

In re John Bright

In re: Robert Spence Watson (The
uncle of Percy Corder)

Pilgrim House

Newcastle upon Tyne.

19. III . 1911

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged by
your letter. As one who
was intimately connected
with my Uncle I think
you have expressed so
well his political
work & standpoint -

I have jotted down

given nearly 100 awards
& nearly all of them
without fee or reward.

As a member of Armstrong
College Council I feel that
his work for nearly
40 years as its pioneer
promoter constant
guide and first
President is worthy of
special recognition.

It was uphill work
and owed its success

mainly to him. It
remained to the end his
chief pleasure and pride.

He founded as you
know the Society of
Friends of Russian Freedom
in 1890 and was the
helping friend of
Stepniak Kropotkin
Volkhovsky and many
other Russian progressives.
For many years as a

a few considerations
relative to his work as
arbitrator & umpire in
North Counties Trade Disputes.
It was I believe to a large
extent a recognition of
his service that Sir Henry
Campbell-Bannerman
put his name before the
late King when he was
made a Privy Councillor.
I imagine at one time
or another he must have

Young man & into early
middle life he ran a
workman's class on
Sundays the pioneer
in many ways of the
Adult School Movement.

He was for more
than a generation the
Secretary of the Industrial
School and also the

reaching forth a helping hand.

In the political world I used to think that he always had a half-suspicion of the man in office. However much he admired him he felt he required to be

closely watched lest officialism should sap his attachment - to principles. I think that was one reason why he so greatly valued the Federation as a ~~an~~ open platform for straight dealing with men & measures.

founder of a Shoe Black
Buzide . I mention
these facts because no
view of him is complete
which leaves out of
sight his personal
work not of an
attractive character
to many but to him
an opportunity of

for Durham City my
grandfather took
him over to hear
Bright on the hustings.
Bright's fearlessness
found an echo in
his own heart.

He was not a waver
on other men but.

You have touched
a true note in your
opening sentences.

Yes he was far
more closely akin
to Bright than any
other public man
of his time. He
used to recall with
pleasure that—
When Bright stood

if he felt his conscience
shred he acted at once
and in his prime
he really led liberal
thought and action
in the North as
his the friend of his
youth Joe Cowen
never did -

re: John Bright
But all this is no
news to you for
you were comrades
often.

It is a sincere
pleasure to read your
true appreciation.

Yours sincerely
Alice Corda
Exeter N. H.

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April 5. 88

ONE ASH,
ROCHDALE.

Dear Sir -

I cannot undertake
to write the article you suggest.
I write with difficulty & the work
is laborious & complicated.

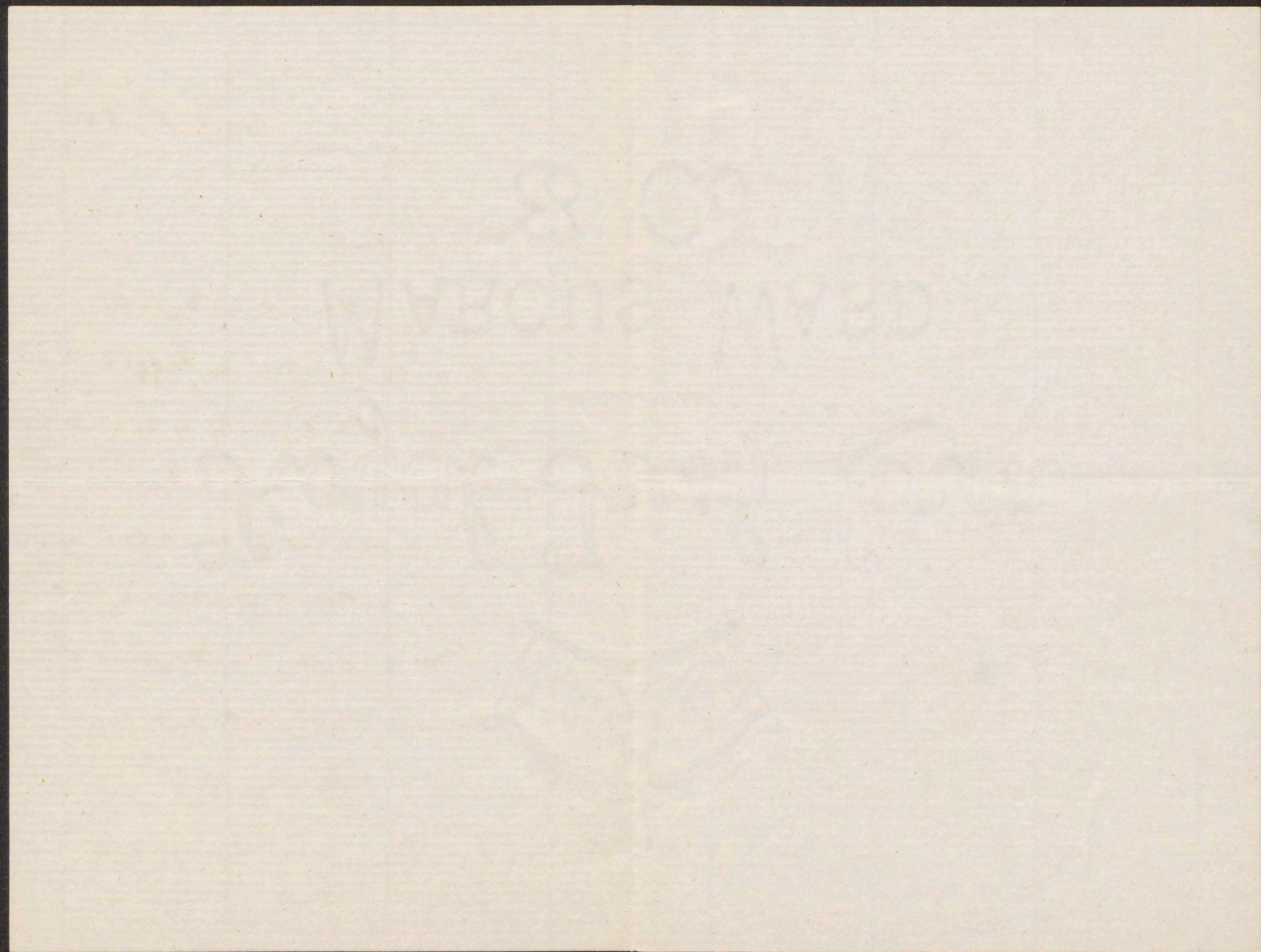
I have had to send a similar
reply to several applications made
to me. I regret therefore I
cannot comply with your request.

Yours very truly

W. P. W. Bunting
11 Old Square

John Knight

W.C.



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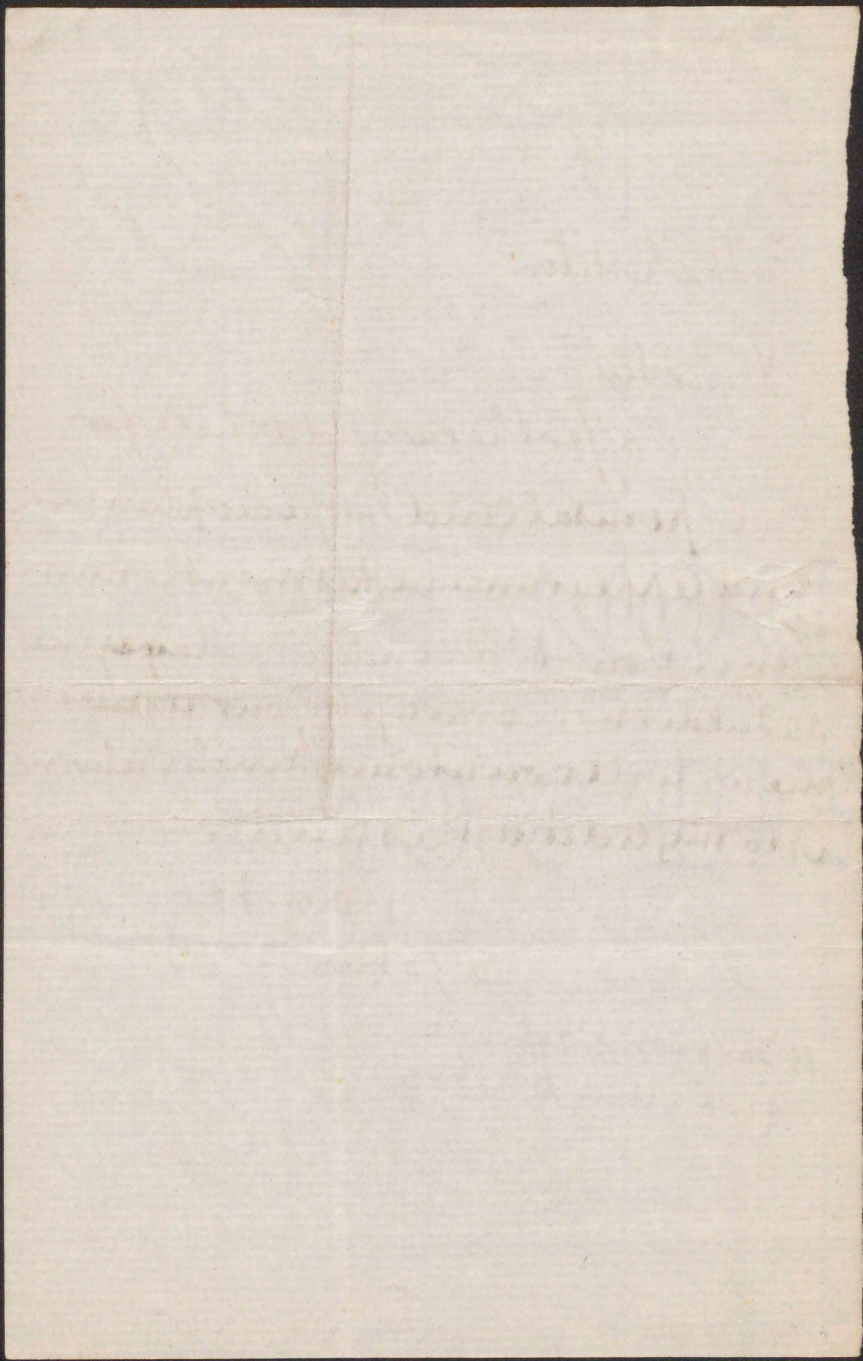
To The Editor

Dear Sir

I offer the enclosed article for
your perusal and hope acceptance
and appearance in this month's num-
ber of your ably conducted Magazine
should it not come up to your require-
ment will you at once kindly return
it to my address as under

Yours &c &c
St John S Woodcock R

11 Thomond Square
Cork May 4th 1884



FARNCOMBE LODGE,

FARNCOMBE,

GODALMING.

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Dear Sir

I am sorry, but I am too
busy now to be able to produce
an article on Robin for some
months, at least not this winter
with working. With very
kind regards.

Yours truly,

A. Walter Brock

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Merion College,
Oxford.

Decr 9/80

Dear Sir,

As you have accepted
the Duke of Argyll's pro-
posal, I see no alternative
but the abandonment of
my reply to Mr Harrison.

When you are in a position
to make fresh overtures
of a definite kind, I shall
be prepared to consider them.

Yrs truly
George (Brodrick)

1890

Merton College,
Oxford.

Dec-7/88

Dear Sir,

I think I could
undertake to reply to
Mr. Harrison, but, if
my article is to be for
the next "Controversy",
I should be glad to
know at once by what
day it must be in
your hands, as well
as what its length

should be, and what
your terms are for such
contributions - I put
this last question to
avoid the misconception
it is so apt to arise.

Yours faithfully
George Brodick

The Brambles,
Wimbledon.

No 16 90

Dear Mr. Bunting,

I entirely concur with
you as to the importance of
dealing with the African question.

I have carefully considered
whether I could take advantage
of your kind offer of writing
in the Intimacy, which
much attracts me -

But I find that my work
is at present such as to

make acceptance in person -
I trust you will find them.
Yours faithfully
J. W. Bridges

P. Brewster, Esq.