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My dear Mrs Billingham.

I was so glad to find your letter on getting home late last night after a meeting but oh I do read such suffering between the lines. It makes me boil to think they could have so ill-treated you. I know that man Forward is a double dyed brute - I went to the Home Office and denounced him to the Under Secretary and I have spoken against him in public again and again - we must act and I will consult with others.

Did you know that Miss Fargas & I went to the works in Rentshol Town and got signatures to a strong protest (Mr. Wright was so sympathetic & helpful) and I sent it by hand to the Home Secretary on Friday afternoon - send a duplicate also to Mr. Dickenson W.P. It was strong & we rather think it greatly influenced your release. I will show you Mr. Dickenson's reply when I see you.

Now I wonder if you will do something for the Cause I believe it would be very helpful. If - Come on the platform at our meeting March 5th best Hamptonstead Town Hall when Mr. Paulhurst is the speaker. And make a short speech on the lines of the beautiful one you gave in Court - In order to stop this barbarous inhuman feeding I want to put in the horror of it and to see you & hear you speak a few words as one who has recently undergone it. I am sure would be very profitable. I know you will

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feel like saying no & will say you are no speaker
etc but if you think your state of health will allow
it please say yes for the sake of the others -
Recently released prisoners are not expected
to say more than they want - If you are there so
that they can see your gentle personality we
can rub it in - This is the way to gain converts
and we want to drag them all in -
The Werk Hampstead Town Hall would be quite
near your sister-in-law's house in Morriston Rd
if she would put you up.

I do hope that terrible sickness will stop - It is
so weakening - It was ~~not~~ rash to venture to the
Parliament so soon -

Yes it was mainly our members who say outside
Dorothy Shollard (my assistant) Mrs Leigh Eother
& Becky Hyams organised & I think never missed -
Eloa Myers (a member) went very frequently. Also
Mrs Caunter and a great many others - I also got
the Band on New Year's Eve - I hope you heard
that. I will give your message to the members
It must have been awful having the tube pressed
up your nose - I knew you were suffering and
practically worked the whole of that week for
your release. Yes forcible feeding must be stopped
Just send to say yes. Yours very sincerely
David Penn Gaskell