

Percy Fitzgerald

(4)

to Carlyle

27/9/12
Glad to see it
with a view to
concluding it.

THE ATHENÆUM,

PALL MALL, S.W.

Dear Sir -

I fancy a
paper on this
subject would
be found new &
interesting by
your readers.

I knew T. Carlyle
well - and not
many weeks
before his death
was allowed

Blum
Gunn
Grey City Herald
M H FSA

to model his
head. The
Bust is now in
Town Hall
Chelsea. I have
lately come
on some recollections
& skeletons of
him which I
should like to
send to you -
How I hope but
it will suit

Carlyle I may
say it, was
rather partial
to me - I am
the only one living
I fancy who
has known him
as a literary man

Yours
Perry Belmont

1913

THE ATHENÆUM.

PALL MALL, S.W.

Dear Sir -

It is strange
that I can get
no opinion or
decision on
my Paper. It is
not as if I were
an ordinary
casual writer -
I have a fair
reputation &

here are some
really interesting
talks with
Carlyle - whom
I knew - These
are really
characteristic

Believe me
Yours

Perry Pittsford

over that June
for that

1913

THE ATHENÆUM,

PALL MALL, S.W.

Wednesday

Dear Sir

You will
rec'd sent my
send you.

Last year -

my, rather

Curious memories
of Carlyle & his

strange ways.

This was marked
for insertion
& at your
or some co editor's
request. I
shortened it.

Since then
I see it is hopeless
especially as I
was told Caley

that I had
passed from
one co editor
- to another
& would take
time to trace -

I should be
most obliged
if you would
let me have
it back - as
it is certain

to be lost - & it
is too good
for that -

I am a little
surprised & that
the dramatic
traits & outbursts
of J.C. - there
described did
not appeal
to you ymmmm

Perry Fitzgibbon

1913

THE ATHENÆUM

PALL MALL S.W.

Dear Sir

I must
say frankly
that I did
not reckon
on my letter
coming to your
hands. It

was meant.
for his super
Editor, as I
may call him
- all through
you have been
most accommodating
- I should
not have
given trouble
in case of the

usual conventional
essay article
or discussion
- but this was
really a
special thing
with all
excuses

Believe me
Yours

Percy F. Fernald

Address of Ionian Bank.
F ————— Athens. Greece.

Athen. 3.7.91.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned from
Completing a tour extending over nearly
two years in Armenia and the Cauca-
sus, and have put together the enclosed
which I forward for publication if you
find it of sufficient interest. During
the time I was in the Armenian country
I was doing special work for the
Daily News and Manchester Guardian
dealing with daily events -

If you publish the enclosed, I
would ask that a proof may be sent
to Mr. James Bryce, M.P.

54 Portland Place

W.

To whom I have written, asking him
to kindly revise it for me, as he knows
of all the matters of which I treat.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours truly,

C. FitzGerald

Percy W. Bunting Esq

11 Old Square

Lincoln's Inn

W. C.

London,

Copy.

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Cambridge,

Decr. 26/88.

J.B. Paton Esq.

My dear Sir,

I must ask your pardon
for so long neglecting your
very kind letter. In truth
it came at a time when I
was simply overwhelmed
with work, and it got thrust
into a corner of my desk
and thus the matter slipped
from my mind. Not
wholly, however, I bore in mind
the substance of your letter,
but failed to realize how
the time was passing away

without my giving you any answer. My reason for not giving an immediate answer was that I did not know exactly what answer to make. This doubt arose from the fact that I was then on the point of making an arrangement with one of our principal publishing houses by which the whole of my time until January 1891 is to be devoted to work for that house. Circumstances have led me to make such an arrangement, and on putting the question I find that I am not at liberty

to write for the Contemporary, or any other foreign magazine before 1891. By that time it will I fear be rather late for the suggested article on Darwin. This is a disappointment to me, for I prized very highly your kind invitation to write for the Contemporary. I am in hopes, however, that by and by I may succeed in obtaining the leisure to do something for you. 1891 is not so very far off. With sincere regrets, believe me, dear Sir, Faithfully yours John Forster

Private



Kilverstone Hall, Thetford.

Dear Sir Percy Bunting, I
have this moment received
your letter. I much appreciate
your wish. I am on the
Committee of Imperial Defence
which effectively seals my lips
and dries my pen. Such a
subject as you mention is one
the Committee may discuss.
I think I can write to you freely.

We have a mutual friend in
the Editor of the Westminster Gazette -
(His head is screwed on the right
way!) - so I say to you
from the abundance of the heart
it's d-d folly to have programmes!

Sufficient for the year is the
programme there of! Don't
commit yourself to types or
numbers of ships for years ahead.
One can say now in a general
way an average of six Dreadnoughts
a year will give us an

unassailable supremacy - I wrote
the Cowdray memorandum & said
in the same general way - four
armored ships a year but
what we found we didn't want 'em
we didn't build 'em and saved
up & then built infinitely more
powerful ships owing to postwar
fancy! just fancy! the new
ships now building 70,000
horse power - the Dreadnought 21,000!
and the Super-Dreadnought gun
as much beyond the Dreadnought
as the Dreadnought beyond
a pea-shooter! Wait a year

- Wait one year - then the
how! (at home & abroad!)

At home because I shall be
accused of another Desertion
revolution (as if you could arrest
a glacier!) - Abroad when those
poor Germans will have to
begin de novo! There are
lies all round - let them lie!

The truth is we want no one
to know the truth! So I wouldn't
write for you even were I not
on the Defence Committee

a loan peckers because
it would tie us up -
I hope we may meet you back with
the pen!

Walter
Fisher

10.2.10

London 6 & 7 Sept 1903

Cher Monsieur Bunsing,
Plusieurs journaux, entre autres
le Figaro ont parlé de
la Contemporary Review à l'occasion
de mon article. Il est regrettable
que le Times ait oublié
de mentionner dans ses
cunefilets ~~et~~ le périodique
et surtout les bonnes familles
qui lui ont été communiquées
par le Cont. Rev. et la Revue.

A quand votre prochaine
arrivée à Paris?
Sincèrement distingués et très
dévotement
de votre
Jean Finck

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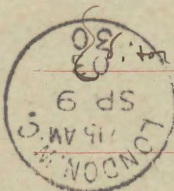
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Maurice P. W. Bunting



Editor of the Contemporary Review
 10 old Square, Lincoln's Inn W.C.
 The Bartons
 Tordinglebridge London
 Fanto

1908

12 AVENUE DE L'OPÉRA

Cher Monsieur Henry,

Vous trouverez ci-joint l'assise.
Ne vous envoie pas Perrot - car
cela ne présente point d'intérêt
pour le Revue. Ne vous
préoccupez pas de la revanche
à prendre - Cela s'organise
un jour.

Vous pouvez soulever le tout
en entier - ou entrecouper
certains passages. Je tiens

Je vous envoie
un livre
de la
bibliothèque
de la
ville
de
Paris
sur
la
question
de
la
revanche
à
prendre.

Je suis
votre
ami
Jean Finot

12 AVENUE DEL OPERA

F

C/o Bell & Sons.
Covent Garden.

1885

Dear Sir.

I think I agree with
you in regard to the Song
from Sappho. The Contemporary
has sterner work to do
than to introduce a taste
for the Chaucer element in
literature. It strikes
me however you may
approve - what I think
reviewers authorize me

to call my Elizabeth an
note. Most English Readers
would prefer it. Perhaps
at your leisure, you will
kindly look through the
enclosed lyrics, - returning
those you feel unsuitable
for insertion.

Thanking you for your
courtesy in giving such
prompt attention to my
work, & for the December

number of the Carpentary. Jan.

Faithfully yours,

Michael Field.

To Percy Bunting Esq.

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210 Bell St. N.Y. 1885

21 York St.

Conrad Gardner.

Dear Sir,

I am deeply sensible
of the honor you confer
on me by proposing that I
should write an article
for the Contemporary.
The subject you suggest
strongly attracts me, & it
would give me great pleasure
to see it dealt with by an
adequate critic. The

Last ethical capacities
of drama; it seems true,
need pointing out; but
you will understand that
as a dramatic poet I
could not understate the
task; nor, I fear, can I
offer you anything in prose.
"Verse & nothing else have
I to give you". Enclose
two songs, from a store of
lyrics lying by me, for your
acceptance, should you
deem them suitable for

insertion in your magazine;
in any case, as a token
of gratitude for your
most courteous suggestion.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Michael Field.

Chickens.!

I write now simply to
ask your opinion about
the Sappho songs.

I regret to say I have
already sent one to the
Athenaeum - wh. may
appear next Saturday.

If it does not - as I venture
to think it is one of the
best - I will write to the
editor & learn his ultimate
intention. If he does not
want it, it could stand
first in the series in
your pages. Should you

approve.

Faithfull yours,
Michael Field.

to

P. W. Bunting Esq.

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c/o Bell House
2, York Street
Piccadilly Garden.

1885

Dear Sir.

It was with very
great pleasure that I
received this morning
your note & the proofs
of "Two Songs". The latter
I have returned by the
earliest post to 56, Ludgate
Hill.

With regard to "Further
Matter", as you are kind
enough to open to me the

pages of the Contemporary,
may I quite frankly ex-
plain what I am
I have on hand?

Wharton's Sappho has
led me into an enchanted
land... to read it is indeed
to feed on "honey-dew". It
is inspiring a series of
poems of which 7 are
already written. I
enclose 2 specimens.

My purpose was to expand.
if I may venture to use
such a word - each fragment
of Sappho's into a song,

& to print the series in a
tiny volume to be called
"Drops from Aganippe".
But I should very much
prefer for the drops to
appear first in your
pages, - a song or two at
a time, as you could find
room, should you approve
the plan. There would
be sure to be intervals
of silence, & of course you
would make selection
from the verses. I should
desire only my very highest
work to appear in the Contemporary.

With regard to your proposal
concerning ~~future~~ dramatic
pieces, the dramatic work
now in progress is not of
a character to bear extract;
but I think it more than
probable that, after the play
I am now writing has been
published, I may write a
drama on some single
thrilling historic incident
in 2 acts, wh. I would
submit to you. It might
appear in 2 numbers -
an act a time.

But this is decidedly
reckoning on untried.

C/o Bell & Sons
4 York Street
Canterbury.

April 6th /886

Dear Sir,

With this note I
forward to you an article
akin to the subject you,
several months ago, re-
quested me to treat. At
the time you made the
suggestion, I told you
the simple fact that I
had nothing to say, but
subsequent reading &
thought have given
me much. I have taken

all the pains of which I
am capable to translate
the crabbed terms of
philosophy into literature,
but have been compelled,
against my will, to retain
some technicalities. The
one condition I am obliged
to make with regard to the
publication of the New Age
is that it should not be
"cut down". It is not long,-
I should imagine it would
not occupy more than
five pages of the Contemporary

I am, with kind regards,
faithfully yours,
Michael Field.

P. Bunting Esq:

April 13th 1886

Mr Bell & Son

21 York St.

Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your
am. & S. Parker's note.
I think I have discovered
what in the article as it now
stands, mis-represents my
position, - viz that I have
not brought out that the coming
change in moral out-
-look is really the fundamental
teaching of Christianity,
unwarped by the egoism
of its first individualistic
manifestation. I will
do honestly all I can to

amend the paper, will
return it to you on Friday.
Write you kindly James
through the article in proof
[If you put it into that handsome
position] before sending it
back to me, & point out where
the thought fails in lucidity
or the expression is mis-
leading.

Please do not interpret the
condition I made - "no
cutting down" to mean
that I am impatient of any
or suggestion. I meant

Simply I could not let a bit of
the thought go.

Trusting you will find the
article better for a few ^{more} hours
of toil, I am,

Truly yours,
Richard Tiedel

To
P. Bunting Esq.

110 Bell St. S.

2, York Street

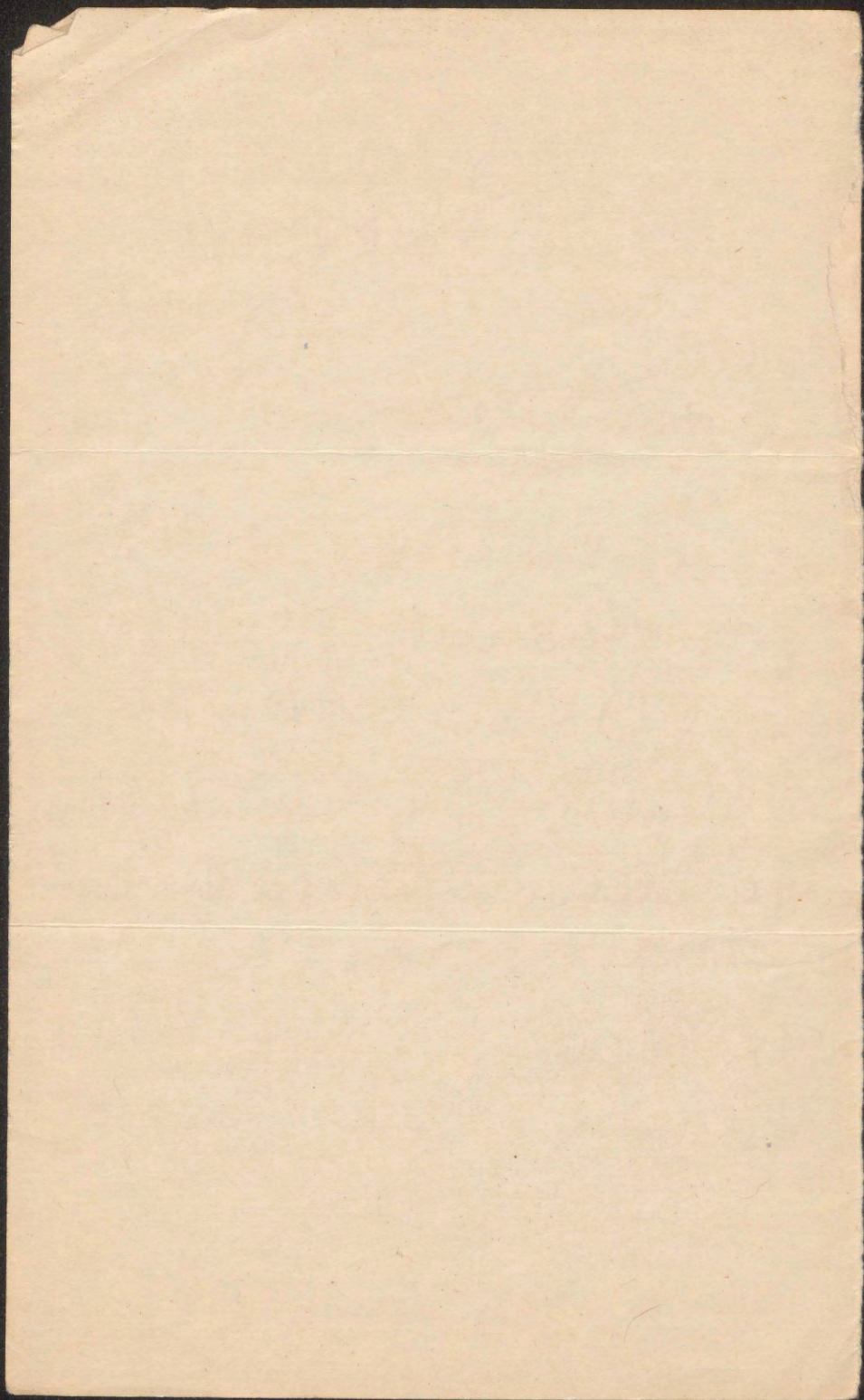
Covent Garden.

April 19. 1886

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy
of Bantus with of course,
be sent the Contemporary
for review. The kind interest
you have taken in my work
prompts me to ask your
acceptance of Bantus - not as
an editor, but as a friend.
Sincerely yours,

Michael Field



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40 Bell & Sons.

Dec 8th.

1885

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge
with thanks, the cheque
for three guineas received
this morning.

At present I must not
yield to the temptation of trying
to write prose. In verse, for
see, I have passed my penurious
years, & am now engaging
the ease & mastery of a

Craftsman. But, with
apologies all the time to book,
I look back on a laborious
past. The necessary discipline
for attaining a distinct
& characteristic ~~the~~ excellence
in prose w^o. I fear, in fine
the dramas - & for these -
as an author, I strive.

Sincerely thanking you
for the interest you take in
my literary work, I am,

Yours faithfully
Michael Field.

Blackboro Lodge,
Reigate.

1888

Sunday eve.

Dear Mr. Bunting,

We have just type &
ready for press a ballad wh.
we send you by this post.
May I rely on your kindly
glancing through it at once,
& returning it, if not too
late, that there may be time
to get it into some other
[September] Magazine?
I need not say that we hope
it may meet with your
approval, & strengthen the

tie between the Contemporary
& "Michael Field". But the method
is original & the style bold, & it
may not be altered or cut
down; on these points we
are stark. It may interest
you to learn that this ballad
is an attempt to treat peasant
life in verse with the same
union of realism & idealism
with which Francis Miller treated
it in art.

I do not scruple to say that I think
it a fine piece of work, from
which remarks you will
rightly infer that I am not
the main author.

With regard to prose I have

no article to offer you, but an
open mind, ready & gratefully
to consider any themes for
articles you may suggest.
I have ample leisure in my
Swiss home, & plenty of
inclination for writing.
Just now I am begging from
my friends all round a nice
little plot [not without tragic
touches] for a prose comedy.
Almost any modern life-
history will serve as a basis;
& it strikes me you or Mrs.
Bunting may be able from
your rich experience to
suggest a theme.

I suppose you are now
about to travel: but, if you
return while yet the autumn
in Ludlow has charm, I
trust you & Mrs. Bunting
will spend a day with
us. With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

R. H. Bradley.

to

Percy W. Bunting Esq.

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Pike Green,
Pike Bishop.

Feb 8th. 1887

Dear Mr. Bunting.

I beg to acknowledge
with thanks, your
cheque & note. To
be able to earn a little
money by my prose is to
me great cause for
delight: my poetic work
simply cripples me, & cuts
off my travelling expenses.
But this is how poets are

treated in this world!
I am so glad you look
at the Old Couple rightly
and regarding its heresies
but its pictures. It is
a pity people have taken
to puzzling their brains
over it. Some I know
have simply accepted
it, & had their reward.

Should you chance to
hear any literary criticism
on it - advise or otherwise -

from people whose censure
I should respect, I should
be profoundly grateful to
you. If you could find time
to give me the sum of it.
In prose I am a beginner,
& have much to learn.

With kindest regards
I am
Sincerely yours
Michael Field.

to
B. W. Banting Esq.

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Stoke Green
Stoke Bishop
Bristol.

Jan. 6th 84.

Dear Mr. Bunting,

I am going to make
one more attempt to please
you. This little idyl is the
result - in part - of Tuesday;
Sad, though noble poem.
I am appalled at the want
of gratitude in men for
the gift of life & breath.
And I have tried to

Reach quaint as a poet
may.

Trusting you will find
the very innocence of
Eden in this short
production, I am,

Faithfully yours

Michael Field.

P.S. I shall be greatly obliged
if you will let me know the
date of my M.S. early next
week. M.F.

to Percy Bunting Esq.

✓
re Sarah Bernhardt

per J. Field

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1884

Mlle des Math. les
Agnon.

Personne de la
Société de la.

Shurday

Dear Sir. I wrote to
you in reply to your
letter of yesterday before
receiving your letter.

I have nothing
to add today, except
that Sarah is much
better & that I expect

has been from my
to my

Very truly yours

J. Hill

To

Pres William Banting

X Hotel des Quatre Fils
Aymon.

Persan - Beaumont
Seine & Oise.

Oct 20. 1884

Sir
M^{rs} Sarah Bernhardt
has just completed an article
for the Contemporary, "Some
notes on the peninsular works of
Charles Dickens especially
Oliver Twist." This essay has,
of course, been translated into
English & will not appear in French.

The paper is very
cheap, & bold, & interesting, con-
taining as it does the views
of a great dramatic artist con-
cerning the dramatic elements
in Dickens' writings. She has
just dramatized Oliver Twist
for the London Stage & this

Short essay is in some degree
an apologia pro opere suo.

Mr. Sarah Bernhardt
requires no remuneration for
this essay but would make
two stipulations; first that
you find room for it without
fail in your issue of the 1st
November next. Secondly that
you allow her to reprint for her
own profits this essay in a
pamphlet form to be sold in
the theatre when her drama of
Othello first shall be produced.

It is I am quite
aware, terribly late for November
but she is still in hopes that
you may find room for her
critique.

I am very well
acquainted with the tone of
the Contemporary & know that
this essay would suit you

but I do not at her request
send it to you until I hear
whether you can see your
way to meeting her views in
the two above mentioned par-
ticulars.

Of course no ar-
rangement of four parlers will
be in any way definite or
binding on either party till
you shall have read the
essay.

Trusting you will let
her have a line from you at
your very earliest convenience.

I remain

Your obedient servant

J. Field

To
The Editor
Contemporary Review

7 Hotel des quatre Vils,
Aymon. Person-Beaumont
Suisse et vis. 23 oct.

Sir.

1884

I received your
telegram last evening, but
as you will see from the
enclosed paragraph cut
from the Figaro of yesterday
it is impossible to be ready
for your November number
as Madame Sarah is ill
in the country.

She was quite well
when I saw her last on
Saturday, but when I called
on Monday, after having
posted my letter to you I
found she had been
taken ill on Saturday
evening & been advised

to her country seat
at Saint Adrien of
her doctor.

This morning,
Ligars says she is serious
ill, but I hardly believe
this. At all events -
I have sent my servant
down to Haore to enquire
& shall know in a
few hours.

Under these circumstances
& as there is so little time
we had, I think, better
put off the article till
your December number -

It will not make much

difference after all &
as a matter of fact it
is Hobson's choice for
she has the m. s. by
her at Haore!

I will send
it over by the m. s. -
I sent I got it. I
shall myself be in
town in ten days
I put up at Long's
in Bond St. - I will call
upon you then -

In the meanwhile
I shall be happy to
Correspond with you if

for with any further
information about this
matter -

Of course it is
understood that you will
allow her to reprint it
in pamphlet form.

Pray do not mention
this to anyone just yet; the
paper will lose its effect
if much talked about before
publication -

I remain

Your obedient servant -

J. F. F. F.

The Editor - Contemporary Review

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On a collationné, hier, les rôles de *Théodora*, à la Porte Saint-Martin, mais toujours sans la présence de Sarah Bernhardt, dont l'état de santé ne laisse pas d'être inquiétant. Elle est atteinte d'une anémie nerveuse très intense, qui lui ôte à la fois le sommeil et l'appétit.

On a dû transporter Mme Sarah Bernhardt à Sainte-Adresse, sur le conseil des médecins qui ont supposé que l'air vif de la mer lui serait favorable et pourrait rapidement amener une réaction heureuse, étant donnée la nature si vivace et si énergique de la grande artiste.

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34, CAVENDISH SQUARE. W.

January 6. 1886

Dear Sir

I am pained by your
reply. I would write an
article 'Philanthropy' on the
subject of the relations of mind & brain.
The subject is one which would suit
my tastes, but I am sorry that
being engaged on a work which

Just what is almost God send
for the limited time at my disposal,
I am obliged to decline all
other work unless I have finished
what I have on hand

Yours very truly
Herbert Spencer

April 4

2, Gower Street. 1887

Dear Mr. Bunting,

I enclose an article I have just
written, the result of a good deal
of reading and interviewing,
upon the theatre children.
I would rather it were in the
Contemporary than in any
other of the magazines, because

I think it would, then, reach a
public disposed to take a reasonable
view on the subject and with
whom therefore the facts
collected would have weight.

I have shown the article to
Mr. Mitchell who has
"posted" me upon the Law

of the case. A great deal of the
work as far as has been
done by Miss Bear. I have
written to all the Teachers
I have posted & have
asked their permission to
cite them. With best regards
to Mr. Bristow and yourself

Yours very truly

M. Sawett

In Fis. Rusting lin. Walling
Sussex. Sep 29. 1885

Dear Mr. Bunting,

Very many thanks for your
cheque safely received,
& also for your kind letter.
I consider it a great privilege
to have been allowed to

help in any small way the great
movement which is going on.
I am returning to London
next Monday (2 November) enquiring before the magistrate
and after that I hope to be
able to attend the meeting
of the Vigilance Com^{ee}.
To say we must all stand
firm now. I earnestly hope the
trial at the Central Criminal
Court will be conducted with
greater fairness than the
has been.

Believe me, yours very truly

M. J. Fawcett

~~Private~~

18, Brookside,
Cambridge.

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25 October 1882.

My dear Sir,

I entirely agree with you
that an article on minority
Representation at the present
time would be extremely
useful. I am very sorry
my time is just now so
fully occupied that I cannot
possibly undertake to write it
myself. Moreover, I have
promised if I could write on

the subject to send an article
to the 19th Century. I wrote an
article on the Reform Bill for
the 19th Century in March 1880.
I do not think anyone is
better qualified to write such
an article than Mr. Seaborn.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Henry Fawcett.

9 Aug / 96
Kingleborough
Lancaster

My dear Bunting

Both your subjects

tempt me. But A.D. (I am
in my 78th year) tries me:
and I have made a vow
to my wife not to touch
Economic subjects for our
holiday month here in the
moors. So I can do nothing
at present but will bear you
in mind
Yours truly
Farrer

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STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

15 June 194
ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting,

You have hit on the
very difficulty which I felt -
viz^t the harmonising several
measures with special
penalties on criminal negligence.
Such penalties are an
essential part of any good
law - Can it be managed
by applying criminal law to
that offence. The objection of

course is that it is more
difficult to enforce criminal
law - 2nd - heavy damages
to go to the insurance fund.
Anyhow it is a difficulty which
must be met

Sincerely yours

Farrar

2 June 1894

STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting,
Your contributor, Mr
Wolff has given us a most
interesting article on German
Insurance against Old Age.
Could he not give us
another on German Insurance
against accidents. It would
be very much appropos just
now. My own notion is
that there is a very strong
case for a remedy: but

that it ought to be
found not in the
extension of a law which
gives ~~indictment~~ damages
for injury against an
employer to cases in
which his workmen &
not he has committed
the injury; but by an
insurance against all
accidents charged on the
profits of the concern.

Indeed I have written
and meant to ask if you
would accept an article
in this sense - But I
do not wish to ^{publish} ~~write~~ any
thing appearing to be
hostile to the present
Government

Yours truly

Farrer

Percy W. Bunter Esq

24 March 1891.

27, BRYANSTON SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr Bunting

Some time ago you
said you would like an
article on the Water question.
and I have felt rather bad
in my conscience for writing
one under much pressure
for the New Review. I
can now however strongly
recommend you to look at
an article by W. K.
Dickinson, one of our

Council, who is working
with me on this question,
and who is, I think,
more competent to see
it as a whole and to
write fairly and soundly
about it than any one
I know. = He is
anxious to get his
views before the public

and I believe you would
send one another well

Sincerely yours
J W Farrow

I am much pleased to
see that your poking me
up to write about France
is not without results.

=
Dickens's address is
To Mr Dickens Esq
Brick Lane
Wandsworth Common
SW

10 Dec 1890

27, BRYANSTON SQUARE,
W.

Dear Mr. Bunting

Many thanks for the
cheque.

I really do not know
enough of the Tones to
recommend any one. Indeed
I am getting too old to
know the younger men.

Some people have asked
me if I will republish

all three articles. I
thought worth while I
would willingly do so,
but the first word on
this point lies with you.

Yours sincerely

J W Farver
Pres W Bunker Exp

13 November 1890

STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting

I have had no word
or sign from Mr Gladstone.
Harcourt seemed to be
interested but I don't know
what he thinks of the
articles. Fowler & Mosley are
the two men whose opinion
I should care most about.
You will know better than
I which statesman knows

or case most about London:
or which wire puller. It
does strike me that a
strong case is made out
in the November & December
articles not only for real
and general financial reform -
but a strong case for
London against what this
Parliament has done. London
has, as usual, been neglected
and its own members have

not done justice to it. It
is not the Government only
but their party & the
House which is to blame.

I believe Goschen & Ritchie
would have done more for
London if they could. But
that does not make it
a worse electorising cry.

From what I can see people
take some interest in my
first article. I have seen
no signs of interest in the

second. But things take
time.

I am not surprised at
what you say about Gosechen.
He is always very sensitive
about Consols - & his poor
Consols are in a bad way
just now - But I should not
be discouraged.

Yours if you

J N Larner

31 Oct/31

STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting,

I am afraid I
cannot help you much. Mr
Spence of the Board of Trade
knows the water question
thoroughly - so does Mr
Spencer - Deputy Clerk to the
London Council - But little all
our officials. I would find
it difficult to write. Possibly
one of them - especially
Mr Birnie, whose reports

are very good - might
put you in the way
of some young refugees.
If I were in town I
would ask him - But
you can use my name
to him.

Sincerely yours

T W Farrer

I shall be much obliged

for any criticisms on
my articles. Their dulness
is potentious - But I
think something may be
made out of it for
London.

20 October 1890

STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting,

I think I have got to
the bottom of Lord R.
Churchills point about the
balances, so far as the
returns enable me to do so
and am much obliged to
you for calling attention to it.

In the Return 378/90 it
appears that during the two
financial years 1888.9. there
had been issued from the
Cons^d Fund £ 1.497.000.
And from the Financial Statement

138/90; £ 1.429.000 appears to have been the Exchequer issue for Naval Defence in 1889.90: and £ 1.430.000 is inserted in the Estimate in the same statement as the sum to be issued in 1890.91.

Neither in these Returns nor in Harcourt's Return of Debt 343/90 is there any mention of any debt having been incurred for Naval Defence under the recent Acts: whilst in Lefevre's Return $4\frac{1}{2}$ millions is stated as the sum required by borrowing in 1890.91.

It seems very strange that there should be so great a liability all at once in this year, and

none in preceding years. But Mr Goschen's Budget Speech gives the explanation. See Hansard April 17th 1890. page 704

It then appears that £ 500 000 had been taken out of the balances for temporary purposes for the War Admiralty Office and £ 337.000 for the Admiralty: and that the whole sum of £ 1.497.000 issued for Naval Defence in 1889.90 would have to be replaced by borrowing.

I do not myself fully understand the Treasury practice in these matters. But it seems to me to be very strange that a Chancellor of the Exchequer should be able

by tampering with his balances, to
give the go by to ordinary rules
of accounting: to keep out of
sight liabilities which have
really been incurred: and to
make the debt of one year appear
to be the debt of another.

I am down with by the
complexity & unintelligibility of all
these accounts: and Gorsehous
Defense Acts have rendered them
much darker than they were.

Sincerely yours

J. W. Larmer

P.S. If you like to send this
to R. C. pray do so.

26 Oct 190

STATION COMSHALL S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting

Lest I should have
missed La R. Churchill
I think it right to point
out that the Return No
343. relates only to years
prior to 31 March 1890.
Whilst Lefevres Return 200/90
relates to Debts incurred
in the present financial year
and would therefore come into
a continuation of Harcourts return.

But this does not wholly
meet my original criticism,
since the Loans for
Goschen has contracted for
Defence purposes are
contracted under the
Imperial Defence Act 1888,
and the Imperial Defence
Act 1889, and some
part of these Loans, must
one would think, have

been contracted before 31st
March 1890.

So much for inconsistency
in the Returns.

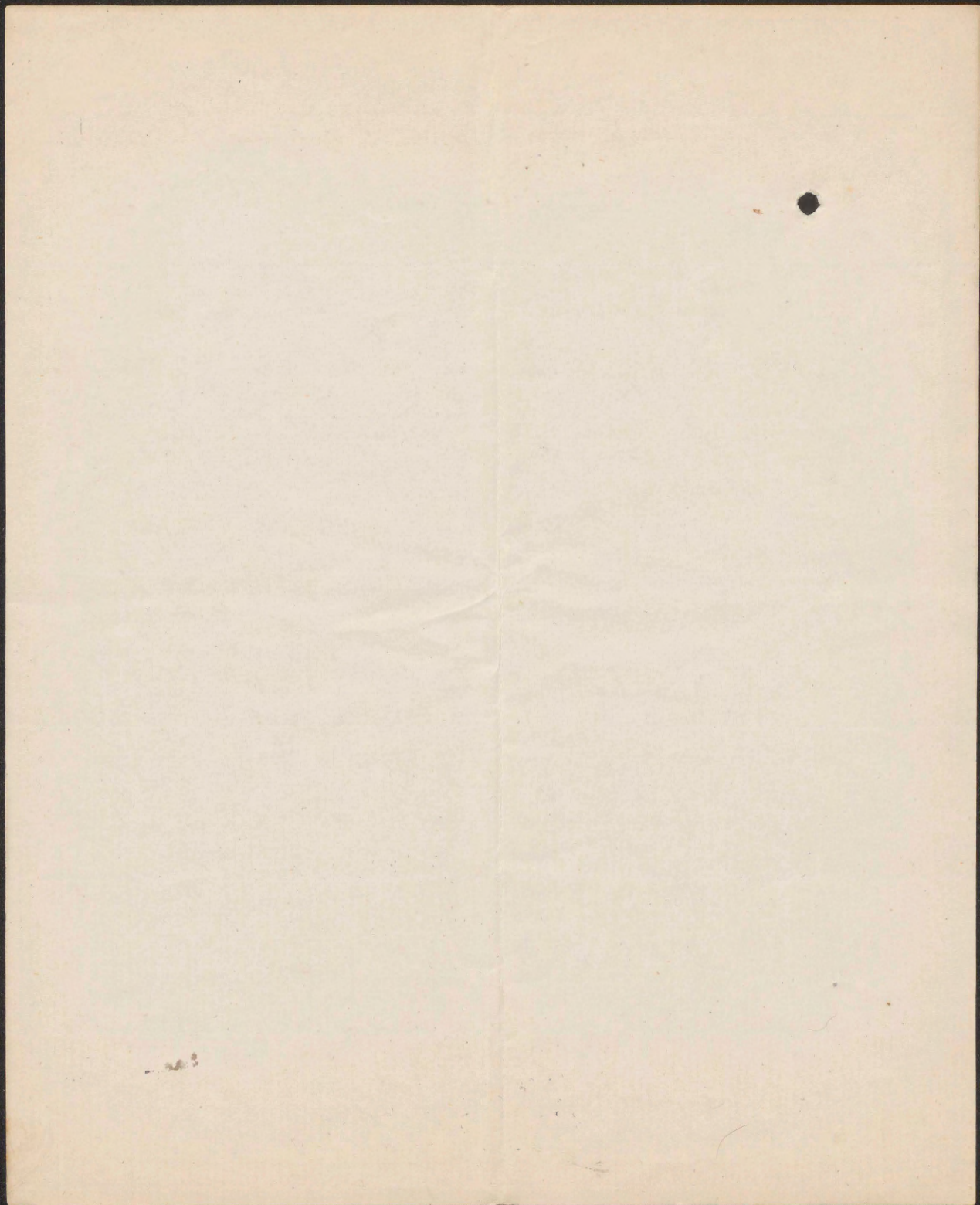
But at any rate the
fact remains that in 1890, 1
there is $4\frac{1}{2}$ millions
of debt contracted which
does not appear in Her Majesty's
Returns of National Liabilities.

Please send this on to
Ed. R. Churchill - if you think fit
Sincerely yours
J. H. Farmer

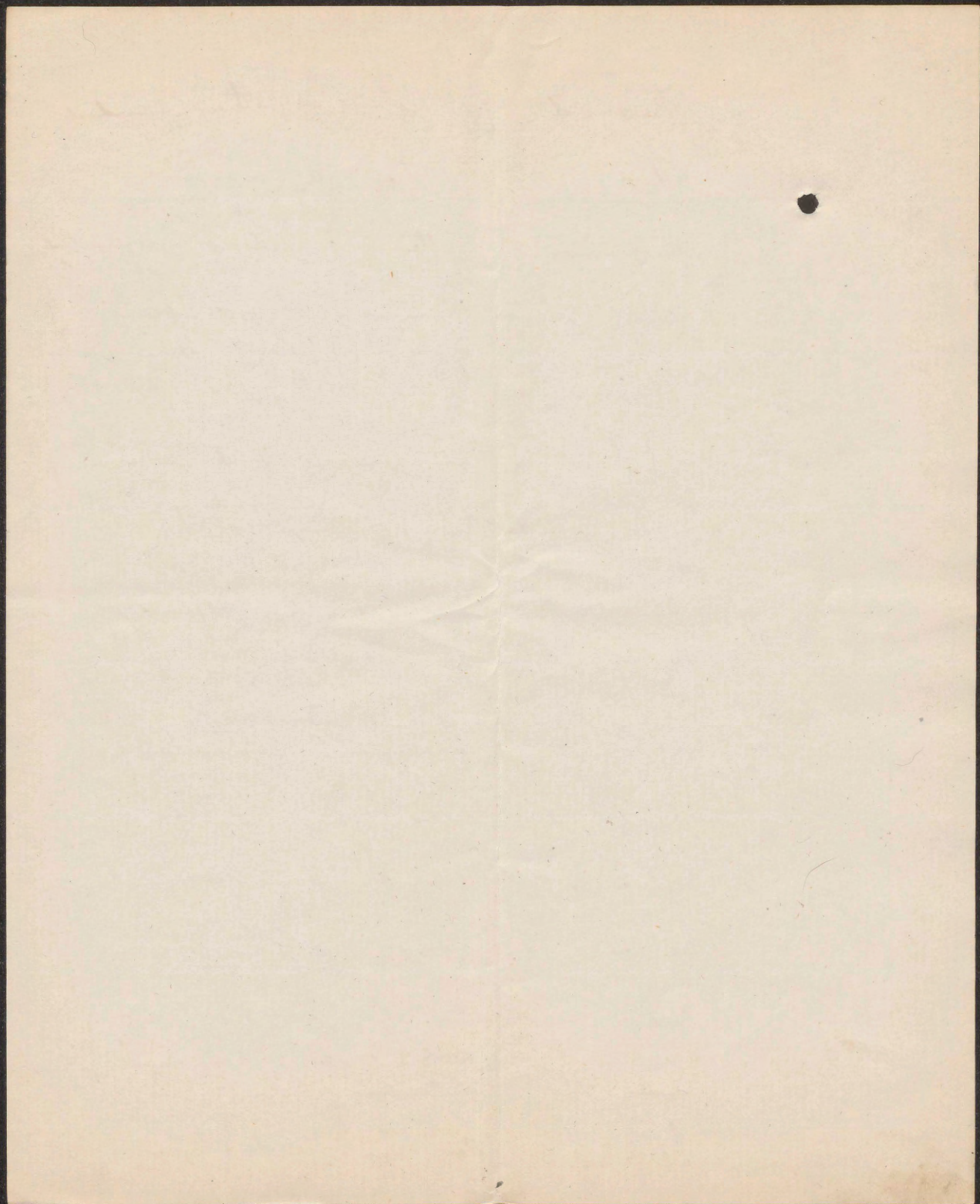
Notes on Lord Randolph

Churchill's letter of 20th October

I The Floating Debt rose from 16 millions in 1889 to 32 millions in 1890: (^{See Mr} Harcourt's Return 343/90) in consequence of the conversion operations. But Mr Ritchie did not make the mistake of excluding it. He said (Times 17 Oct) that the Debt when this Gov^t came into office was £713,454,980, and that on the 31st March 1890 it was £684,954,150. These figures are taken from Mr W Harcourt's Return. page 7. col. 9.



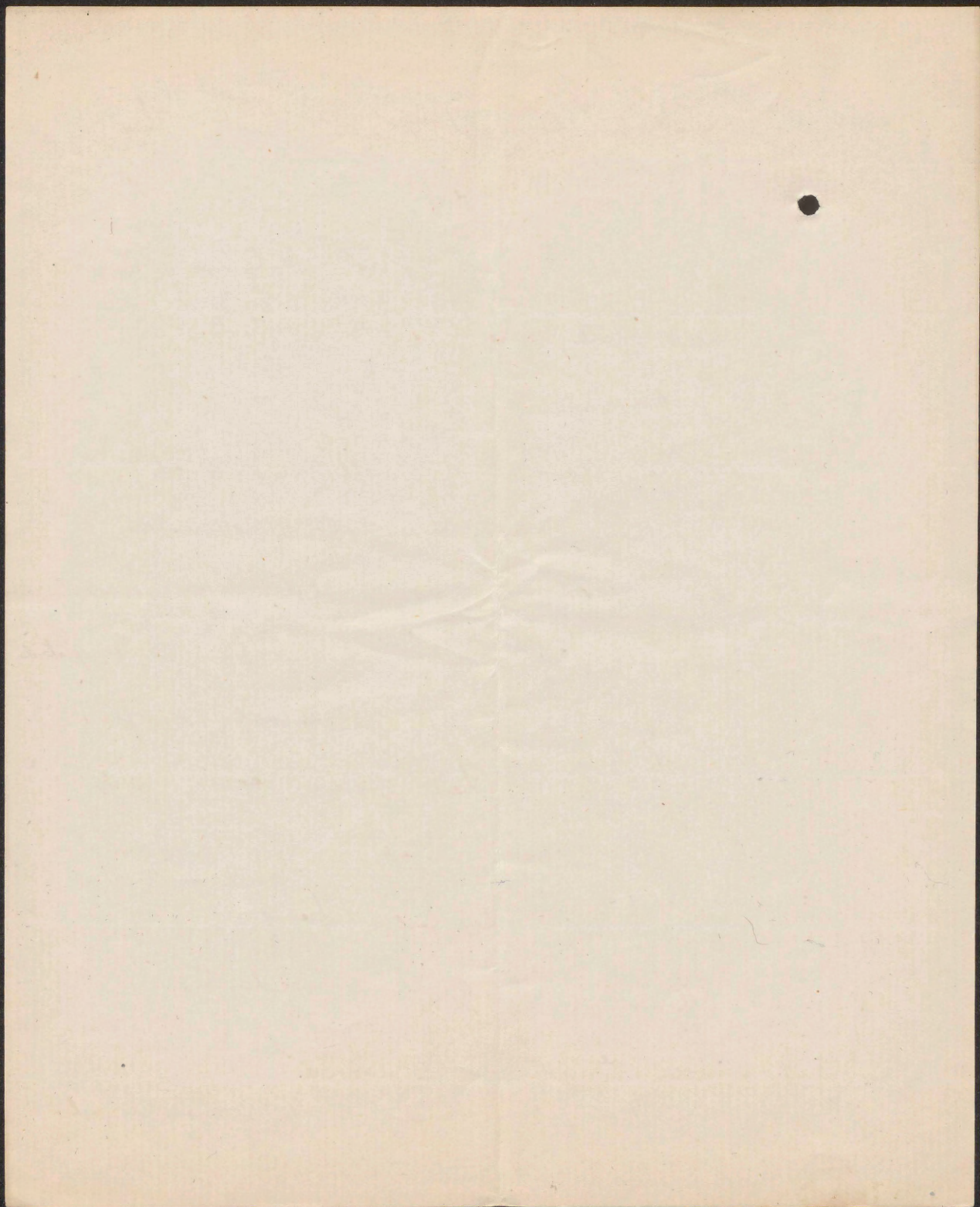
This col. (9) is not the funded
debt - but the aggregate
liability - after including unfunded
debt and allowing for assets -
But then Mr Ritchie goes on
to say that over and above
the reduction of the National
Debt there was a surplus of
£7,154,000. What he meant
by this I cannot understand,
since surpluses go to the
reduction of debt :- Mr Goschen's
actual surpluses in the three
years amounted to £8,397,609.
and this of course, ^{under the old sinking fund practice} went to
help to ~~make~~ ^{the} reduction of



National Debt of which Mr
Ritchie boasts.

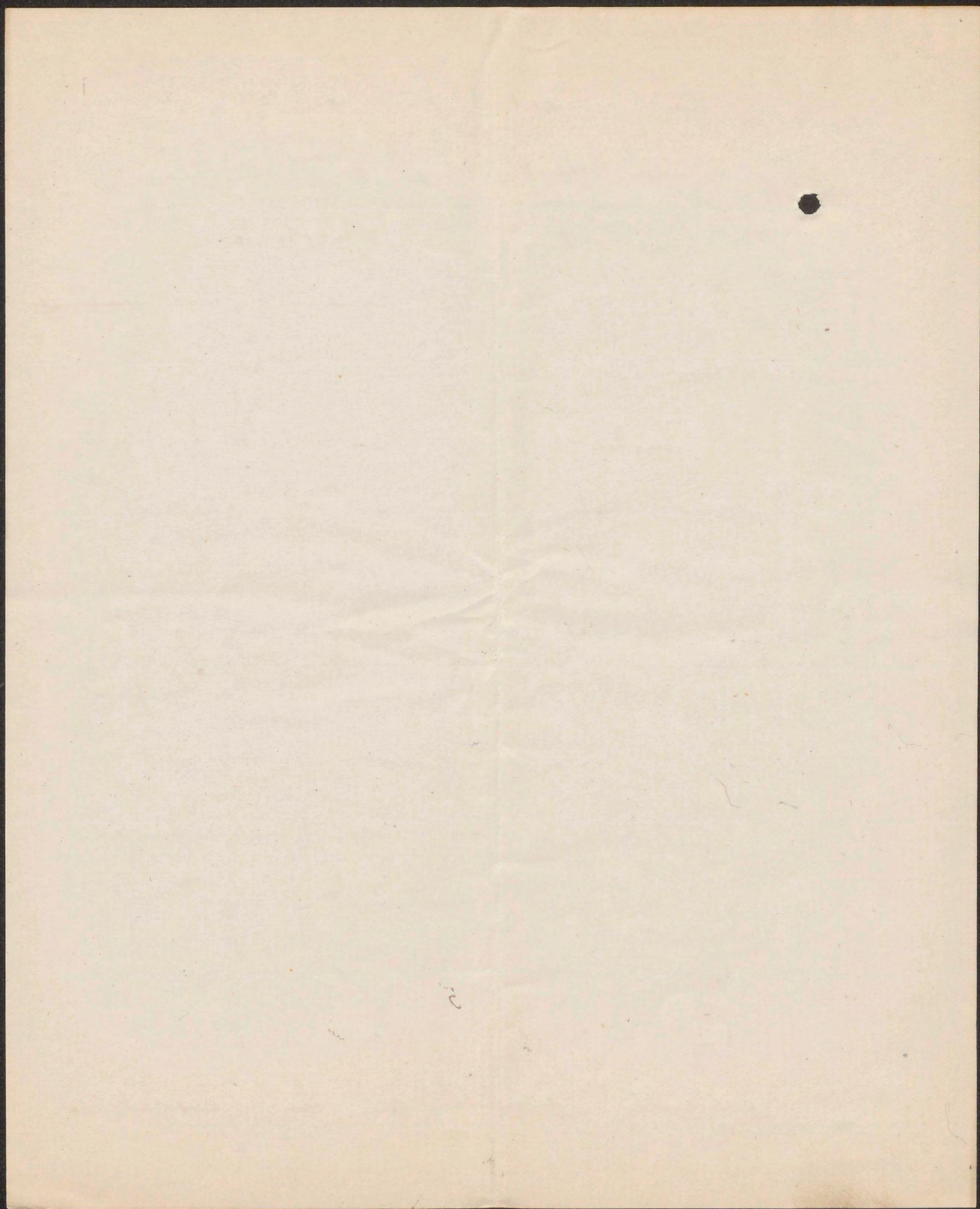
But what Mr Ritchie does
not tell us is even more
important.

He does not tell us that
if they believed their Estimates
they deserved no credit for this
amount of reduction. They contemplated
no surplus - or a small surplus
which in the three years would
only have amounted to a million;
out of the actual surplus of 8 millions;
and they intended therefore to have
allowed Mr Gosschen's reduction of
the new Sinking Fund to operate
to its full extent - in other words

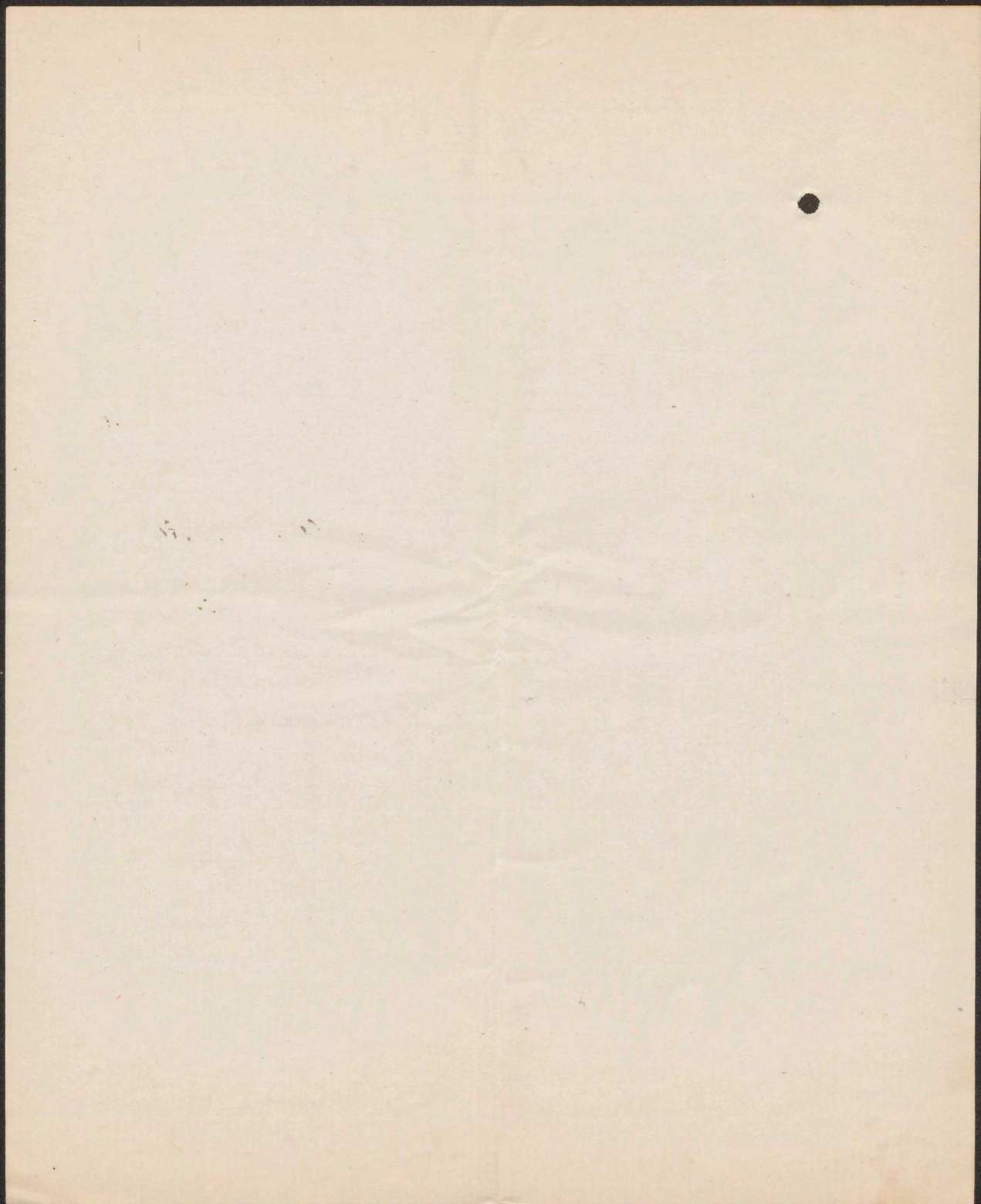


they meant to pay off in
these years about 7 millions
less than the unexpected
prosperity of the country has ~~enabled~~
~~then~~ compelled them to pay.

Another thing which Mr Ritchie
does not tell us is that in
1890 the Government are according
to Mr Lefevres return ^{200/90} incurring a
debt of £ $4\frac{1}{2}$ millions to be paid
out of the Revenue of future years -
which, of course, has to be deducted
from their reduction & which they
lay claim. Of this amount
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ millions (£ 1,497,000) was
actually issued from the Consolidated



Fund in 1889-90. to the
Naval Defence Fund -- (See 379/90
and Financial Statement 138/90.)
and had been taken from the
balances, so that the balance
in Col 10 of Sir W Harcourt's
Return for 1890 is less by
~~that~~ $1\frac{1}{2}$ million than it should
be. This is explained in Sir
Goschen's Budget speech of 1890.
p. 704 in Hansard. In fact this
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ million was really a debt
incurred in 1889-90: and ought
surely in Sir W Harcourt's Return
to have been noted. The aggregate
in Col. 9 liability, and the balance in Col. 10 ^{together} together
show an accurate result - But



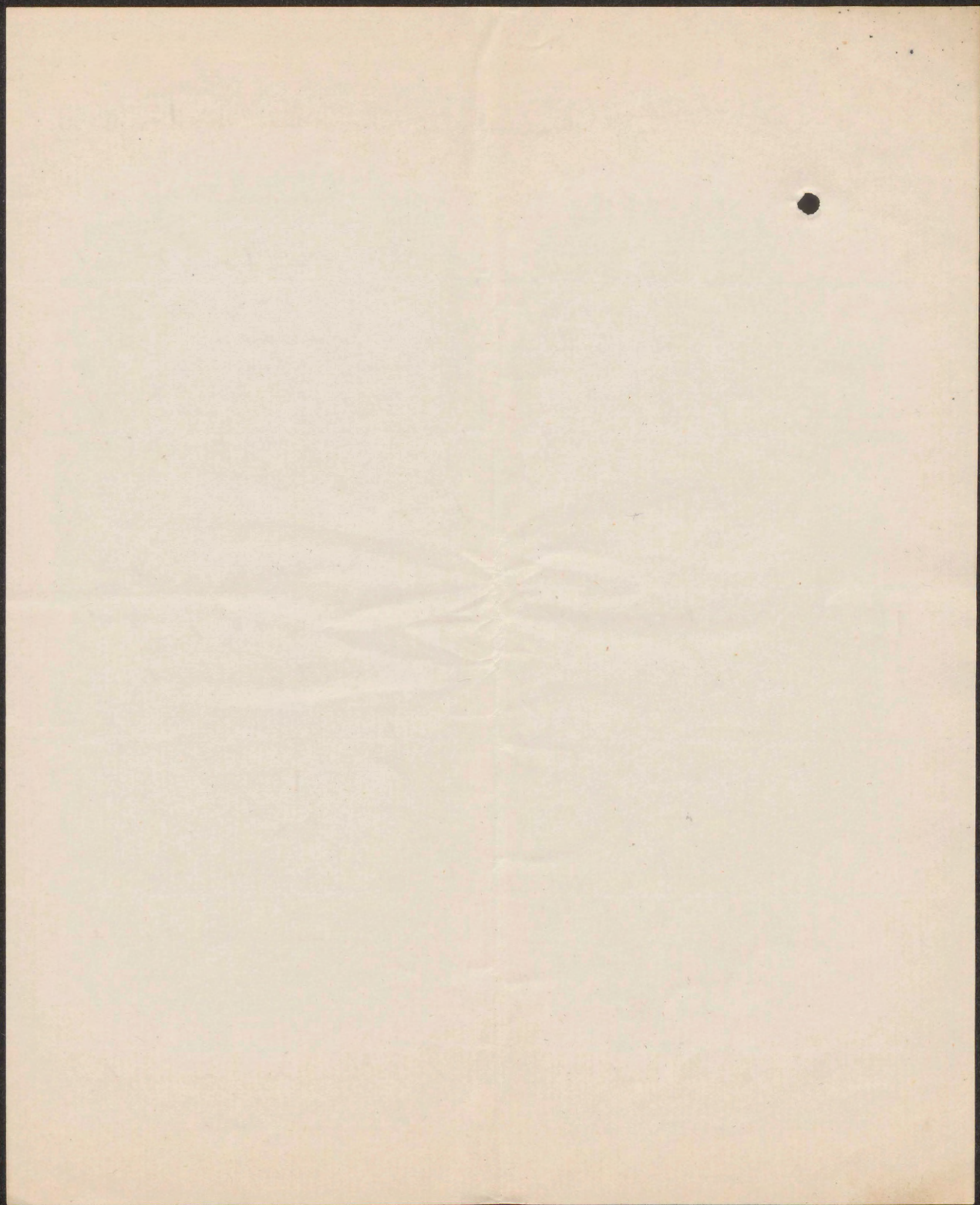
the real state of the case
would ^{have} been more accurately shown
by adding the million & half
to both these columns.

The confusion attending Mr
Goschen's Finance is almost worse
than its improvidence.

II

As regards the second point ^{in Ld R C. letter} it is
certainly one of very great interest.

I am myself on the Board of one
of the Trust Companies ^{the Guardian} (not one of
the new kind of Finance Co.^s
but one which publishes its securities
and does no financing) - It is quite
true that we and other similar Companies
invest largely in American securities

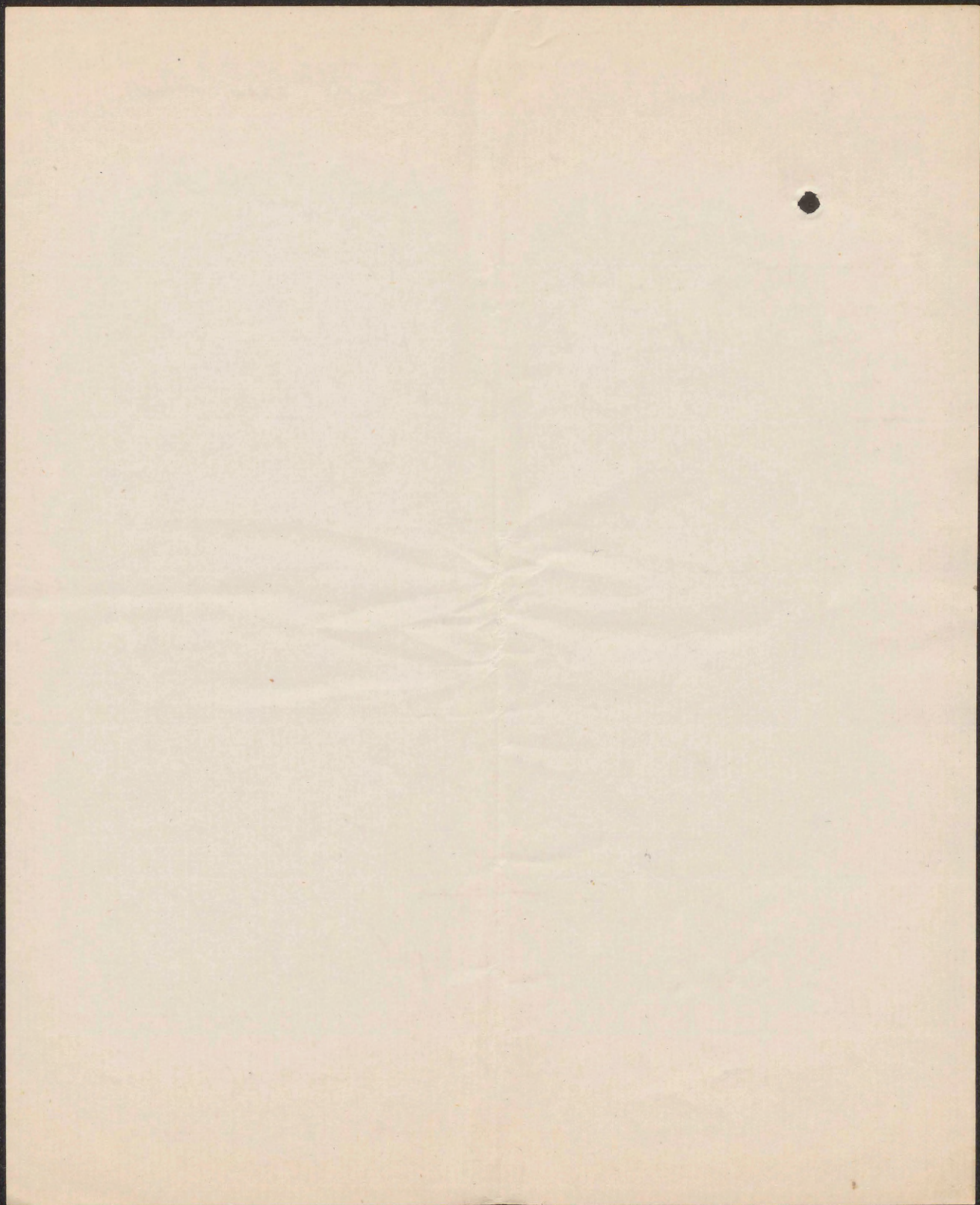


† It is also a fact
that we hold
much money
from small
investors.

North & South - and also that
there is at present a great
shrinkage in market values. But
whether there is any real
diminution of permanent values - ie
of real returns, I doubt. We
have as yet no failure of pay
dividends. - Some bad concerns there
are no doubt - and many of the
Guano Companies have over-done it
brought out bad things. But
the present shrinkage is as much
washed in unquestionable securities
such as Illinois Illinois $\frac{1}{2}$ as in
the more doubtful things.

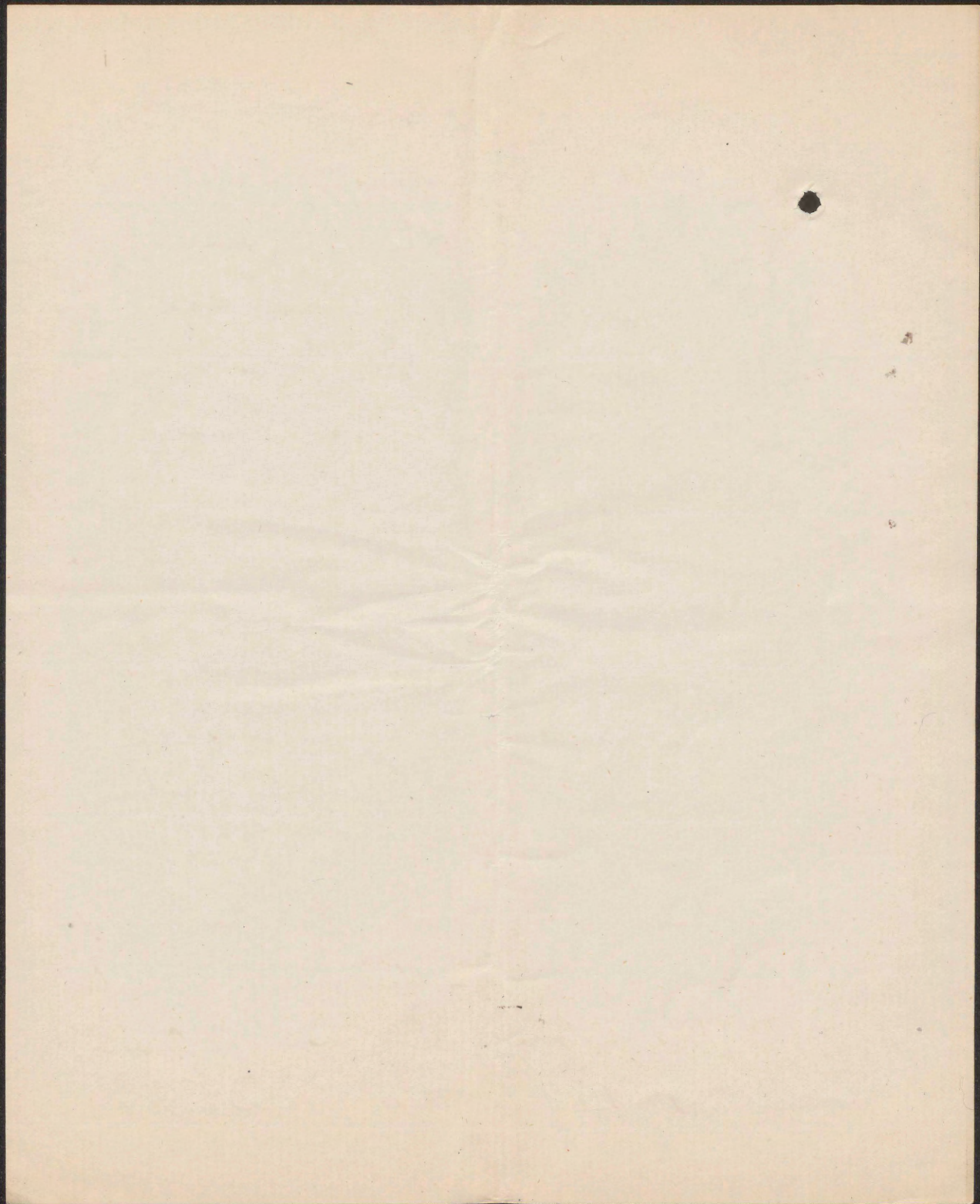
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How far Goschen's Conversion has
led to speculative investments, and
lowered the demand for Consols is



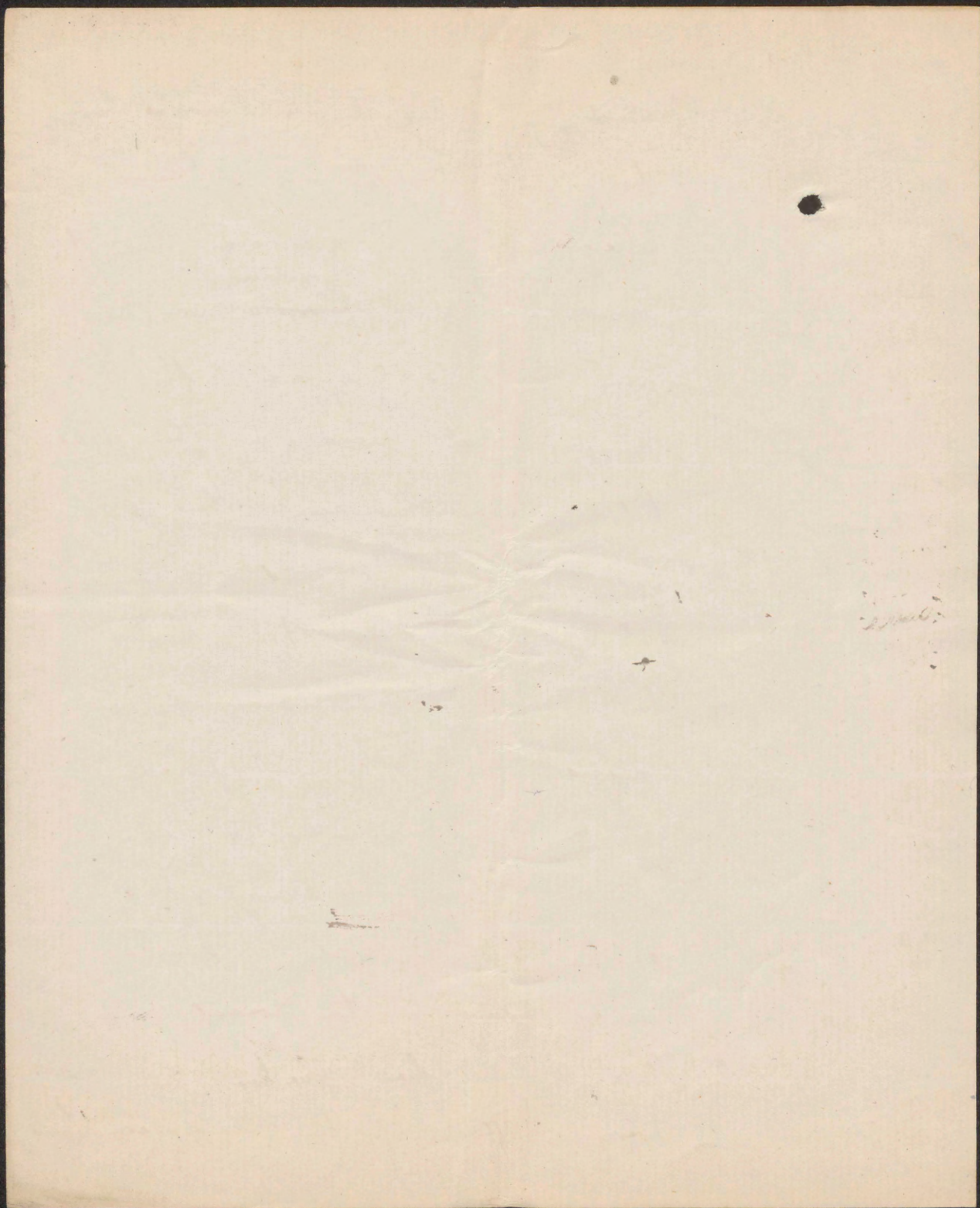
the most interesting point in
Ld. R.'s interesting letter. I
find, in talking to some City
friends, that there are many who
agree with him, and who also
criticise Mr G's Commission as
sharp practice.

It cannot of course be that the
Conversion has thrown money upon
the market; because Consols have
been paid off only to a small
extent; and what Mr Goschen
has paid off with ~~the~~ ^{as} ~~hard~~ ^{hard} he
has borrowed with the other. - But
it is very possible that his operation
has destroyed the taste for Consols,
and that the class of Investors, who



See a very
interesting article
on this subject
in the Standard
of the 15th
October.

used to be loyal to Consols have
been frightened out of their
allegiance - I am told that the
transactions in ^{Goschen's} Consols are now
very few as compared with the
number that used to take place
before the conversion. This might
be easily ascertained if a
Return were moved for showing
the number of transactions in
Consols during a given period
(say) a 12 months - in 1886 or
1887 - before conversion was
spoken of - and a similar
period say in the present year.
This would show whether the
present effect of the conversion has



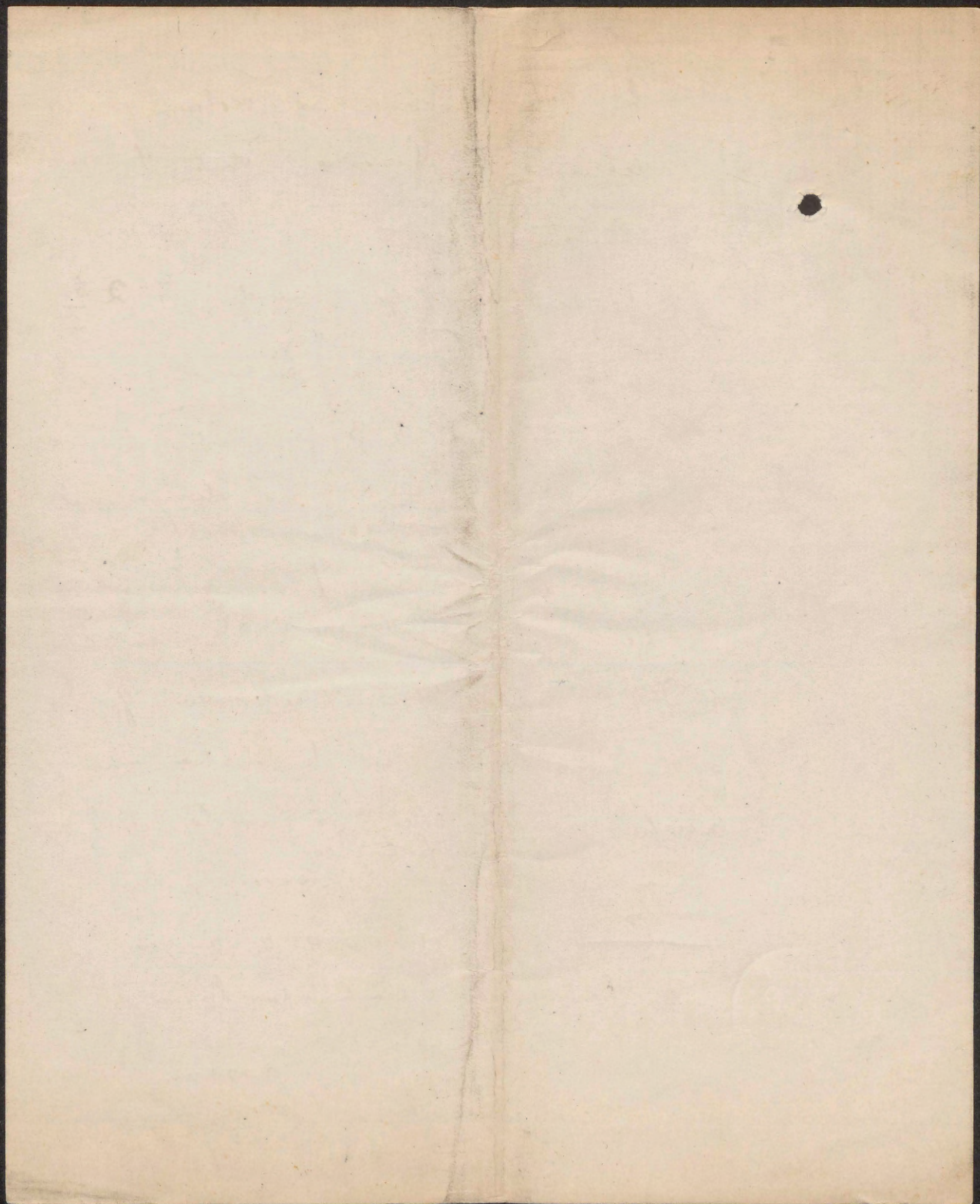
been to prevent or restrict
dealings in Consols. What the
ultimate effect may be when
people have got used to $2\frac{3}{4}$
in lieu of the "blessed
simplicity of 3 per cent", it is
too early to say. I always find
my City friends opinion to be
affected by the moment.

If it should prove that the effect
of the conversion is to shake the
belief in or taste for Consols, & to
make it harder ^{for the Govt} to borrow, the
^{saving} ~~purchase~~ of £1500 000 a year
will have been dearly purchased.

J H Farrer

Abinger ~~to~~

26 Oct 90



Farrer

Farrer

17, DEAN'S YARD,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

My S
1887

My dear Sir

Having in the
evidence at hand)

have carefully collated

& condensed it, & -

with a view of saving

in signature - have tried

as briefly as possible

to let forth its significance
& drive it home like
a nail into the
the hard heart of
those who watch
dry-eyed the
fearful accumulations
of our national guilt

in this matter. I may
admit the article in
June if you can - the
subject is of interest
& may stand, &
the facts are of
overwhelming importance.
You shall have it
without fail on
Tuesday next. I

our

Journal of travel

W. Baran

Farrier

19 July 1890

STATION COMSHALL S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

Dear Mr Bunting

I am at work on
the article I promised you.
on Goshen's Finance. But
it is a bigger and
more complicated subject than
I expected. The relations
of Imperial & Local Finance
are especially intricate as
well as interesting. - If
I should find it more

into as much as
would fill two articles
can you find space for
them -

Goschen is very
interesting - So much
knowledge and industry -
and at the same time
so much timidity and
finessing. Every thing is

suggested - nothing completed -
and every thing left in a
misp. He would have been
a first rate permanent
official but he is no
statesman. & he covers up
cowardice and pettiness
in action by brag in words.

But he is most instructive

Yours very truly
J W Larner

STATION COMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

6 August 190
ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

My dear Mr Bunting

I will do my best
to send the first article
to your Lib. Ex. of the
20th - I should have
liked to get both finished
together - but will try
to do what you want.

We much enjoyed having
you here - and I shall be
much interested to see

the outline of your
scheme.

It must I think be
independent of the Chancellor
of the Exchequer. but
subject to some public
criticism & control.

Absolute & positive rules
of investment will be a
fetter and a snare. Some

negative rules may be devised.

I am inclined to think
that it ought to be a
published condition that
if there is a demand
for the stock at a price
which gives less or much
less than 4 0/0 - the
stock shall be issued.

But of all this more anon

Yours truly
J H Farrer

7
Farrer 25 July 1881

STATION GOMSHALL.S.E.R.
TELEGRAPH ABINGER HAMMER.

ABINGER HALL,
DORKING.

My dear Sir

At the present moment I
am occupied with other matters,
and have nothing on hand which
could be of any use to you.
But it is quite possible that
I might in the course of the
autumn have something I see
which you might be willing
to accept: and if so I will
gladly consult you.

Yours sincerely

J H Farrer

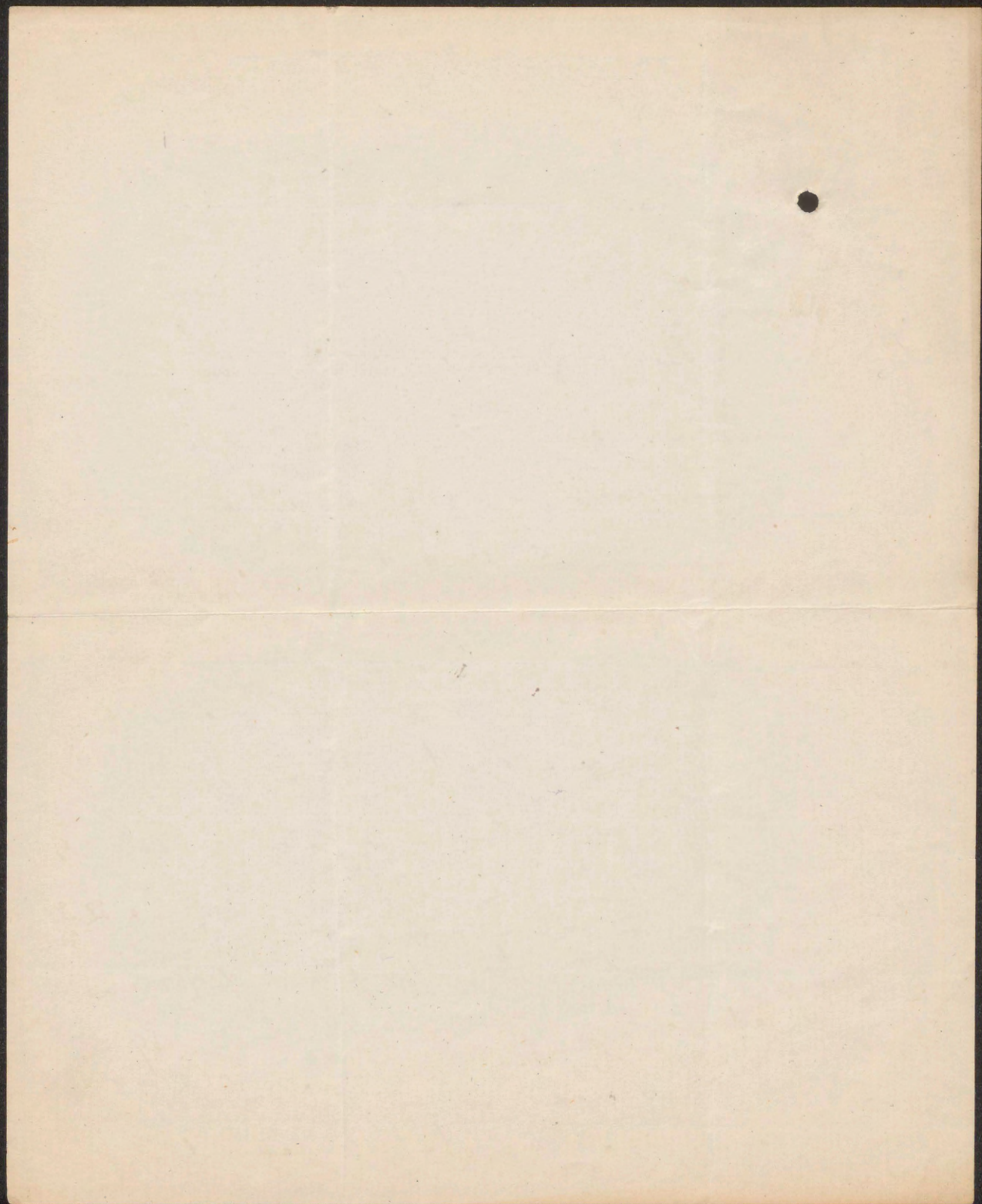
Bringer Hall

11 October 1890

Dear Mr Bunting

The unfunded Debt was increased
from sixteen millions in 1889 to
32 millions and a quarter in 1890
See Harcourt's Return just issued
No 343/90. page 7.

But this increase was made for
the purpose of the conversion - ie
to pay off the fortunate redemptors
who refused to accept Goschen's $2\frac{3}{4}$.
See same return page 28.
Consequently the funded debt was
reduced by paying off about 19
millions and a half in money -
page 28. And the funded debt

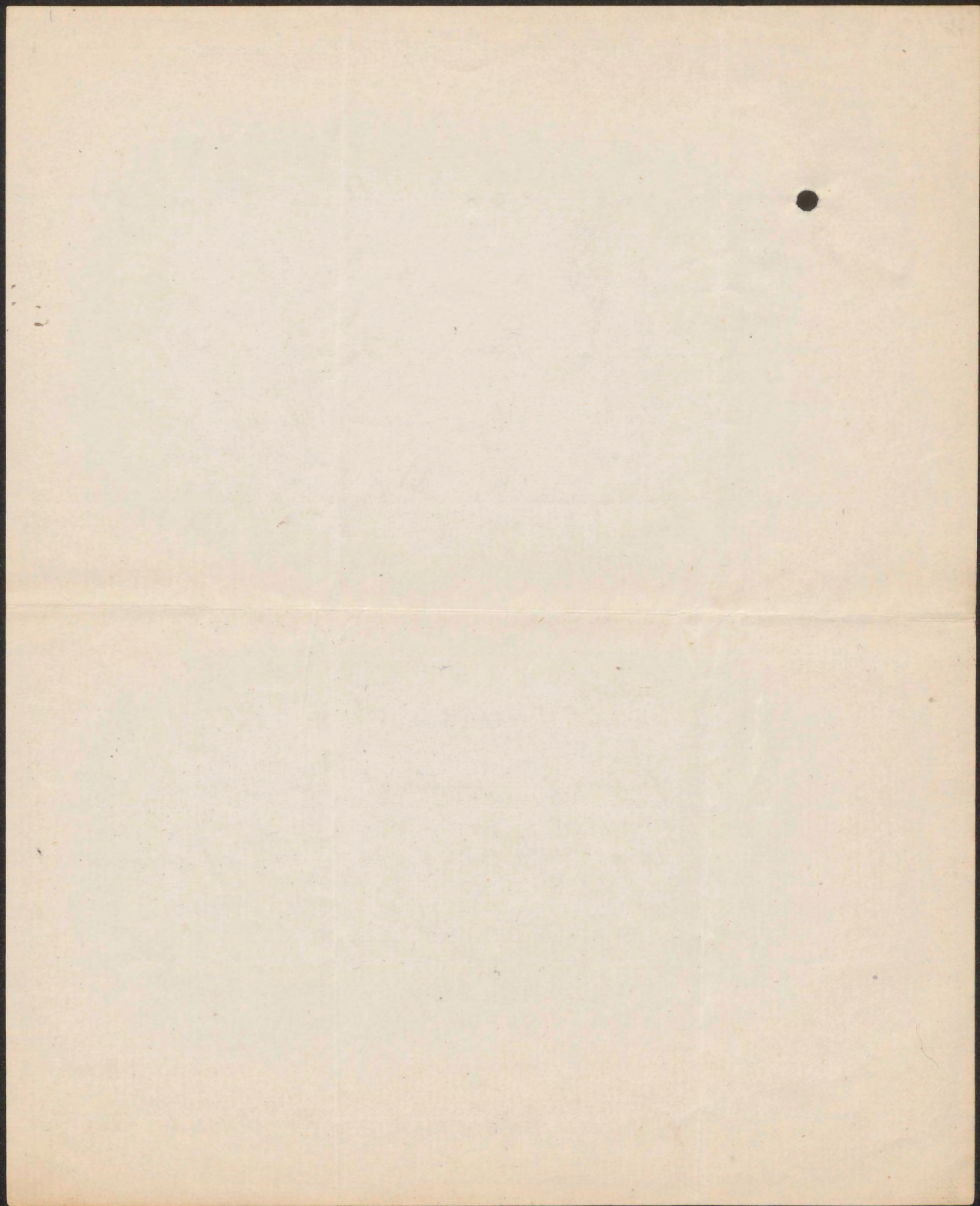


seems to have been reduced
from 607 millions to 585
millions. Same return - page 7.

Under these circumstances I do not
think there is much to
criticize in ~~the~~ the matter of the
floating debt.
But there is a point in

this Return - which, coupled
with Lefevre's return (200/90)

I do not understand. By
Lefevre's return we are spending
on Army & Navy this year
four millions and a half, which
is to be paid out of the revenue
of future years. - Must not this



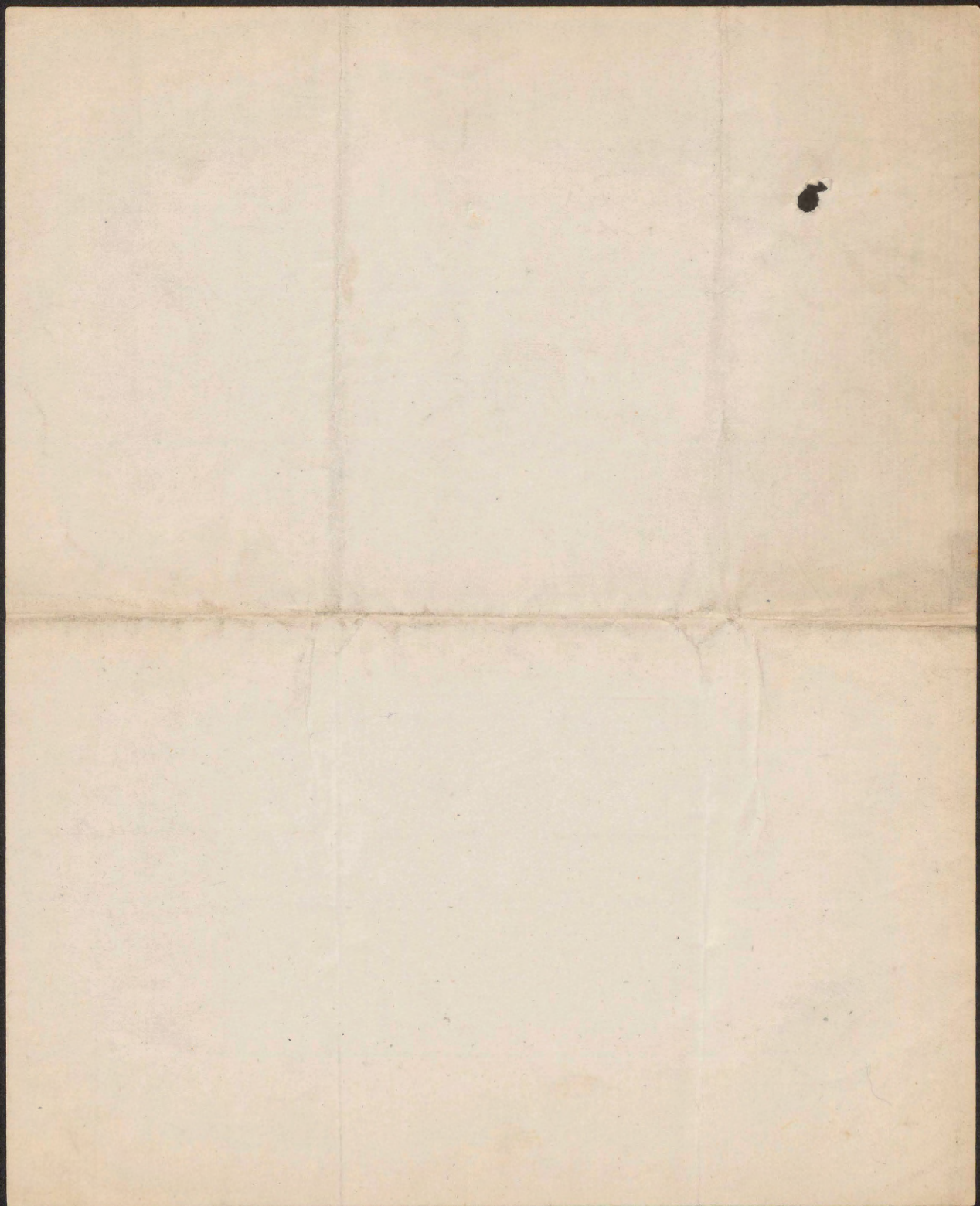
be a liability, and one
which goes to reduce the
amount by which debt is being
paid off? But I can find
no mention of this in Sir
W. Harcourt's return which
purports to be an account of
all liabilities. This is a
point to be inquired into.

Goschen's doings have so muddled
accounts that it is difficult to
make out anything

Truly yours

J R James

Percy W Bunting Esq



F
Oct 9/91

Hertfordburg,

Wimbledon Park.

Dear Sir -

I have forwarded
to Mr Canton the
corrected proofs
of my article
on Electrical Surgery
I have told him
that I am writing
to ask you to

let me suggest
another title than
the "Electrical Cured
Cancer"

I should much
prefer either
"Cancer & Immune
Needle versus knife"

or the possibilities of
Surgical Electricity

(Have taken this)

Will you let me know whether
you approve of one of these?

I have been careful
throughout the article
to make no confident
assertions - & I feel
that the word "cure"
might reasonably
be challenged -

I am

Dear Sir

Yours Truly

Edith Fairbairn

The Editor of the Contemporary
Review.

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Airedale College,
Bradford.2nd April 1898

My dear Mr. Paton,

I fear
after ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{most} ~~most~~ ^{careful} ~~careful~~ ^{consider-}
ation ~~there~~ ^{as to} my
resolution. I do not
see how I can with
conscience & any
promise of satisfactory
results undertake
the work.

This too will be the
matter for the July
note. I have thought

about it earnestly
& with the intent to do
something; but I
am coming in the
intercessor again
to feel that periodical
muse not be allowed
to interfere with
permanent work.

I shall ask now
& then, I hope, to be
permitted to appear
in the Contemporary;
but it must be
as a rule for some-
thing promising and

of my family &
aif studies rather
than for work specially
undertaken. Were
I up to anything
else just now
the thing that would
be nearest my
heart would be an
apology for Carlyle

Ever yours
A. M. Fairbairn

✓

Airedale College,
Bradford.

28 Aug. 1883

My dear Sir,

I am
just home from
Scott^l & am about
to return for another
week.

Unhappily I have had
much domestic
trouble - happily come
for it seems now
past - & between
& the holidays period
I have had no

time to think of
anything but the
most necessary
duties. Now I hope
to find time to
consider what
books ought to
be reviewed, &
what I must ask
you to do. But
I find a man
so busy as I am
is as I feared, by
no means the

right sort of person
to have charge
of so important
a work.

I was looking
at a paper I sent
you "On the Study
of Religions," & that
you thought rather
long. It is perhaps
too much taken up
with Method for
the Review, yet
I hardly see how

I can

much alter it.

But I shall return
to it again.

Sincerely
Yours

A. M. Fairbanks

Airedale College,

Bradford.

1 October 1883

Dear Mr Bunting,
If I had
got Newman's Art. in
time, I ^{could} have appended
what I have to say in
a note: Now I ^{can} hardly
up to both Papers in time
in quite so short a space.

All I need still
say may, on considera-
tion, be said in less
space than Newman
occupies. But let me
have your judgment.

& I shall as far as possible
be guided by it, during
travelling. I am anxious
to ref^y to Newman &
Barry together. Would
you tell me two things
(1) Whether you want
me to be ready for November
to appear along with
Barry, or (2) for the No:
following Barry's
appearance.

These things I want to
know as I have to make
on laid. Of course the
unjustly personal character
of Newman's attack
makes delay rather risk-
some. Ever yours
A. M. Fairbairn



Nov. 11. 89

My dear Bunting, ever
dear & noble friend
Natch is no more.
I have just come
from a most affecting
interview with his
widow. One of the
last things he said
to me was that he
was going to review
for you the new

High Church Minister Co.
It will be a very different
thing in my hands
but will you like me
do it? I ask, for I don't
like the prospecting it
will appear to pay a
fit tribute to a friend
whose loss is too
great to be just now
estimated.

Ask Mr. Penning if I
may stay with you
on Monday next & ask
a friend to meet me
at your house on Tuesday
at breakfast. It is a great
liberty, but I know that

& from goodness.

If the review is
to be done, send
an early copy.

Ever & Very Sdly

J.
A. M. Fairbairn

MANSFIELD COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

April 7 90

My dear Bunsen,

Schübel
is one of the most
eminent N. T. Scholars
in Germany. He is
author of the most
important work
on N. T. times, Editor
of the Best. Literatur:
Zeitung, a critical
bi-weekly, regarded
as most competent
Journal of Theological

Criticism in Germany.
You cannot be wrong
in setting him into
Contemporaries. He stands
alone only to Hegel, and
if to him.

His position is somewhat
advanced, though he is
~~not~~ free from being a ne-
gative critic. It will be
a distinct gain to have
a discussion of the ^{Solomonian}
question from his pen.

I am up in Scotland
- indeed just arrived.

I come to regret
for my second article,
but I have come into
the midst of trouble.
The chances of getting
ready for May & June
now remote.

Let me kindly tell
Mrs Burntong that
the address of my
nephew is

Mr Alex. Crawford
27 Victoria Road
Kilburn
N.W. ?

With best regards,
Ever yr
A. M. Fairbank

MANSFIELD COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Nov. 24-96.

My dear Beatrice, I am
glad things are so
forwarded that a de-
putation to Manchester
is possible. Rogers ought
to go as he moved
the resolution in favour
of a Free Ch. Congress
at our Union Meeting.
The other names you
mention seem to me
splendid.

I shall go on 16 or 17

of V.C.B. but I fear
Jenny is im-
possible. Haggard
are very full, & one
term is less or
approaching to go
from home is
simply impossible.
But with Rogers
& Macmillan you
will have one
side more
than well represented

About four to look
I am disappointed.
I don't think it
too enough in it
to bear a detailed
review, & I have
begun on a book
on "X" in Modern
Theology," & ~~so~~ rather
feel disinclined
to leave it for any
other work, especially
as you does not

and with ~~me~~
of the questions
touching the Church
of the Bible which
I was mainly anxious
to have handled.

Ever yours
A. M. Fairbairn

P. S. Since it will
in his Com. Let me
very pleased with
him at my home

MANSFIELD COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

June 10. '86.

My dear Bunting, I am
very much struck
with Miss Cobb's
letter. It hits the very
nerve of the present
controversy, & the
subject she suggests
is one that ought
to be discussed in
all its varied relations.
But I am sorry

that it is a discussion
quite impossible
to me at this moment.

I have looked
all round, but
can find at this
moment no one
whose name I can
propose. Can Mr. Miss
Cobb undertake the
matter herself in
four or five pages?
No one would a more

vigorous form, or
can handle the question
with more knowledge
& insight. See print
quoted in her letter.
Can she develop it into
an article, & illustrated
by the material at her
command? We
are sure to exercise
a potent influence
of the present situation.
I will write you
to afford a help & allow

this most pertinent
demand in the controversy
to be discussed in
your pages.

With regret for
my own inability,
Ever sincerely yours
A. M. Dickinson

The Bygones Bathgate N. B.

Apr. 1. 91

My dear Bunting,

Enclosed is
from Schirer. I have
written to Mansfield & sent
on M.S. to you at once.

Please note S's requests.

1) He wishes paper not to be
revised, but to appear in
the No. 1.

2) a proof to be sent him.

3) His M.S. to be returned.

If you do not know another
& better translator, it can be
undertaken by the gentleman
who did the previous one.

Res. D^o. Yetch, R. A.
Rockwell.

Now as to other matters:

I have seen Taylor Innes
& his wife. They think
Principles Rains & Cairns
may be willing to join the
Congress. I am going to
see them in Edinburgh before
returning South.

If you answer before Sunday
- so that I can hear them, address
is above: if later

22 Lanark Road
Edinburgh.

I expect to be in Oxford early
next week.

Over Y?

A. M. Fairbairn

Kiel 28. März 1891.

Sehr geehrter Herr College!

Hierdurch übersende ich Ihnen meinen Artikel über das Johannes-Evangelium, mit der Bitte, den Abdruck desselben in Contemporary Review vermitteln zu wollen.

Ich habe zwar dieselbe Disposition eingehalten, wie in dem deutschen Vortrag. Aber die Ausarbeitung ist eine ganz neue.

Am ersten Theil könnte ich Einiges kürzer fassen. Der zweite Theil aber hat mehr als den doppelten Umfang wie der deutsche Vortrag.

Trotzdem hoffe ich, dass meine Arbeit in Druck und Format von Contemporary Review nicht mehr als 20-25 Seiten einnehmen wird, und dass es daher möglich sein wird, sie in einem Heft zum Abdruck zu bringen. Eine

Vertheilung auf zwei Hefte wäre
für den Gesamt-Eindruck sehr
nützlich.

Sehr lieb wäre es mir, wenn
ich das deutsche Manuscript zurück
erhalten könnte, theils wegen
der Controlen, theils weil ich es zu
meinem Privatgebrauch gerne haben
möchte. Ich glaube, dass mir die
Ausführung einiger Abschnitte recht
gut gelungen ist.

Vor dem Druck erhalte ich wohl
auch einen Correctur-Abzug.

Wenn Sie die Güte haben wollten,
mir mitzutheilen, ob die Erfüllung
meiner Wünsche möglich sein
wird, so würden Sie mich sehr
zu Dank verpflichten.

Ihr ganz ergebender

E. Schürer.

October 20 1890

BANSTEAD MANOR,
NEWMARKET.

My dear Sir

I have to thank you for so kindly
sending me Sir T. Farrer's letters.

I The increase of the floating debt.

I hold for a matter worthy of
examination. 1. because according
to all Gladstonian financial doctrines
it is much too large. (see
Mr. G's remarks on the subject.

in 1879-80, & 2. because in
all Ministerial platform speeches
the reduction of the National
debt is made a matter of
boast & of statement, the
addition of 12 or 13 millions
to the floating debt never
being deducted from the gross
reduction or even alluded to.

[See Mr. Ritchie's speech at Manchester
the other day]. Gov. seem to
think that because the debt
is "floating" it is no debt.

II Future consideration will
now grow doubt upon the
policy of repurchasing the debt.
That policy has thrown immense
sums of money into less
secure quarters. The multiplication

of Trust Companies is an evidence
of the desire to invest large
sums of turned over money.

These trust companies are
becoming more questionably
concerned & their large development
is a sequence & a consequence
of Mr. Gaschen's refunding
operations. American Mexican
Railways Argentine Securities

I African mining shares
received quantities of money
formed in the funds. There
has been in these investments
an immense shrinkage of value
which may not be recovered
& the wealth of the nation has
diminished. This is quite
apart from the loss sustained

by the holders of currency.

2. I apprehend if war broke out
& if we had to borrow largely
we should borrow on worse & not
better terms than before the refunding
as the lending public would try
to guard themselves against
a repetition of the somewhat
harsh if not sharp practices

of the Govt of the Ex. in 1862-63.

I do not however expect that
for some years any one will
have the courage to question
the policy of refunding.

Lord Rothschild informs me
that in his opinion the large
quantities of Treasury bills has
perturbed the City equilibrium
& are to some extent responsible

In the present money market
difficulties. I did not however
easily follow him in this contention.

Mr. W. Harewood ought to
notice the discrepancy between
his return & Mr. Devere's that
Mr. T. Farran has discovered.

I return you the last letter you
sent me, the first I have
shipped up in time to

BANSTEAD MANOR,
NEWMARKET.

will return it to you shortly

Believe me Sir

Very faithfully yours

Stanley J Churchman

Percy Bunting Esq

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