

the Congress has  
decried not  
the moment.  
Dear Mrs Tawcett,  
This is one  
"a wink, &c."  
of Monday. I  
shall take  
my cue from  
you, as you  
know more of  
these ropes.

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I have never felt in a more  
suicidal or assassinating  
mind! Wilberforce said to me  
the other day (so he was going  
"to say it in his sermon) that  
"no cause prospered without de-  
feat." Let us hope it is true  
& the drubbing is complete  
& severe tho' I don't admit  
it to the 'enemy. I don't  
think the government could  
have acted differently. Col

night had our defeat in  
the Lords been just a defeat,  
they wd not have used govern-  
ment whips as it was  
they had to think of their dig-  
nity, their Price, & time &  
tide. I know some of their  
men kicked but more of  
this when we talk. I can  
see certain gains amid  
losses, & I dined last  
night in the House, an  
old engagement I sh. wd

have liked to get off, but  
I did not want to fault, tho'  
I have done pleasant things.  
He was in the Radical Camp  
& they distinctly thought that  
of the first time, the women  
had a real grace. What  
interested me was the  
feeling that many ex-  
pressed, namely that at  
the bottom of it, lay  
the deepest hostility  
to the Suffrage. This brings  
me to my object in writing  
Lady Bective writes asking

me to meet you on Monday  
at lunch apologising & ask-  
ing, as she did not know  
me. She told me it was of  
suffrage. As I was to be  
with you, I accepted tho' I  
have never till what I  
have heard of her, make  
her amongst our most  
sensible women. Today I  
get this. I don't quite know  
what she means, but I  
think suffrage had better  
lie low just now, & I mis-  
doubt any work organized  
by ladies. I don't think