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Dear Sir,

I am surprised that
so experienced a literary
man as yourself should
think it worth that
the Editor of The Times should
devote his views of the
most important question in
practical politics elsewhere
than in the columns of
The Times. The frequent
indiscretions of many

prominent editor of ^{the} journal,
make me more resolved
that the great tradition of
courage & anonymous
journalism, which has been
so long upheld by the Times,
shall not be betrayed while
I have responsibility for the
Paper.

I regret therefore that
it is entirely out of the
question for me to

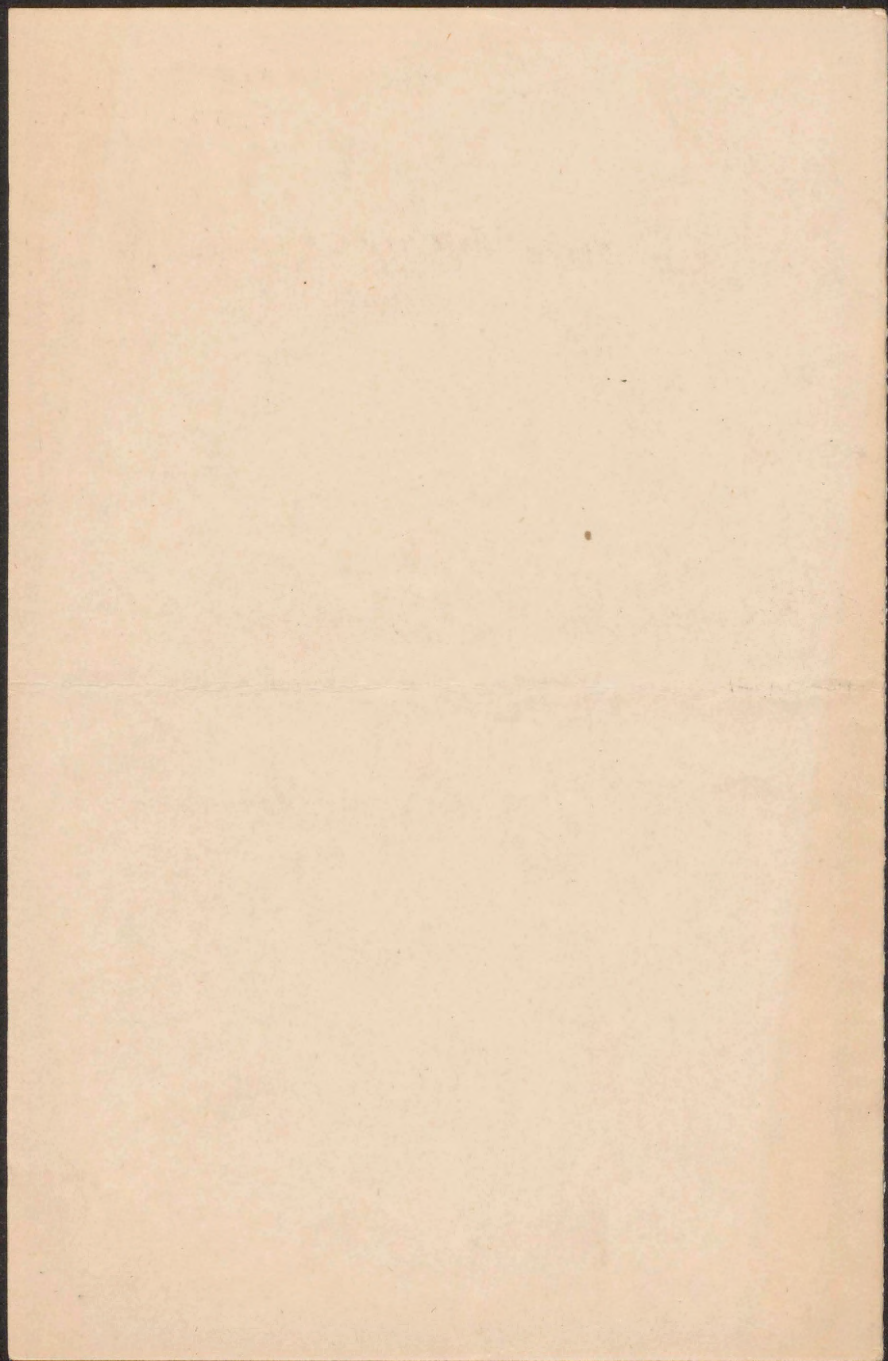
comply with the request
that you have honored
me by making.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

J. S. Buckle

Mr Percy Bunting



Emo Cornes

39, Gloucester Road,

Regent's Park, N. W.

February 14th 1884.

My dear Sir,

A friend of mine Mr. F.
B. Thurber, the influential
American whose opinions
expressed at the Anti-Monopoly
League were referred to in
a leading article in the "Times"
some few weeks ago, has sent
me an article on "Speculation",
by Mr. John C. Welch, the
Editor and Proprietor of the
"Monthly Petroleum Trade Report",
and a leading financier in

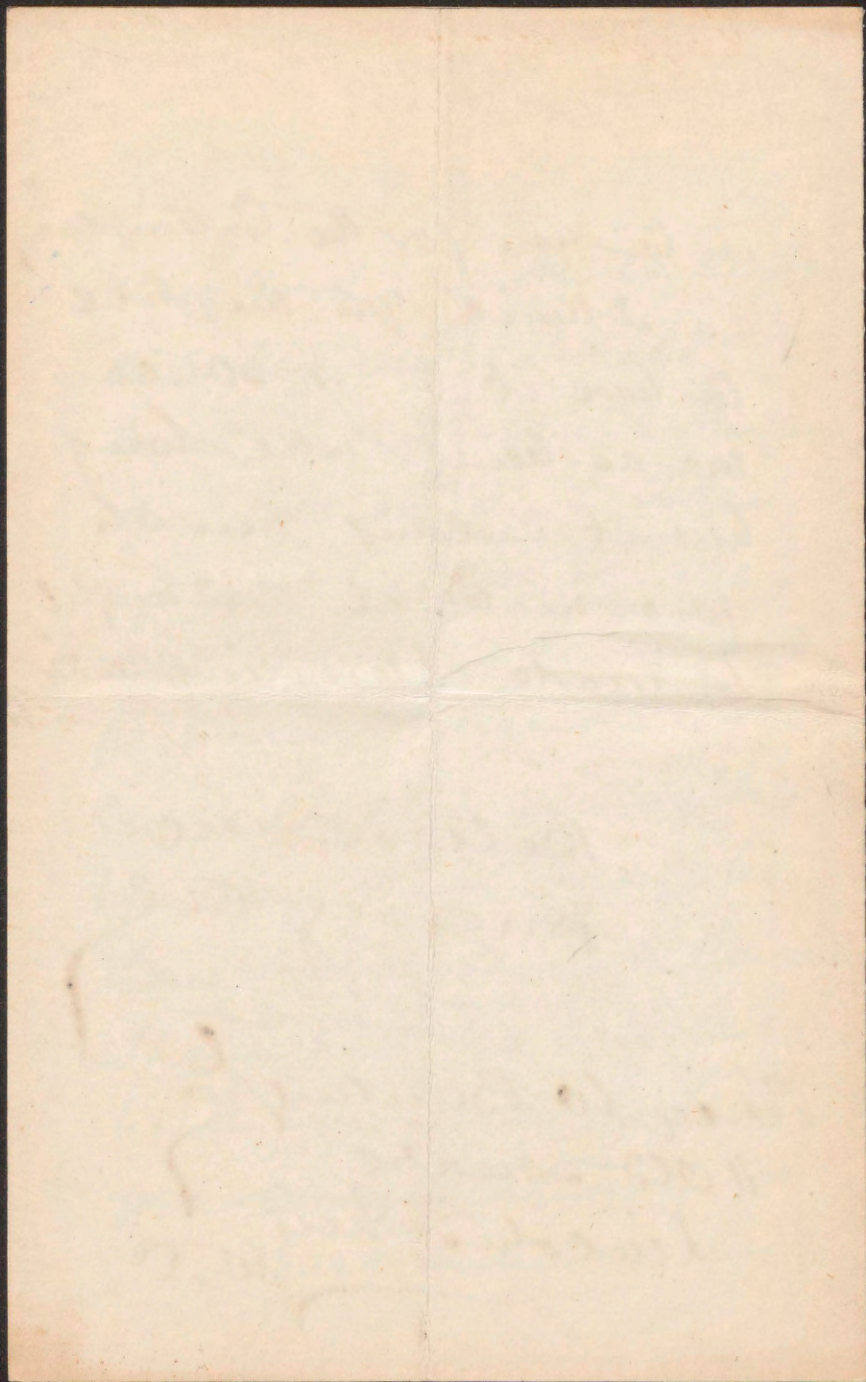
New York. - He is anxious
that his views should be
stated in an English Magazine
of influence and I am
assured by W. Thacker
that he will take in good
part any emendations.

Curtailment or uneditorial
handling which may be
thought necessary or desirable.
I have had the article copied
by a type-writer to facilitate
your consideration of it
and have ventured to offer

it to you for the "Contemporary"
as I think you may like
to have it. It strikes
me as being rather long
but it contains much
good material and might
be made interesting reading.

Believe me
Yours very truly
Henry J. Burnett

Percy L. Bunting
11 Old Square
Lincoln's Inn W.C.



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May 4th 1883

My dear Sir,

Mr. Peck's book

"Social Wreckage" has
not yet reached me
but I have no doubt
it will shortly arrive.
I thank you for it.
I have read portions
and the subject interests

me much.

I shall think over
your proposal of
an article for the
Contemporary; but
I cannot definitely
promise. I am
so very busy - that
I find it almost
impossible to get
through the work on
hand. Yours very truly
F. B. Bart.





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20 Burt Hall Terr
BURT HALL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,

Jan 5th 1909

Dear Mr Percy Bunting, Thanks
for your kind invitation
to write a few pages for
the Contemporary on the
recent decision affecting
Trade Unions & politics.

I regret that I
can't see my way to do
so. I am very busy with
meetings and writing, and

I cannot add to my work.

Still I should gladly
do my best if I felt that
I could say anything
interesting and useful.

In its present
stage the question is
mainly a legal one, and
I understand that there
will be an appeal
to the House of Lords.

With kind regards
and every good wish
cordially yours
Thos Burt.

20th Sept^r
Montmorency '91
Près Paris

Dear Mr. Bunting

I have to thank
you much for the April
no^o of "Contemporary", which
is in many respects most
interesting.

I should suppose few people
can possibly be more ~~intimate~~
familiar / for obvious rea-
sons / with the more
intimate events of the (avour
epoch than "Jan and June"
were, and there is a
short (but most curious
correspondence between
my brother in law, M. Buloy

(The father) and (avour —
Well, for all the Drama-
Italian part of the 20
Dramatic History, I can
safely say I know no
record more perfect than
that of your contributor —
It is true I was too young
it may be said to judge
at the times of events and
men — but I can say as
a set off to that, that I have
been gifted with such a
remarkable memory that
I could accurately reproduce
since my 6th or 7th year
every fact that ever took
place within my ken —

Believe me I have no vanity
in this — there is no merit
in it — It is a mere gift
and a most useful one —
(in some respects — tho' not in
all!) — For this very
reason, I can't say how I love
to have a good long talk
with you on certain matters
of history — and how much
I thank you for the article
of the "Contemporary" —

It is for the precise sake
of my strange "memory" that
I sent you my paper on the
"German Unity" and because
I can vouch for the truth of
every word

My hope is to be in
London about the 20th
Novbr — My movements
will depend considerably on

the impression made here
by what I state in my
Spiritualistic article

May I ask you to let me
have the proofs as soon as
is convenient? Almost every
day now there appears some-
where or other an incident
or a publication bearing
on the subject, and often
signed by a significant name.

The unworthy (and vicious)
are bitterly against me, and
they are very powerful.

Believe me dear Mr. Bunting
yours ever faithfully and
gratefully

W. B. de Vury

Confidential

14/11/91

London 20 Free London
Monmouth

Dear Mr. Bunting

I do think you are
the kindest of men! and I am
now thankful to you —

But I think we might really
do some good together — if
you are, as I believe wedded
to the cause of purity against
Impurity, high-mindedness against
baseness, truth against falsehood,
I fancy I have — by force of
character — gathered round me
in two or three countries the
leading men of today, and
rely upon it — the moment
is come to speak — we are

clearly, distinctly, within
stead of the turning point
— if we wish to profit by it.
I could not have believed so
many bright minds would have
been attracted to any slight
utterances — but they read
two things in their favour:

Truth and the Authority
of the "Contemporary" —

Truth is indispensable, but
if alone requires time —
Authority arms Truth, and
wings her onward.

In spite of all the narrow-
minded enmity of this nation
and the French hatred of
England (which is bitter for all the
more elevated power, younger
spirits + all whom I agree

To call my "groups," are pos-
sessed with the ardent love
and respect of the British
Thought and British souls —
Their Internationalism can only
be brought out, made fruitful
there.

I am not at my "cours
d'essai" — ask Hawley for
poor dear Bagehot if he
were alive! What I did
in Austria in the way of
Angelizing them! and I was
a mere-enthusiast under
twenty but just married —
but I saw the Times and
said it — and the name I
left was: "Das Lebens-
prinzip" (and I retain it
still and am often asked
to do "the Vital Principle")
I am not telling you this
from any feeling of vanity

I don't know of what it
means / - it is only a gift
- no merit of mine - the
gift of utter unselfishness!
to what I have laboured
for - to my cause I have
sacrificed everything & even
my children's welfare! and
have more than once achieved
my end

Ask Lytton whenever you
see him, what he thinks
for he 'was my colleague
during an arduous but
eventually triumphant
struggle in Austria -

Will you accept / and
rely upon my help in the
spiritualization of Thought
- not only in France but

in the public Intellectuality
of Europe?

There is - with great caution
and prudence, - a noble
task to undertake.

I send you a few names of
those on whom I can
count, and who will follow
if they saw that of real
"Authority" such as you were
disposed to lead.

I have no desire to be
made in any very prominent
I want to do good, and
I believe in the supremacy
of true goodness. I am
known for my faculty of
obedience where I am sure
of my leaders superiority -
I firmly believe that

if you have the earnest
desire to produce safety
surely but unsuspectedly
(excuse the word) a movement
that I shall most of men's minds
I am sure it can be done
(with discretion).

A letter of Larives lies before
me saying: "Vous nous
instruisez en même temps que
vous instruisez l'étranger
refaire la France l'ame...
"vos paroles sont des expériences
"réconfortantes !..." and
the one bosom friend of the
Emperor William writes to me
from Berlin: "if you have
round you such men as you
speak of, France may rise to
an incomparable height - for

"1870 will be to her what
1807-13 was to Germany - and
spiritually she will find a 1000
fold compensation for all
material disasters"

Dear Mr. Bunting
I am nothing,... nothing — But those ^{who}
love me are many, and
are a Power.

Will you join us and
help?

"Trust" is my only
strength — all trust me
(perhaps most, my ad Versaries,
to whom I have often appealed)
I don't say, "said the very
long letter?" for I do believe
in your brave sincerity
I am yours most faithfully
J. B. De Kuy

Admiral Jules de la Gravière^x

M. de Vogüé

M. Lavie

M. Haguet

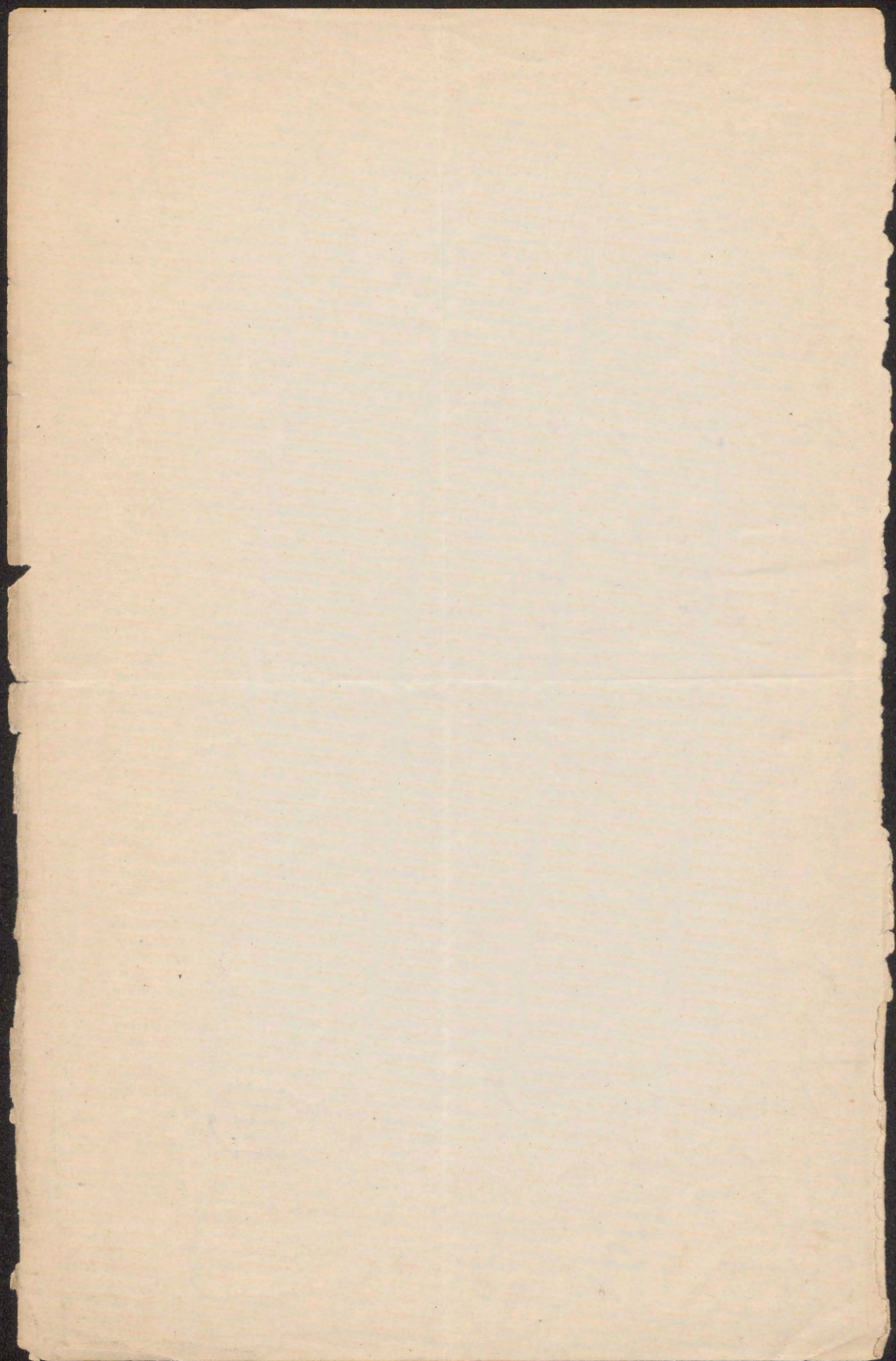
M. Béranger (Henri)

M. Fernand Devise

Paul Desjardins

Bury & B de

[x] The most thoroughgoing lover
of our Union in the world, and the
man who knows his Book! The
greatest authority on the Naval
Science of the Ancients, and on
that of the Dutch -



Bury

West Creeting,

Needham Market,
Suffolk.

Dear Mr. Bunting 1891

I am glad you like Madame
de Bury's *Artuto*. She is a very
able woman & very strongly opposed
to the modern realistic novelists
of France whom English readers
take naturally enough to be
representative of the national mind.
I am writing to her to put her
in direct communication with you.
My experience of her (I have had
several articles in the *Fortnightly*) is that
she is accurate, painstaking, & perfectly

Willing to adopt editorial suggestions, or
to allow any changes in an article.

Which an Editor thinks *improvements*.
She earns her livelihood by her pen

& it is most highly to her credit that

to her non pecuniary disadvantage she

steadily goes against the dominant

materialistic school. ^{in France} I will gladly

at any time correct ^{with respect} this or any other

article of hers, & for you grate, as
a friendly office to her. I may tell

you that she is very well informed
as to German & Italian affairs
& can often obtain useful articles &
information. ~~you~~ I shall hope to

See you when I am in town again. For some months
I have scarcely been there at all, owing to illness,
& latterly to my father's death which has kept me much in
bed & occupying my efforts.

Yours very truly

John S. Mackay

3 The Hoe. Plymouth.
5th Sept 1853.

My dear Sir,

I should be glad
to take up the Volunteer
Question on the lines
suggested in your
letter of the 29th ult.
(which was forwarded to
me in London) but
I am just now
making arrangements
to start for America -
My visit will however

be of short duration,
and I dare say will
afford some material
for a paper which
might be interesting

Believe me
Very sincerely yours

H. J. Carter,

Wady Halfa -
Nubia
28-1-86.

My dear Sir.

Yours of the 27th
calls back my mind
to the pleasant pages
of Magazine articles,
from those arid
wastes and fruitless
Doudan struggles,
in which I have
now been engaged
for nearly 2 years.



Much as I might
like to sit down
to an article on
the life & work
of General Grant
I am far too
busily employed to
think of doing

so.

For months past

I have been holding
our extended frontier
against the Arabs,
and although
they have been
driven off by our
recent little fight
near Roshko, the
work of war
is too much their
normal occupation
to let us hope

This defect has
been final.

Believe me
a faithful friend

W. J. Cutler

1891

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8, NORTH VIEW,

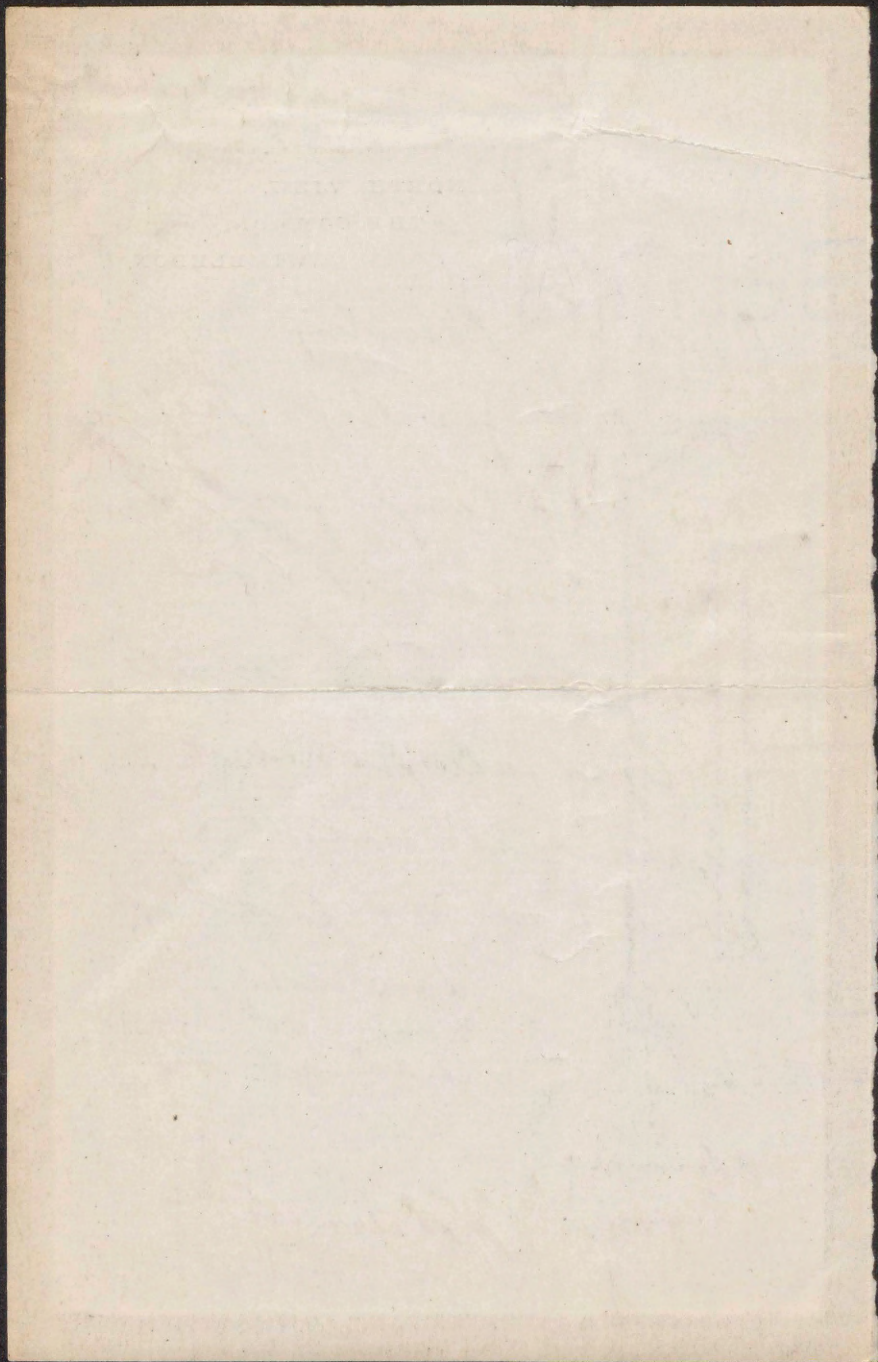
THE COMMON,

WIMBLEDON.

Dear Mr. Bunting

I fear this paper
is too long for what
you meant or
require. My small
physical powers
prevent me re-
writing it. I fear it
is very untidy,
but it is what I
think.

Yours J. A. Butler



8 North View, Wimbledon.

August $\frac{1}{90}$

Dear Mr. Bunting,

I have taken your letter into my most earnest consideration, in which you ask whether I feel drawn to write something on the question of Marriage & Divorce. You tell me that the positive wave of thought on the subject has reached this fundamental question. I have been so much out of the world of discussion, and even of reading, for so long that I do not know what stage we have reached in public opinion in this matter. Before

I could even think to any effect on the subject I should like to read everything that has been written. Could you indicate to me how I could find these things? I know that Mr. Gladstone's mind has been working on this subject, & I believe from what his daughter has told me that he would rather like to talk it over with me. But his view would probably be much more ecclesiastical than mine. All I can say to you at present is — on this subject my instincts are very conservative. Perhaps I have realised more than most the perfection of true friendship in marriage, & in such

Cases there is of course no question & no difficulty whatever. I might have much to say on the subject of the highest ideal of marriage, both of its merely human side, & of its reaching forwards into eternity. I have much sympathy, however, with persons who are unhappy in married life, or to whom marriage has been the portal to tragic misery. Are our laws & our customs to be brought down to meet these sad cases? This is the question which I really cannot answer. To lower the ideal would be disastrous, &

Yet it seems as if relief should be more readily at hand for those who are so unhappy. I do not quite understand those who think that there is no authority in the teaching of Christ on the subject. Of course any argument I shd use wd be based on the Christian Standard.

You say that Mr. Stead & I
 & myself are agreed that what is wanted now is the voice of a woman who has had some experience, & has some heart, to speak. I should almost be inclined to say that what is wanted is the voice of
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of the children. I find that with so many men in their speculations on the subject the question of the children is omitted. What would their verdict be if they co^d express themselves? It is the immense confusion & breaking up of family life, accompanied by real cruelty to children, which w^d alarm me most in any great change.

I fear I have expressed myself imperfectly. I shall have some literary work on hand this winter into which my whole heart will be thrown; but if I felt impelled to write on this subject you have brought before me, I dare say the time

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And the power would come.

I Remain

Dr. Mr. Bunting,
Yours very truly

Josephine E. Butler

ABOLITION OF STATE REGULATION OF VICE IN INDIA
AND THE COLONIES.

9 THE CLOSE, WINCHESTER.
20 July 1889.

My dear Mr. Bunting,
In passing through
Neuchâtel in May last,
we had some long conversation
with M. Aimé Humbert on
the present position and
prospects of our Abolitionist
Cause. Our immediate
object, that of the Abolition
of the "police des mœurs"
wherever it exists, is con-
stantly in danger of being
obscured by, or made secondary
to, other movements of an
important nature, and more
or less on the same lines.

We have recently experienced
some difficulty in keeping
our own body of workers and
our own principles to the

front in the great march
past of the events and interests
crowding upon us in the present
day. For example, the ex-
citements of this great Paris
Centenary are absorbing so much
of the time and strength of
some of our workers as well
as the interest of the public,
that we (M. Humbert and I
and others) feel it necessary
to make a constant effort
to utilize the event itself,
as far as we can, for the
immediate reform, or rather
removal of, gross injustice,
which we seek. The
report of the passing of our
resolutions at M^r de Morvill
Congress is encouraging, but
there is always the fear in
Paris that temporary enthusiasm
and acclamation will take

the place of solid action.
Still we must make the
most of the success of this
Congress, which was, as you
know, under the direct pa-
tronage of the Government.

I write now to draw your
attention to a point in
which I am personally deeply
interested, having had to
do with the idea which I
am about to present to
you from its first inception.

M. Humbert, who is more
stationary now in his own
town than formerly, owing to
his elevation to a high post
in the Government of the Canton,
devotes most of his time to
the literary side of our cause.

I am continually struck
with his excellence as a
writer or editor. He is
now busy with a work to

which I partly prompted him
in the hope of gathering some
good out of the great Paris
Centenary. In connection
with this book which he is
writing, a small Committee
or group has been formed,
consisting of Professor Emile
de Laveleye, D. Char. Secretan,
(the most brilliant and
solid writer in Switzerland
at this time), M. Ferdinand
Buisson, M. Fallot of Paris,
M. Bajer of Denmark, and
myself. This is not exactly
a Committee of action, but
we have given our names
simply as adherents of the
principles which M. Humbert
defends in his work, and
to aid in any way we can
those principles by action.
You will observe that all these
names are connected with

ABOLITION OF STATE REGULATION OF VICE IN INDIA
AND THE COLONIES.

THE CLOSE, WINCHESTER.

The Federation, the idea itself being but an extension of Federation principles.

The idea is this — The world is now looking on at the Centenary of "The Declaration of the Rights of Man"; it seems to us timely to announce as loudly as we can the fact that half of the human race, that is women, are not satisfied with this celebration, inasmuch as, "practically, the "rights of man have never been equally extended to woman. Where is there any equality before the law between men and women? It would seem to me almost treacherous on my own part to let this memorable year pass without

a protest. This protest will
be in the form of Mr. Humbert's
"Declaration of the Rights of
the Human Being, embracing
justice to women, and also
the sacred Rights of Children".

I have written this in
the hope of interesting you
in the forthcoming book. I
charge myself with the task
of collecting a small sum
to start the publication of
it, feeling somewhat personally
responsible for it: if any
friend felt inclined to send
me something to that end,
I should be very thankful.

The printing is already going
on, and Mr. Humbert sends
me his several pages. We
can judge later whether it
may be desirable to trans-
late it into English. I
think I might myself

undertake that task,

I remain
Yours truly
Josephine E. Butler
(per J. T.)

a protestant and ~~missionary~~ ^{missionary} call
for the form of Dr. Humboldt
~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rights of~~ ^{rights of}
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rights of~~ ^{rights of} ~~children~~ ^{children}
and also
the sacred rights of children

I have written this in
the hope of interesting you
in the forthcoming book. I
charge myself with the task
of collecting a small sum
to start the publication of
my ~~first~~ ^{first} ~~book~~ ^{book} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~first~~ ^{first} ~~book~~ ^{book}
depend on the for the of my
friends felt obliged to send
me something to that end
I should be very thankful.

The printing is already going
on and Dr. Humboldt sends
me his second page. He
can judge better whether it
will be desirable to trans-
late it into English. I
think I might myself

c/o M^r - Anna Humbert
Neuchâtel. ^BSwitz^r
Aug. 15

1885/6

My dear M^r. Brewster

I have your letter.

I long to write on the subject
you name, & have had it

on my heart to answer
^{he has written in French}
Godet. I know Godet,
personally. he is a great
Theologian, but he is one
^{supporter of the}
of the persecutors of Miss
Booth, and hates women
speaking for Christ in
any public way.

But if you want an article

very soon, I cannot do it.
I am plunged into this
immense conflict here
with the Police power,
I am trying to write a
"true history" of the events
in Italy of the last year.
Several Swiss patriots
wish me to do it, for they
are disgusted with their
Government. The Salvationists
have at present to fight
much the same battle as the
Federation, as to principle

Also, remember please,
I have the very heavy
work of the Hague Congress
before me. It will be a
very heavy work. I not
nearly over till the end
of Sept. You will see it
is impossible while
abroad & so hard worked, to
write an article of woman's
ministry. I could not
either get hold of the
books of reference I want
till I get to England.
But do let me do it,

unless you are in a hurry.

I have so long wished it.

There is a fierce war over it
here.

Yours very truly

J. Q. Butler