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Naworth Castle

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of her
fidelity to
party.

Yours truly

Rosalind Carlisle

to the sec. of the
C. Nat. Soc? -

Dear Madam

I should be obliged

If you would explain

to me what was the

reason I was not asked

to sign the whip to M. P.'s

wh. was issued by prominent

women suffragists of all

parties for the 2^d reading

of the W. Franchise Bill.

I care nothing about
my own reputation as a
warm supporter of the
cause, but it was of
importance whether the
name of the W. L. F. President

was absent or not.

I have received a

message from the German
group of women suffragists
which is headed by
Helene Lange asking why
my name was not amongst
the others & to such question
I can only answer "I
was never asked to sign
the whip, or informed
that there was such a
whip".

It is perhaps becoming
the habit amongst those members
of our W.S.F. who advocate
making W.S. a test question
with Parl. candidates to say that
I am lukewarm about the
Suffrage & it is not surprising
if the absence of my name from
such a whip to M.P.'s encourages
such an idea - yet it is
perhaps not tactically wise
to adopt this attitude for
a strong party woman like
myself can perhaps approach
Lib. M.P.'s all the better, because