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Introduction

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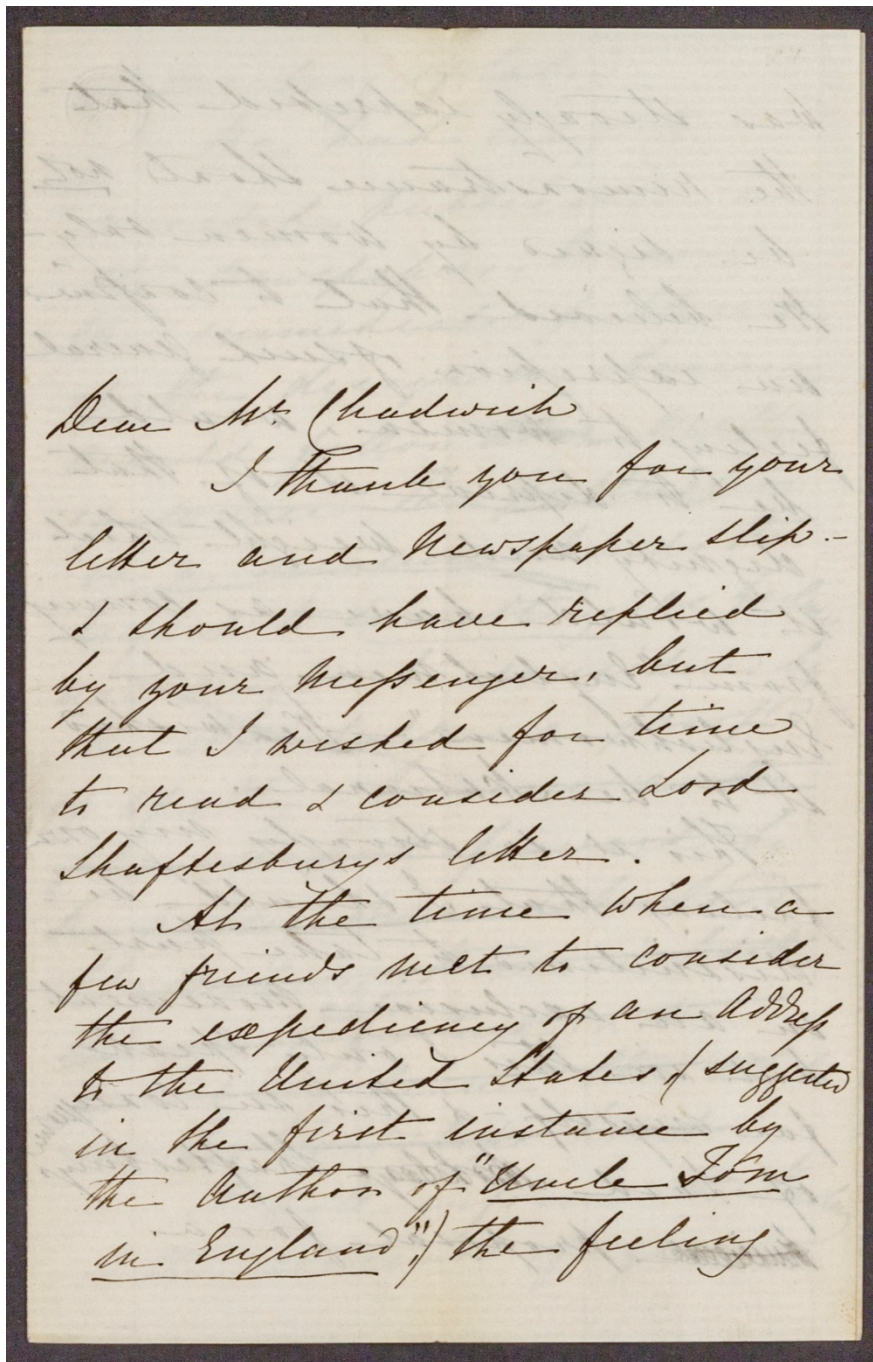
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Empowering Through Protest and Politics

Letter from Sophia De Morgan concerning anti-slavery campaigning

[c.1850s]



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Dear Sir

Yours very truly
J. D. Boyer

4 Cambridge -

Tuesday -

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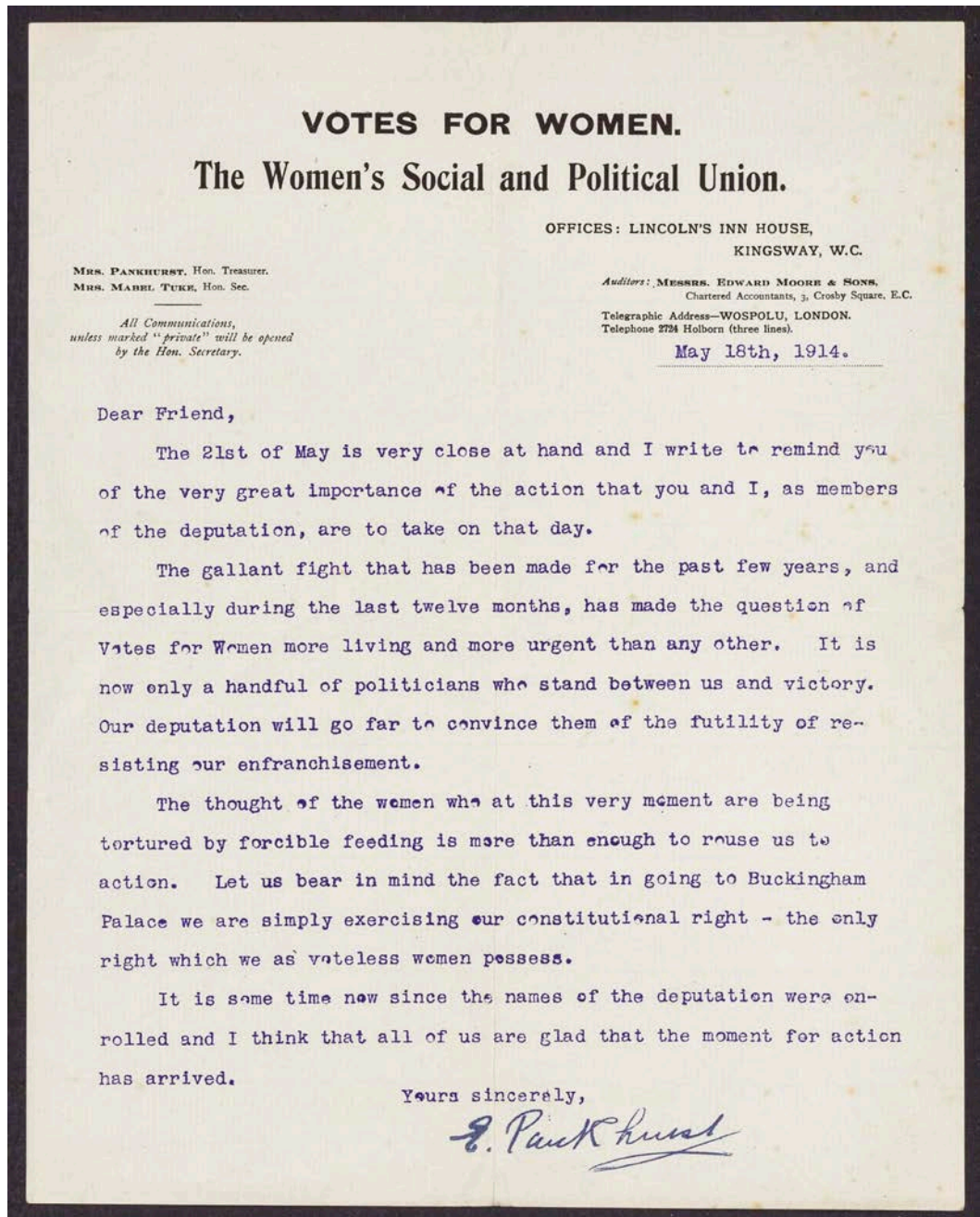
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7 Camden Street
Tuesday

Letter from Emmeline Pankhurst urging militants to attend a deputation to Buckingham Palace

18 May 1914



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Dear Friend,

The 21st of May is very close at and I write to remind you of the very great importance of the action that you and I, as members of the deputation, are to take on that day.

The gallant fight that has been made for the past few years, and especially during the last twelve months, has made the question of Votes for Women more living and more urgent than any other. It is now only a handful of politicians who stand between us and victory. Our deputation will go far to convince them of the futility of resisting our enfranchisement.

The thought of the women who at this very moment are being tortured by forcible feeding is more than enough to rouse us to action. Let us bear in mind the fact that in going to Buckingham Palace we are simply exercising our constitutional right – the only right which we as voteless women possess.

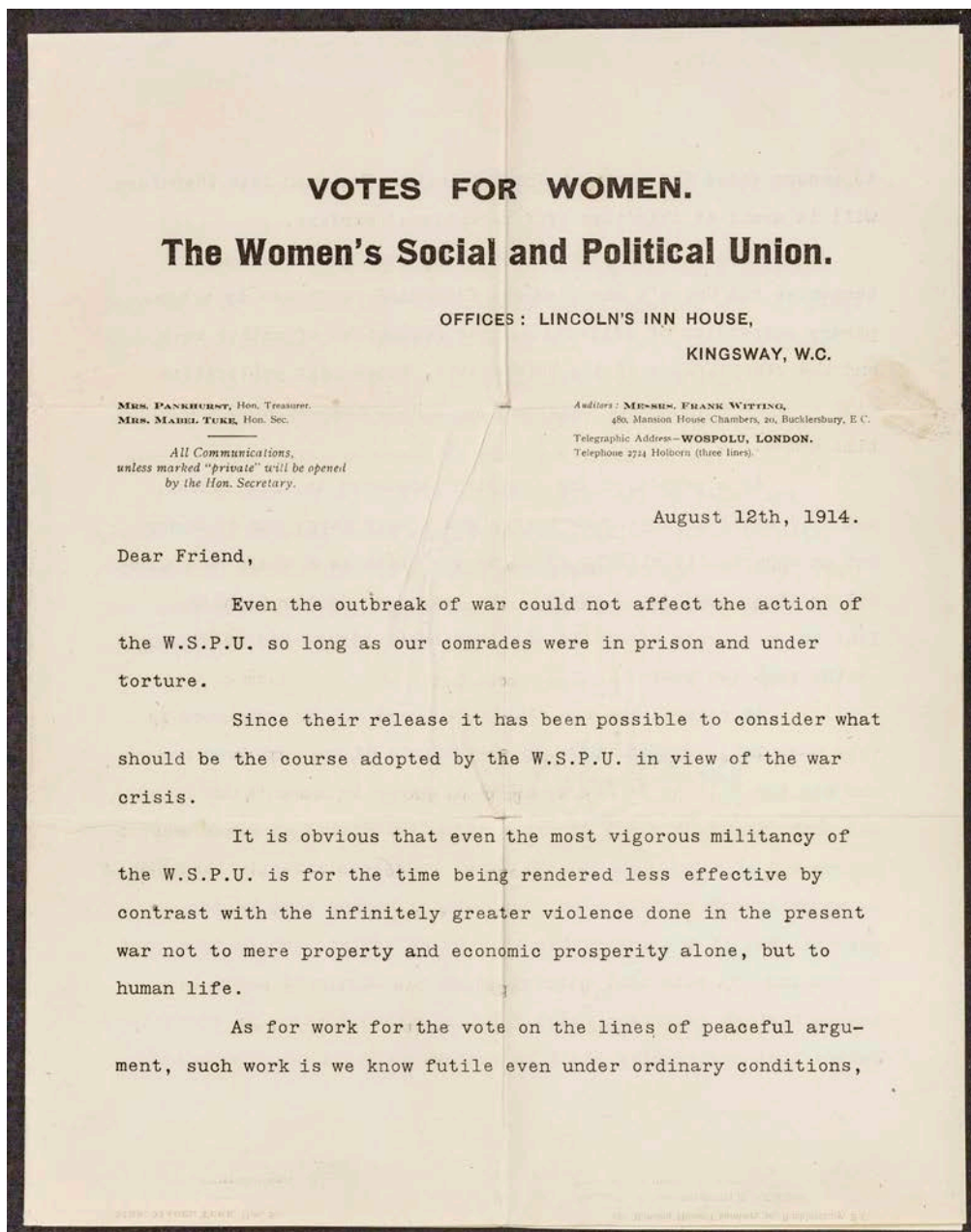
It is some time now since the names of the deputation were enrolled and I think that all of us are glad that the moment for action has arrived.

Yours sincerely,

Emmeline Pankhurst

Letter from Emmeline Pankhurst to the WSPU's membership concerning temporary suspension of militant activity

12 August 1914



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August 12th, 1914

Dear Friend,

Even the outbreak of war could not affect the action of the W.S.P.U. so long as our comrades were in prison and under torture.

Since their release it has been possible to consider what should be the course adopted by the W.S.P.U. in view of the war crisis.

It is obvious that even the most vigorous militancy of the W.S.P.U. is for the time being rendered less effective by contrast with the infinitely greater violence done in the present war not to mere property and economic prosperity alone, but to human life.

As for work for the vote on the lines of peaceful argument, such work is we know futile even under ordinary conditions,

to secure votes for women in Great Britain. How much less therefore will it avail at this time of international warfare.

Under all the circumstances it has been decided, to economise the Union's energies and financial resources by a temporary suspension of activities. The resumption of active work and the reappearance of the Suffragette, whose next publication will be also temporarily suspended will be announced when the right time comes.

As a result of the decision announced in this letter, not only shall we save much energy and a very large sum of money but an opportunity will be given to the Union as a whole and above all to those individual members who have been in the fighting line to recuperate after the the tremendous strain and suffering of the past two years.

As regards the war, the view the W.S.P.U. expresses is this :—we believe that under the joint rule of enfranchised women and men the nations of the world will, owing to women's influence and authority find a way of reconciling the claims of peace and honour and of regulating International relations without bloodshed ; we nevertheless believe also that matters having come to the present pass it was inevitable that Great Britain should take part in the war and with that patriotism which has nerved women to endure torture in prison cells for the national good, we ardently desire that our country shall be victorious—this because we hold

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I want in conclusion to thank with all my heart the generous and devoted women who have supported the W.S.P.U. until now, and to assure them of my confidence that at the present time and later when we resume active work, that support will be continued.

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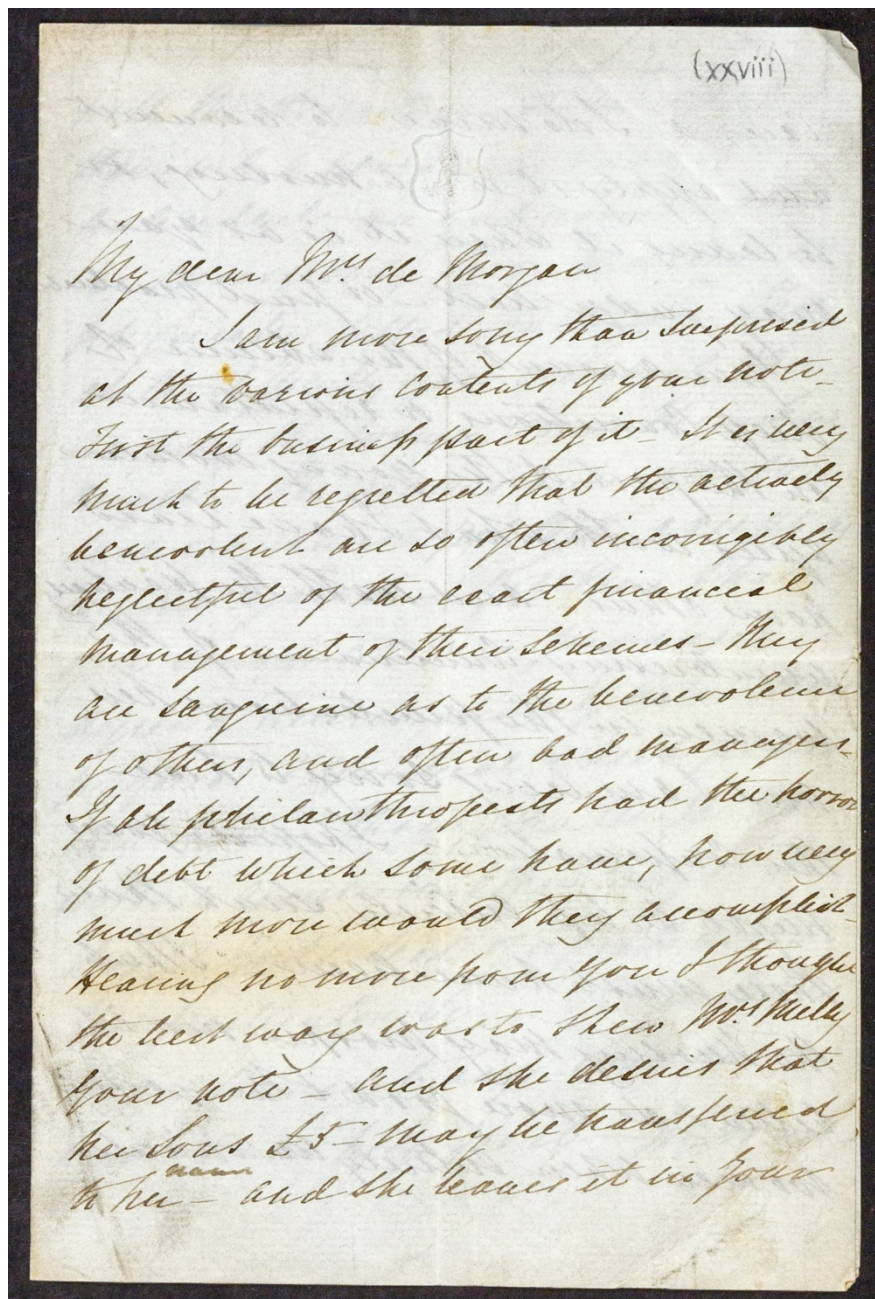
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Letter from Eleanor Rathbone to Sophia De Morgan on social reform

17 February [c. 1890s]



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My dear Mrs de Morgan

I am more sorry than surprised at the various contents of your note. First the business part of it. It is very much to be regretted that the actively benevolent are so often incorrigibly neglectful of the exact financial management of their schemes. They are sanguine as to the benevolence of others, and often bad managers. If all philanthropists had the horror of debt which some have, how very much more would they accomplish. Hearing no more from you I thought the best way was to show Mrs Melly your note, and she denies that her son's £5 may be transferred to her name and she leaves it in your

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J. Matthews

Greenbank Sat Feb 17th

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I am my dear Mrs de Morgan

ever yours very truly

Eleanor Rathbone

Greenbank, Saturday February 17th

Leading Through Learning

Letter from Emily Davies to Robert Seeley concerning women's higher education

14 January 1869

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17 Cunningham Place. N.W.
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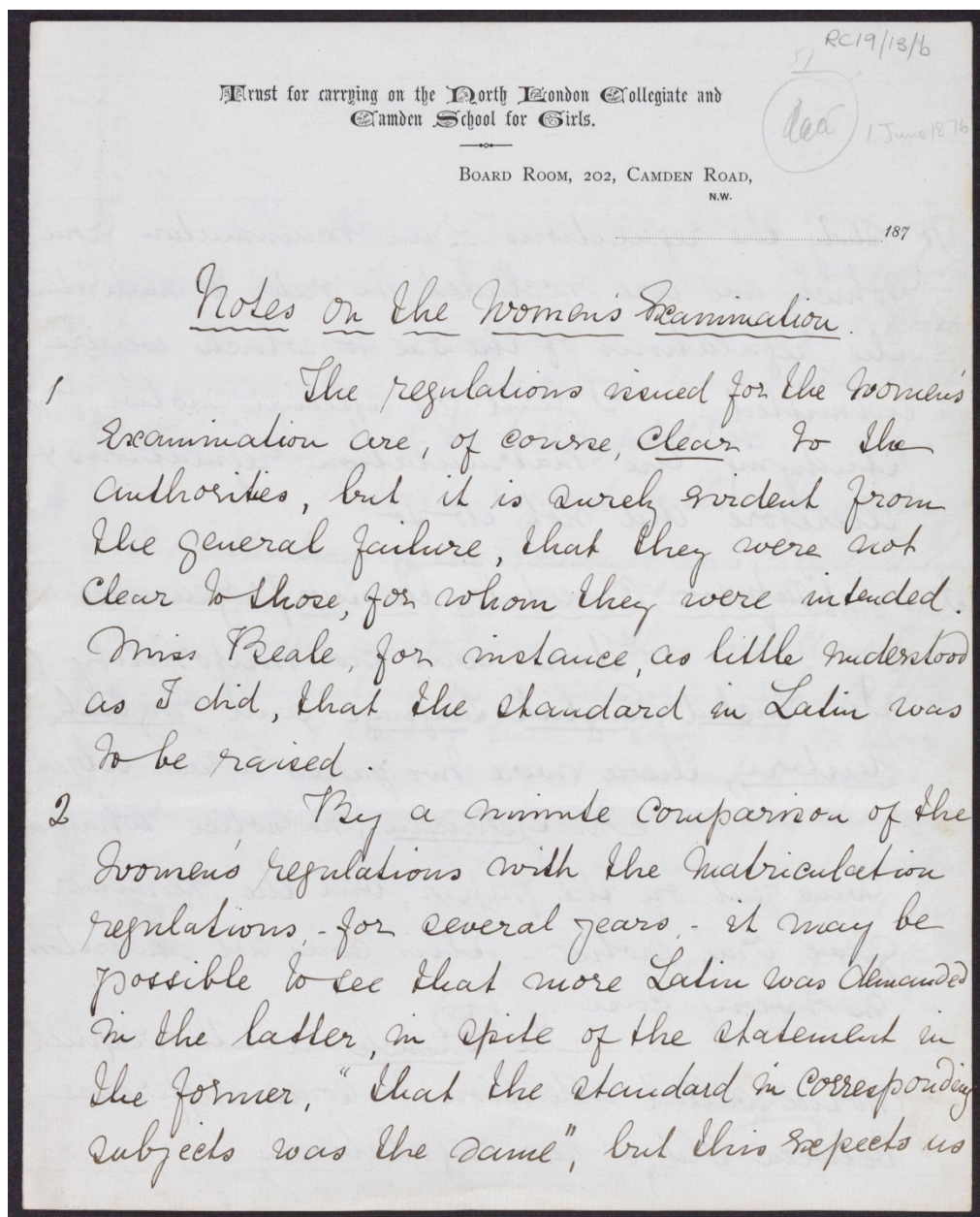
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Letter from Frances Mary Buss concerning the regulations of the special examination for women

1 June 1876



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Notes on The Women's Examination

1. The regulations issued for the Women's Examination are, of course, clear to the authorities, but it is surely evident from the general failure, that they were not clear to those, from whom they were intended. Miss Beale, for instance, as little understood as I did, that the standard in Latin was to be raised.

2. By a minute comparison of the Women's regulations with the matriculation regulations - for several years - it may be possible to see that more Latin was demanded in the latter, in spite of the statement in the former, "That the standard in corresponding subjects was the same", but this expects us

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Francis W. Butt

June 1st 1846

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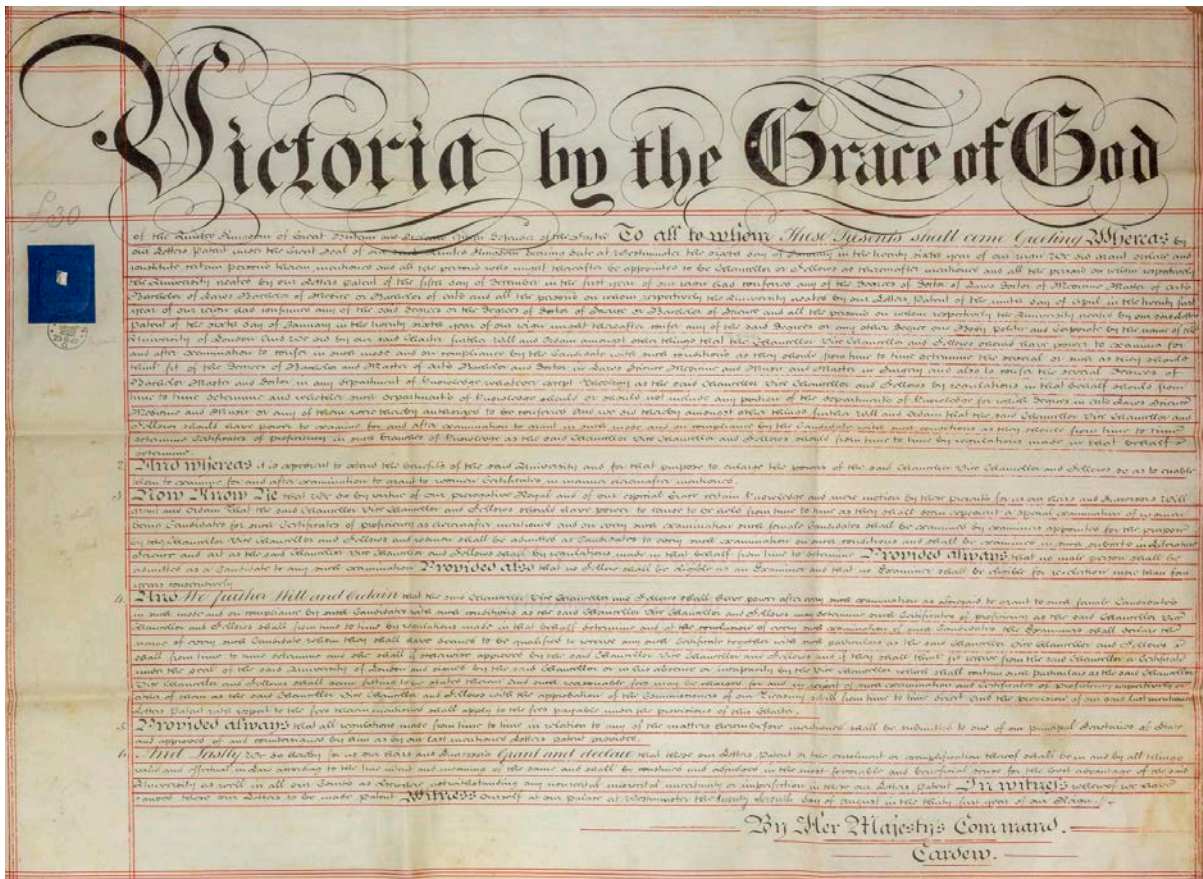
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June 1st 1876

University of London Supplemental Charter

27 August 1867



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Victoria by the Grace of God

Of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith. To all whom these presents shall come greeting. Whereas by our Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our said United Kingdom [?] date at Westminster the sixth day of January in the twenty sixth year of our reign We did grant, declare and institute certain persons therein mentioned and all the persons who might thereafter be appointed to be Chancellor or Fellows as thereafter mentioned and all the persons on whom respectively the University created by our Letters Patent of the fifth day of December in the first year of our reign had conferred any of the degrees of doctor of Laws, doctor of Medicine, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Medicine, or Bachelor of Arts and all the persons on whom respectively the University created by our Letters Patent of the ninth day of April in the twenty first year of our reign had confirmed any of the said degrees or the degrees of doctor of Science or Bachelor of Science and all the persons on whom respectively the University created by our said Letters Patent of the sixth day of January in the twenty sixth year of our reign might thereafter confer any of the said degrees or any other degree one Body Politic and Corporate by the name of the University of London. And we did by our said Charter further will and ordain amongst other things that the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows should have power to examine for and after examination to confer in such mode and on compliance by the candidates with such conditions as they should from time to time

determine the several or such as they should think fit of the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts, Bachelor and Doctor in Laws, Science, Medicine and Music, and Master in Surgery and also to confer the several degrees of Bachelor, Master and doctor in any department of knowledge whatever except Theology as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows by regulations in that behalf should from time to time determine and whether such departments of knowledge should or should not include any portion of the departments of knowledge for which degrees in Arts, Laws, Science, Medicine and Music or any of them where thereby authorized to be conferred and we did thereby amongst other things further will and ordain that the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows should have power to examine for and after examination to grant in such mode and on compliance by the candidate with such conditions as they should from time to time determine certificates of proficiency in such branches of knowledge as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows should from time to time by regulations made in that behalf determine.

2. And whereas it is expedient to extend the benefits of the said University and for that purpose to enlarge the powers of the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows so as to enable them to examine for and after examination to grant to women certificates in manner hereinafter mentioned.

3. Now know be that we do by virtue our prerogative Royal and of our especial grace certain knowledge and more motion by these presents for us, our heirs and successors will grant and ordain that the said

Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows should have power to cause to be held from time to time as they shall deem expedient a special examination of women being candidates for such certificates of proficiency as hereinafter mentioned and on every such examination such female candidates shall be examined by examiners appointed for the purpose by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows and women shall be admitted as candidates to every such examination on such conditions and shall be examined in such subjects in Literature, Science and Art as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows shall by regulations made in that behalf from time to time determine provided always that no male person shall be admitted as a candidate to any such examination, provided also that no Fellow shall be eligible as an Examiner and that no Examiner shall be eligible for re-election more than four years consecutively.

4. And we further will and ordain that the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows shall have power after every such examination as aforesaid to grant to such female candidates in such mode and on compliance by such candidates with such conditions as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows may determine such certificates of proficiency as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows shall from time to time by regulations made in that behalf determine and at the conclusion of every such examination of such candidates the Examiners shall declare the name of every such candidate whom they shall have deemed to be qualified to receive any such certificate together with such particulars as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows shall from time to time determine and [she?] shall if otherwise approved by the said Chancellor, Vice

Chancellor and Fellows and if they shall think fit receive from the said Chancellor a certificate under the seal of the said University of London and signed by the said Chancellor or in his absence or incapacity by the Vice Chancellor which shall contain such particulars as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows shall deem fitting to be stated therein and such reasonable fees may be charged for and in respect of such examination and certificates of proficiency respectively or either of them as the said Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Fellows with the approbation of the commissioners of our treasury shall from time to time divert and the provision of our said last mentioned Letters Patent with respect to the fees therein mentioned shall apply to the fees payable under the provisions of this Charter.

5. Provided always that all regulations made from time to time in relation to any of the matters herein before mentioned shall be submitted to one of our principal Secretaries of State and approved of and countersigned by him as by our last mentioned Letters patent provided.

6. And lastly we do hereby for us, our heirs and successors grant and declare that these our Letters Patent or the enrolment or exemplification thereof shall be in and by all things valid and effectual in Law according to the true intent and meaning of the same and shall be construed and abridged in the most favorable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the said University as well in all our Courts as elsewhere notwithstanding any nonwrital [sic], miswrital [sic] uncertainty or imperfection in these our Letters Patent. In witness whereof we have [?] these our Letters to be made Patent. Witness ourself at our Palace of

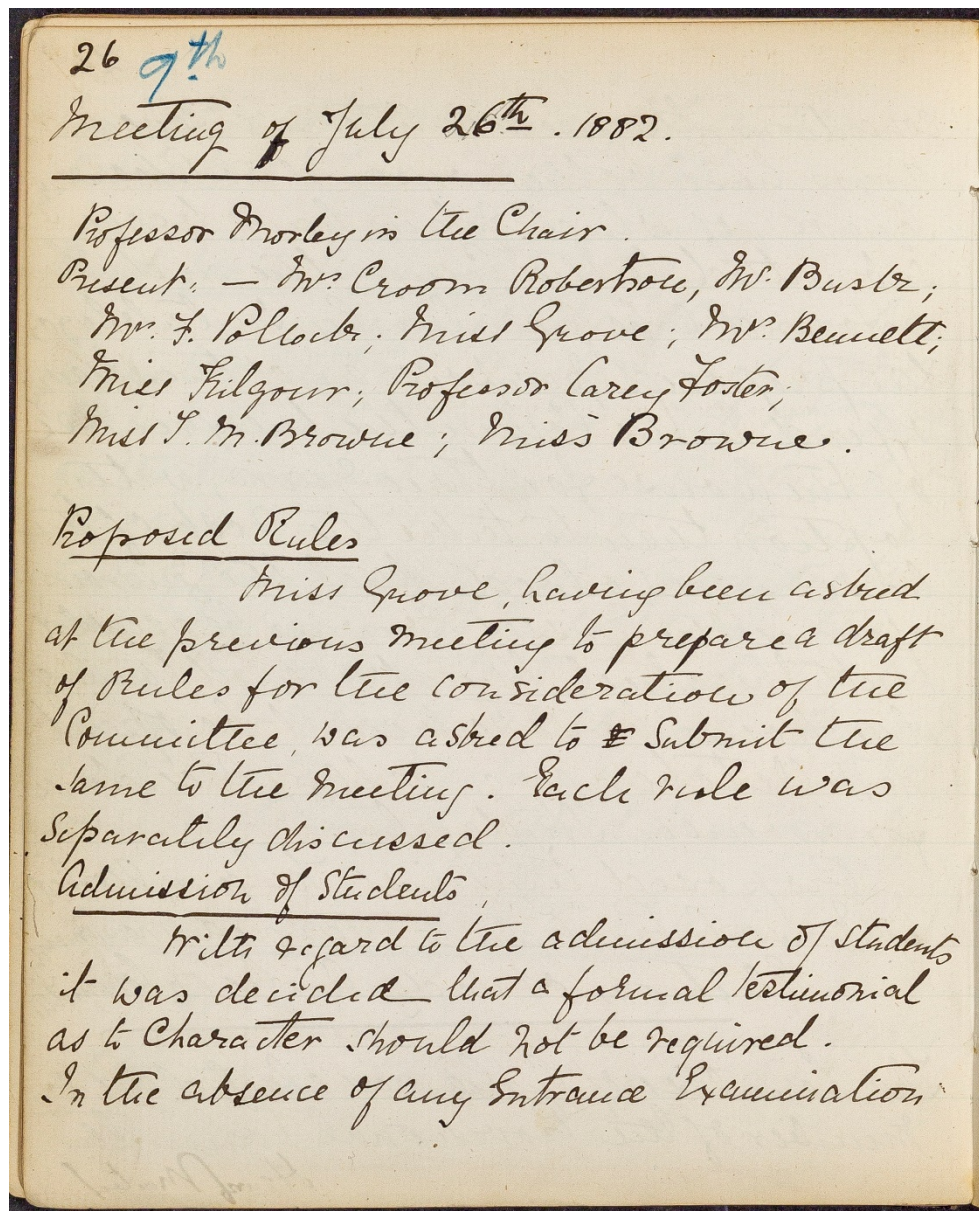
Westminster the twenty seventh day of August in the thirty first year of
our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Cardew

Proposed Rules of College Hall

26 July 1882



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Meeting of July 26th 1882

Professor Morley in the Chair

Present – Mrs Croom Robertson, Mr Busk,
Mrs F. Pollock, Miss Grove, Mrs Bennett,
Miss Kilgour, Professor Carey Foster,
Miss J. M. Browne, Miss Browne

Proposed Rules

Miss Grove, having been asked
at the previous meeting to prepare a draft
of Rules for the consideration of the
Committee, was asked to submit the
same to the meeting. Each rule was
separately discussed.

Admission of Students

With regard to the admission of students
it was decided that a formal testimonial
as to character should not be required.
In the absence of any entrance examination

it was decided, on the suggestion of Prof. Moody, that "applications to the Principal for admission to residence in the Hall must be accompanied by a written statement of the course of study already pursued, and of that intended by the applicant." Rule II.

Dismissal of a Student

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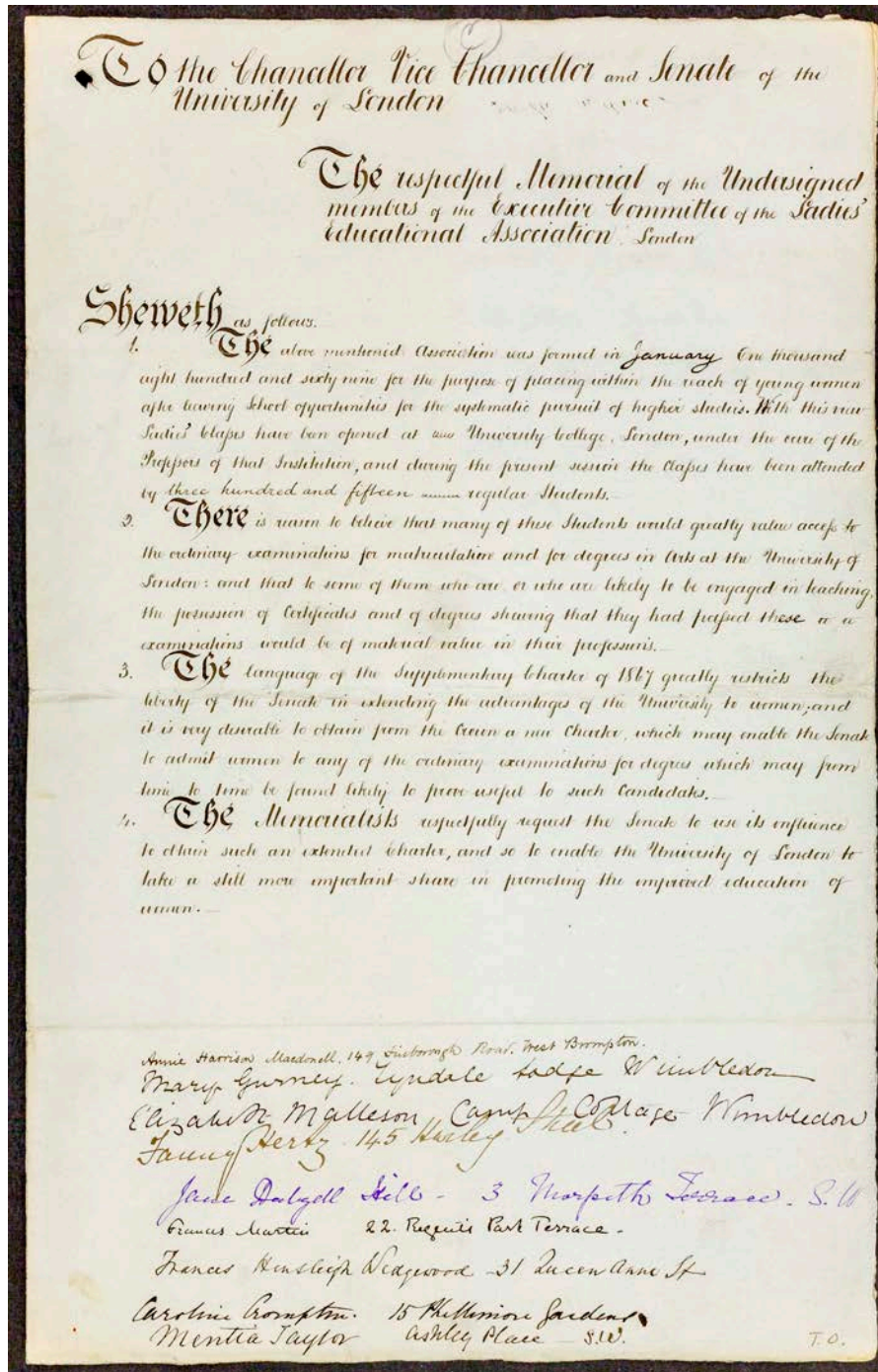
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Memorial of the Executive Committee of the Ladies' Educational Association

16 April 1874



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To the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor and Senate of the
University of London

The respectful Memorial of the
Undersigned

Members of the Executive Committee
of the Ladies'

Educational Association, London

Sheweth as follows

1. The above mentioned Association was formed in January One
thousand

eight hundred and sixty nine for the purpose of placing within the reach
of young women

after leaving School opportunities for the systematic pursuit of higher
studies. With this view

Ladies' classes have been opened at now University College, London,
under the care of the

Professors of that Institution, and during the present session the Classes
have been attended

by three hundred and fifteen regular students.

2. There is reason to believe that many of these Students would greatly
value access to

the ordinary examinations for matriculation and for degrees in Arts at the
University of

London: and that to some of them who are or who are likely to be
engaged in teaching

the possession of Certificates and of degrees shewing that they had
passed these

Examinations would be of material value in their professions.

3. The language of the Supplementary Charter of 1867 greatly restricts the

liberty of the Senate in extending the advantages of the University to women; and

it is very desirable to obtain from the Crown a new Charter which may enable the Senate

to admit women to any of the ordinary examinations for degrees which may from

time to time be found likely to prove useful to such candidates

4. The Memorialists respectfully request the Senate to use its influence to obtain such an extended Charter, and so to enable the University of London to

take a still more important share in promoting the improved education of women.

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Mary Gurney, Tyndale Lodge, Wimbledon

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Memorial signed by women doctors addressed to the University of London

June 1877

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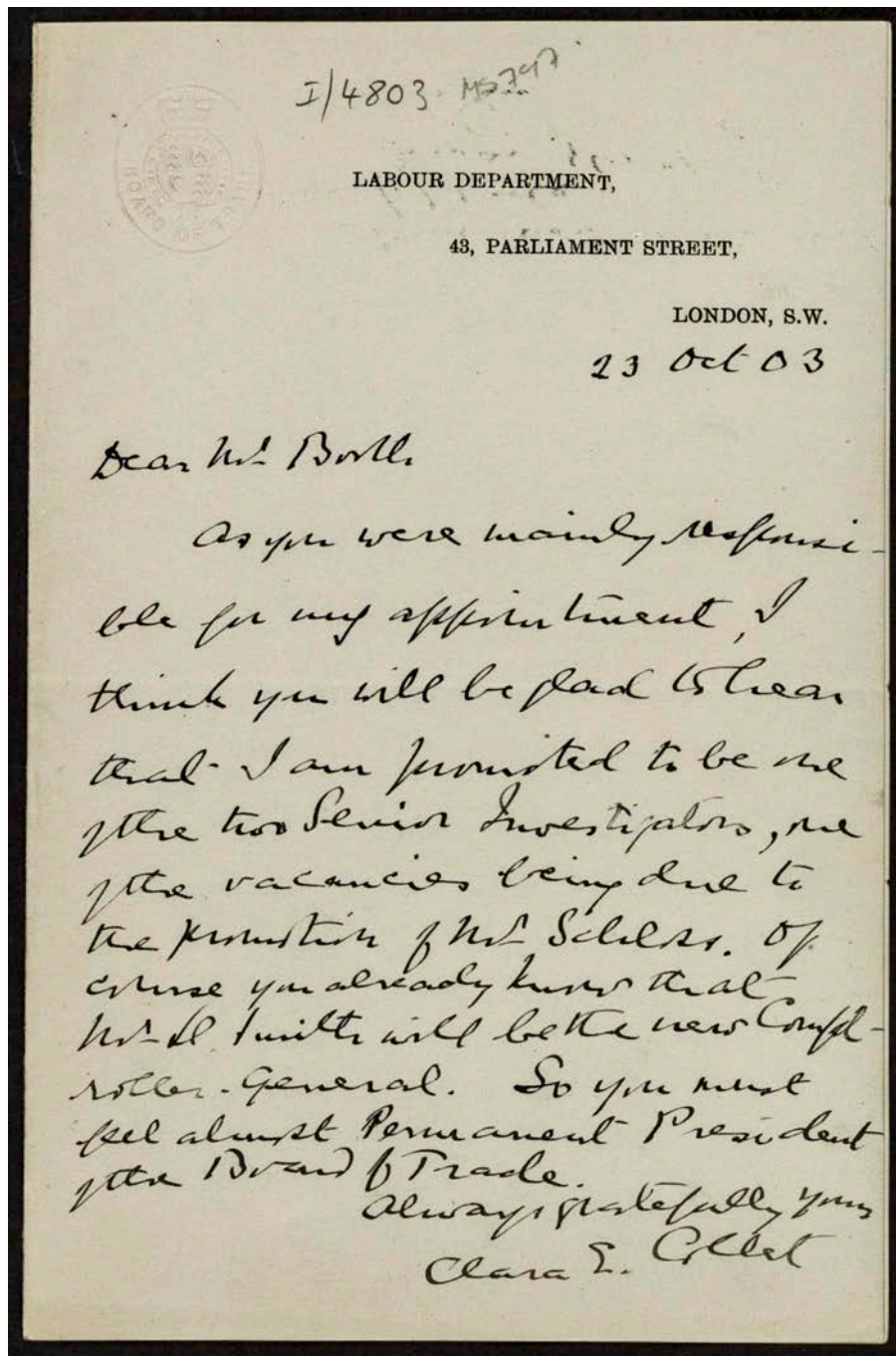
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Working for Justice

Letter from Clara E. Collet to Charles Booth

London, 23 October 1903



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LABOUR
DEPARTMENT

43, Parliament
Street

London, S.W.

23 Oct 03

Dear Mr. Booth,

As you were mainly responsible
for my appointment, I
think you will be pleased to hear
that I am promoted to be one
of the two Senior Investigators, one
of the vacancies being due to
the promotion of Mr. Schloss[?]. Of
course you already know that.

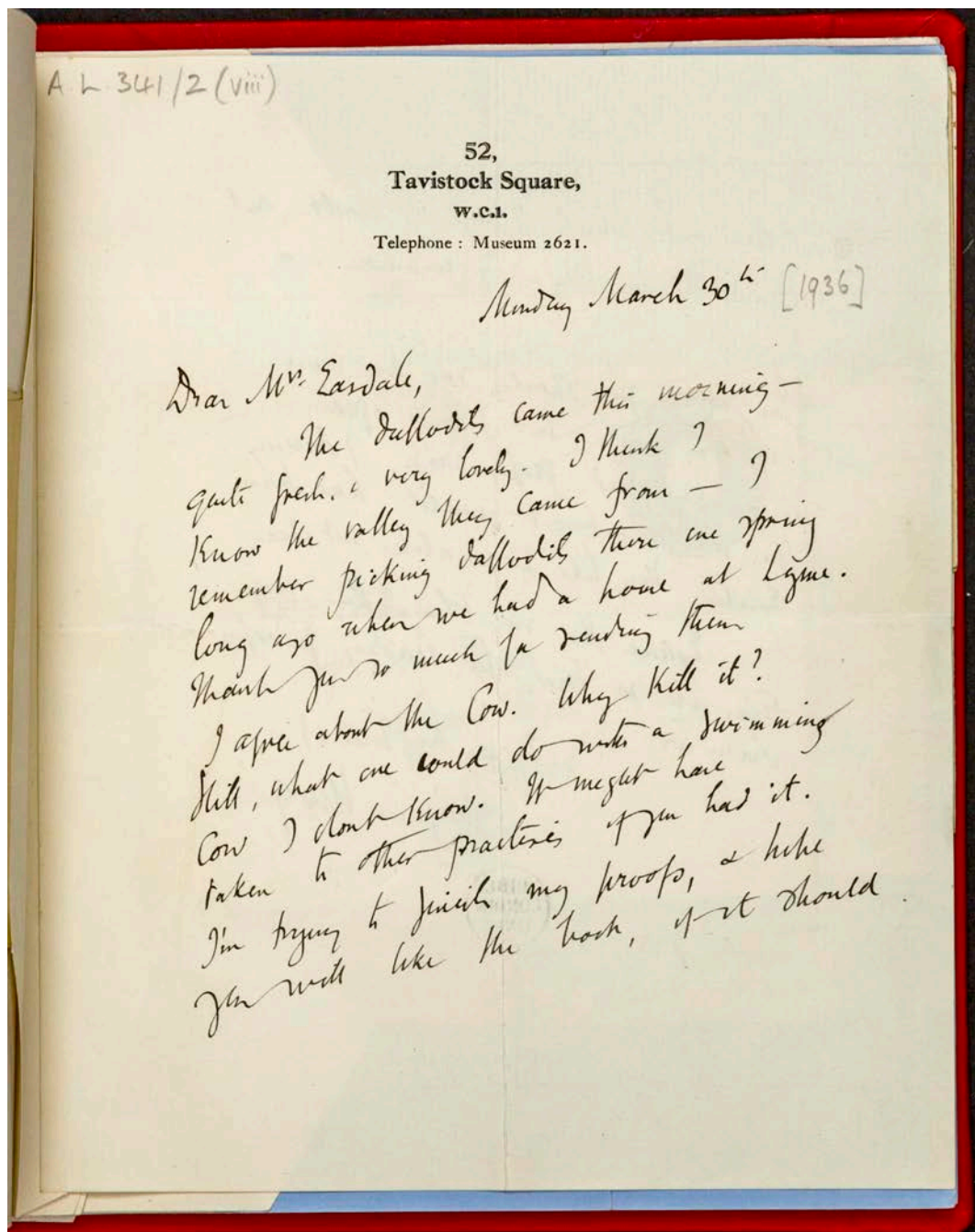
Mr. H. Smith [?] will be the new Controller
General. So you must feel almost Permanent President
of the Board of Trade.

Always gratefully yours,

Clara E. Collet

Letter from Virginia Woolf to Gladys Easdale

30 March [1936]



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Monday, March 30th [1936]

Dear Mrs Easdale,

The daffodils came this morning,
quite fresh and very lovely. I think I
know the valley they came from?
remember picking daffodils there one spring
long ago when we had a home at Lyme.
Thank you so much for sending them.
I agree about the Cow. Why kill it?
Still, what one would do with a swimming
cow I don't know. It might have
taken to other practices if you had it.
I'm trying to finish my proofs, and hope
you will like the book, if it should

ever come out, which I begin to doubt. But
I'm afraid it's too long, too ambitious & a
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I'm sorry you should say the same
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If you had used proper names, I dare say
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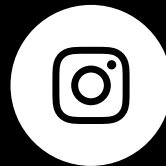
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