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BROADCASTING HOUSE,
LONDON, W. I.

29th March, 1935.

and
John CW Reith
(1st Baron Reith; 1889-)

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday.

I shall, of course, bring this to the attention of our Governors at their next meeting, but in the meantime I have shewn it to the Acting-Chairman, Mr. Norman, who was present on July 11th, 1933, when you and some of your colleagues came to see us here about the matter on which you write and others of a similar nature.

I might also refer to the letter which Mr. Whitley wrote to you on 14th November, 1932, after two meetings on the same problems.

The issue in this particular case is, of course, as to whether such ministerial statements as those to which you refer are non-controversial and factual, and as such, should, as the Corporation has maintained, come into quite a different category from those in which different points of view are directly represented - as, for instance, next month, when both you and Sir Herbert Samuel have been invited to nominate speakers to discuss the Budget proposals.

Very sincerely,

When are we to meet on this suggested date time etc?

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
House of Commons,
S.W.1.

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Wm. George Arthur Ormsby-Gore
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H.M. Office of Works,
Storey's Gate,
Westminster, S.W.1.

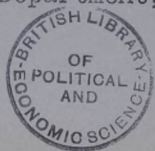
30th March, 1935.

Dear Lansbury,

I have been turning over in my mind your letter of the 5th March, about a Joint Select Committee to consider accommodation in the Houses of Parliament.

I should like to say straight away that I entirely agree with a good deal of what you have said. Unless I am mistaken, when you were at the Office of Works you contemplated setting up a Joint Select Committee after the stonework repairs to the building had been completed, and I do not think it at all impossible that when this much hoped for time arrives, the setting up of a Joint Select Committee, with wider terms of reference than those I now propose, may become desirable. At the moment, however, we are, as you know, about to tackle the west front of the House of Commons, and in a month or two's time we shall be starting on one half of the west front of the House of Lords. This front of the House of Lords is largely used as offices by the Lord Chancellor's Department, which works the

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ordinary Civil Service hours, and it has become necessary to make most extensive arrangements for rehousing the staff.

Moreover, as this work must be done in two sections, it will take three or four years to complete it. I feel, therefore, that the time for considering the larger question of the allocation of official accommodation in the Palace of Westminster should be deferred, at any rate for four years, when we may hope that the accommodation difficulties peculiar to the stonework repairs will have been overcome. There will still remain a certain amount of repair work to be carried out to the towers and the inner courts, but this should not create undue difficulties from the accommodation point of view.

In the meantime, there are, as I think you will agree, two problems which call for urgent treatment. You, as First Commissioner, started on a programme of much needed improvement to the House of Commons lavatories, but nothing has yet been done for the Lords, and my attempts to provide a solution have not been successful, owing to the various competing authorities whose views it was not possible to harmonise. I think it is desirable also to know whether the Commons are now satisfied with their lavatory accommodation, or whether they still require further improvements to be made, and, if so, what. Another reason for considering the lavatory

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lavatory accommodation now rather than later, is that, as you will know, new lavatory accommodation means new external pipes. If these pipes are to be provided, and they will mostly be in the inner courts, it is very desirable that they should be inserted before the stonework repairs are carried out. As regards lavatory accommodation, therefore, we ought to decide what has to be done before and not after the stonework repairs are completed.

As regards kitchen accommodation, the position is that the Commons' Kitchen Committee are asking for certain extensive alterations and I cannot possibly ask them to defer these for four years or more. I feel, all the same, that I ought to try to obtain the agreement of all the interested parties before undertaking such considerable changes. Added to this, the maintenance of two separate kitchens for the two Houses is wasteful in every way, and I do not think we ought to allow it to continue, particularly as the plant in the House of Lords is getting antiquated and considerable renewals, and therefore expense, will be necessary in the very near future.

I hope, therefore, that you will agree with me that the wisest course at the present time is to confine our attention to the two matters which it seems must be dealt with immediately, leaving the other question of official accommodation in the Palace

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of Westminster as a whole to be considered when dislocation caused by the stonework repairs is over.

Yours sincerely,

W. Lansbury

The Rt-Hon: George Lansbury, M.P.,
House of Commons,
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Dear Ormsby-Gore,

Thank you for your letter of March 30th. I think you have made out your case, and if and when the matter comes before the House I shall be glad to support your proposals.


Would you let me know as soon as possible your decision in reference to the Tolpuddle people as we will need to make arrangements for their conveyance - as you will know.

Yours very truly,

The Rt.Hon. W.Ormsby-Gore, M.P.,
H.M.Office of Works,
S.W.L.



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,
SANCTUARY BUILDINGS,

18, GREAT SMITH STREET,

S.W.1.

re T. Radley

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10th April, 1935.

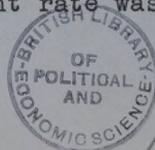
Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have looked into the case of Mr. Thomas Radley, at present a patient in the Claybury Mental Hospital, about whom you wrote on the 19th March.

After Mr. Radley's discharge from a Ministry hospital in November, 1933, he was medically examined and the whole history of his case was reviewed in the light of the detailed report on his condition. While the medical and neurological advisers of the Ministry were satisfied that the statutory settlement of compensation reached in 1929 could no longer be regarded as adequate, they were unable to certify that the whole of the worsening that had taken place was due to the persisting effects of war service. It was considered that 70% represented a fair and equitable assessment of the liability which could properly be accepted by the Ministry, and the compensation in payment at the 30% disablement rate was accordingly

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increased under special sanction to that appropriate to 70% disablement.

The Ministry's responsibility in the matter of treatment in mental cases and others alike must under the Royal Warrant be determined by the relation of the condition to Great War service.

All admissions of ex-service men to mental hospitals are notified immediately to the Ministry and responsibility for the treatment provided is accepted by my Department whenever it can be certified by my medical advisers that the condition requiring treatment is due solely to the persisting effects of war service.

Early this year Mr. Radley's case was reviewed from this standpoint in the light of the medical examination made after his admission to Claybury, but the conclusion reached was that the condition requiring treatment could not be ascribed to the persisting effects of war service which terminated nearly 20 years ago.

In the circumstances, I regret that there are no grounds on which it would be possible for the

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Ministry, to accept responsibility for Mr. Radley's
maintenance in the mental hospital.

Yours sincerely,

G. E. Taylor

G.L. (and) Rev. R.G. Legge

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re T. Radley



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Dear Sir,

Mr. Lansbury has asked me to send you enclosed letter which he has received from the Pensions Ministry concerning Thomas Radley, and a copy of his reply thereto.

Yours faithfully,

P. N. Thistle
Private Secretary.

St. Mark's Vicarage,
Victoria Park, E.9.
12th April/35

My dear Mr. Lansbury
Rev. E.A. Hanson,
St. Marks Vicarage,
E.9.

Many thanks. Have
written a supporting letter to the Minister of
Pensions.

All kind remembrance

Yours sincerely

R.G. Legge

Vicar of St. Mark's



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Dear Major Tryon,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th April, but really I cannot possibly accept the statement as either just or equitable to Thomas Radley.

The man came back from the war a wreck and has never been himself since. I have known him since he was a baby: he worked for my people until 1914, or just before, and was one of the brightest and most intelligent lads I ever came across. But he came back just a wreck. He has been, I think, continually under observation during the past few years and I understood from the people at Uppington that they took the view that he was mentally affected. Be this as it may, he suffered none of these disabilities until the war, and I cannot for the life of me see how it can now be said that because twenty years have passed his condition is not attributable to the results of service.

I hope you will very kindly look into this case again. The people in my neighbourhood who have accepted many decisions given by your department, are really quite horrified to think that at this time of day Radley should be treated in this manner.

Yours very truly,

The Rt.Hon. Major Tryon, M.P.,
Ministry of Pensions,
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Dear Lord Wigram,

o7 You will remember that during the ~~late~~
reign of the late King Ed George, he kindly excused me
from attending State Balls and State Banquets. As I
have explained to you before, I am not very happy
at such gatherings, and I wonder if you would be
so kind as to explain this to His Majesty and enquire
whether he will be gracious enough to excuse me, ~~as~~
~~did his Father?~~ ^{would}

Yours very truly,



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Dear Sir,

Mr. Lansbury, as you are doubtless aware, has received an invitation from the Lord Steward to attend a State Dinner at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, May 9th; and he wishes me to enquire whether it would be a serious breach of etiquette if he did not accept.

The invitation states "Full Dress" and Mr. Lansbury is assuming that this means Privy Counsellor's uniform or clothes other than ordinary evening dress. Mr. Lansbury particularly desires to make no fuss about this and feels that if he could be excused it would be the best way out.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

Col. Sir Clive Wigram, KCB., KCVO., CSI.,
Buckingham Palace,
S.W.1.



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Clive Wigram
(1st Baron Wigram, 1873-)

WINDSOR CASTLE

Private.

18th. April, 1935.

Dear Private Secretary,

In reply to your letter of the 17th. instant while the King, naturally, will regret Mr. Lansbury's absence from the State Banquet on May 9th., His Majesty of course quite understands and will excuse Mr. Lansbury's attendance.

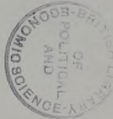
Yours very truly,

Clive Wigram

The Private Secretary

To The Right Honble. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39 Bow Road, E. 3.

Lord Wigram &
The Hon. & Mrs. Jones
Windsor Castle



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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS,
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18th April, 1935.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

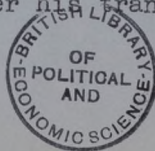
I have again considered the case of Thomas Radley, about which you wrote further on the 11th April.

I must make it clear at the outset that the Ministry cannot accept the view that because responsibility has been accepted for a condition of disablement as brought about by the effects of Great War service that therefore any later manifestation of a similar disability arising perhaps years after discharge must also be attributed to the continuing effects of war service. This is particularly so in the case of neurotic conditions which are not uncommon in civil life and which are liable to be produced and to fluctuate as the result of the normal strains and stresses of life.

Mr. Radley was only between three or four weeks in France when he was wounded, and he did not sustain any severe physical damage. After his transfer to England

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he developed a hysterical condition and was invalided in March, 1915. The Ministry records show that his condition improved and that he was capable of regular work up to the Spring of 1931. At that time his disablement had not exceeded 40% for nearly twelve years, and for the greater part of that time it had been 30% or less. He had not had any treatment from the Ministry from the time he was discharged. It was clear that the breakdown which led him to approach the Ministry had its origin in a change in the conditions of his employment.

Although there was some doubt as to the extent to which this breakdown was really due to the effects of his very short period of war service over sixteen years earlier, the Ministry gave in-patient treatment for over two years. During this long period of treatment it became quite clear that there was a definite constitutional factor in the case. Mr. Radley was discharged when treatment was found to be unlikely to produce any further benefit, and the Ministry, under special sanction, increased the compensation payable to that appropriate to a disablement of 70%, which was the maximum

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maximum liability that could be attributed to the effects of war service. The case has been considered on more than one occasion since, but no grounds can be found for departing from the view that the 70% is the maximum liability for which war service is responsible and, on the history of the case my principal medical advisers are quite unable to certify that the development of a psychotic condition necessitating admission to a mental hospital is in any way the result of the short period of service in France more than twenty years previously.

As the Ministry can accept liability only for disablement which can positively be certified by my medical advisers to have resulted from service, I regret it is not possible to alter the decision communicated to you in the letter of the 10th April.

Yours sincerely,

G. C. Tryon

L. Green
re L. Green

April 19th 1935.

Mr L Green.

38 Ivy St.

Hendon Nr.

Dear Mr Lansbury.

I am writing to ask you if you could possibly help me in my trouble. My son is in the army. and his absence is getting on his mothers nerves to such an extent that she is becoming a regular wreck.

I enclose doctors certificate to confirm this I am willing to make a sacrifice and buy him out although I am a poor man if I am allowed to do this I would sell up things if necessary to do this would you please take this matter up with the war office and see if anything can be done I shall be deeply grateful

Yours Faithfully
Mr L Green.



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A. Coy.

2nd Batt Royal Berkshire Regt.

Talavera Barracks.

Jerusalem.

Palestine

re T. Radley



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Dear Vicar,

Here's the latest letter from the Ministry re Thomas Radley. I don't think it possible for me to carry the matter any further.

The House of Commons supports the Minister on the attitude he takes up on all these cases because they are actually in accordance with the Act passed by all parties and administered by various Government.s

I am not quite sure how far the British Legion disagrees with the ~~xxxx~~ administration or with the Act itself, but perhaps if the local branch took this case up with Headquarters it is possible, though not at all probably, that something might be done.

I feel myself that these cases should have been dealt with on the basis of the principle, "fit for service, fit for pension", but neither the Labour Party nor any other party in the state takes this view so I don't want to mislead either the local legion or yourself. My own view is as I state, but I think we should find it very difficult to get this accepted by the House of Commons.

If you or the local friends think of anything further that you would like me to do, I will of course do my best to fulfil their wishes.

Yours truly,

George Lamboury

The Rev. R.G. Legge.



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R. G. LEGGE
VICAR OF ST. MARK'S
27 APR 1935
PARISH CHURCH
VICTORIA PARK, E.9.

My dear Mr. Lausbrun, Very many thanks

I will put the matter to the
British Legation as you kindly
suggest. With all kind
remembrances

Yours affectionately
R. G. Legge

re L. Green

26. iv. 35.

Dear Private Secretary,

Mr. Lansbury has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Mr. L. Green of 38, Ivy Street, Hoxton, N.1. which he would be glad if you would put before your Minister for his sympathetic consideration.

I am also enclosing a medical certificate concerning the health of Private Green's mother. Mr. Lansbury understands that Mrs. Green is really very ill indeed and that this illness is caused by the fact that the son is in the army. The parents are willing and able to buy the son out, and Mr. Lansbury would be glad to know if this is possible.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

The Private Secretary,
War Office,
S.W.1.



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WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

27th April, 1935.

Dear Private Secretary,

I am writing to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 26th April regarding the possibility of securing the discharge from the Army of the son of Mr. L. Green, of 38, Ivy Street, Hoxton, N.1. The Secretary of State will write Mr. Lansbury as soon as the necessary enquiries have been made.

Yours truly,

D. W. Barling

Private Secretary.

The Private Secretary to
The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, J.P., M.P.



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F. Angus

28. April.

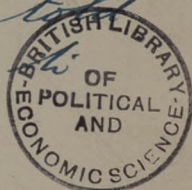
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re F. Angus
Dear Mr. Lansbury

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I am writing
to you on behalf of Mrs
Dor you know of applied
for his Discharge from
the Army before he had
his illness which was
Interic Fever, Pleuresy he
was in Hospital 6 months
he was Discharge physically
unfit on 16. March. with
a chafable Lung as you
know I claim for his
Discharge for Rheumatism
but still they said he had
no Rheumatism in him
so that makes him fit
and they are liable for
his illness which he
got on Manoeuvre's his
Army Doctor and C.O. told
him he was going
get a pension



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which he has ⁽²⁾ not received
he has been home 6 weeks
he is under Victoria Park
Chest Hospital and his
Doctor, Lightstone Roman Rd.
and they have told
me he must not work
for another 8 months as
he is in a bad state
he is in pain with
his Lung. as it makes
it very hard for me
as I have five other
children and my wife
gave birth to a dead child
last Sunday the doctor
said it was through shock
over my son nearly dying
I wrote to Sec. Royal Hospital
Chelsea D.W.3. because that's
where the pensions are
given and they wrote
and said that they
still considering his pension
that's 3 week ago

but it seems strange (3)
that his doctor and C.O
at Aldershot said he
is getting a pension but
the head place say they
are considering still
well Mr Lansbury I am
very sorry to trouble
you as you are the only
man who has helped me
and my wife so I hope
this letter finds you in
the best of health

with all the best
from a North Ward Man

Comrade F. Angus
46 Wyke Rd
Bow E3

he was in the Army
1 year and 17 days.

he was Pl. F. Angus
2nd Batt. Northampton
Regt.
Aldershot.

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re F. Angus

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Dear Private Secretary,

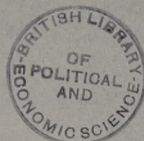
You will, I think, remember the case of Private Angus of the 2nd Battalion, Northampton Regiment, Aldershot, who has recently been discharged from the army on the grounds of ill-health.

Mr. Lansbury has now received the enclosed letter from the man's father. Mr. Lansbury feels that there is little doubt that the man will be granted a pension, in view of the circumstances, but he would like to know the decision of the Authorities if you would be good enough to obtain this ~~from~~ for him at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Private Secretary.

The Private Secretary,
War Office,
~~W.O.~~ S.W.1.



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WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

War Office
re F Angus

1st May, 1935.

Dear Private Secretary,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th April about the application of Private Angus of the 2nd Northamptonshire Regiment for a pension in respect of the disability on account of which he was discharged from the Army.

I am enquiring into the case and will write you again as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

Private Secretary.

Private Secretary to
The Rt.Hon. G.Lansbury, J.P., M.P.



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re L. Green

WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1

1st May, 1935.

Dear Private Secretary,

I return the letter from Mr.L.Green of 38, Ivy Street, Hoxton, N.1., which you sent to me on the 26th April.

Since Mr.Green is prepared to buy his son out of the Army, there will be no difficulty about giving effect to his wishes. As,however, the son is serving abroad, it will be necessary for his parents to pay not only the discharge money, but also to deposit the cost of transporting him from his overseas station to his home. The exact amount involved is not available in the War Office, but will be known to the Officer i/c Records and Pay Office, Warwick, and the simplest and quickest course would be for the father to make application direct to him for his son's discharge by purchase.

We are writing to the Officer i/c Record Office, Warwick, asking him to deal as promptly as possible with Mr.Green's application when it is received.

Yours very truly,

The Private Secretary to
The Rt.Hon. G.Lansbury, J.P., M.P.



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War Office
re F. Angus

WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

4th May, 1935.

Dear Private Secretary,

I return the enclosures to your letter of the 29th April on behalf of Mr. F. Angus of 76, Wyke Road, Bow, concerning whose son we have had previous correspondence.

Mr. Lansbury is correct in his conjecture that the disability on account of which Private Angus was recently discharged from the Army is accepted as being attributable to military service. The Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, are proceeding with the assessment of pension, the amount of which, as you are no doubt aware, is dependent upon the extent of Mr. Angus's disablement.

Yours sincerely,

P. G. Shaw

Private Secretary.

Private Secretary to
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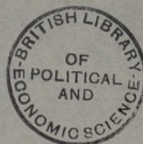
Dear Mrs. Radley,

I have done my best with the Ministry of Pensions about your husband's case, and am so sorry not to have been able to do anything better.

I told the Minister at St. Marks that I would write and explain to you that the House of Commons has laid down certain conditions which do leave what I think are great loop-holes to the disadvantage of the ex-serviceman and their dependents; but it is not in my power to get this altered and it is not at all sure that any Government would be able to do so. I wish it were otherwise.

Best wishes,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. Radley,
c/- Rev. E.A. Harrison,
St. Mark's Hall,
E.9.



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Sir Wynham Deedes
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UNIVERSITY HOUSE,
17 VICTORIA PARK SQUARE,
E.2.

23rd May, 1935.

Wm/NN C.81.11.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I understand from my friend, Peter Scott, that not long ago you visited the Eastern Valley in South Wales and saw the beginning of the experiment which we are making there, known as the Subsistence Productions Scheme. Peter Scott also tells me that you felt that the experiment, if it succeeds, might have far-reaching effects, and, as I myself had evidence last week when I was down there, your words made a very great impression on the men with whom you spoke.

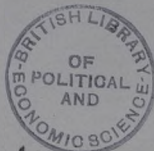
I understand from Peter Scott that he recently wrote to you to ask you whether it would be possible for you to write him a letter in support of the Scheme, which would very materially help him in getting sympathy and support for it locally.

I have ventured to write to you about this myself as I am Chairman of the Trustees of the Scheme and also of the Advisory Committee responsible for the general organisation. A letter on the above lines from you would be of the very greatest assistance to us.

Yours sincerely,

Wynham Deedes

The Rt.Hon. George Lansbury, P.C., M.P.,
39, Bow Road,
E.3.



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Canon
Rev. Isaac Renshaw

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THE VICARAGE
WORSLEY
MANCHESTER

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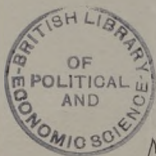
Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I am very sorry indeed to hear that Mr. Edgar Lansbury is so ill, and I want to assure you that both you and your son have been in our thoughts and prayers. I expect you will have forgotten me by now, but I used to meet you often when I was at St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, as an under-graduate doing settlement work under the direction of Dr. Watts-Ditchfield. Afterwards, I was Secretary to Dr. Watts-Ditchfield when he was Bishop of Chelmsford, and was frequently in communication with you. You can be sure that we will think of you on Sunday next.

With my kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

I. Renshaw



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re L. Green

49, Lichfield Grove,
Finchley,
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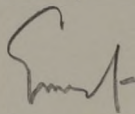
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Dear G. L.,

I promised the writer of the enclosed letter that I would pass it on to you and ask you if you would put it up to the War Office.

As you will see, he wants to buy his son out of the Army because of the state of his wife's health, and I am unable to tell him what the conditions are governing this kind of transaction. He is, I think, prepared to go up to about £30 if necessary. In any case, he is not asking for any financial help in regard to the matter. What he wants to know is (a) whether it is possible for him to purchase the son's discharge and (b) what the cost of this will be.

Yours,



Ernest Thrustle



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May 25th. 1935.

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George Lansbury Esq., M.P.
39, Bow Road,
E.3.

My dear George,

Blackwell and I learn through the "Daily Herald" that your son Edgar is very ill, and that this is giving you some mental if not physical trouble at the moment, and we feel sure that at this time you would welcome kindly thoughts, so Bro. Ted and myself desire to tender you our very sincere sympathy with both Edgar and yourself and to hope that the present trouble, whatever it is, will very soon pass away, and that you will be relieved of the worry that it must cause you.

At times we get awfully concerned with the procession of difficulties - one way or another - which you appear to have had in recent years, and we often wonder what their mental and physical effects will really have even on such a wonderful old war horse as you.

You know that both Ted and I are very fond of you indeed - you are in fact the only one in the Labour Party today that I think we both regard kindly at the same moment without any argument; and this letter is written in the genuine spirit of just a little word of encouragement to ease any worrying times you may be having.

Yours fraternally,

Arthur Gillian
Ted. Blackwell



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Dear Sir Wyndham,

I have your letter of the 23rd May
(Wm/NN C.81.11.)

I certainly was impressed by what I saw of the Subsistence Productions Scheme, but as I pointed out at the time, I am not at all sure that the Authorities would continue to pay the men, after they have reached the point of being self-supporting, according to the scales paid to the unemployed. I think I made this clear to Mr. Wilson who is in charge of the scheme, and to Peter Scott; and I do not think I could write a letter whole-heartedly supporting the scheme until I was much more satisfied than I am at present as to what the ultimate intentions of the Government are in relation to it.

The feeling among the men in the district is similar to mine, and as I say, at the moment I have no means of correcting this.

Yours very truly,

Sir Wyndham Deedes,
17, ~~Victoria~~ Park Square,
E. 2.



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PHONE:
FINCHLEY 1438.

Ernest Thurtle
to G. L.
re L. Green

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49, Lichfield Grove,
Finchley,
N. 3.

27/5/35.

Peter / See the attached. Please
ask G. L. if he will be good enough
to put the facts before the War Office
& see if they can agree to make any
reduction in the amount asked for,
on compassionate grounds.

Dad

Ernest Thurtle



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~~Deeds~~

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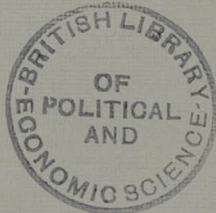
UNIVERSITY HOUSE,
17, VICTORIA PARK SQUARE,
BETHNAL GREEN,
LONDON, E.2.

Sir Wyndham Deedes
1883

May 28
1935

Dear Mr Mansbury

I thank you for your letter
which I will forward to
Peter Scott. I have no
doubt that he will wish
to reply to you.



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UNIVERSITY HOUSE.
17, VICTORIA PARK SQUARE,
BETHNAL GREEN,
LONDON, E. 2.

Meanwhile allow me to
thank you for finding the
time to write

Yours very truly

W. J. Deeds,

Sir Charles Edwards
(1867—)

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28th May 1935

Dear Mr Lansbury / Please accept
my very sincere sympathy with you
in the death of your son, although it was
expected, it usually comes too soon; you
are having some hard blows lately,
but you have the sympathy of a host
of friends. You will have to do as you
did before, that is, get back to work, I
think your decision when Mrs Lansbury
died was the right one. Please accept this
note of sympathy and condolence



from one of the many good friends
and well wishers for Lane.

Charles Edwards



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Mrs. Gerald Gould
(d. 1950)

1. Hamilton Terrace,
N. W. 8.

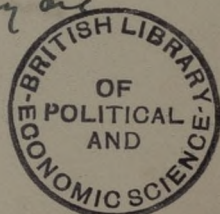
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My dear George,

There is nothing that
can be said in the face of such
tragedy - You will find your
own consolation in your own
generosity of heart and in the
thought of how much everyone



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loved and admired Edgar.
He was a great soul and
did splendid work for
humanity; and so many
people will be the better
for his having lived.

Our love and thoughts
are with you all the time

in your great sorrow - and
how much we hope that
all the love and all the
thoughts that will be with
you these dark days
may help a little

Barbara and Gerald

Sir Samuel John Gurney Hoare
(1st Baron
Templewood;
1880 -)



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May 28
1935

Dear Lansbury

I am deeply grieved
to see in the papers
the great loss that
you have suffered.

Knowing how strong
you always have been the
basis of your family
life, I know that it
will mean a terrible
bereavement to you.



May I be allowed after
for my most sincere
thanks.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Hoare



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ERNEST MEYER

DOCTEUR EN SCIENCES ÉCONOMIQUES

MEMBRE DE LA FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES JOURNALISTES

28 Randolph Crescent London W. 9

28th May 35

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Dear comrade,

please allow me to say whow deeply I feel with you about the death of your son.

I heartily wish might not suffer to much and remain strong for the heavy duties and tasks you may have to shoulder before long in the interest of your comrades and for the benefit of all british people .

Sincerely and fraternally

yours


Ernest Meyer



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~~HM King George V~~
~~HM Queen Mary~~

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE *and Clive Wigram*
(1st Baron Wigram; 1873—)

Private.

29th. May, 1935.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

It is with much regret that The King and Queen have heard of the loss that has befallen you in the death of your son, and Their Majesties desire me to express to you their true sympathy. The King and Queen feel much for you in this further sorrow which you have been called upon to bear.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Wigram

The Right Honble. George Lansbury, M.P.,
39 Bow Road, E. 3.



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WEN/S

David Morgan Adams
(1875 - 1942)

THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR,
COUNCIL OFFICES,
HIGH STREET,
POPLAR, E.14.

29th May, 1935.

Dear Mr Lansbury,

You will know that at this time the hearts of all your colleagues on the Council and the inhabitants of the Borough generally will go out to you in sympathy and would desire to express their condolences on the passing of Edgar. He had greatly endeared himself to all his associates and his passing at an early age will be greatly lamented by all who knew him.

To you and to all the family relationships we tender our sincere sympathy believing that this knowledge will tend to assuage the grief which you must all feel at this time.

believe me to be,

Yours very sincerely,

D. M. Adams
Mayor.

Councillor The Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, P.C., J.P., M.P.
39, Bow Road,
Bow, E.3.



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Rev. James (Granville) Adderley
(1861-1942)

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20 Victoria Park Square

Bretford Hill E.

29 May 1935

My dear George Lambourne

I must write to assure you
of my deep sympathy with you
& your family.

What a number of troubles
you have had of late &
how nobly you always
bear them!

With all respects & love

Your son
James Adderley



[say 29 May 1935]

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**THE AMALGAMATED WHITECHAPEL AND STEPNEY
STREET TRADERS PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.**

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Treasurer, Mr. L. Tanaman.

Secretary, Mr. M. Burg.

To The Rt Hon. George Lansbury, M.P. & Family

With expressions of deep
sympathy from the President,
Vice, Committee and Members.

of Whitechapel

M. Burg,
Sec.

Harold Hermitage Balfour
(1st Baron Balfour of Inchrye) May 29
1897- 1935

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Dear Mr Lansbury

Will you please
accept this note from me
conveying to you my deep
and genuine sympathy in
your grievous loss.

Please ~~do~~ do not
trouble to reply.

Yours Sincerely
Harold Balfour

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"MILDENHALL"
29, COPERS COPE ROAD,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
TEL. BECKENHAM 3141.

Arthur Leonard Bateman
(1879—)

May 29th 1935

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Dear Uncle George,

I send you and your family the most sincere sympathy and condolence in your sad bereavement, this is indeed a sad blow to you all, my daughter joins with me in our - sentiments and expressions.

I will not harrow your feelings with a long letter.

Yours very sincerely.

Arthur Leonard Bateman

North Camberwell.

The Rt Hon George Lansbury. M.P.
39, Bow Road,
E.3.



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Joseph Gurney Braithwaite
(1895—)

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Dear Mr Sansbury,

I was indeed
sorry this morning to read
of your bereavement, in which
you have the sincere sympathy
of those of us who sit
opposite to you. Since we
assembled in 1931, Fate has
dealt you some hard
blows but you have always
shown us an example of
high courage and I am
sure you will do so again

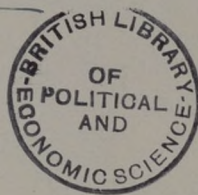


on this occasion.

Wants are unsatisfactory
things at such a sad
time but it may be some
consolation to you and
your family to know
that your colleagues in
the House are feeling for
you.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. G. G. G.



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Jimmy Brine
(? Mrs. Will Brine)

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HENDON 1981.

BRINSDALE,

TENTERDEN GROVE,

HENDON, N.W.4.

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My Dear George.

Bill and me send
our love to you and your
dear daughter-in-law.

at this time of bereave-
ment.

All the good
that God has stood for,
can never be lost. -

It is the only reality Here
is and as such is
ever present with us. Our
united kind thoughts
are with you and yours

Affectionately

Jimmy B. Bine



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TELEPHONE: REGENT 0917.

S. BUTCHINS, F.C.P.A.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.

EAST LONDON BRANCH.
18, MERCHANT STREET, E.3.
TELEPHONE: ADVANCE 3583.

Mitre House,
¹⁷⁷177, Regent Street,
18 ¹/₁ Merchant Street. London, ~~W.1~~ E.3

29th May 1935

My Dear Mr Lausbury.

Mrs Butchins & I desire to convey to you and the members of your family our deepest sorrow and sincerest condolences at the tragic loss of your dearly beloved Edgar.

It is so terribly hard to put into words adequately what we feel, especially as Edgar was so universally liked and respected not only for the wonderful work he did amongst our unfortunate brethren and sisters, but as well for his charm and friendliness to all who came in contact with him. That must indeed be a measure of consolation to you all

Believe me to be

Very sincerely yours.

S. Butchins

Robert Arthur James Gascoyne-Cecil
(5th Marquess of Salisbury) 1893-
Cecil
(248)

[May 29 May 1895]

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I hope that you will excuse
me for writing one word of very
real sympathy - I lost a son
myself last year, & I know
what a deep and abiding grief
it is. It seems so contrary to
nature that one's child should
go away & leave me still here -



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One's only comfort is that it makes
one realise how thin is the veil
between this world & the next, &
how much happier they are than
than they could be here -

I hope that you will not think
of answering this, but I wanted
you to know how very very deeply
I feel for you. Yours sincerely
Cranborne

Telephone—ADVance 1200

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.
EAGLING ROAD,
BOW, E. 3.

29th May, 1935.

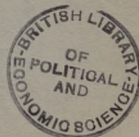
Dear "G. H."

The thoughts of everyone in Bow will be with you to-day, but nowhere more than here. You and your family have been constantly in our minds and prayers during the last few months of anxiety, and we do feel very deeply with you in your loss. We know from your goodness to our children what your own must have meant to you. We, too, feel Edgar's death as a personal loss; he had helped us so much. Please accept our very deep sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,

Patricia Horsach.

(On behalf of the household,
parents & everyone belonging to
the Children's House).



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