful I feel for your real & sincere championship of our cause in the House of Commons yesterday. You have expressed in the right-place what so many of us feel though we are unable to make ourselves heard at Head quarters.

I cannot say how much I  
admire your warm & generous  
indignation & the courageous  
way in which you gave  
expression to it, showing  
that there are still English-  
men who have hearts &  
can feel acutely when they  
see the finest women of  
their country (true heroines)  
brutally ill treated &  
oppressed by the strong  
in power -  
Y<sup>r</sup> most cordially  
(W<sup>m</sup>) Emma Cowles

I most sincerely hope that  
you will in no way be  
made to suffer for your  
bold & noble expression of  
opinion -

W. Harris Crook

at Beach House.

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Freshwater. I.O.W

June 26. 1912

Dear Mr Lansbury.

Your protest was simply heroic in view of the cowardly hatred of truth so well shown by all other party-men, Liberals & Tories alike.

I am sorry your own Party didn't back you

up better - every word  
you said was deserved.

What awful ads  
they are now in  
office - they should  
indeed be driven out  
of public life - but  
there is no hope of  
that, the Press is too  
corrupt. Thanks once

more, & don't withdraw  
or apologise - there is  
nothing to withdraw,  
it was all true.

Yours very sincerely

W Harris Crook.

Hon. Sec. Oxford M. P. U. W.E

(Lincoln & Manchester Colleges)

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
"GOWNSMEN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE No 2097 GERRARD.

Gordon Crosse

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AND  
ECONOMIC SCIENCE  
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June 26 /12

My dear Lansbury, I don't  
suppose you will get many  
letters of congratulation and  
sympathy from this  
address but at any rate  
you shall not lack mine.  
After all the Herald today  
says the right and only



possible thing. Thank  
God for George Lansbury.  
I am going to send a  
subscription to the paper as  
a thank-offering that we  
have got you - Only  
where were the forty-one  
others?

Always yours affectionately

Gordon Cross

Rev. George Herbert Davis

7, The Cloisters,

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REV. G. H. DAVIS.

Hereford.

Bravo!

from

Ethel Davis

G. H. D.

Anna Hutchison (Sally  
staying here)

Hunger Striker.

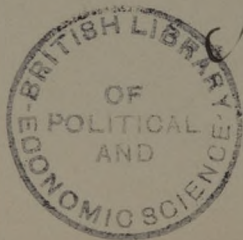
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George Hanbury M.P.

House of Commons

Westminster



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Evelyn Diplock

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THE LIMES,

PUTNEY PARK AVENUE,

S.W.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1912

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George Lansbury Esq.  
Dear Sir

I have just read  
y<sup>r</sup>. most splendid  
protest in the House last  
night & write to con-  
gratulate you. I am  
an old fashioned Tory  
born & bred but I say

"almost thou persuaded that art you be re-  
he to become a Socialist! Guiding help when  
I think you were magnificent in defending  
those who have not  
voices to defend them-  
selves. <sup>insulted by the Prime Minister</sup> I feel sure you  
will receive many letters  
of thanks & admiration  
from women all  
over the country &  
will not add more  
& this except to say

that art you be re-  
I think you were magnificent  
in defending those who have not  
voices to defend themselves.  
I feel sure you will receive many  
letters of thanks & admiration from  
women all over the country & will  
not add more & this except to say

I hope I shall be able to assist you  
in the fight.  
Yours most gratefully  
Berlyn pro Diplock

done)

John Donnell

86, WEST SIDE,

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CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.

[say 26 June 1912]

Mr George Lansbury M.P.  
House of Commons—

Dear Sir,

The whole of us  
in this house, salute you  
& glory in the noble  
stand you have made  
on behalf of our suffering  
but heroic women who  
are making such a grand  
stand for the liberty of  
their sex.

The writer of this  
letter (a liberal of 50

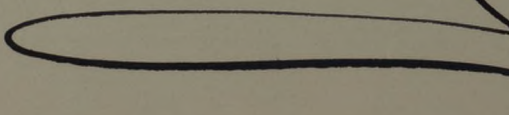
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Your standing we have  
rejoiced & do rejoice at  
your conduct. & thank's  
God that there are still  
some left who consider's  
the rights of Humanity &  
allow's it to stand before  
Slavery to a party —

I have the honor to  
remain dear Sir

Yours with & for the  
women - very faithfully

Wm Donnell



Dryhurst, Nannie Florence  
(Mrs. A. R. Dryhurst)

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II, DOWNSHIRE HILL,  
HAMPSTEAD, N. W.

26<sup>th</sup> June 1912

Dear Mr. Tansbury,

We feel so moved by your splendid and fearless championship of the women political prisoners in the House of Commons yesterday that it is impossible to resist writing to thank you. Never mind the silence of your colleagues or the chilliness of the Liberal



Press, you have done and are  
doing a great work, for which  
future generations of men as  
well as women will be grateful.

Yours very sincerely

W. F. Dryhurst

Nora Dryhurst

Emily Carter.

E., A.M.

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Sir

You behaved like  
a gentleman in the  
House yesterday, the  
only man who did -  
& I am glad you took  
as you should the truth -

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An old lady of 83 -

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Scarboro'

June 26 1912

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A. M. E.

Alice Everett

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I have typed this out of  
respect for your time.

6, Milbourne Lane,  
Esher, Surrey.  
June 26, 1912.

G. Lansbury, Esq.

My dear Sir,

You are splendid. It brightens life to know there  
is one decent man left in England. <sup>out of prison.</sup> I agree with every word  
you said to Asquith, and have thought the same since the first  
moment I heard the details of the treatment of women prisoners.  
It seems incredible we are living in a civilised country in the  
20th. Century.

If there ever is any service I can render you, I  
shall be only too proud to do it, so far as my capacity and time  
permits. Typing for instance, if nothing better.

My Mother, and nearly all my women friends, have  
felt as I do, but we quiet people lack power of expression.  
My daily charwoman, a highly respected widow, was delighted  
when I read her your speech.

I do not think my opinion is altogether contemptible.  
I am a University woman, daughter of an F.R.S., and niece of  
an ex-M.P., <sup>have</sup> I worked many years for the Royal Society, and  
other Scientific Institutions, and I think I may say I have  
earned the respect of my employers.

With heartfelt respect and gratitude,  
Yours faithfully,

Alice Everett

(Formerly asst. astronomer, Royal Astrophysical Observatory, Potsdam, Prussia).

Rev. Richard Broudenell  
Lawson Exton

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1. SWEET BRIAR WALK,  
PYMMES PARK, N.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

The Rev R B R. and Mr<sup>rs</sup> Selton  
wish to express their gratitude  
& thanks to Mr<sup>s</sup> George Lawstry  
for his brave & noble protest  
in the "House" yesterday.

They hope that the labour  
party and the women working  
side by side, will one day,  
before long, result in the  
cessing of political corruption  
and the uplifting of our  
Common humanity —

26<sup>th</sup> June 1912

Fennick, Ethel Gordon (Mrs. Bedford)

20, UPPER WIMPOLE STREET,

Fennick (n. Manson; 1857-1947)  
LONDON, W.

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Dear Mr. Jausburg,

Just a few  
words to thank  
you for your  
humane out-  
burst last night  
in defence of  
women - many  
of us are deeply

grateful to you  
Yours truly  
Wm. J. Fenwick

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Mrs. C. E. Ferris

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WESTBOURNE HOUSE,

PENARTH.

June 26<sup>th</sup> 12

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your  
outburst of generous feeling  
yesterday on behalf of the  
woman. I am glad some  
one has been bold enough  
to defy conventional forms  
and express what so many  
of us are thinking about  
the country. I am a  
member of the Society of  
Friends, and, as such, quite  
opposed to personal violence,  
but I can but sympathize  
with the window smashers.  
Another Quakeress, a young  
lady who went to witness

the ceremonies in Cardiff yesterday and the "British Legion" was there, and she felt as if she could have thrown a stone at his (Mr. Keema's) head.

I trust the Women's Liberal Federation are now coming to see that the key of the position is in their hands. They have but to cease working for any Liberal candidate until the vote is granted, and this pressure would soon bring the govt. to its knees. They seem to ask "what they could do to appease the women?" when the resolutions were passed lately at the

Conference of the W. L. F., and stand the White Slave Bill on that account. But I trust the W. L. F. will not be bought over. Badly needed as it is, this bill is of no value in steaming the floor of poor girls who are driven by poverty to a life of shame. It only defends those entrapped into it.

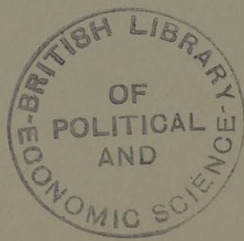
I am a lifelong liberal, my father being one of the early Chartists; and a staunch Home Ruler since I learned something of Irish history, but I can hardly wish Mr. Asquith success with a good will, he is so



17<sup>s</sup> entirely fossilised about  
women.

But he is not omnipotent,  
I am thankful to say.  
And we may remember  
that when Apollyon  
"straddled right across  
the way" he was about  
to be beaten by Christian.  
And the modern Apollyon  
can expect no better fate.

Yours very truly  
(Mrs.) C. E. Lewis



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Frank Morley Fletcher  
(1866-1949) 23 GEORGE SQUARE  
EDINBURGH

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26 June '12

Dear Sir,

Will you permit  
me to express my great  
admiration for your action  
yesterday in the House of  
Commons in making so  
generous a protest against the  
merciless and brutal treatment  
of the Suffragist prisoners by

our Government.

Personal friends of my own  
and of my wife's are at present  
undergoing this treatment,  
and it was a matter of  
great relief and encouragement  
to us to read of your protest  
this morning.

I write in my wife's name

and in my own to give you  
our personal thanks and  
sympathy in this matter.

Yours very sincerely

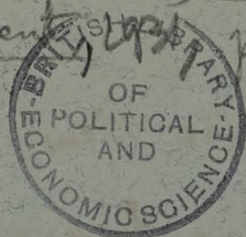
Frank Morley Fletcher.

Director, Edinburgh  
College of Art.

— Lambury Sq. N.P.

Jean Forsyth  
(grand-daughter of Wm. Forsyth,  
see Pankhurst, Supragette  
movement (p. 49))

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59, Carlisle Mansions,  
Westminster.



June 26. 12

Dear Sir, Will you allow me as a woman and as a suffragist to offer you my thanks and congratulations on your spirited defence & clumpionship of the women in prison, I refer particularly to your action in the House yesterday? I do not presume to offer any opinion on the wisdom of such action, but I cannot but feel the warmest admiration for men like yourself and Jas Pethick Lawrence who throw themselves with such whole-hearted enthusiasm into the cause of the women and are prepared to sacrifice their own prospects to protect those who are still without political power.

I am the Hon. Secretary of the New Constitutional Soc.  
for Woman's Suffrage but have had no opportunity of  
consulting with my colleagues and simply write to  
you as an individual to express my appreciation  
of your Championship. As the grand-daughter of William  
Forster Q.C., Conservative M.P. for Marylebone, who took  
charge of the woman's suffrage bill in 1874, '75 & '76,  
but myself a non party woman, I can only wish  
that more of our supporters <sup>in the House</sup> were men of your  
mettle -

I am Sir

Faithfully yours

Jean Forster

George Lansbury Esq. M.P.  
House of Commons  
S.W.

Jessamine Cottrell

Mary Gauthorpe  
(see ~~Launceston~~, 4/31)

Tylers Green,

Bucks..

26. 6. 1912

Dear M<sup>rs</sup>. Launceston,

I haven't time for more-

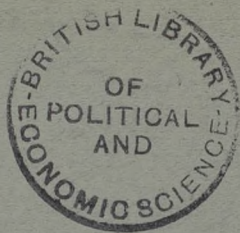
I have only just seen-

how your protest was

magnificent.

This will ring through the

land - God bless you for your



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human protest.

Good will come of it  
all. Never fear!

Don't apologise by a  
hair's breadth!

Yours in full sympathy,  
Mary Jane Thompson.

Personal.

May Cawthorpe  
(see Parkhurst, 431)

Jessamine Bouffe, (180)

Tyler Green,

Bucks..

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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have now looked into

the Standard, the Telegraph

the News the Chronicle

the Mail. It is all

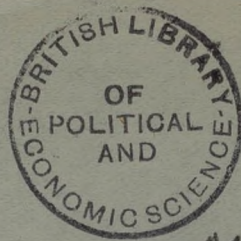
right. Praise and blame,

his name chiefly, is the

portion of the valiant

protector. But to protest



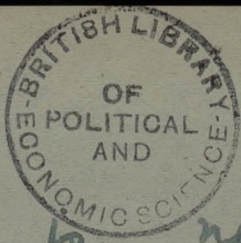


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against in humanity is to protest  
fully. This is why your  
protest was so splendid, so  
noble; this thing was to  
be fought against, must  
be fought against, because  
we cannot permit  
spiritual manifestations to  
be met by material  
intended simply  
Coercion to break the spirit.

Mary  
Gawthorpe  
26 June  
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True, it is necessary some times

to die for a cause, in

which case the material

element seems to win,

But these women would

die for their cause - at

least many of them would -

and this country recognises

as its greatest ideal

the Man whose idea

was that by dying the

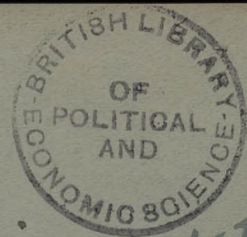
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people might be saved It is  
a rare thing to find those  
who will die for a  
principle. Suffering for a  
principle is the nearest.

thing we know to dying  
for a principle: for  
living for a principle

always means suffering in  
some way or other. Then we  
learn to rejoice even in

Mary Gawthorpe  
26 June 1912



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The Standard

suffering and this is what.

you may have to do for

you will have enemies.

Never mind! enemies are

not a ~~bad~~ thing!

I see that the Standard

talks of what your

Constituency will say. This

is what I suggest:

before the "~~the~~ Enemy" has time

~~22~~

to act, call a meeting of  
 your constituents and announce  
 on the hand bills that  
 you will explain your  
 action in the House. Then  
 give the whole simple  
 story just as you feel  
 see it, beginning and  
 ending on the <sup>ix</sup> human  
 note. This is only a

no one, with rights or  
 no one!  
 We will have for cities feeding for

May Gans Thorne  
26 June 1912

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suggestion of course but

it may be of use  
to you.

Don't trouble to write

to me in reply to

this. There is only

one feeling uppermost

today - WELL DONE!

Yours sincerely & gratefully,

May Gans Thorne.

Mrs. P. King George

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STATION ASCOT,  
TELEGRAMS CHAVEY DOWN.

THE BRACKENS,  
ASCOT,  
BERKS.

26 June 1912

My dear Sir -

Will you kindly  
accept my hearty  
thanks for your  
noble speech & pluck  
last night in the  
House - I am an  
old woman - mother  
of 5. Sons - & if I could  
have succeeded gone  
amongst them I

should today be a  
prouder woman than  
I am - If all men  
were like you - there  
would be no reason  
for women to have  
to vote for "Rights"  
- Have these men who  
sit in parliament no  
sense of their duty  
to the other half of  
God's creatures - is it  
to be only voters who  
conscience are to

need votes - No, pity  
for the starving  
mothers buying  
leave on 4/6 a week  
or nurse or being up  
feeling votes - These  
poor souls have no  
"time" to vote for  
their rights. They are  
struggling to keep  
life: under the most  
miserable conditions:  
going for their children  
- All honour to you  
Sir that you had the  
courage to remember



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The weak & helpless  
"Chivalry" means that  
you have dared to do  
not the giving up  
of yr seat in a beer  
to a good looking  
young woman!!! -

- Give any one you  
like my letter -

I am proud to sign  
myself -

Your admirer

P. King George

(Mr -



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Mrs. John Herbert Gibbs  
(n. Aimée E. Mills)  
June 26 1912

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John Herbert Gibbs  
(1872 - )

37 MURRAYFIELD GARDENS,  
EDINBURGH.

George Laurbury Esq M.P.

Dear Sir

My husband  
and I, both life-long  
Suffragists, wish to thank  
you most warmly for  
your chivalrous protest  
in the House of Commons on  
June 25 against  
the forcible feeding

Of Suffering-prisoners  
I enclose my cards  
and remain

Yours faithfully  
Amiee Gibbs

J. H. Gibbs F.R.C.S.  
L.

37 Murrayfield Gardens,  
Edinburgh.

M<sup>rs</sup> J. H. Gibbs M.B. & B.

37 Murrayfield Gardens,  
Edinburgh

Ethel Mary Goodman (see Who's Who 1931, p. 9.) 188

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LESSNESS HOUSE,  
BELVEDERE, KENT.

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

lost in the House of Commons  
of the Suffragette Prisoners  
in an and woman in  
admission for action  
to be more clear

Sincerely  
M. Goodman

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Dear Sir,

Nov 1 1863

Great Appreciation of

Your Magnificent  
Generosity on Behalf.

Every right minded  
the Country must

be glad that they

you

Yours

F. H. C. P.

Rev. H.M. Green

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**ST MARK'S VICARAGE,  
TOLLINGTON PARK, N.**

June 26. 1912.

Dear M<sup>r</sup>. Lansbury

I read that you have been speaking to the Prime Minister as he has never been spoken to before. I hope you will keep on doing so & that others will imitate your example. Every man who is worth his salt will honour your generous anger. I cannot resist the temptation of sending you in my wife's name & in my own an expression of our hearty thanks & admiration.

Yours gratefully  
H. M. Green

TELEPHONE,  
5550 PADDINGTON.

Jean Greive

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June 26<sup>th</sup>  
1912

48, MOSCOW COURT,  
MOSCOW ROAD,  
BAYSWATER.

To Gense Lambing Esq M.P

Dear Sir

I want to be on the many  
women who will want to thank you  
from the bottom of their hearts  
for the splendid & heroic stand  
you made for the Holloway Prisoners  
last evening. It was magnificent  
of you, & must have made many  
of the weak kneed heartless & callous  
men turn ashamed of themselves.  
I am a Conservative - but

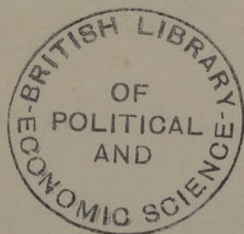
if ever you are need of a worker  
at election time I will most  
humbly & gladly place my services  
at your disposal - for you are  
a man that God always  
partly & partly prejudices & do  
things from the dictates of  
heart & conscience - I have  
to thank you for the efforts  
you have made for my friend  
Edith <sup>Dawning</sup> Downing Suffrage Prisoner  
in Holloway. She is still there &  
I hear is being stopped down



See Penthouse, 1931.

A few like a dog when you give it  
medicine - They cannot use the tubes  
when as her heart is as low as a  
stake - I have written to the right Hon!!  
Mr. Keenan & told him when he feels he  
has believed her sufficiently I will bring  
an ambulance to remove her

Yours faithfully Jean Grewe



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"Chelwynd" 192  
Highmoor Road  
Caversham

Rev. Charles E. Griffin Reading  
26/6/12

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I am sorry that I have no right to address you on the ground of personal acquaintance, but a M.P. is always regarded as a fair target for a scribe.

Of course you were very naughty last night, however I write to congratulate you that you had such a glorious fullness of virtuous indignation that it got beyond your personal

power of restraint, so broke  
through all legal & parliamentary  
boundaries. I beg to thank you  
Sir. If there is a Profane story  
(see how ignorant I am & forgive  
me please) would you kindly  
present my respectful  
felicitations to her on having  
such a naughty irrepressible  
husband.

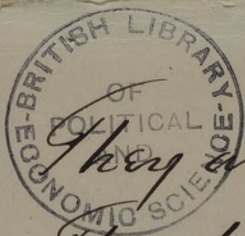
Here I perhaps should stop.  
You may be excused for  
reading more, & pray do not  
feel under any obligation  
to answer at length or at all.  
But I am a Preacher & you  
may know how addicted

such men are to multiplying  
words.

When the last disgraceful  
forcible feeding was taking  
place (described by Mr.  
Brailsford in the Daily News)  
I wrote at once to Sir Rufus  
Isaacs protesting against it  
as inhuman & of the nature  
of torture & got no answer.  
also to the Daily News with the  
fate of the waste paper  
basket, so you can ~~see~~  
understand how glad I  
am at your uproarious  
demonstration last night

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(not that it was uproarious but  
demonstrative) + the letter of  
Forbes Robertson in the current  
Daily News & Leader. When I  
read of your doings this  
morning I went blubbering  
up to my wife & said I must  
go out & shout or do something.  
it ended in resolving to  
write to thank you, also to a  
Reading paper so as to  
publicly take my stand.  
On reflection you may see  
that Mr Asquith & his  
colleagues are more to be  
pitied than blamed, certainly  
to be blamed but pitied



Griffin  
M449 26 June 1912

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They are puppets of law.  
They have to move when pulled  
by the string. They can use  
logic & quote precedents to  
show they are right according  
to law, i.e. pulled by the  
string. As Wells points out  
we have pretty much a  
government of lawyers. We  
want men who are strong  
in principle rather than  
strong in law. On the  
whole I should prefer  
a government of Labour  
Members. Legal justice  
is often very far from

righteous Equity. Law  
takes little or no account  
of motives, & cannot  
forecast all the circumstances  
of a given case, so being  
inelastic it makes a Fool  
or tyrant or even murderer  
of those who administer it.  
Law can protect a gentleman  
but apparently cannot be one.  
Magistrate, Judge, Assize,  
Home Secretary, Governor of  
the Gaol, Wardress, Surgeon  
are logically urged on till  
finally a helpless & noble  
woman is subjected to nothing

short of an outrage. Why don't  
they all turn round on the  
law & say "You're a lass!  
Mr Lansbury you & I are  
law abiding citizens, let any  
dare to say we are not, but  
when we see that in carrying  
it out a line of action is taken  
which traverses the will of the  
benignant & holy Father we  
will do an unparliamentary  
howl if we cannot do anything  
better.

I write partly that you may  
see we Ministers are deeply  
interested in practical politics

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Especially when they touch moral questions, although our main business is to try to get individuals inspired with divine faith & love. I sh<sup>d</sup>. not mind any use being made of this letter.

I do hope you Labour Members will hold together, be wise ~~as~~ "serpents", not defeat your ends by too much haste, get a half loaf rather than none, don't block the reform bill, it will give you future strength. Keep out the Tories. There I am preaching!

I like Sir Rufus, do not take offence at his neglect in replying, foolish if I did but if we get a suitable Labour Candidate for Reading my wife & I will be glad to see him win the Election

Yours faithfully  
Chas E Giffen  
Wesleyan Minister.

Mrs. Guthrie, Joan Baillie

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TELEPHONE  
2192 KENSINGTON.

(mother of "Laura Grey: see Pankhurst,  
Supragette movement, pp. 558-9)

10, ST ALBAN'S ROAD,

KENSINGTON, W.

26. June 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury -

Many grateful thanks for your splendid defence of the women in Holloway. Thank Heaven there is one man in the House of Commons. My daughter Laura Grey aged 22. is at this moment being forcibly fed and even her splendid health and vitality threaten to give way - but never her courage. She has been in three months and has still three to serve. None of us will ever forget your bravery and self sacrifice yesterday.

Yours most gratefully  
Joan Baillie Guthrie.



Guthrie, Robert

459 Rutherylen

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Road

Glasgow

26 June

1912

Mr Lansbury

I take the Liberty of  
sending you <sup>this</sup> small paragraph  
which I cut out of the  
Glasgow news by a Clergyman  
about the High Fenced  
work of Mr Soyuel of  
this Attack on a defenceless  
woman this should not be  
tolerated also this insurance  
act every <sup>one</sup> is disaffection with  
it and the newspapers

is crowded with letters  
against it by workmen  
and they are young to  
resist it when it comes  
in force I hope that you  
will read the small  
paragraph that I send  
you in the house  
your truly

Robert Guthrie

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**"The Attack on the Premier,"**  
TO THE EDITOR.

The attack made by Mr Asquith upon a defenceless woman who asked a civil question is an intolerable insult to the British nation. When your London correspondent puts it in the opposite way, he is unaware of the fact that there still exists some remnants of chivalry and manhood in the land. I sincerely hope that the Suffragists will haul up the Premier and his wife for common assault at the nearest police court.

J. H. DICKIE,

New Kilpatrick Manse,  
Bearsden, June 17, 1912.

Hugh Gwyther

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Dear Sir,

Although I am a stranger to you, I feel I must write to thank you for the spirited protest you made last night in the House of Commons against the disgusting and inhuman way in which the Government are treating the imprisoned Suffragists. That you will be censured by all the party newspapers goes without saying, and I think you may care to know that there are many people who approve of your action, and are grateful to you for call attention so forcibly to what is nothing less than a public scandal.

I remain, Sir

yours faithfully,

Hugh Gwyther

M. P. U. W. E.