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ST JAMES' PALACE.

April 13. 1912

My dear Lady Londonderry

Thank you very much
for the Belfast newspaper
giving such a full
account of Tuesday's
marvellous demonstration.
It must have set
you quite ago thinking
how in the name
of all that is just,
wise, statesmanlike
to say nothing of expedient

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They can force Home
Rule upon Ulster.
The speeches were
admiration: how interesting
to have heard them &
seen those earnest
determined masses!
I hope you did not
suffer in health -
The King wrote &
asked me he had read
the paper you sent
him -
How pleased I am
to be still in bed. 16 days
& unable to hear the
speeches in H. P. C.
& to be absent from my
work. Never seen a
like I never seen a
write. I swept by hand
on service 33 yrs ago - But
please God, I shall be all
right again, but must go
to the sea for a bit. Hope
next week.
The Bill seems to me
colossal & ridiculous
& unworkable -
The reformation of 42
Pris. W. 19 at Westminster
summons - the

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A nominated Senate
absurd. The finance
difficult to understand
except that the British
Taxpayer has to present
at least £2,000,000 p. a. to
Ireland with no control
over its expenditure -
we at same time paying
for their Army, Police,
old age pensions, insurance
etc etc!
It can't pass without
an appeal to the country.
Yours sincerely
Stamfordham

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Althorp,
Northampton.

Sept: 26th 1913

My dear Lady Londonderry

Thank you very
much for sending
me the Belfast
newspapers giving
the full account
of the demonstration
of last week.
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seem to me to
be getting very
serious: but surely
some way will
be found out of
the dangers of
civil war. I am
afraid you will
object to compromise,
but can you
not see the better

our mere party
trick — J. S. Smith
has been at the
maneuvers & returns
honours to Mr. St.
What a long speech
you made at Dublin!
We have had
beautiful weather
and done a lot of
siding & chiefly
on grass. This after-
noon we went to the
at Keshmully

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and Annaly had
his hounds there:
altogether a very
pretty sight.
Tomorrow night
we go back to
Balmoral till the
10. Oct -
Yours very sincerely
Stamfordham

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HEADQUARTERS,
OLD TOWN HALL,
BELFAST.

19th September, 1916.

ENCLOSURE

The Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry,
Wynyard Park,
Stockton-on-Tees.

Pravali

Dear Lady Londonderry,

I duly received your letter of the 18th inst. I am not at all clear that any good object would be served for the moment by calling the Ulster Women's Unionist Council together, but I would like to consult one or two people in regard to the matter. There is always the possibility of some woman like Mrs. Wheeler, or someone else, introducing topics as to the inadvisability of accepting the exclusion of the six Counties. Some of these people cannot see beyond their noses. However, if you will allow me, I will go into the matter, and write you again.

You will be glad to hear that the Hospital is now going on better than ever. I enclose you copy of a letter which I received from Surgeon-General Ford.

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Dow, Lady Londonderry,

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19-9-1918.

We have decided to comply with the request contained therein, and we are getting up accommodation for 100 beds for ordinary cases, and 50 for limbless cases. In the meantime we are taking temporary accommodation.

I should, however, tell you that for some time past the Matron has not given us satisfaction. She seemed to be totally devoid of administrative capacity. It was not so bad when the Hospital was smaller, but when it got bigger things got worse. Accordingly, she sent in her resignation, which we accepted. We had, however, received previous notification that if Miss Bruce's resignation was accepted, she would take the trained staff with her. Miss Bruce only gave us a week's notice, although under the terms of engagement she was entitled to give a month. Following the acceptance of her resignation, she sent us resignations from two Cooks and eight trained sisters. This all took effect within one week, and as it amounted to nothing but intimidation we at once accepted the resignations, and, with the aid of the remaining trained sisters and the V.A.Ds. we succeeded, with the help of temporary trained sisters, in carrying on the work of the Hospital quite satisfactorily. Indeed, we have had more comfort since Miss Bruce's retirement than we ever had since the Hospital opened. The Hospital is now

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Dow. Lady Londonderry,

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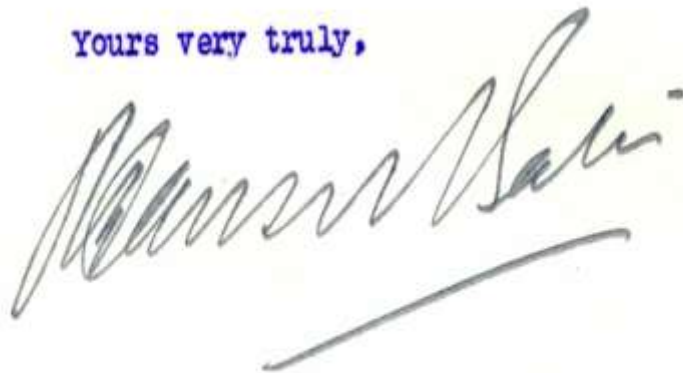
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completely full, and we are taking over the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, and another house in Gilford, in addition to one of the University Buildings.

You will be sorry to hear that Mr. Thomas Andrews died on Sunday, and his funeral takes place tomorrow.

I enclose you a letter which Mr. Cooke, a merchant in Belfast received from another merchant in Scotland, Sir William Robertson. I send it to you owing to the reference it contains to Sir Horace Plunkett. Please do not trouble to return it.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dawson Bates', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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ST. MARGARET'S WORKS,
DUNFERMLINE.

12th September 1916.

Dear Mr. Cooke,

I have held over your letter of 23rd July for a long time, but have really had little opportunity to reply fully to it.

Let me first of all thank you for writing me at such length, and also, if I may say so, for the spirit in which you write.

I am very much impressed by the statement of Mr. R.M. Liddell, and as far as they are concerned, I fear I have been doing Belfast Manufacturers an injustice. I suspect, however, that not many firms in Ireland can equal their record.

You will hardly expect me to agree with you in regard to the origin or cause of the late attempted rebellion. In this country we think the Ulster Volunteers have a high responsibility in connection with that matter. It was their example in gun running, (from Germany) and in drilling in defiance of the law that incited the Irish Volunteers to take action.

If Sir Edward Carson had strongly desired to

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have Ulster included with Great Britain under the Conscript-
ion Act, I do not believe for a moment that any opposition
by the Nationalists would have prevented him from having it
done. Men are still urgently wanted, and it would not be too
late when Parliament meets for Sir Edward to have the six
Ulster excluded counties brought under that Act. Not long ago
I was discussing the Irish question with Sir Horace Plunkett
who is probably one of the best known Irishmen of the present
day, and he informed me that if it were left to him to put
Irish affairs on a sound footing he would entirely ignore the
Politicians, both Nationalists and Unionists, and choose his
governing or guiding body from the Sinn Feimers. This came
as a shock to me as I thought that body was wholly composed
of rebels. He, however, assured me that that body contained
the best as well as the worst elements in Ireland, and he knew
many men in it who had the best interests of Ireland at heart,
and who were thoroughly conversant with its needs.

I note that you say about business. Our exper-
ience here is very much what it is in Belfast. The demand for
All Linen goods is very restricted and were it not for union
and all cotton goods we might stop our Factories.

I observe a slight easing in the price of yarns,
and hope it will continue. I have no desire to see a sensat-
ional drop, but will welcome a gradual and steady reduction
back to something approaching the normal level.

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Are you in a position to make a specially
low offer of the 20 lea tow web which Peter Greig & Co.,
get from you?

Yours very truly,

(Signed) WM. ROBERTSON.

P.S. In fairness to Belfast I am showing Mr. Liddell's
letter to anyone who discusses the position of Ireland with
me.

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1914
Sun. March 22.
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A little thought when I wrote my last installment
on Thursday morning last, that I should be writing
my next from Mr. Boston's house.
On that afternoon I was resting upstairs when I got
a telephone message from Wolf, sent up by the grocer,
asking me to come up as soon as possible to the
O.T.H. so as to please. Thinking probably he had some
'confidential' work for me to do. But when I got
there, he told me that things were as serious as they
could be, that arrests were quite probable, &
that he had orders not to sleep at home that
night! So we settled both to go to Mr. Boston
that night if she would have us. I felt certain
she would, as we had discussed the possibility of
arrests a few days before, & she had said, tho'
half-jokingly, that we ought to sleep in a different
house every night & began planning how she could
put us up. Of course I have known for over
a week that warrants were said to be out in
great numbers, & since last Sunday we had
gone to bed each night wondering if we should
have a midnight visitation to carry Wolf off!
Well, we fixed it all up in about 50 minutes,
& I dashed off to telephone to Mr. Boston - no
one ringing up at the O.T.H. as all the lines
there are tapped systematically, & of course our
destination had to be a dead secret, if possible -

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He simply tones his words here. He told us of the Dorset Regt. vacating Victoria Barracks, & said it was rumoured they had nearly sailed, but I don't think that is so. He also told us with great glee how the men of the 1st V.F. now on guard at Craigavon had turned out as the Dorsets went by, & saluted, many of the Dorsets returning the salute! I'd love to have seen that. He also rang me up several times during the day from Craigavon, & in the evening told me of the resignation of practically all the officers of the Cavalry Brigade at the Curragh, which appeared in the papers next day. A splendid piece of news. On Saturday morning, a glorious day, I went into the town to shops, going home to fetch my letters first. On the way, from the train, I saw the two warships lying in the Drough, a most strange sight. We had hoped to be able to meet one in town, but had to give it up, being too busy. He says Mr. Craig has said she will be delighted to have me there for any meal any day, & I believe I am to go. Tea tomorrow - Sunday - when Mr. Dupre's Pic. Eclair will be there. I lunched in town, & came back here afterwards. The city looked much as usual, except that the streets were even fuller than usual, & there was a tendency among people to gather in Parks,

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especially near the White Club, & the Newspaper
Office. We rang one up during the day, & told
me that they were quite satisfied at the way
things were going, & not at all alarmed at the
outlook. I reached at half past nine, & after an early
tea at Boston, I went down to Carrumoney
village where the village girls were having
their Irish Aid Class, & helped them with the
Bandaging afterwards. There were about 20 there,
mostly mill hands or Laundry girls, & so soon
afterwards we climbed Carrumoney Hill, &
watched the sun set. It was a perfect
evening, & the view is lovely from there,
to the east, Belfast Lough, & the hills beyond
it to the west, a corner of Dromagh, &
the mountains close by, to the North, the
open sea, & two hills with one upstanding one,
Slieve Donard (^{Slieve Donard} fancy spelling) & St. Patrick's Hill; & Southwards
Belfast, muffled in mist, & the white outline of the
Kinnegone mountains beyond. Darken were singing,
& the scene was peace itself save for two things;
they were chips, grain & black on the smiling lough,
& at our feet a stone with "No Pope here"
scribed on it in pencil.

Today Sunday has been simply lovely again.
I got up early on the chance of an early sunrise

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Sun. Aug. 2nd Malvarclui House - Sat. Friday afternoon 4th
Belatic & I walked into the village to see Mr
Harty's parents - he is ^{the father} the organist here -
Only Mr Harty was at home, quite a homely
looking woman, but most unexpectedly clever
& interesting to talk to, with a strong individuality.
The house is charming, not a bit the house
of gentlefolk, but old & roomy, & with some
nice pictures. "Berta" she says, has promised
a Symphony for the Norwich Festival, but has
stuck hopelessly in the middle of it, & is coming
down here presently to try & find inspiration
for it. When we got home, I found Mr had
telephoned me, & when I rang him up he
told me that that a rumour had come through
that Germany had declared war on ~~Austria~~
Russia, & that in all probability he would be
called for that night. Under the circumstances
he said, he would at possibly come back to
Malvarclui, & I had better come back that
evening if I can't get at No. 12 with his luggage.
So I left with a Mr. Clarke & a Miss ^{with her} ~~with her~~
cousin, the latter such a fine old lady of 84, & Mr
looking a day over 70 - the Belatics were very kindly
sent me & the luggage home in the car, it's only
13 miles here from Belfant - & let it packed
things so as to be all ready if a war came.

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Colonel (P)

Aug. 3rd Hilwackin House. Last Saturday afternoon I gathered with the Salaters to ^{near Downpatrick} Timulbrague, Mr & Mrs Maxwell's house, where Colours were being presented to the East Down Regt. by Lady Bauger, & someone else. Lord Bauger commands the Regt. & is a Cousin of Mr Salater's. Nearly everyone there seemed to be either a sister or a Cousin or a mother of hers! Mr Maxwell is her sister, & so was a Mr Bower who was there, & whose husband is Chief Constable of Yorks. He had just been recalled, owing to the crisis. Capt. & Mr Craig were there, much astonished to hear of Wolf's summons to England. The General & Lady Richardson were there too, & the latter was a Maid, & has made me promise faithfully to stand for her if I want help in winding things up here, packing so, as she has had endless experience of such things. She was really affectionate, & surprised me greatly, as her manner is generally rather stiff. I feel very grateful to her, & mean to take her at her word. — The ceremony took place in a field on the top of a high hill, with a lovely view over the river ^{2 miles} ~~to~~ the low, wooded hills all round. The Bp. of Down consecrated the Colours, & I had to start "The Ulster hymn", "Oh God our Help...", which I did in my most stentorian tones. When the General addressed the men, he told them how Sir Edward had offered their services to England in case of need, & though they could make no

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1914
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Kilmainham Gaol
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Tue. Aug. 4 My diary has to be written in scraps now, where
I can. As I said, the Graham's came
to dine here on Saturday night, & I sang a bit
afterwards. On Sunday we went to church
in the morning & were just in time to see "the
Downshire Guard" marching in. I don't
believe I mentioned them before. They are the
remains of a force raised ^{here} in the 17th Century,
& they still wear the uniform of that period.
Anything so picturesque you never saw: about
a dozen ^{or more} grey bearded men in scarlet coats, white
breeches, & cocked hats with a scarlet plume.
The commanding officer wears gold epaulettes.
& forms them up on the green outside the church
after service, gives the proper words of Command
& then marches off at the head of them. They look
very gallant, if slightly ottery, & preternaturally
solemn. The first week end W. & I were here, he
was requested to inspect them after service, which
he graciously did. After church, we
dropped to the Duke with the Jennies & Sir Thomas
& Lady Dickson - very numerous riches, who live
in Bellinew Castle, and Downshire's place -
& Mr. Irvine told me he had had a wire from
London that morning say^g Germany had declared
war on Russia & France. We could hardly
believe the latter part to be true, but it was

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1914
(Tues. Aug. 4)
W.D.S. had
crossed to
England
on the
night of
Friday,
July 31st

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of Monday, Aug. 3rd

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In the evening I got a letter from W. enclosing an important communication for me to read & pass on to the General or Capt. Craig as soon as possible so I sent it to him by a despatch rider. W. has been doing some very important negotiations in England, but I can't give details in a letter. He was boiling over at the Govt.'s inaction as he wrote.

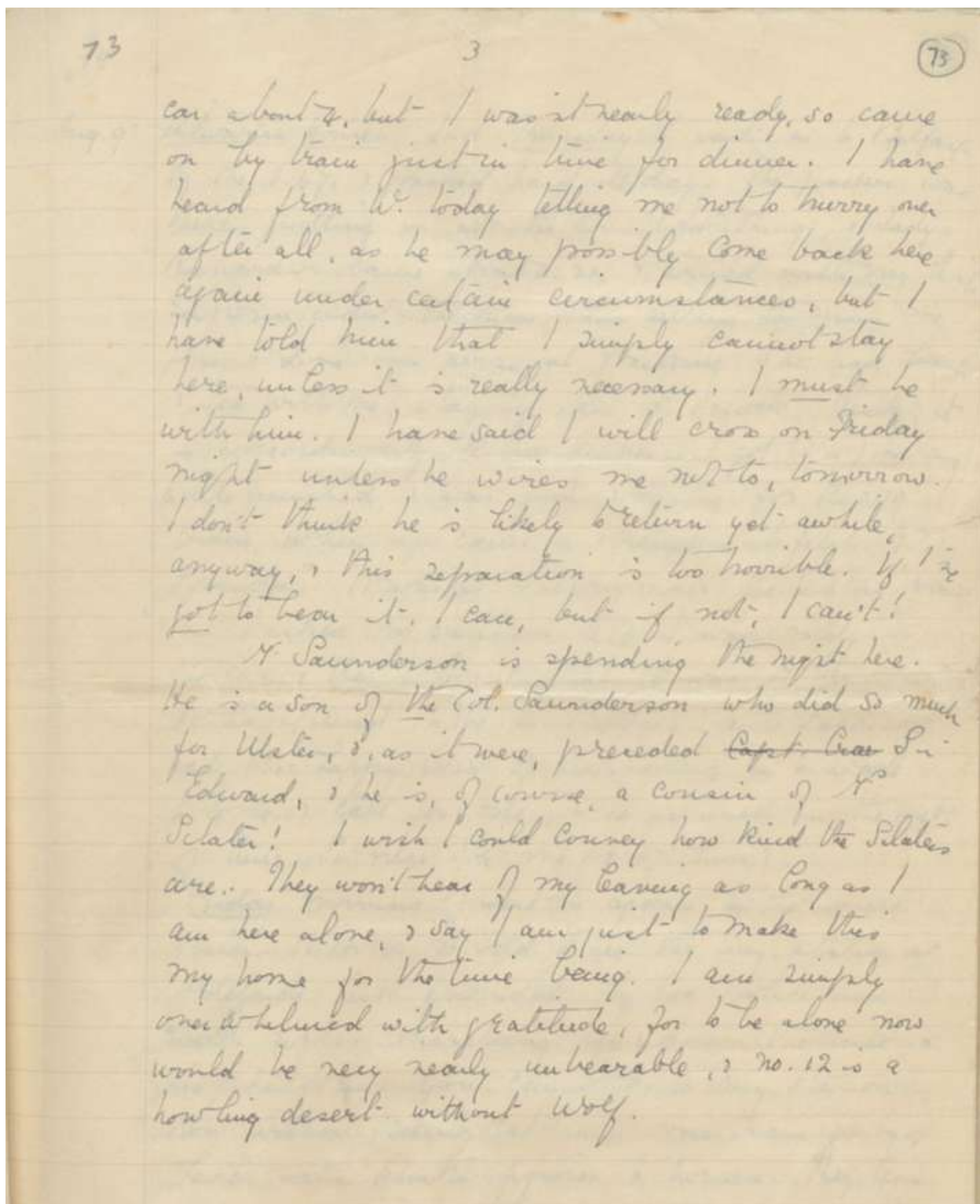
Tuesday, - yesterday - I motored in to Belfast with the Silates, & they dropped me at no. 121 [10 p.m.] As I write, the U.V.F. band is going up & down the road just outside, making the most deafening noise I ever heard. No one beats a big drum in quite the same unpassioned way as an Orangeman. I had some things to do to them, & then rang up Jack to find out if there were any news of mobilisation yet. He promised to find out, & later I met him at the Carlton, & he lunched with me there. There was still no definite news. I was only waiting for that, to start packing up everything in the house. I had already given notice for the end of August. K. Silate picked me up in the car at 2.30, & drove me out, & back to their house. I got a p.c. late in the day from W. saying mobilisation was practically certain, & he was off to Chatham that night, so I decided to try & get packed in time to cross by the Friday night boat. This morning - Wed. - I went in to Belfast by the early train, 8.47, & spent the day

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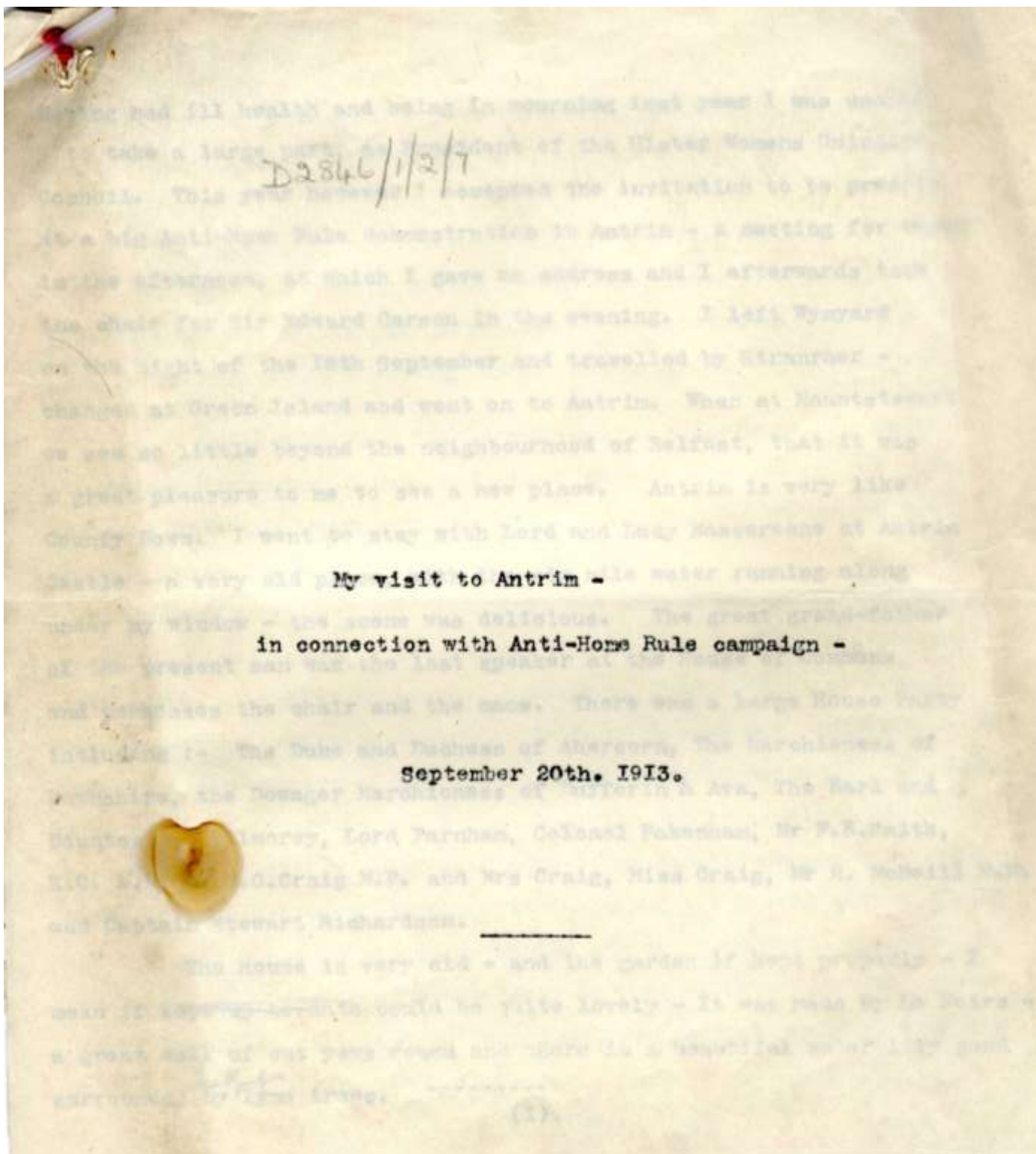


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Having had ill health and being in mourning last year I was unable to take a large part, as President of the Ulster Womens Unionist Council. This year however I accepted the invitation to be present at a big Anti-Home Rule demonstration in Antrim - a meeting for women in the afternoon, at which I gave an address and I afterwards took the chair for Sir Edward Carson in the evening. I left Wynyard on the night of the 18th September and travelled by Stranraer - changed at Green Island and went on to Antrim. When at Mountstewart we see so little beyond the neighbourhood of Belfast, that it was a great pleasure to me to see a new place. Antrim is very like County Down. I went to stay with Lord and Lady Massereene at Antrim Castle - a very old place, with the six mile water running along under my window - the scene was delicious. The great grand-father of the present man was the last speaker at the House of Commons and possesses the chair and the mace. There was a large House Party including :- The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, The Marchioness of Downshire, the Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin & Ava, The Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, Lord Farnham, Colonel Pakenham, Mr F.R. Smith, K.C. M.P. Mr C.C. Craig M.P. and Mrs Craig, Miss Craig, Mr R. McNeill M.P. and Captain Stewart Richardson.

The House is very old - and the garden if kept properly - I mean if kept ~~up to date~~ could be quite lovely - It was made by Le Notre - a great wall of cut yews round and there is a beautiful water lily pond surrounded by ^{lily} trees.

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similar to that at Wrest - - - All was most wonderfully arranged and the meetings, very large and most enthusiastic - and in all most successful.

The first meeting - was really a garden fete in connection with the Antrim Branch of the South Antrim Womens Unionist Association, and was largely attended. I opened this fete and then gave an address which I append, which may be of interest to some one.

About 5 o'clock Sir Edward Carson, accompanied by General Sir George Richardson K.C.B. and other members appeared at the gates of the castle and had a great ovation from the crowd of spectators who had assembled there to welcome him, - - -. We then went to review the volunteers who were drawn up on the lawn in front of the castle - two companies came from Antrim, and other contingents came from Ballymena, Muckamore, Dungonnell, and Crumlin. I could not help wishing that all the English sceptics could have seen the soldierly bearing of the men in their swinging march past - - they marched on to the field and I then took the chair for Sir Edward Carson at his meeting - and as I said in my remarks hereto appended - It would show the Government, (a woman taking the chair) that not only had they the whole political community against them but a whole country side. Sir Edward spoke admirably, as usual. F.E. very good and Mr Ronald McNeill, Antrim born and bred, most eloquently, from the bottom of his heart.

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We then rushed in and had dinner early and Sir Edward Carson and Mr F.B. Smith, Mr McNeill, the two Craigs, Lady Kilmorey and I went off to Randalstown. When we arrived opposite Shanes Castle gate we found five hundred men drawn up, aged between 25 and 40 years of age and the Union Jack was surrounded by 4 lamps and behind the 500 were the V.A.D's, consisting of Nurses and Ambulance. Sir Edward Carson inspected them - I got out of the car and walked behind myself through the ranks with Lady Kilmorey. I do not think I have ever seen a sight that impressed me more - the absolute silence and the splendid physique of the men. They were dressed in their ordinary clothes with black bowler hats. We then went into a building, the front part of which looked on to the road and from there we watched the 500 volunteers march past with quick step, such as the Rifles march and which is a turn quicker than the ordinary foot soldiers. They played all sorts of quick tunes and the drum naturally was a feature of the march. I do not think I have ever seen a more impressive sight and knowing that each man had a rifle and ammunition made one long to transport some of those radical people in England who turn round and say 'Do you think Ulster will really fight?' They marched past then from the building on to an open space, which was simply crammed with people and the volunteers at the back, and I have herewith appended the speeches that were given. I was tremendously impressed because

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the audience kept carrying on a running with the speakers. When it was over Sir Edward Carson and the Craigs went back to Craigavon, and I returned to Antrim, very tired indeed and could hardly sleep from the excitement of seeing such grim determination. On the Sunday we went to the nice old Antrim Church which has a beautiful organ and after church we went to lunch at Shanes Castle - a most beautiful place - very lovely woods, with glorious trees, ash and elm, - Shanes Castle stands on the shores of Lough Neagh and the ruins of the old castle have a terrace in front, touching Lough Neagh - the present house is built of the old stables, and there is a beautiful room with an organ in it. After lunch we walked all round the old castle - a truly beautiful place - and hidden away in the grounds is a tiny little burying place - most peaceful, which I went to look at. We got home about tea time and after tea I went out and sat till dusk on the shore of Lough Neagh - a glorious evening - quite still and saw many wild birds - and a woodcock flew close over my head. Next day I went down to Mountstewart and spent the day - the garden of course is at its best in the Spring, still many flowers lingered here and there. I walked on to the sea front and felt like the Northman in Kipling's song - 'sickened for the sea' - the boat being laid up on the shore - the sea walk was very nearly finished. It was a very sight in Newtownards to see the two Morrison boys so ill. I spent the rest of the week at Crawfords-

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burn, very quietly, with Committee meetings and going into Belfast. We had a meeting in Belfast at that time to get a wedding present for Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife and as the Lady Mayoress said very pointedly, it would be an interesting thing for Prince Arthur to have a present from Belfast when she was supposed to be a rebel city. Saturday, 27th September was the tremendous March Past at Balmoral, and it would be difficult to describe one's feelings, at the sight of the twelve thousand Volunteers. Charlie came over and stayed at Craigavon with C. and I went in to pick them up. I went into the grounds at Balmoral - we got there in time to see the troops arrive - I had a very delightful experience myself as a great many members of the Ulster Womens Unionist Council were in the large stands and when I came in they gave me quite an ovation - which pleased me very much, I need not say - As we stood there the different battalions kept marching in - each company bearing a Union Jack. It was curious to notice all sorts and conditions of men, ship-workers, farmers and city men, and as could be seen the officers had been chosen from their efficiency. The march past was supposed to begin at five o'clock but there was a difficulty in getting so many volunteers into the space and so it was later - as they marched past they were inspected by Sir Edward Carson - and Lord Londonderry stood beside him. The stand was crammed with people from all round

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the country and I was standing next a friend of mine who said -
"Somehow I don't think of death when I see the Guards march
past with their flags and their scarlet coats, but these
men look so determined." The march past continued till quite
dusk - and we could see the Antrim hills blue against a
lovely lemon coloured sky and pale yellow sunset. The day
had been unutterably still and just as the last battalion
marched past a breeze just shook out the enormous Union Jack -
the largest that has ever been made and I know it sent a thrill
through me at that moment and I am sure it did through all who
witnessed the incident. I had to go back to Crawfordsburn that
night, which I must describe as situated on the Lough, as we
call it from Strangford Lough - 'The back shore'. - very nearly
opposite Carrickfergus. On the Sunday, C. and I went to church
at the Cathedral. All the 87 Churches in Belfast had special
services of intercession against this terrible bill -
We went to the Cathedral and I do not think I was ever more
impressed with any service before. Bishop D'Arcy preached a
most beautiful and eloquent sermon on the dangers that would
beset the country under Home Rule - - I append his sermon herewith.
After the sermon was over, and after the blessing and there had
been a few moments for private and solemn prayer, the congregation
all stood up in one great ^{hang} body, - 'God save the King'. I was very

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glad that I had not gone to the service in the Ulster Hall, as I think on these occasions everybody should go to their own Church but there seemed a feeling amongst some that there would be a very special service in the Ulster Hall, and from what I heard afterwards they were not quite lucky in their preacher. Next morning we came over with the boat, via Larne and Stranraer, and as I looked back and saw the grey green hills fade away behind us, I wondered and still wonder as to what will be the upshot of such determination. _____

We had the usual speeches here for the Durham County Unionist Association and we got the Rt. Hon. James Campbell M.P. to speak at Hartlepool and on the week of the 17th November we had a Womans Anti-Home Rule campaign - I got Mrs Mercier Clements, an Ulster woman, a member of the Ulster Womens Unionist Council of which I am President, she is a very able speaker - she addressed the meetings and I took the chair and also delivered addresses - We started on the Monday at Stockton - Mrs Spence could not get a larger hall so we had to have the Temperance Hall, a fair size, I presided and Mrs Mercier Clements spoke, on the Tuesday the meeting was held in the Assembly rooms, Sedgefield, Viscountess Boyne presided, Col. Burdon, prospective Unionist member for the division and Mrs Mercier Clements addressed

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the meeting. The same evening Viscount Castlereagh addressed the members of the Conservative Club at Seaham. On Wednesday we had a large mass meeting in the Assembly Hall at Darlington, I presided and delivered an address, and Mr Pike Pease Unionist Member for the division and Mrs Mercier Clements addressed the meeting - which was a great success. Thursday the meeting was held in the Town Hall at Bishop Auckland, Major Dowling presided and Mrs Mercier Clements addressed the meeting. The meeting on Friday was held at the Conservative Club, Seaham, I presided and the addresses and speeches delivered at all these meetings, I herewith append, Mrs Mercier Clements also spoke at the Seaham meeting and we had an overflow meeting - It was the ladies night at the Conservative Club, the overflow meeting consisted chiefly of working women downstairs - which was most encouraging. All these meetings were largely attended and most enthusiastic and passed resolutions against the Present Home Rule Bill and pledged their hearty support to Ulster.

On November 2nd. Mr Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson stayed here for the weekend and we had a great deal of conversation all together. Mr Asquith seemed inclined for meetings and inter-changing ideas - from his speech at Ladybank - but his speech at Leeds seemed entirely to shut out any compromise - and looks

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as if he was going for a general election - In spite of all their warnings, it seems incredible that any Government should head straight for the rocks, knowing that Ulster will be in a conflagration and supported by the whole Unionist Party in England. We won Reading and reduced the majority by 1500 in Linlithgow. Have just seen the papers about the splendid *meetings* in Dublin on 28th, addressed by Mr Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson, and I am delighted to see that Mr Bonar Law used the American analogy - 'That it was impossible to drive a loyal community out who refused to go' and he also used an excellent point, which we talked about when he was here, and which was given to me by the Dean of Durham (Dean Henley Henson) - namely, when James II who had an enormous army, came to civil war, the army went over bodily to William III and James II fled. Mr Bonar Law said that an army that could be used against a Government could also be turned against a democratic Minister. It is astonishing that a Radical Government should be so averse to appeal to the people to know whether or not they wish this iniquitous bill to be passed and to become law. The reason is that the present Government are so absolutely dependent on the Irish Vote.

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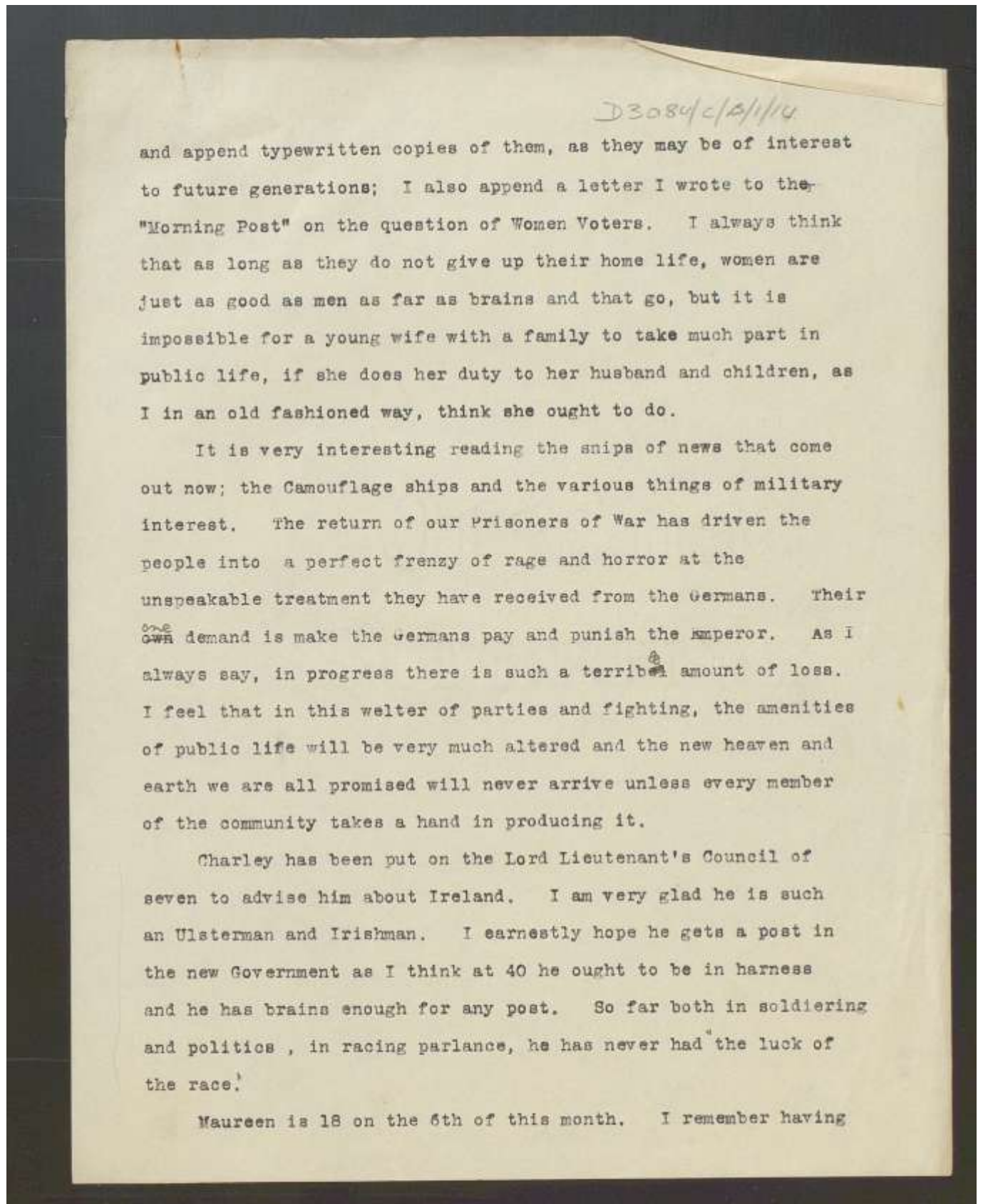
I have not written in my diary for some days. It seems incredible that we are at Peace. Since the Armistice was signed we have had casualty lists every day. A General Election has been sprung upon us and what will be the end of it, no one can tell. The new condition of having the Elections all on one day and the enormous vote of the soldiers and women, make it a veritable leap in the dark. Bob Cecil has left the Foreign Office because of his Welsh Church proclivities. I think he is quite right, but regret his services being lost to the Government. He ought to be head of our Party instead of Bonar Law who seems hypnotised by the Prime Minister. I heard the latter speak in Newcastle. I have heard all the best Political speakers ever since I was 15 and I cannot say he impresses me much. He is very quick at repartee and has a pleasant voice but when he becomes what I suppose he calls eloquent, it is exactly like a Methodist Minister at a Prayer meeting. He looks to me unutterably sly but I should think he would have plenty of drive. He has none of the traditions of the Prime Ministers, ^{which} I have known, Disraeli, Salisbury and Balfour. Mr. Asquith has held aloof and Labour, alas, refuses to join the Government.

The King's visit to France has caused great excitement and Field Martial Foch and M. Clemenceau coming to England. I much regret not having seen all these sights but when one has not an Official position things are different. The demobilisation of the Army, and what they call reconstruction, will no doubt take a long time and to re-absorb so many men will be very difficult indeed. I have had charming letters from Sir David Beatty and Douglas Haig

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and append typewritten copies of them, as they may be of interest to future generations; I also append a letter I wrote to the "Morning Post" on the question of Women Voters. I always think that as long as they do not give up their home life, women are just as good as men as far as brains and that go, but it is impossible for a young wife with a family to take much part in public life, if she does her duty to her husband and children, as I in an old fashioned way, think she ought to do.

It is very interesting reading the snips of news that come out now; the Camouflage ships and the various things of military interest. The return of our Prisoners of War has driven the people into a perfect frenzy of rage and horror at the unspeakable treatment they have received from the Germans. Their ^{own} demand is make the Germans pay and punish the Emperor. As I always say, in progress there is such a terrible amount of loss. I feel that in this welter of parties and fighting, the amenities of public life will be very much altered and the new heaven and earth we are all promised will never arrive unless every member of the community takes a hand in producing it.

Charley has been put on the Lord Lieutenant's Council of seven to advise him about Ireland. I am very glad he is such an Ulsterman and Irishman. I earnestly hope he gets a post in the new Government as I think at 40 he ought to be in harness and he has brains enough for any post. So far both in soldiering and politics, in racing parlance, he has never had "the luck of the race."

Maureen is 18 on the 6th of this month. I remember having

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her in my arms directly she was born and really she has not altered at all except that her nose is bigger than I thought. She is very lovely and ought to have a most happy and useful life if the fates will. The last four years have been sad for young ones and I must own that my first private thought when I heard that the Armistice was signed, was that darling Robin would not have to go. We are keeping on the hospital for the moment. I am very glad to have been instrumental in helping well over 3,000 men. The rush of war books continues, and they are very tiresome. Morgan's stories are good but the novels are impossible.

I went over to Wynyard the other day to show Lady Fitzgerald who was staying here, the Paddocks. The "Tetrarch" ^{colt} filly is really beautiful - dam "Pomace, and own sister to "Benevente" and "Corcyra". "Crimson" a "Corcyra" filly is very good and I think they should both run. "Benevente" looked well and I do hope she is in foal. If she isn't I shall go down on my knees to A. Persse to give me a nomination to the "Tetrarch", as I have a feeling that the double "Hagioscope" would suit.

Marion Beckett writes me that she is engaged to a sailor, and I hope she will be really happy. She has her mother's charming nature. Quenie had a boy the other day. I am glad she has got her heart's desire, but I am sorry darling Mab didn't.

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The fight goes on and the Asquithian Liberals are very sore. Aline is very angry that young Wentworth was not appointed Coalition candidate for Hexhamshire. The reason is that Aline and Wentworth have always been Asquithians and Holt, the man they put in to

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succeed Wentworth when he was made a Peer, was a Pacifist.

Awful stories are being told of the way the Prisoners have been treated by the Germans. Madam Vie has written an article in which she says they were stripped naked and a hose turned on them, and were subject to every sort of indignity. Our Prisoners of War are coming home with stories of how their comrades died of starvation, while in other camps they have been murdered. All this has driven the women of the country into a perfect frenzy.

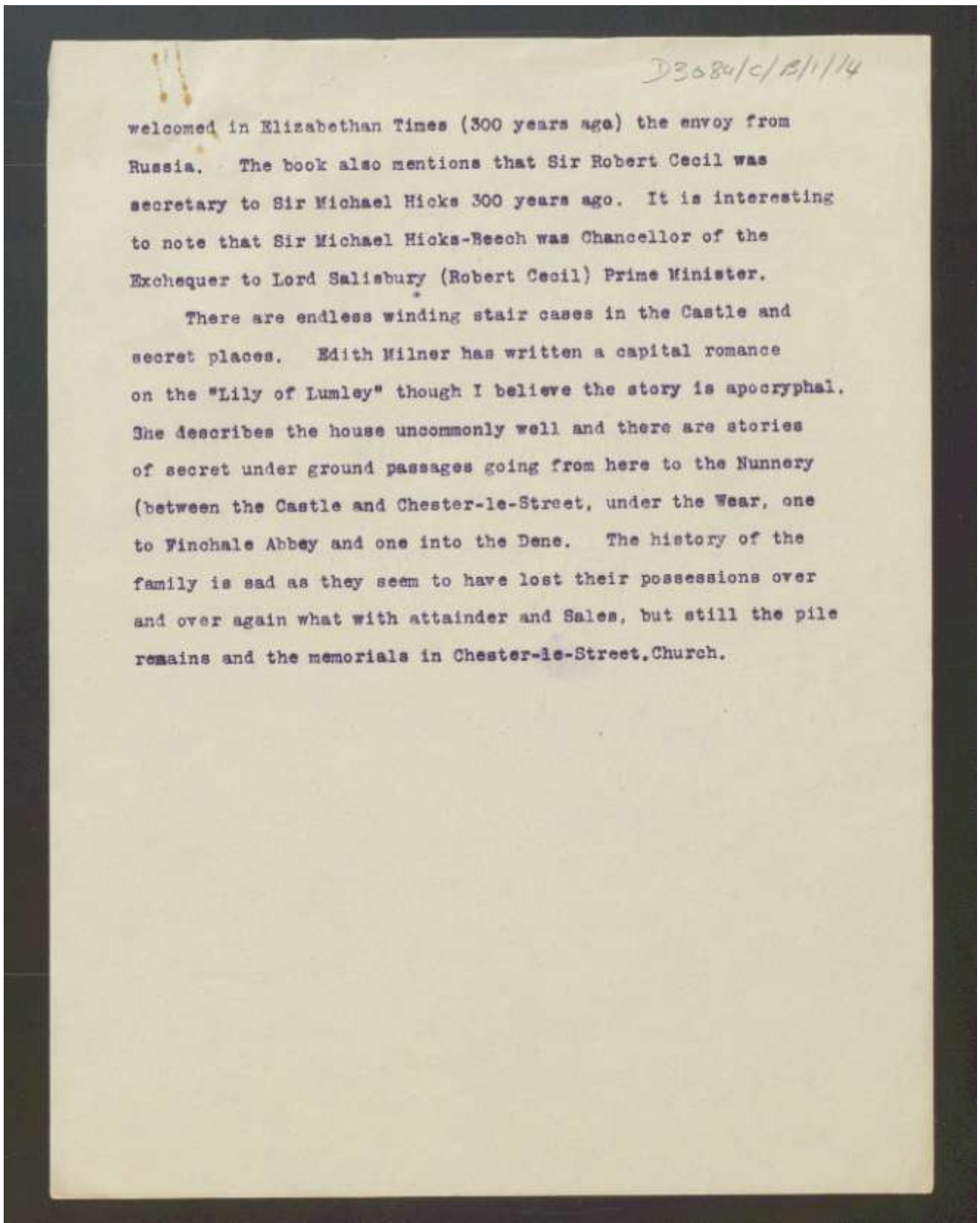
There is a great talk of the Nationalisation of Railways etc. but what I hope is, that we get a decent Cabinet and a House of Commons control of the estimates. The Germans have handed over their Navy to David Beatty at the Forth. I hear they had taken out the fittings of the ships but they had to haul down their flag. David Beatty's report is as terse as can be. I have been reading an excellent book by Arthur Pollen - "The Navy in Battle". It is a splendid book and describes how Jellicoe by not doing what he was expected, and being afraid, I suppose to risk his Fleet, missed smashing the German Navy at the Battle of Jutland. One is filled with admiration for the gallantry of our soldiers and sailors and hopes that as they have won the war they will now endeavour to live up to their reputation. This trying to give everybody everything that doesn't belong to them does not seem to me a very hopeful plan. You can't have more from a cat than it's skin and neither can men be made to do anything. They handicap themselves, they are not handicapped.

I have been reading a great many interesting things about this place Lumley and came upon two interesting facts yesterday. Lord Scarborough (Lord Lumley of that time) and Lord Talbot

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MEMORANDUM FOR SUBMISSION TO SIR EDWARD CARSON K.C. M.P.

The Ulster Women's Unionist Council depends for funds on money collected by its affiliated Associations or Branches, from the Women of Ulster; and without such contributions the work of the Council could not be carried on.

A difference of opinion has arisen in the Executive Committee as to the objects to which the funds thus obtained should be applied.

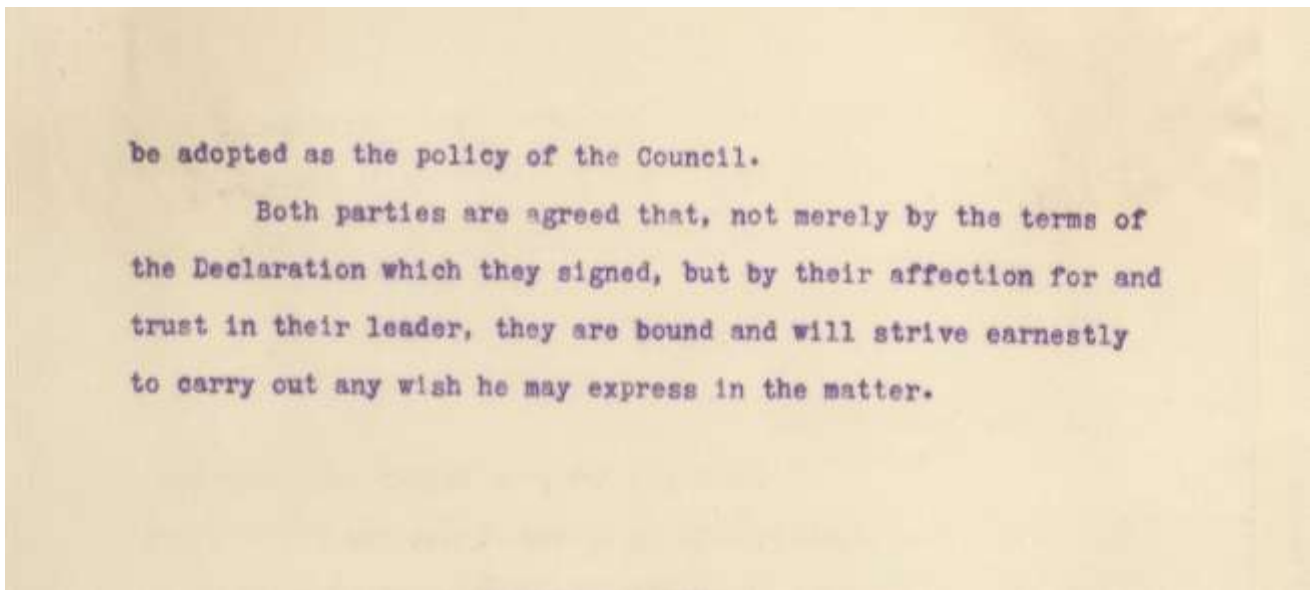
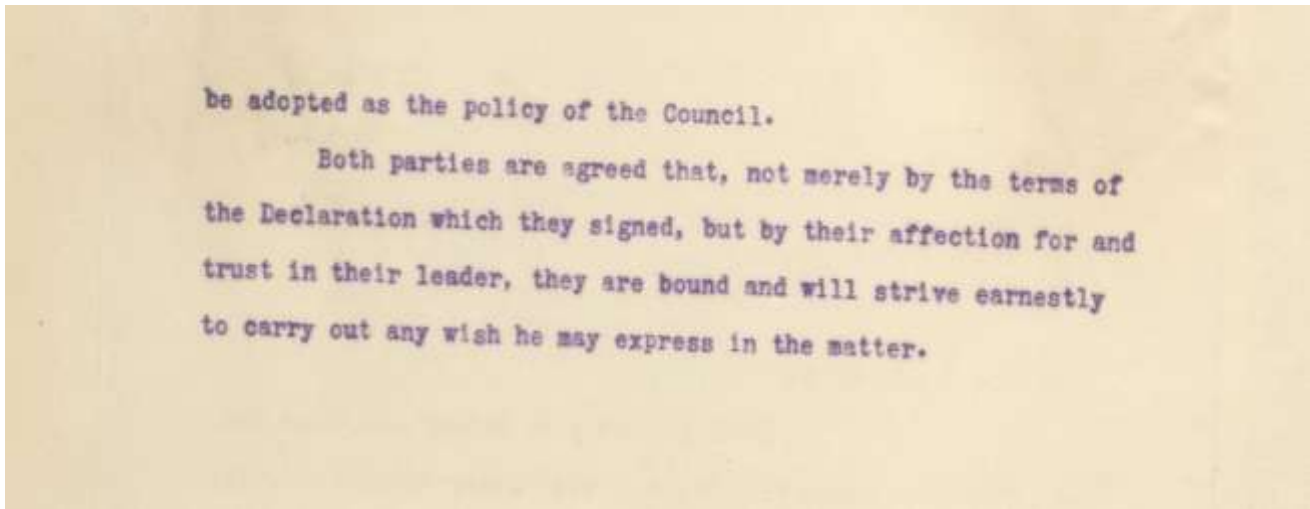
1. Some of the Committee urge that constitutional methods of resisting Home Rule have proved useless, that force alone can decide the issue and that therefore all funds should be applied to equipment of the U. V. F. They consider that by raising money to send speakers and canvassers to Great Britain and distribute literature, and especially by spending a large sum on such work at a General Election, the Council is allowing itself to be made the ~~foal~~ goal of the English Conservative party and its agents and organizations, who have no regard for Ulster except as a lever for securing their own return to power.

These Members would therefore either use all funds collected in future for the equipment of hospitals or hand them over to the U. V. F. for the purchase of rifles, ammunition etc.,

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My dear Mr. Carson

I did not go in yesterday to the Ulster Womens Unionist meeting as there was nothing on the Agenda paper - but they had a fuss. ^{between the members} It seems the two women who were not present at Monday's meeting got up and made a fuss as to the objects to which the funds should be applied. At last Tuesday's meeting I said I hoped that they would go on subscribing to the 'Campaign Fund' as I feel very strongly that we depend a great deal on a general election, should there be one. Two of the ~~other~~ women yesterday wanted to have the money put entirely to hospitals. Now there really is plenty of money for hospitals expended

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already and we all have guaranteed
and offers of help for this from every-
where. I am sure that the Master
Women in England and Scotland have done
really good work ^{despite} and I am not anxious
to continue the 'Reaction Campaign'.
However you will see by the memorandum
that we thought that after consultation
with one or two of our members we had
better appeal to you, so will you let me
have an answer by return so that I can
read it at Monday's monthly meeting.
I do feel it a shame to trouble you about
such trifles, but you know what a
Women's Council is! Some of them have
got absolutely obsessed with 'playlets, busy
hospitals, feet and 'see red'.
I have scratched out one part of
the memorandum as I think it unnecessary.

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I hope you got over safely and had not too
bad a passage. I am longing for news
of you but please don't trouble to write
yourself, let Miss write for you. It
blew a hurricane all day yesterday and
is blowing again today so that I have
not been able to race my little boat.
I do hope you are all right.

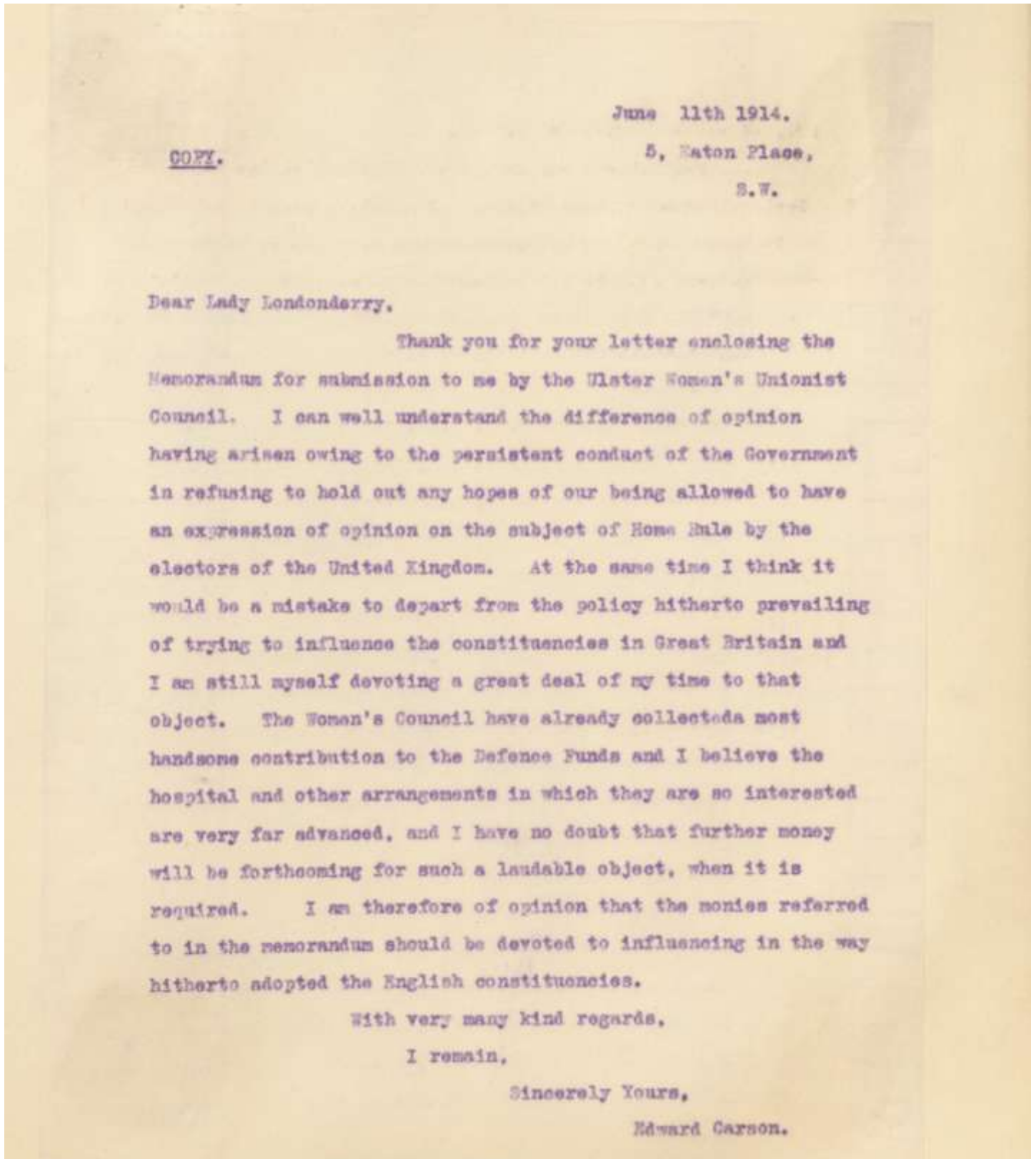
Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Theresa Dunne

By Miss Taylor - writes as that has
never been it.

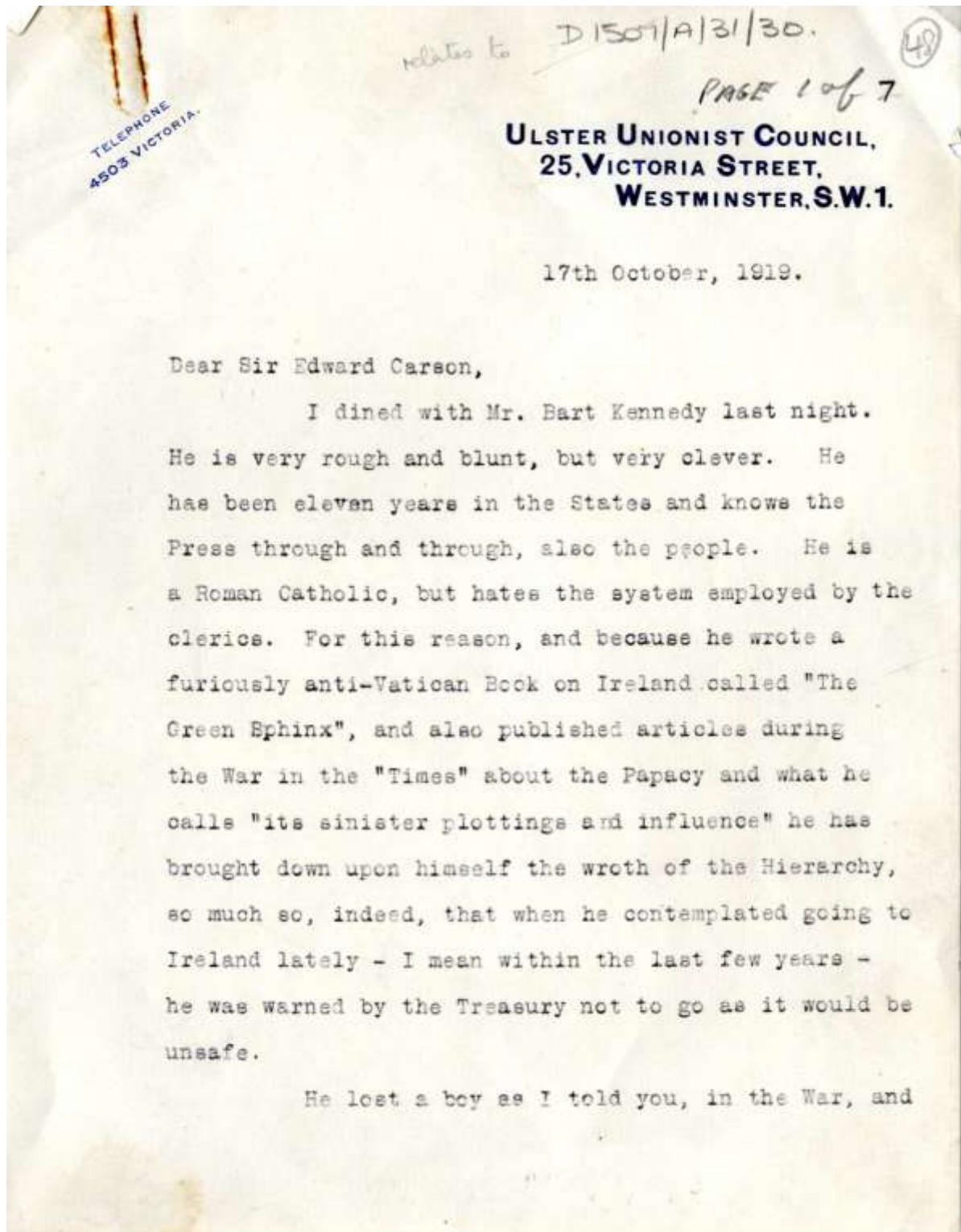
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this has made him extremely bitter against the Vatican and against the Irish generally. He really hates ^{the former} them and yet, as he said to me in a rather pathetic way, "I daresay if I was dying, in a moment of weakness I would ask for a Priest, simply because I would be a coward, and this fear has been ingrained into me since childhood."

Well, he will work for us despite the fact that he will have probably to pay personally for having spoken out the truth. He will work for us simply because as he says - "I know the Hierarchy are working a sinister and bad game. They detest England: wish to ruin her and tried to do so in the War, but they "backed the wrong horse," and now will try and accomplish their ends in some other way."

He said to me - "Remember it is very hard for me to have to own this, against the creed I was born in, but I will do it."

He has no animosity against the Irish people as a whole I do not think, except in so far as they have played the game of the Papacy. ^{and were disloyal to England.}

He asked me, were you out to destroy all

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chances of settlement. This seemed to be a question he would like to know. I said "no"; you, and Ulster along with you were quite prepared to be friends with our Irish neighbours, but not to go under their government. This made it all right.

He then said - "Would Sir Edward Carson meet me and we could talk over articles to be written, not only for America, but for England?" I said I would ask you if you would meet him. He lives in Brighton, but would come up to London on Monday next if this suited you, and if you gave him an appointment.

I enclose his card. If you will see him on Monday, or, failing Monday, on Tuesday or Wednesday, would you send him a note *as soon as convenient by you* stating the time you would be able to meet him? His address is on the card.

Imagine! he had never even heard of the celebrated McCann case, or of the *Ne Temere* and *Moti* Propro Decrees! I told him, and he used a few forcible words and exclaimed - "Why, this ought to be published in the English Press now." I said it has been discussed in Parliament, and he said - "Well the public do not

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know about it. It is not only America, but England who wants to have facts put, and if need be, forced upon them."

I can do no more until you see him and get him pinned down to write a series of articles on whatever points you and he care to draw attention to. If he begins to write he will tell the truth brutally and frankly. This is his own character and the character of his work.

It would be well worth while to get hold of him, for he is known and respected as a writer in America and in England, and the fact that he is a man of the people and a Roman Catholic will lend force to his arguments. *Already he has written on the subject in Queen's own journals.*

Will you write to him to the address on this card? and if you see him on Monday and let him hear you and see you, and if you bring some of your personal influence and attraction to bear upon him, well, we will have got one of the best journalists in England (and America) as our supporter.

He will give them startling stuff, only do

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not let him away from you until you have clinched the bargain, namely, that he writes a series of articles for us. If you offer him a personally signed letter to the Editors it would help both the articles and the writer.

I leave it ~~to~~ you then to "carry on", for naturally a great journalist like this will not take instructions from a smaller journalist (and a woman) like myself.

I feel sure this is the way to work, and I am now hunting up more journalists. The Savage Club is an excellent hunting ground.

Miss Omas and I have been collecting the Radical newspaper remarks made at the time of the offer of the exclusion of the six counties, and have found splendid material. I enclose, herewith, typed copies.

I also send you duplicates of some of the articles I have written for the American papers. These I sent away (six copies of each article) to be ^{for 6 different papers}

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signed.) I sent them to Captain Craig last Saturday, but I do not know whether he has got them signed or not and I am anxious to get them out to America as soon as possible for obvious reasons. These are the only copies I have of them, and as I am keeping a file of all I write with the names of the papers which publish them, I wonder, would you let me have them back when you have read them ^{in order} to put ^{them} on to the file?

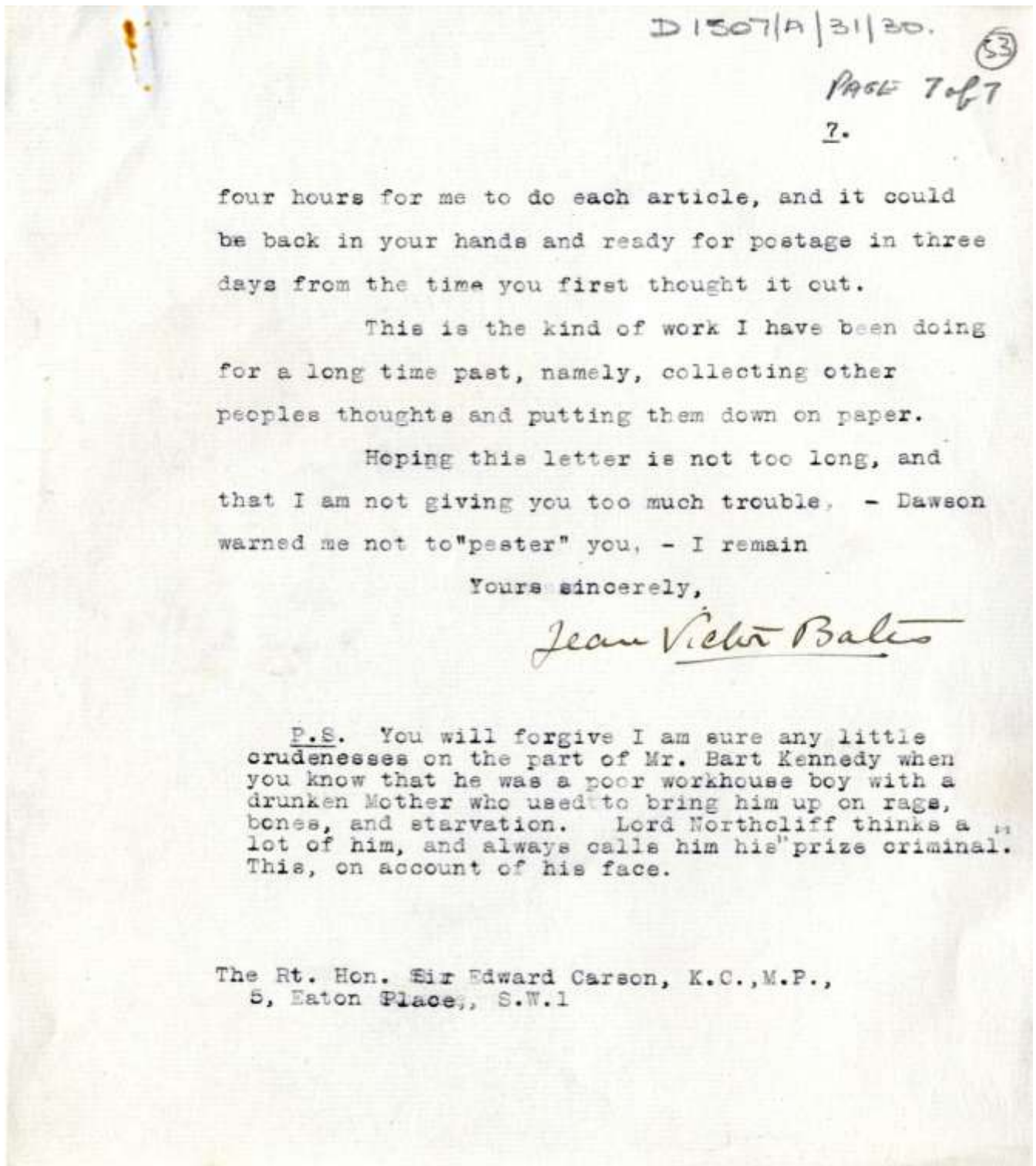
Please let me know if this is the ^{sort} sought of stuff you want.

You were speaking yesterday about signing articles yourself. I have an idea. If I went up to your house sometime, would you give me the points for articles which you might care to write, and I would write them for you and get different proofs here in the Office of all statements which you make. I could then let you have these articles, finished for you to sign. You see, if I once know what you want to say in an article I can take all further trouble off your hands and there it ends. It would take about twenty-

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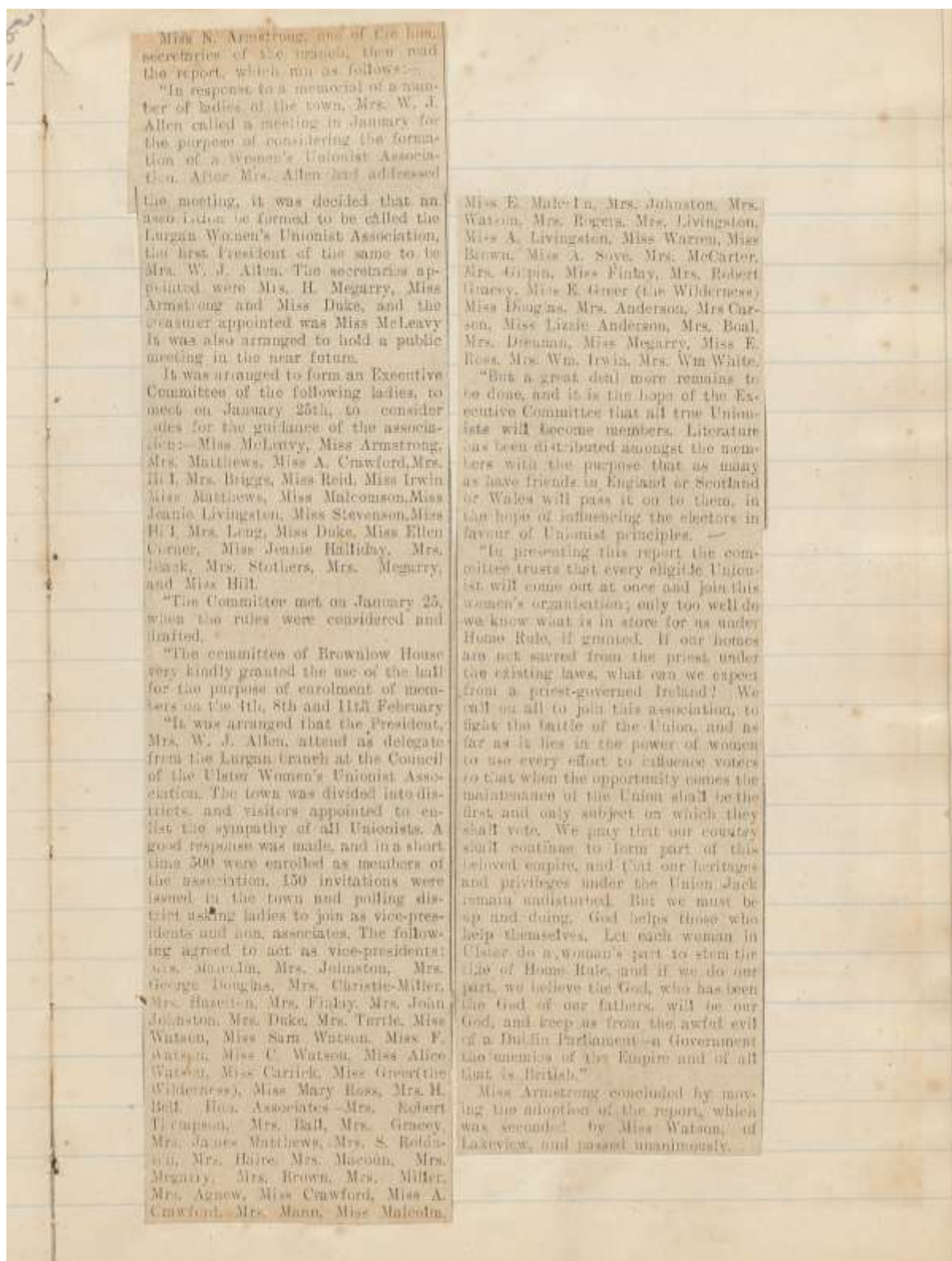
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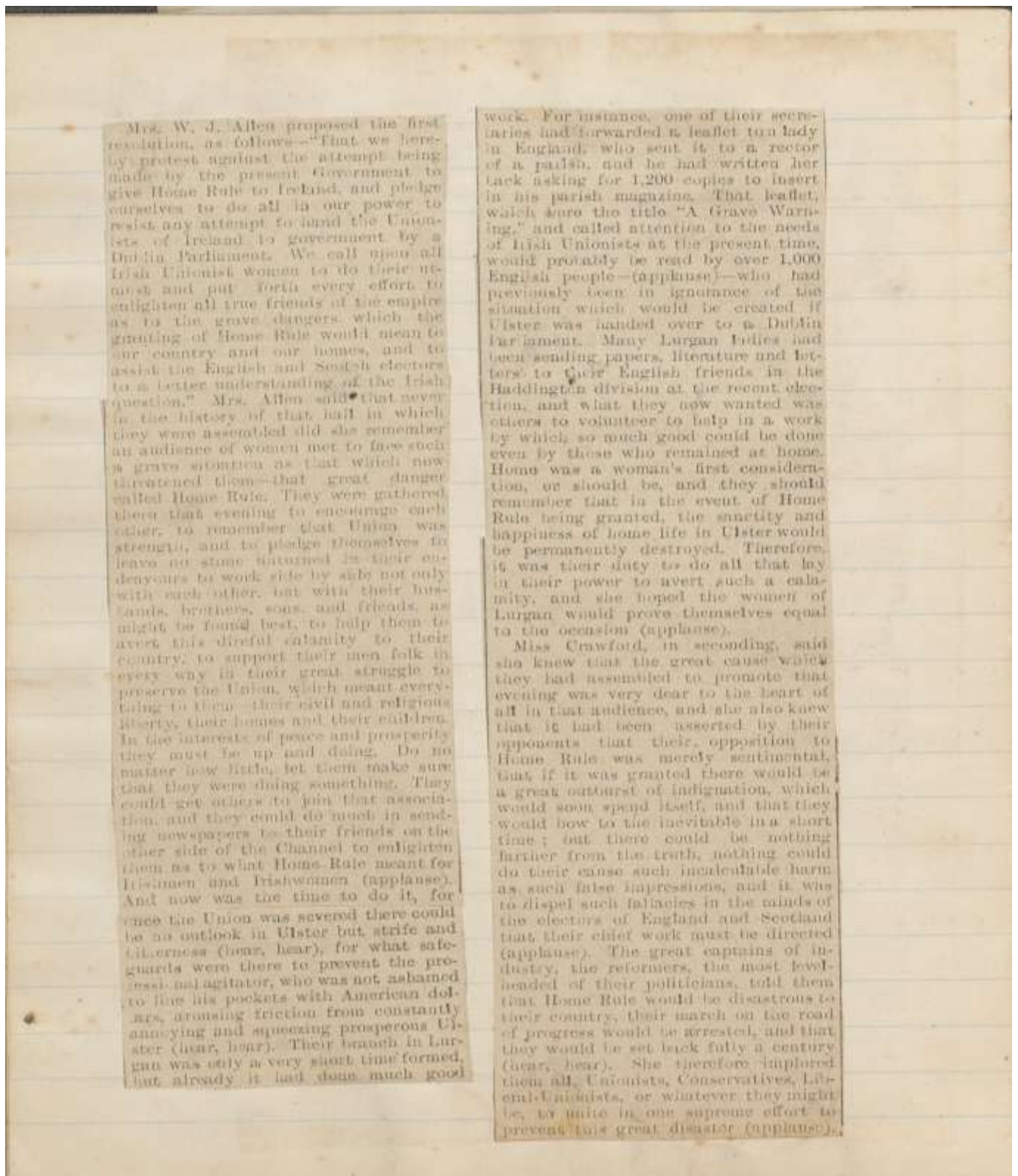
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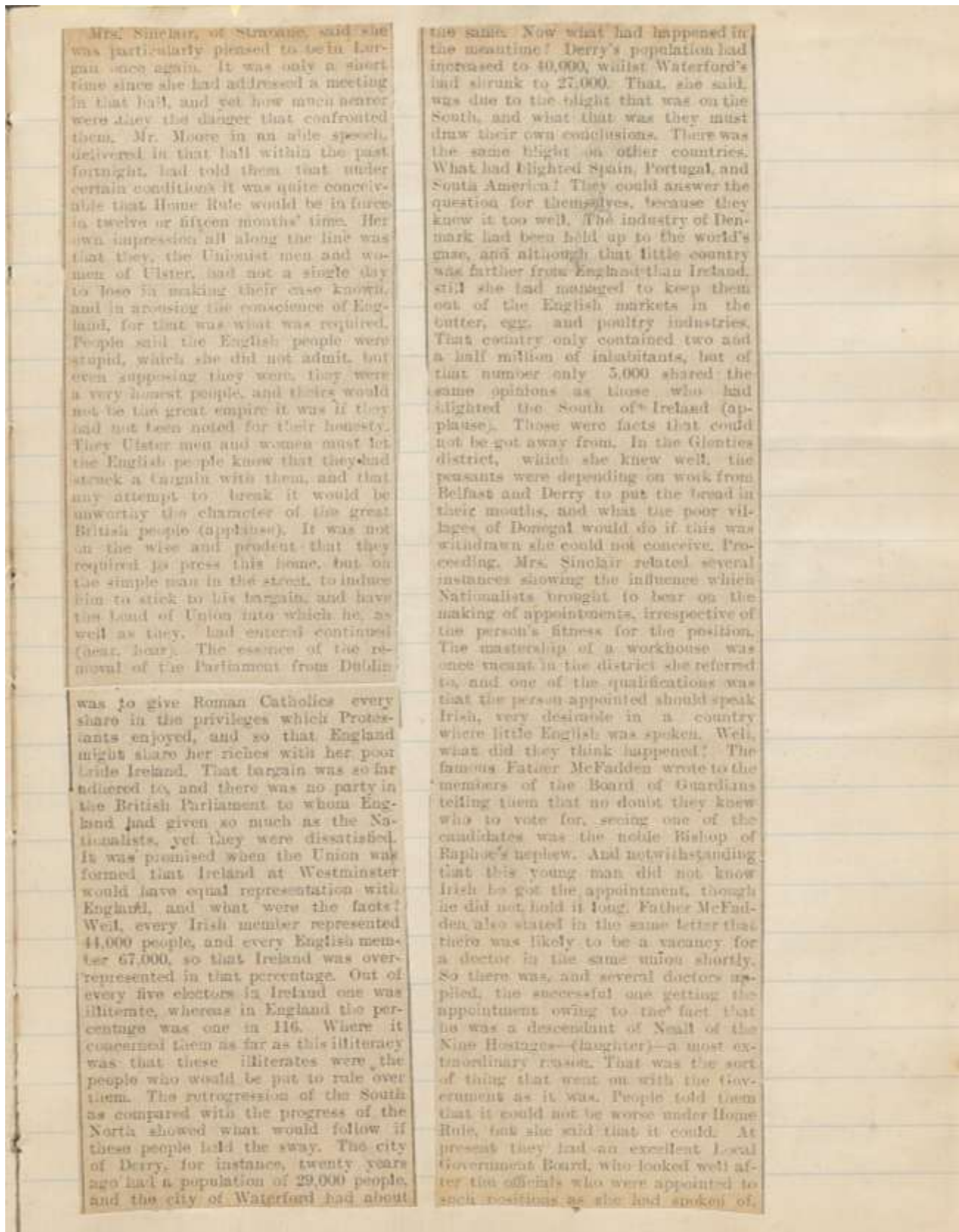
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Mr. Charles Craig, and their other good Ulster members. Proceeding, Mrs. Clements, at considerable length, dealt with the religious, temperance and materialistic aspects of the Home Rule question, and stated that despite what was being said to the contrary Ulster in opposing the promised measure of Home Rule was speaking in a quiet, moderate, sane frame of mind. She emphasised the great importance to be gained by strong union, in spreading the facts by only accurate statements, and expressed the hope that future generations would be proud of what the men and women of Ulster had done in maintaining Ireland an integral part of the British Empire. She prayed that they might never have civil war, a thought which struck terror to her heart, but she knew that the men in this part of the world would fight sooner than be oppressed (applause).

Mr. W. J. Allen, J.P., in proposing that the best thanks of the meeting be tendered Mrs. Sinclair and Mrs. Clements, said he had enjoyed himself thoroughly that evening (applause). It was a unique meeting in Lurgan to have a meeting at which all the speakers so far had been ladies. And the speeches had been much appreciated, the advice given most excellent, and the arguments advanced against Home Rule very sound (hear, hear). The facts given were beyond dispute—as a speaker once said, “Although they were facts they were nevertheless true”—(laughter)—and he asked that audience to seriously consider the advice tendered. It was proved once more that night that ladies could talk—(laughter)—and they had splendid examples of the kind of stuff that went to enlighten the English people. They could not all be orators, but they could each do something for the cause, however little. If they could get filled with the enthusiasm which in their day filled the women of Derry, whose descendants they were, the result was bound to be satisfactory in the present time so far as the defeat of a Home Rule Bill was concerned (applause). Anything worth having demanded a sacrifice, and he hoped and trusted that they were all ready to make that sacrifice (applause).

Mr. J. S. Carrick seconded the motion in a humorous speech, which at times convulsed the audience. The speeches that night had been capital, so had the report so ably read by Miss Armstrong, and in his opinion the cause was sure to prosper with such ladies as they had heard from Stratane, Belfast and Lurgan supporting it (applause).

The motion was passed by acclamation, suitably conveyed by Mrs. Moore, and acknowledged fittingly by Mrs. Sinclair.

Mrs. H. Megarry next proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Moore for coming to Lurgan and presiding on that occasion. Mrs. Moore had fulfilled the duties which had devolved on her with her usual ability, and they all felt that her presence had given an additional attraction to their meeting. It was hoped that her inspiring words would fill them with more zeal and enthusiasm for the great cause they held so dear—the cause of the Union (applause).

Miss McLeavy, in seconding, said Mrs. Moore and her popular husband had always been willing to encourage and help any good work in Lurgan, and, as they read day by day the speeches Mr. Moore was delivering, they were thankful to know that they were represented by a man willing and able to expose the devious and hypocritical policy of their foes (hear, hear). They must all try to arouse enthusiasm for their cause if they were to succeed, and if they did their duty and looked for guidance to Him who brought order out of confusion, they could rest assured that He would never permit them to be handed over to their enemies (applause).

The motion was passed with cheers.

Mrs. Moore thanked the audience most heartily for their vote of thanks and the mover and seconder of the motion for the kind and pleasant things they had said about her husband and herself. She might say, as he was not present, that she only wished she deserved their kind remarks as much as he did (applause).

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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A meeting of the Standing Committee was held on
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Queen Buildings.
Present - Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Merritt - Clements
and the secretary.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read
and confirmed,
The secretary reported that as instructed ~~at~~ by the
Committee at their last meeting he had written the
Vice-President informing her of the invitation he had
received to attend the Annual Conference of the Women's
Anti-Suffrage Unionist and Tariff Reform Association on
the 3rd & 4th July and of the difficulty of accepting.
In reply the Vice-President wired that he should by
all means attend the conference.
Accordingly the secretary crossed to London and
attended two private meetings of the Association and
the large public meeting in the Queen's Hall. At the
first of these meetings Miss Austen Park, Treasurer
of the W.A.M.T.R.A. introduced the subject of ~~the~~ ^{the} Anti-
Home Rule Campaign to be carried on in England &
Scotland during the Autumn. The scheme was most
enthusiastically received, and the secretary who was

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asked to speak had a most cordial reception. The secretary was also invited to various social functions at which he was able to discuss the Home Rule danger and the work of the U. W. U. C. with ladies from all parts of England and Scotland.

The secretary then reported that the Antism Women's Unionist Association wished ~~that Mrs Wheeler~~ had asked that Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Muriel Clements should speak at a meeting in Bandalstown on Friday 2nd July. The Committee confirmed this arrangement.

Mrs Sinclair reported that she had been asked to speak at a meeting in Barmuch on 26th or 27th July in connection with the North Antism Women's Unionist Association, and the Committee authorised her to go.

The next business was to make the necessary arrangements for the Autumn Campaign in England, and for the reception of the delegates from the Women's Amalgamated Unionist & Tariff Reform Association on their visit to Ireland.

The Committee went through the list of Active Workers in detail and instructed the secretary to write to various ladies on the list asking when they would

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be ready to go to Great Britain.

In connection with the visit of the English ladies the Committee decided that it would be best to send them at once to some of the nationalist parts of the North-West and afterwards to bring them to the prosperous loyalist districts of the North-East by way of contrast.

Mrs Sinclair offered to provide hospitality for the ~~visit~~ delegates during the first part of their visit and to show them some of Tyrone and Londonderry.

The secretary was instructed to ask various members of the Executive Committee living in or near Belfast if they could put up ^{each} one or two of the ladies during the latter part of their visit.

The secretary was also instructed to write to the secretary of the Irish Unionist Alliance and arrange if possible that the delegates should be enabled to see the South & West of Ireland.

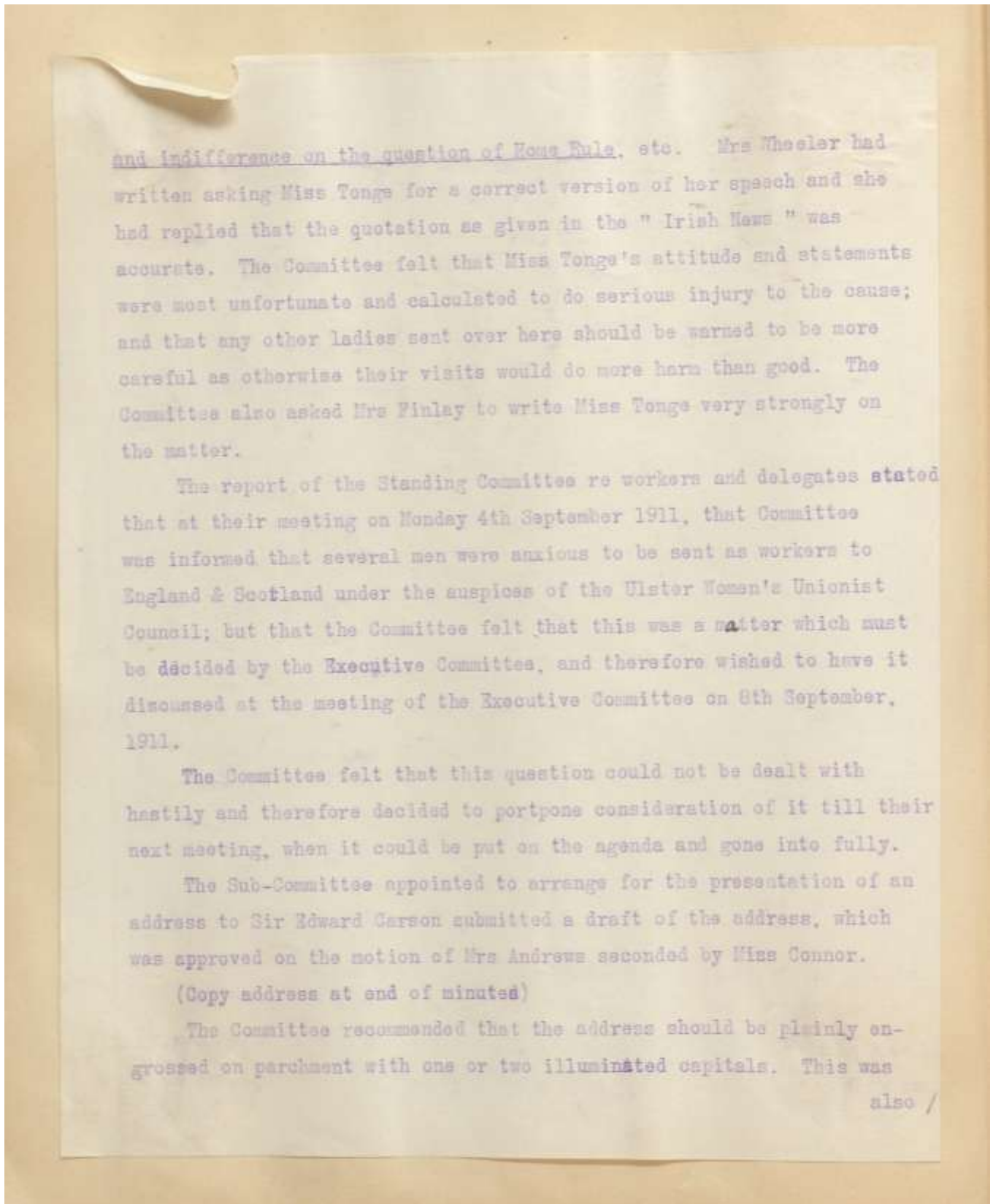
This concluded the business.

J. M. O'Connell

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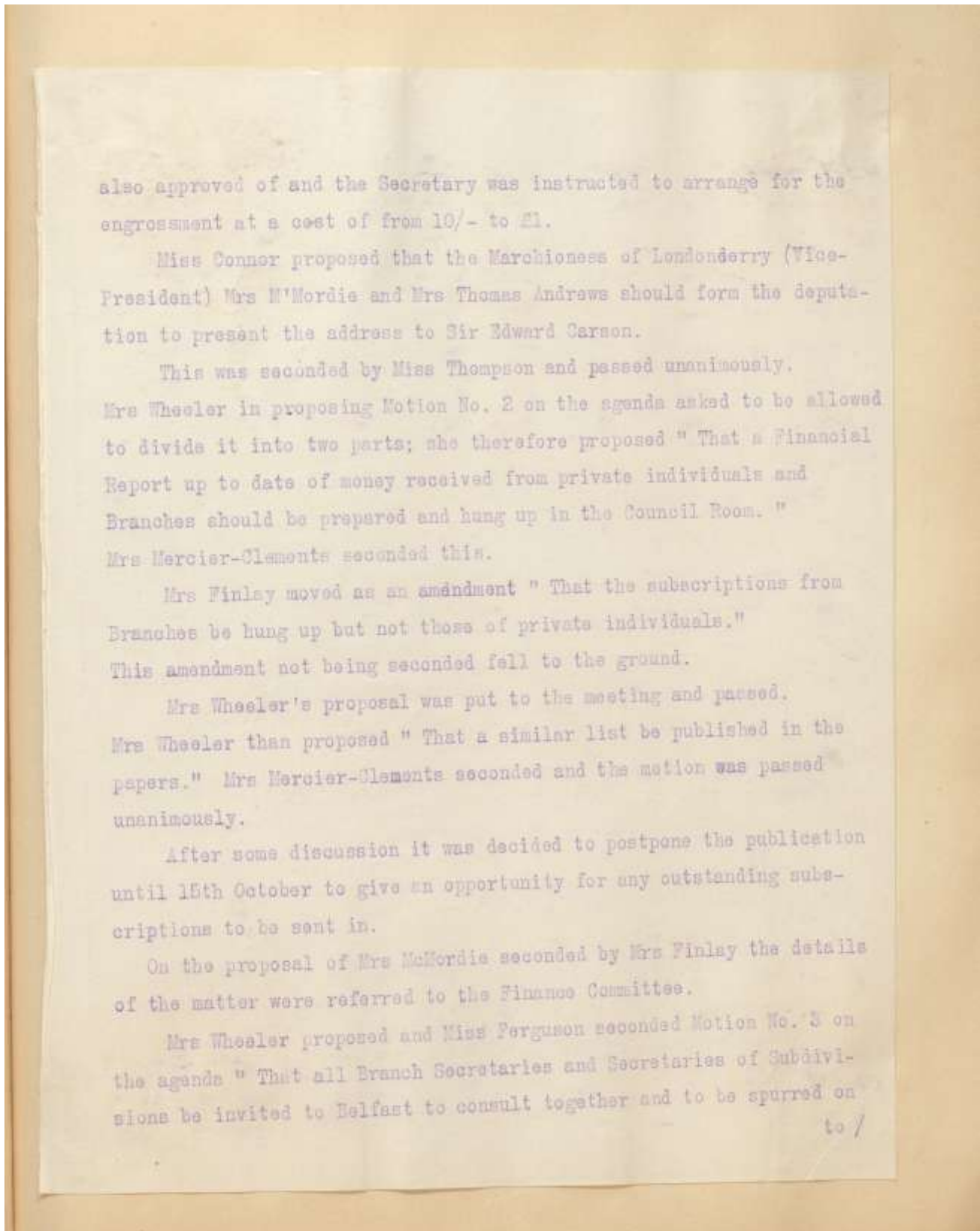
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also approved of and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for the engrossment at a cost of from 10/- to £1.

Miss Conner proposed that the Marchioness of Londonderry (Vice-President) Mrs M'Mordie and Mrs Thomas Andrews should form the deputation to present the address to Sir Edward Carson.

This was seconded by Miss Thompson and passed unanimously. Mrs Wheeler in proposing Motion No. 2 on the agenda asked to be allowed to divide it into two parts; she therefore proposed " That a Financial Report up to date of money received from private individuals and Branches should be prepared and hung up in the Council Room. " Mrs Mercier-Clements seconded this.

Mrs Finlay moved as an amendment " That the subscriptions from Branches be hung up but not those of private individuals." This amendment not being seconded fell to the ground.

Mrs Wheeler's proposal was put to the meeting and passed. Mrs Wheeler then proposed " That a similar list be published in the papers." Mrs Mercier-Clements seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

After some discussion it was decided to postpone the publication until 15th October to give an opportunity for any outstanding subscriptions to be sent in.

On the proposal of Mrs M'Mordie seconded by Mrs Finlay the details of the matter were referred to the Finance Committee.

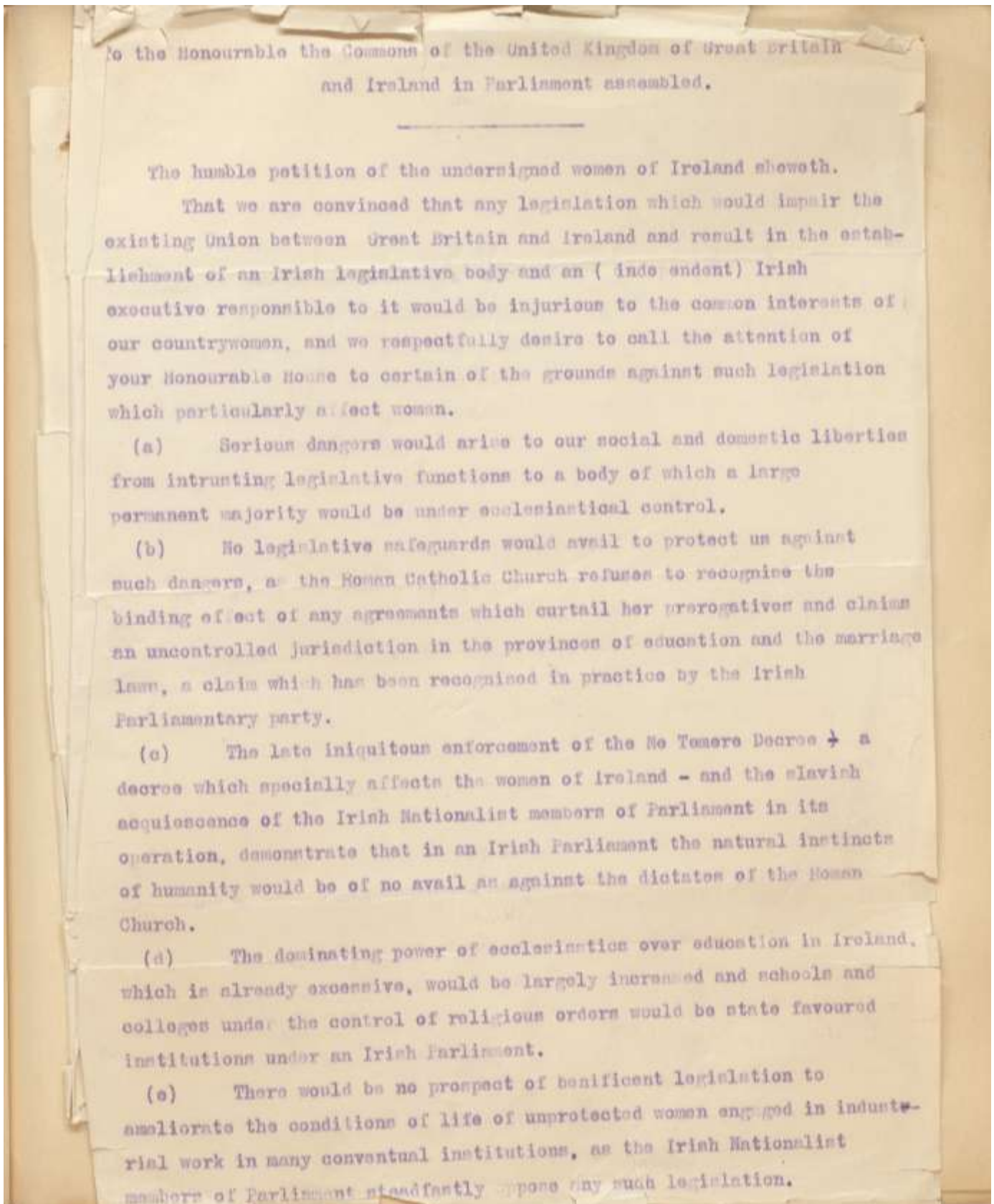
Mrs Wheeler proposed and Miss Ferguson seconded Motion No. 3 on the agenda " That all Branch Secretaries and Secretaries of Subdivisions be invited to Belfast to consult together and to be spurred on

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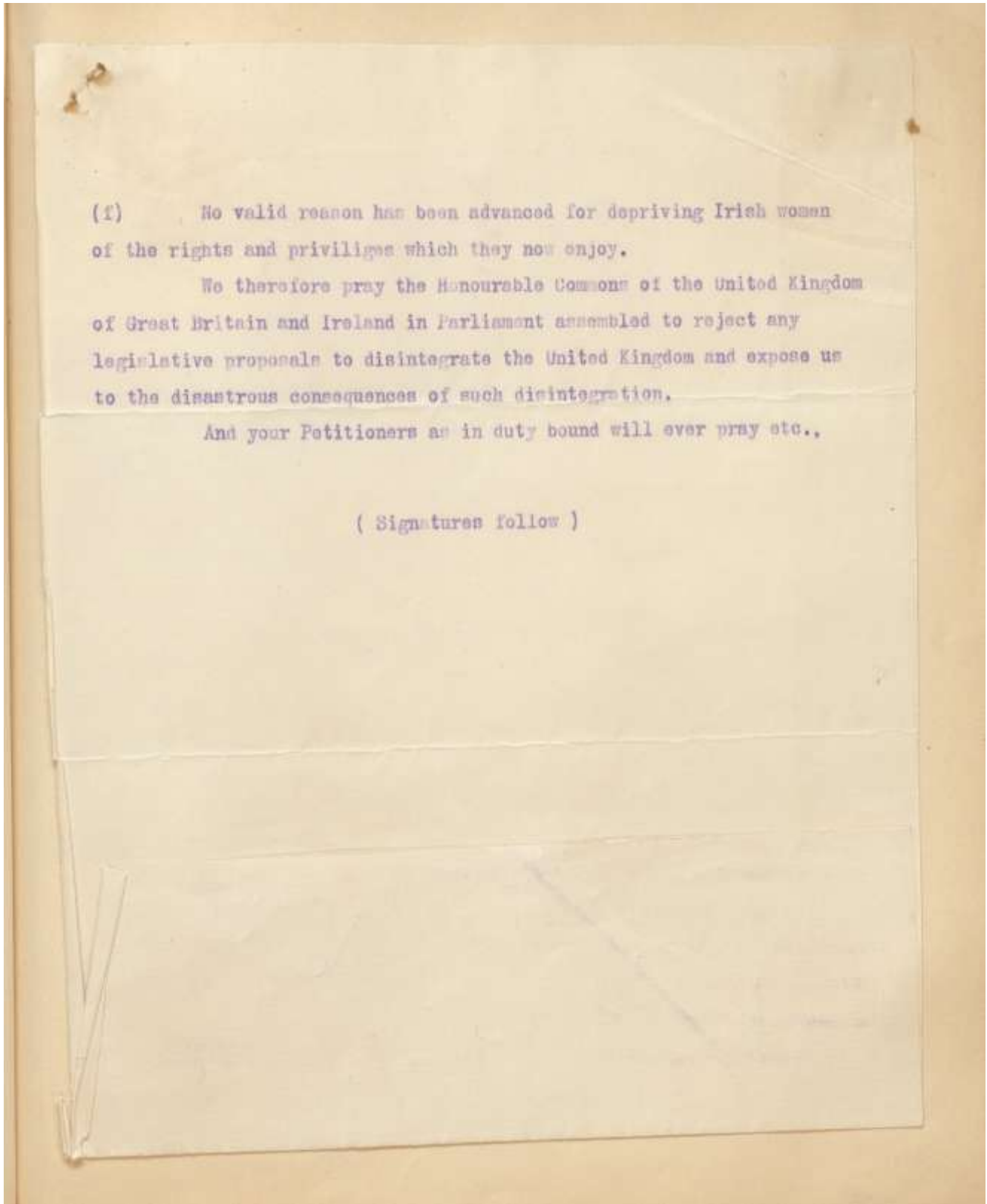
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