

Deborah Webb
9 Garville Rd.
Dublin.

(51)

27. 6. '12

Dear Sir,

You have
earned the gratitude
of the voters here, and
no doubt will receive
many expressions of it.
I look forward to read-
ing in the W. Suffer
papers appreciations of
your generous, independent
outburst. It reminds

me of Plimsoll's passionate
demonstration, against
which no one has a
word to say now.

A few years ago some
woman wrote: "When
shall we have our
Plimsoll?" If there
were more of your
spirit among voters,
the Woman Suffrage
cause would triumph
soon, as it must
ultimately.

I am only an ⁽⁵⁷⁾ old
Irishwoman, a lifelong
suffragist, who cannot
refrain from offering
you a tribute of thanks
for your splendid
championship, sus-
tained with such
dignity.

Yours, dear Sir,
Deborah Webb.

To Mr. Lansbury, M.P.
I do not even know your Christian
name.

Rev. Charles Arthur Willis

48 Madison Rd

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Leighton.

June 27. 912.

Dear Curator.

Good luck to you!
Congratulations for
the finer stand you
made in the hour
the other day. Your
work will go down
in history. It is a
relief to find our
man among the
band of hal breeders
who is not afraid

to speak the truth &
truth it is. As usual
the so-called champions
& the people - the
Labour Party - left you
to fight single-handed!

When will we get
too like you in
the House! 'You're
a communication
front to be written'
Still you're on the
winning side - I
wonder it is useless
to warn you, but

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I will be led into
the trap so as to
lay yourself out
to be kept outside
too long. Grayson
left too soon. What
a pity! Doubtless there
are many legislators
(I saw the marks!) who
would write your
articles altogether.
but no doubt you know
more than I can
tell you - Good luck
again & long life -
sincerely yrs
Prof Charles A. Miles

1912

28, 29, 30 June

(fols. 55-91)

Sir,—It is almost
of yesterday's scene in the House of Commons
without showing the true dignity and manliness
of Mr Lansbury's conduct. Under such circum-
stances the disgrace is with those who can sit
still. The story of how cultured and intel-
lectual women are tortured to the point of
insanity and death is evidently funny to these
British gentlemen who are entrusted with the
affairs of the nation, and it is left to a Labour
member to do and say what the occasion de-
mands. These women are in prison because
of their principles. As Mr Asquith so naively
told the House, they have only to promise to
do as they are told and they would be free
women. How many of the "honourable
members" (!) would show the same courage
and faithfulness to their cause—whatever that
might be? I have hitherto been a peaceful
and law-abiding woman. I have preached
patience and constitutional methods. But
to-day I see that the constitution offers no help
to women. We have no direct constitutional
methods, and the limit of our patience has
been reached.

The days of the thumbscrew and the stake
are here again, and we are driven to use the
only means of protest left to us. As a nurse
I know something of artificial feeding. It is
bad enough when done with the patient's con-
sent, but when done forcibly, and therefore
more or less brutally, its horrors are increased
tenfold. Mrs Pankhurst—now almost an old
woman—and the Pethick Lawrences faced that
ordeal after some days' starvation as a protest
against their followers still being treated as
criminals. They themselves had been accorded
the rights of political prisoners. When the
prison doctors dare go no further these two
ladies are released and removed in ambulances.
But the others are still being tortured. What
has happened to the men of our country that
these things are tolerated for a single day?
And there was "laughter in the House" over
the attempted suicide at Holloway of Miss
Davison!—I am, etc.,

AN ADDITION TO THE RANKS OF THE MILITANTS.

39 Fotheringhay Road, Pollokshields.

June 26.

Sir,—I am indeed glad to see, in the light
of Mr Lansbury's outburst of indignation in
the House of Commons, that we have at least
one brave man in that Assembly—one man
who understands what real chivalry means—
not a show of sickly sentimental deference
towards a weaker (inferior) sex, but a cham-
pionship of women's interests by both word and
deed.

Mr Asquith had the (possibly unconscious)
effrontery to suggest that the imprisoned suf-
fragists might gain their freedom by betraying
the cause for which they went there—by pro-
mising to cease fighting an unjust and
tyrannical Government. Of course Mr
Lansbury was filled with indignation at this
insult to womanhood, and vented his just anger
upon the author of it. When women political
offenders (as the jury at the conspiracy trial
admitted them to be) are thrown into jail, and
treated as common criminals, it is time to pro-
test and not to mince matters.

Mr Lansbury realises that these noble women
are suffering vicariously; they have adopted
the hunger-strike protest on behalf of their
fellow-prisoners who are not receiving first di-
vision treatment. In so doing the leaders have
shown the real Christ spirit, careless of personal
pain if freedom can be won for the oppressed.
No wonder Mr Lansbury is seething with
resentment against those who treat our best
women with such blind brutality. The wonder
is that some of the other 600 odd members have
not caught some of his noble rage and joined
in his protest in spite of rules and red tape.
But they have chosen to maintain a dishonour-
ing silence, and more shame to them, whether
suffragists or not. Had the Government dealt
with woman suffrage in a statesmanlike way,
instead of burking and evading it as they have
done, there would have been no window-break-
ing, no violence of any kind, and no need for
Mr Lansbury to risk expulsion by his brave
and chivalrous conduct.—I am, etc.,

GILBERT T. LUCAS.

Gilbert T. Lucas

Anonymous Reform Club (56)
28.6.12 Mitcham

My Dear Mr. Hansbury,

All I can say is 'Bravo'

I don't agree with all you've done & said since you became M.P. but I do give you credit for calling a spade a spade and when you accused Asquith of being no gentleman and a man without principle you only did what thousands would like to do but they haven't the courage - there's no doubt about absence of principle in the conduct of the present Cabinet. Regarding Asquith himself

only 4 years ago he said -
"you cannot if you would"
"introduce into this Country the"
"Complicated and irritating"
"System by which in Germany"
"the necessary contributions"
"for sickness & old age are"
"extorted from the pockets of"
"the Employers & Employees."

Didn't he also say something
similar about Home Rule being
radically wrong if it depended
entirely on the Irish vote - & 30
on cases could be multiplied
of illustrations of the total
ignoring of principle of
character - Your little
outburst & speaking your

mind has secured you for ⁵⁷
the future as long as the
present Govt. is in power
the greatest respect and
consideration ^{from them} - would
that we had a few more
in the House like yourself -
not be bought in the political
Market place - *Satis Eloquentiae*
Sapientiae parum - might well be
applied to the present Cabinet -
and I trust some day Asquith
Lloyd George & Co will remember
in carrying out their humiliating
and irritating legislation that
Vox populi vox Dei

Isabella O. Ford

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[? of Leeds: see Parkhurst, 1931]

28 June 1912

Dear Mr. Lawsbury.

I must write thank you
from my heart for your expression of feeling
in the House - the other night - for the
women - if more men did as far have
done we should be some with less
suffering. It is dreadful. Thank you
again - Yours sincerely

Isabella O. Ford.

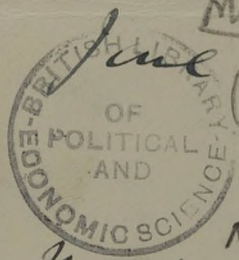
be did well at Holmfirth - Labour
women together.

5. L. Hyde Park Mansions

N. W.

28 June

Mrs. Henry Holiday
28. 1912
(n. Catherine Raven)



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HAWKSHEAD,

AMBLESIDE.

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My dear Mr. Lausby.

My God bless you, for
the way in which you are
standing by us in
our trouble - for truly
we are in deep waters
(I cant begin
"Dear Sir" to such
a true friend as you.)
Perhaps you may
know my husband
by name (Henry Holiday)

In times of long ago we
gave the best part of
our lives to the
Liberal party, - in the
days of Gladstone -
& with whom we had
warm personal relations,
At times - seeing how
a great party has
fallen - one wonders -
if even then (we women)
were perhaps used
as mere pawns in

I never (60)

the game - not by
Gladstone himself -
- but by the rest - yes I
do believe it - ^{but} The bulk
of the party even then -
ruled by the conscientious
convictions of one far
than ~~themselves~~ ^{themselves}
greater - & that wise
Statesman's ^{loss} has been
a little for us - for he
wd. have here allowed
Maitland to come to Jack
apart. how much he
insisted, for his con-
-sultations with me, on the

The power of integrity -

& being faithful to
 promises - I shall
 never forget his scorn
 at a man in high
 Office who condescended
 to falsehood. he said
 a Mr. — 's word is
 worthless - & that man
 is now no what - he has
 wholly corrupted his
 own side - as well as
 infecting the Liberals -
 & many of the Labour
 party too - & so alas!
 Chaucer does not down

Mrs. ~~Benny~~ Holiday

28 June 1912

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BETTY-FOLD,

HAWKSHEAD,

AMBLESIDE.

as well as up -

-ward.

How truly public &
used up are all
parliamentary parties
now; ^{are} I am convinced
that Gladstone felt
what was coming -
that he had some
premonition of this
I am as certain as
that I am alive.

on my friends in the
house. I believe are
you + Jim Healy (
an old old friend) &
Ken Stuché -

I do bless you all
three - and I must
sign my self - (I
am an old woman)
your grateful friend
Catherine Stuché.

I sent you a note at the
house - I wanted you to

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called with telegrams
& hoped messengers
might faint under
the load they carried
to you.

I enclose my card.

From

The

International

Suffrage Shop

Sime Seruya
(see Pankhurst, Suffragette movement,
1931, p. 368)



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FEMINIST
PUBLISHERS AND
BOOKSELLERS.

15 ADAM STREET,
STRAND,
(OPPOSITE ADELPHI THEATRE)
LONDON, W.C.

June 28th 1912.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Thank you very much indeed for your help
on Wednesday night. I am very sorry that the audience
was not much larger, but at this time of the year as
you know it is very difficult to get up a large meeting.

I thank you also for your beautiful speech.

Yours very truly,

Sime Seruya:

George Lansbury Esq., M.P.,
Bow. E.

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June 28th 1912.

George Lansbury Esq M.P.

Dear Sir,

I write to congratulate you on behalf of my Committee for the courage and fine spirit we feel you showed in making your protest in the House against Forcible Feeding. We all feel that the House entirely ignores the existence of the woman's movement & that is a very good thing that it should be brought forcibly before them

Yours faithfully
J. G. Wright.

Dear Sir, Villa des Pyrénées - Lescaur. B. P.
allow me to thank you for all my side, ^{28 June 1912} France
for the noble way in which you defended the
W. S. & P. U. prisoners, in the "House" the other day
against those cruel & clastardly tyrants, Lequith
& his unprincipled gang; who are indeed
a disgrace to England - & the House has
disgraced itself by allowing of such a ministry,
& turning you out, who appear to be the only
chivalrous gentleman among them, for the papers
(I trust at least) do not speak of anyone supporting or
cheering you - I am Sir

Most gratefully yours (65)
A. de S. de S. de S.
President of the Pau Women's Suffrage Society.

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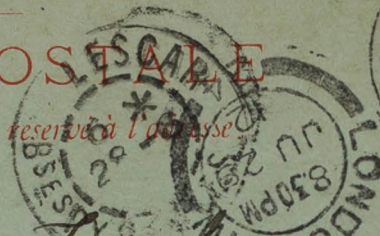
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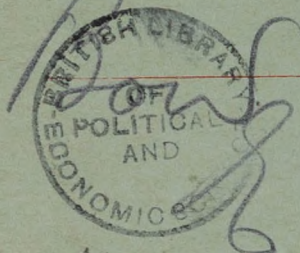


M^r George Lawley M. P.

House of Commons

Westminster

Angleterre



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The Penyrheolgerrie Infants' School
by Teachers in greeting to

George Lansbury the Humane

We the undersigned thank you heartily
for your manly attitude in the
House of Commons when Miss Davison's
heroic action was sneered at.

Yours very sincerely! - Emily Dewry
Bessie Williams, Sarah Jane Lewis

28. 6. 1912

Maggie Gwen Davies

Grace Tombs

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S. Martin's Mission House
Swindon

June 28th/12

Dear Mr. Ladbury,

Though I am neither a
Luffrayette nor a liberal I
should so much like to express
to you my sincere sympathy
and genuine admiration for
your protest against fribble
feeding. You are quite right
in saying it is a disgrace
for I have seen many cases
of it - & have never seen
anything more revolting in
its cruelty. There was a
doctor who submitted to be

feel in order to find out why
the resistance was so violent
& I heard him say afterwards
that he would never allow
it - to be used under his
authority. And with him
it was used with every
possible care & precaution.

It is possibly open to you
& your friends to bring in
a short bill dealing with the
matter - just making it
illegal to feed anyone, sick
or criminal, forcibly.

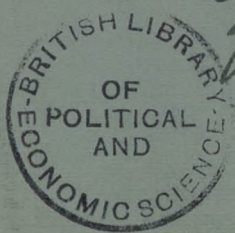
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Do not be discouraged by
the coldness or contempt of
those in authority - even
good, religious men are in
the dark about these matters.
Of course, I am sorry you
were carried away by your
feelings. But righteous indignation
against oppression of the weak
& helpless is always noble &
great, and no one need be
ashamed of a passion for
helping on the reign of purity
& holiness. I shall always

feel a great respect for you -
 I know so exactly what it
 is to feel ^{angry} helpless at the sight
 of unrighteous dealing; but one
 falls back on prayer remembering
 how the Innocent One suffered
 at the hands of political,
 worldly men & how all who
 suffer unjustly are thereby
 in some degree fellow sufferers
 with Him.

Force & cruelty are the world's
 weapons - love & mercy the
 artillery of God.

Yours very sincerely
 Grace Tombs.



^{Mrs.} From Rev. J. CARTMEL-ROBINSON.

THE VICARAGE,

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Telephone No. 514 Chiswick.

28 June 1912

BEDFORD PARK, W.

Thank God, there is one MAN in
The House of Commons - There been
a member of the Kimrose League for many
years. There worked hard for the cause of all
elections. Now I think in my last winter
The man who will dare to do the right thing
By help I can give you at election times please call
upon me. Mrs. J. Cartmel - Robinson

Thanked you and I influence

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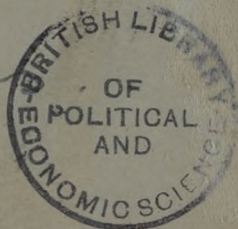
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Unwonted-Ladies thank Her Landed
for her many effort to curb the torturing
of women in England, for the crime
of wanting to serve their country - as
they pay its taxes. To see the cowardly
Ministry has heard the people's opinion
of its English gentle men, not afraid
to speak the truth. Not by Cabinet
Ministers, the Suppayers cannot give
undutifully they do not mean to carry out
the opinion that Ministers had to see show their
duty!

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House of Commons
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TELEPHONE
917 P.O. WILLESDEN.

~~30, CAVENDISH ROAD,
BRONDESBURY, N.W.~~

30. Gilford Road

Deal.

My dear Sir,

I congratulate you upon the
generous & magnificent spirit that
moves you to make your protest
against the inhuman & petty
attitude of the Government regarding
the tortures of female beings
inflicted upon women martyrs.
Deceit though I cannot justify
violence as a means by the
highest ethical standard, it is

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is possible not to receive the spirit
of these women. You, Sir, will
be attacked by ~~every~~ much bartering
criticism; but the noblest men
& women will always remember your
action as one of the noblest
manifestations of spirit in our day.

With much respect,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Vincent.

George Lusk, Esq.

Mrs. Josiah Clement Wedgwood (postmark 28 June 1912)

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I am so sorry!

It must have been Mrs Lebedeff's lover
had then did it!

Daily News is!

18, WESTMINSTER MANSIONS,

GREAT SMITH STREET,

WESTMINSTER.

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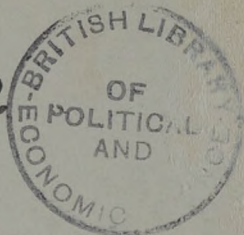
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5. 15 PM

George Lansbury M. P.

House of Commons M449

Box 6 Westminster



Edward Reddale (74)
Redland Park
29.6.12. Bristol.

Geo. Lansbury, Esq., M.P.

Dear Sir,

We women all over the
country are singing your
praises & thanking you
Every day.

I enclose a letter pub-
lished locally. Perhaps
you can get the gentleman
to reconcile his various
statements - or if you feel

you have done enough for
a while, one of our other
Champions might do it instead

Yours gratefully

Clara Edward.

Bristol
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? 24 June 1912
TIMES AND MIRROR, MONDAY, J

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HOME SECRETARY'S "CONSISTENCY."

Sir,—Will you or some of your readers kindly reconcile for me the following apparent contradictions in Mr. McKenna's statements in this morning's paper?—

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Mr. McKenna: I acted upon the advice of the judge who tried the three leaders. I have always conceived it to be my duty not to exercise any arbitrary discretion of my own, but to consult the judge; and as the judge in the case of the other prisoners did not recommend

MALATESTA.

Sir I. D. Rees asked the Home Secretary if he would say for what reason he had decided not to make an expulsion order against the prisoner Malatesta.

Mr. McKenna: The sentence of three months' imprisonment and the order to pay the costs of the prosecution appeared to be sufficient punishment for the offence of which Malatesta was convicted, and, having regard to the nature of the offence and the report which I have obtained of the character and antecedents of the prisoner, I did not think the expulsion order necessary in the public interests.

Sir I. D. Rees: Does the right hon. gentleman occupy in this matter the position of a responsible Minister or of an irresponsible pasha? Is it by caprice alone

you have done snuff for

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OIL MARKET

LONDON, Saturday.

The announcement that the litigation now proceeding in the courts did not directly concern the Ural Caspian Company helped these shares to rally to 39-16, and strengthened other leading Oil shares, especially Shell Transports, which maintained an improvement of 1/2, at 55-16. Trinidad Oilfields were 1-16 up, at 13-16, while General Props. were that fraction lower, at 1/2. The leading Maikop shares were steady, including Maikop Pipeline at 11s. 9d. Maikop Spies were another 3d. down, at 7s. 6d.

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Sir I. D. Rees: Does the right hon. gentleman occupy in this matter the position of a responsible Minister or of an irresponsible pasha? Is it by caprice alone

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Abelaide Johnson

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Studio

Rome Italy.

20 Vicolo di S. Nicolo da Tolentino

June 29th 1912

Honorable George Lansbury.

My dear Sir,

Thank God for creating you Mr. Lansbury. You at least are not sitting up there taking pay from taxed voiceless unrepresented people without taking their part in this the most inhuman of struggles the scandal of the world. forced by the Government.

How proud your Constituents and to be Constituents will be of you even if you have to wait a little for them to say it. Do not mind that.

Again I say without doubt that the echo is far and wide even beyond England's shores. Praise God for Mr. Lansbury.

A woman suffrage worker for a quarter of a century who has been calm and steady but never full well other needs.

Heartfully Yours Abelaide Johnson

Business of International Council of Women which represents the organized womanhood of twenty-two "civilized" countries and has a constituency of about ten millions of women.

Milton
Woodlands Rd. Camberley, Surrey, 29th June, 1912

Dear Sir - Again, Bravo! from an old-age pensioner
I have been ^{reading} in today's Daily News & Leader W.G.G.'s
description of Mr. Esquith. That description of the man
is weak compared with that of yours, given in the
House on Tuesday last. You grasp & appreciate that
fundamental quality found in the hero who dares to die
for his principles; & it is that grasp & appreciation that
shows itself in your description & which is absent in
that of W.G.G.'s. You will never be appreciated by those who
live for money & social position. To such you & all like
you will be regarded as fanatics. Small soul men will
never understand you - Yours gratefully
Thos B. Milton

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON



Mr. J. Lansbury, M.P.,
~~The House of Commons,~~
Bow Westminster,
London.



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Richardson

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21 Guilford St.

Russell Sq

June 29, 1912

George Lansbury, Esq. M.P.
103 St. Stephen's Rd, Bow, E.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

A Canadian newspaper woman, a stranger in London, I want to thank you for your splendid stand in the House last night. I think, surely, the only thing that keeps

Englishmen from burning
up with shame at this mo-
ment - is the care they take
to keep well soaked in the
bog of ignorance and stu-
pidity. They are like water
rats, burrowing below the
bank to prove that there is
no sun.

Please accept - An hearty
personal thanks of,

Yours gratefully,
(Mrs) Christian Richardson

29 June 1912

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TO OUR BELOVED LEADERS.

N.W.S.P.U.

A WELCOME HOME.

====O====

Hail! Leaders great in thought and deed;
Peerless in weal and woe:
Undaunted in our hour of need;
Aye first to strike the blow. -
Menders of Laws
For Freedom's Cause.

With purpose high, and many a DREAM,
Protecting, gentle, strong:
Beyond the vain, official scheme,
Potent to Right the Wrong,
And break the laws
In Freedom's Cause.

Avaunt! Offended friend and foe:
These window fragments pass:
To broken hearts and souls aglow
"The life is more than" - Glass!
Reform the laws
In Freedom's Cause.

Oh! Hear our martyrs' bitter moan!
See torture's cruel tear!
But tyrants at a word alone
Will - trembling - disappear,
When nobler laws
Bless Freedom's Cause.

Back from the unequal combat now;
Wounded in battle grām:
Sweet LOVE hath crowned each suffering brow:
Vengeance Ye leave with HIM -
FOUNDER of laws
In Freedom's Cause.

the tyrant ✓



W.S.P.U.

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29 June 1912

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"By Faith" Ye burst yon prison bars;
And Christendom shall own,
That WOMAN'S SHOUT hath moved the stars,*
And reached the Heavenly Throne, -
Moulding our laws
In Freedom's Cause.

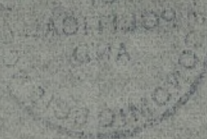
Vampires of vice and darkness cower,
Beneath your conquering feet;
While petty sycophants in power
Have beat their swift retreat:-
For purer laws
Win Freedom's Cause.

Rest, weary Champions of the fray:
Ye Loved and Honoured - rest!
God works with them that wend His way:
He offers You His Best:-
Diviner laws
For Freedom's Cause.

On! Onward yet! The barriers fall:
Behold! Your Guerdon won!
A million million Voices call:-
"WELL DONE"! GREAT CHIEFS, "WELL DONE"!
MAKERS OF LAWS
In Freedom's Cause.

Georgiana M. Solomon
29th June, 1912.

* The astrologers prophesied from their reading of
the stars that women would be cruelly & brutally
ill-treated in the month of June, 1912!



vital question so that the pledges
given that HIGHFIELD,
be kept & MONKSEATON
women become citizens not only in
expenses, PUNSHAMPT but also in
rights ^{of full citizenship} June 29. 12.

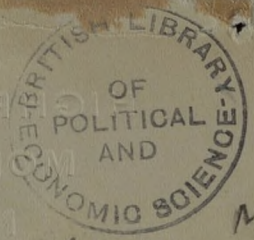
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To Mr Laundy MP.

Mrs. MARR R. WRIGHT
(n. Ellen P. Cooper) [See Who's
who, 1913]

Dear Sir

May I on behalf of myself
& many other northern English
wives mothers, & sisters
thank you & your colleagues
for your spirited & manly
defence of helpless women, at
a time when details of their
torture, attempted degrada-
tion & illegal forcible feeding
brings forth only laughter
chuckles & sneers. from
honourable!! members who,
after all are partly paid their
salaries by these very women
One thing however, always.



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to ^{select} arrange - that in a so called liberal government the Home Secretary is always an avowed anti suffragist. Surely as with the Speaker such a position should be filled by a perfectly unbiassed man. who would see that both women & men were equally treated under the law.

2. why is an enquiry permitted against police versus strikers & yet no enquiry permitted, up till now - of "Black Friday" and the brutality & worse inflicted on law abiding women
3. why are cases conducted in which only prison officials are witnesses against charges

of brutality. etc. those accused of the offence instead of making death doctors etc.

Might I suggest that in every case of forcible feeding - the Prisoner should be examined by an outside doctor or two of them who have no connection with the prison & are perfectly unbiassed, that on going to hospital & on leaving the same ex^{am} should take place there & then only shall we get the truth of the awful injury to some of these noble women broken in health & body, but still not in spirit

Might I now draw yr attention to the ridiculous form of discourse which is beginning to make itself felt:

in some courts. by the insinuation
made indirectly that these
women are insane. I refer
you to the case of Mr Jacobs &
this week Elsie Duval who is
reported to be remanded.
that the state of her mind
is to be inquired into - & the
fear of the pauper lunatic
asylum to be added now.
Truly England has come to a pass
Pass when an Irishman in the
house of commons can fling this
saint. If you want frable
feeding in Ireland you must get
English men to do it." Pleasant
hearing for English wives & mothers
who have suffered & often died
in giving these Englishmen birth
Shall we thank God we have a
small band of real men to stand
by but if the Labour Party keep
their pledges to women as in honour
they are bound to do then they
must be prepared to force the
Govt & vote against them in come

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TO { Reply Paid Lansbury
103 St Stephens Rd Bow.

see vol. 5 fols. 32-3 above and fol. 95 below

Nera went worth seriously ill doctor
andrew of Hendon refused admission
Can you inquire information to
Derby house Hendon.

Wheat

Theodora Johnson

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THE SWEDISH INSTITUTE,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Dear Sir

June: 30: 12

Allow me to express
deep appreciation of your
chivalrous defence of
womenhood - in the House.

That our Country is disgraced
in the eyes of all nations
by the present mean & vile
treatment of English women
by paid politicians is
an established fact.

Yours Gratefully

Theodora Johnson

(Old. Nat. Union of W.S. Societies)

Principal.

Anonymous

Brighton June 30th
1912

Hon Sir —
WE THANK God, FOR ONE REAL MAN
IN YOUR SELF —
WHEN YOU LEFT THE HOUSE —
ON TUESDAY LAST —

HONOUR AND DIGNITY, PASSED
OUT WITH YOU — MEANWHILE
AND ALWAYS. THANK God FOR —
— LANSBURY

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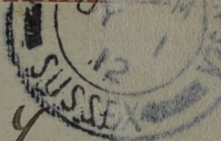
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MR Lansbury
Worthy MP
House of Commons
London



(?) McPherson

(87)
Craig View,
St. Ninian's Road,
Prestwick,
Scotland. 30th June 1912

Dear Mr. Lansbury.

I feel I must write to tell you how greatly I honour you for your magnificent protest in the House of Commons last Tuesday. There have been many beautiful and Chivalrous things done by men on behalf of the women in this agitation but yours, I think, is the most splendid & Chivalrous protest that has yet been made. When I read of it, I thanked Heaven with tears. It is acts such as yours which make it possible for the women to go on fighting against terrible odds, yet serene & happy in the knowledge that victory must come. I spent two months in Holloway this spring (with hard labour) and I know most of the women who are still there. I know how profoundly grateful & uplifted they will be in the knowledge of your magnificent Championship of their cause. In their name & in the name of all womanhood, I thank you for your great goodness. Sincerely yours, Margaret M^{rs} Phun

Louisa Somerville

107 Hellingbury Rd
Preston, Brighton

30th June 1912.

Dear Mr. Lausbury

(88)

As one of the oldest -
- in more senses than one - of the
Members of the W. S. P. U. I am
constrained to write personally
to thank you for your altru-
-istic & splendid outburst on
behalf of tortured, martyred
Womanhood on Tuesday
last in the House of Commons.
As an Occultist I have the
joy of pointing out to you

that in so bravely battling for the
helpless sufferers for Truth &
Right, you have not only done
it for them, - but for the blas-
phemed & outraged Omnipotence
of God! - No matter what of
contumely, of insult, of scorn,
you have or may receive in
consequence at the hands
of evil, seared-conscience'd
men, your Reward is certain
& assured from that Divine
Feminine, whose hour has
arrived for Manifestation -
& the whole world shall yet

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envy you - the Dear Man - who out
of that listening Crowd of Cowards
hurled the well-deserved epithet
"Murderer" at the Supreme
Cath. Aequith, in return for
his brutal, ruffianly, hypocritical
utterance. Praise be our
Mother-Father God for raising
up such a Champion in the
very stronghold of foul iniquity.
"Thank God for Sausbury" is
verily our increasing ejaculation.
Suffragettes are also overjoyed
that no word of apology, no re-
-pent - has been offered by you

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to your return to the House. ⁴

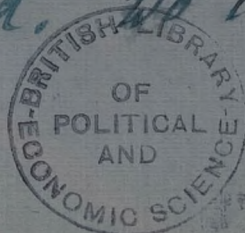
May no such word ever

cross your lips, & may the
Divine Protection be ever=
=more yours, & the Face of the
Divine Mother ever towards
you, is the prayer of

Yours very gratefully,

Louisa Somerset.

P.S. I intend to do all I can for
"The Daily Herald." Do not trouble
to answer this.



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Ernest Thurtle
(1884 - 1954)
to Mrs. G. Lansbury

Flatbush
New York

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Sunday 30/6/12.

Dear Mrs. Lansbury/

Please excuse my writing to you. I just want to say that I hope you will not think too severely of me for taking Dolly away from you & London. I am sure you will feel her leaving you & going so far away very much, but all being well we shall be back again before very long.

I assure you I will take care of her as much as she will let me. Dolly, as you probably know, is

91) Rather independent, & objects on principle
to be taken care of too much. We shall
take care of each other, I expect, which
will be a better arrangement.

I hope she will like her stay in
New York. I think she will, for I find
it a nice place & of course there
is much to be seen here.



Yours very sincerely,
Ernest Thurtle

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July

(fols. 92-134)

Mary Hewitt
158 Belsize Road
S. Hampstead
N.W.

July 1st

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George Lansbury Esq. M.P.

Dear Sir,

You will have had
many letters from us of
thanks & deepest gratitude
to you for your great
splendid stand and
championship of us &
our cause the other day—
but I cannot help but
write & try to thank you
myself. Though words
can never do it.

We heard of it (somehow!)
in Holloway & it gave

us fresh courage &
help, & a deep thankfulness.
I came out with 12 others
on Saturday, & was
at the Pavilion today
& heard you speak.
& ~~the~~ everything you
said showed that you
- understand - you
see right down to the
heart of this great
thing & what we are
trying for, and why -
& you have come
out to stand beside
us & do your best
to help us. It is
glorious, & I am

thankful - it is not
possible to express - how
thankful, & I know, all
of us feel just the same.
Yours, in all gratitude
Mary Hewitt

National Federation of Women Teachers. President

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F.M. Thomas



MISS F. M. THOMAS,
HEAD MISTRESS.

FFALDAU GIRLS' C. SCHOOL,

PONTYCYMMER,

GLAM.

[say 1 February 1912]

Dear Mr. Lansbury you've received letters & telegrams. I venture to hope you'll find this a novelty. I helped Miss Barrett a little at yesterday & had your autograph for my album - "The Red Dragon should lead the way" Tell Mr. Lloyd George - I'm a very busy woman or would he sent you this at once on reading of your denunciation of El Liberal Prime Minister - Yours Very Gratefully
still 'a man cannot reach beyond his height' - Fannie M. Thomas

Please don't acknowledge - I shall I'm sure meet you

again - You need no thanks - Your countenance has the look of the peace that comes from a clear & clean conscience - I envy those who have the honour of being anywhere near you - F.M.T.

Vera Wentworth

Pulwid House School

Hargate.

[see also Vol. 5 jobs. 32-3;
and job. 84 above]

[? s. 1 July 1912
or later]

(95)

D^r Mr Jansbury.

Thanks so much for your jolly kind
& nice letter, and thank you very much,
for all you have done for us, and for
our cause. We all think you are an
absolute brick and it does hearten us and
cheer us up tremendously to think we have
such dear staunch friends in the House of
Commons, who never fail us, and don't mind
speaking plain truths when necessary.

When we got the news of your suspension
from the House and learned the reason,
we were so bucked up that none of the honours
for that day seemed to matter a bit. We
were not awfully happy and gave three
ringing cheers from our windows!! but it
was heavenly to think of all the others being out?

Your very happy comrade in the cause
Vera Wentworth.

P.S. Love to Dolly.

Caroline L. Downing

(96)

286 Wiltshire Rd -

Forest-Hill, S. E. -

July 2nd - 1912 -

Lo. W. Gungadansbury -

Dear Sir -

Will you allow me
to offer you my hearty
thanks and warm
admiration for the mag-
nificent stand in
favor of the Women

Which you made in the
House of Commons - as
well as on other occasions.
I only came out of Bir-
mingham prison on Saturday
after a four months' sentence
to have been unable to
write before -

With grateful thanks

Yours truly
Caroline L. Downing

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TO { Arch Bishop Cantuarbury
(Davidson) Lambeth

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6 D.	<u>for</u>	<u>for</u>	<u>message</u>	<u>asks</u>	<u>for</u>
Every additional word,	<u>open</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>red</u>	<u>Cross</u>	<u>for</u>
1 D.	<u>for</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Saint</u>	<u>W</u>
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TO { Archbishop of Canterbury
(Davidson)

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Every additional word,	<u>upon</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>employers</u>	<u>e</u>
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