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Dear Madam -

As I think you are aware I have not been found among the supporters of Woman Suffrage on the 2 grounds

1<sup>st</sup> That so far as I have been able to ascertain, a vast majority of women are opposed to having the responsibility imposed on them -

2<sup>nd</sup> I don't believe the change will be for the happiness of women - Now I admit this 2<sup>nd</sup> reason is of small importance, it is merely my own judgement & I may be wrong -

When now therefore I am convinced  
that the franchise  is really desired  
by women as a whole, I shall  
feel bound to offer no opposition  
based on my own ideas of what  
the results may be —

Having said so much I am glad to  
be in perfect agreement with you  
that to give votes to widows &  
spinsters & refuse them to married  
women would be monstrous —

I object to all property qualifications  
for the franchise —  
I should certainly have voted  
therefore against Woodall's Bill

had it come on as anticipated  
on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> —

But you will be glad to know  
Mr Smith has just given notice  
that he will move on Friday  
the 19<sup>th</sup> that the House shall  
rise for Easter Holidays on  
Tuesday April 16. & reassemble  
on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> —

So that Mr Woodall is  
checkmated —

Yours faithfully

Arthur B. Winterbotham

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The Franchise