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101 Inverness Terrace  
Saturday.

Dear Miss Bethell,

I have been asked by  
a Mr Aid who for some years  
has done much to aid me in  
introducing women into the printing  
business to bring the enclosed petition  
before Lord Westbury, & I therefore  
venture to hope you will not  
think me very troublesome for  
doing so.

The petition tells its own tale &

I may add that Lord Westbury has  
seen it before, as Sir Charles  
Wood gave Maaid an introduction  
to him <sup>some time ago</sup> & he then kindly promised  
to look into the matter, but upon  
being appointed Lord Chancellor  
the Secretary wrote to say that  
Lord Westbury from his official  
position no longer attended to the  
Bender's Parliament. Maaid  
thinks that if Lord Westbury could  
be induced to write to the present  
Treasurer, "the object of his  
ambition" would at once be  
gained. I am sure you

will excuse my troubling you  
about this matter, but Maaid has  
been & is so active in doing all  
he can to promote the interests  
of women printers, that I cannot  
refuse to place the petition before  
you.

Excuse - I leave town today, but  
if you will at your leisure return  
the papers &c to my Aunt's they  
will be duly forwarded.

Yours  
Yours Faithfully