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THE PALACE,

PETERBOROUGH.

Nov. 5/98.

Dear Mrs Fawcett.

Your letter has caught me here  
on my descent of the north. To-  
day I go to Hatfield, & on Mon-  
day I shall be settled in Dun-  
elm till the 28<sup>th</sup>, when I  
again go north. I had meant  
to write to you when I saw  
the agenda of the N. H. W. S.  
but knowing I was not to be  
at the meeting I destroyed the  
card, & forgot to write.  
Wyndham as a member of the  
Govt cannot do anything more  
for us, except vote, when & if



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the subject comes up.  
Personally, I think he was  
getting a little tired of us, & he  
found getting excited & interested  
over the Ballads, he did very  
little in the House of us of late.  
He disapproved of the policy, of  
always trying our luck in the  
Ballads, thinking that of one  
Parliament, one moral victory  
was enough. When I come to  
town I am quite willing  
to see him if you wish it, but  
I think he will say we have  
no choice but to make the  
Faithful one, our leader

in talking this year, when he  
had neglected a bit of work we  
had asked him to do, he told  
me we had much better look  
to F. B. & go straight to him.  
I am not sure if Wyndham is  
a very stable friend, tho' he is  
a clever one when the fight  
is on, but I don't think he  
cares for a subject unless it  
is burning. In my view, we  
may take it as a matter of  
course, that Office, means giving  
us ~~up~~ <sup>also</sup> some of his other inter-  
ests, that we are free to  
approach who we like. Could  
never of think the best person,  
backed by F. B.  
Just now Wyndham I



suppose is full of war prepara-  
tions - I don't think we have  
done with France yet!

Yrs very sincerely  
Francis Balfour