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(Peers
+ Abbesses
in)

18, GREY GOAT GARDENS,

WESTMINSTER Parliament.

July 27. 99

Dear Mr. Birkbeck

Yes. Abbesses

& Peers had the right to be

summoned to Parliament in

older times - even as women

peers & thus had right to vote.

In those days, there were no sex

disqualifications in those matters.

The disqualifications have

18, GREY COAT GARDENS,
WESTMINSTER S.W.

Come about } now - gradual
process.

See Mrs Stowe's book

"British Freemen" You will

find all you want to know in that book.

See especially the latter half of chap. IV

for the rights they enjoyed. → 4

Chapter VIII "The Long End". In the way these rights
have been gradually suppressed.

I should think

you can hardly do better than

refer your inquiries to the pages

of that most useful book

I feel sure you have it in

the Institute Library. If not you

can get it - either the second (half crown)

edition from Miss Susan Lowmear's

- or the earlier edition (if you

either) of the various Sufferage Offices. They

with still I know have copies in stock.

Fawcett Library
27 Wilfred Street
London S.W.3.

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but the ⁵⁷ 2/6 is the better edition of course

I am glad your letter reached
me just in time to reply before
leaving town.

I advise you to read "British

Decemviri" all through for will
find it very interesting & instructive,
if you can spare the time to do so.

Believe me sincerely

Wm Blackburn