Robert College

Constantinople April 11/97

Dear Sir

Your of 5th inst reached me last Saturday. I will send you an article for the May no. and try to get it off by the mail of the 17th at the latest.

Yours very truly

George Washburn

Pindi

Robert College
Constantinople Apr 19. 1892

Dear Sir.

I return the article for the "Cont." corrected. I hope you will publish it. I send you a note from Sir William White to show I referred the article for suggestions. It was really his view of the situation as well as mine and for his sake I hope it may appear in the Contemporary — altho' we cannot give it to the public in his name — especially since it has been brought down to date —

It is sad to think that all his vast knowledge & experience has been lost to England & that there is no one to take his place —

Yours Most Truly
George Washburn

15 Decr 91

Dear Dr Washbourn

This is an admirable production I only wish it were largely circulated

Yours truly

W Allen White

Private

Robert College

Constantinople Nov 2, 1891

My dear Mr. Bunting.

When in London I promised to send you an article for the Contemporary about this time & send the enclosed which I hope may meet your views. There was very little foundation for the alarming rumours of last summer and still it is true that things here are in a very critical position - and really unfortunate events may happen here at any time. I have written on the general question because the policy of England is not understood and appreciated here or on the Continent as it might be, and from what I know of Lord Rosebery's views I believe that he would accept my statement as readily as Lord Salisbury -

With kindest regards to your family

Yours most sincerely

George Washburn

W

Private

Robert College
Constantinople
Jany 19. 1887

My dear Sir

I have received your note of 12th inst. It was very good in you to print my article when your sympathies were in the other direction. As I do not write for the sake of writing, but because I have something fresh to say, I appreciate this all the more.

I have no doubt that what you say is true - that the opposite opinion is gaining ground in England. It is also true that except when the Eastern question enters into home politics the majority of Englishmen care nothing about it. As I was at the bottom of the Bulgarian atrocity agitation - and furnished most of

the fact to the Liberal party – I know only too well that it was the desire to overthrow Beaconsfield more than love for the Bulgarians which was at the bottom of it.

But allow me to say that you are all wrong notwithstanding. I have lived in Constantinople for 30 years and have been a student of European politics all that time & I am sure that there is not a genuine statesman in England who would not agree with me in saying that you have the most vital interest in Constantinople –

If you studied the Russian press as I do – you would also realize – that all Russians see that you have this interest here and look upon you as the chief obstacle to their advance – You would realize also that during the past few months they have counted on your weakness at home and your supposed desire to annex Egypt as affording them the opportunity to advance –

If you do not face them now, they will push on – in spite of Austria – If you do your duty now I think war may be avoided and Russia held back.

If you fail, Russia will push on to Constantinople and the Adriatic –

I do not believe that in the end Russia will destroy European Civilization – I have more faith in God than this – I believe that there are elements of weakness in Russia itself which will in the end break up the Empire – but if she is allowed to advance now, she will do a vast amount

of Erie and change the face of Europe in many ways — especially of the British Empire —

It seems to me that this is no time for England to weary of her work and become a second Holland — She has a grand destiny still before her if she will rise to meet it with her old courage and faith — It seems true that the "Contemporary" has a mission to rouse this feeling — Depend upon it that the progress of democracy is no hindrance to it if the democracy is rightly directed and instructed —

I am afraid from the tu quoque you give me in your note that some of your friends annoyed you during the holidays with criticisms on your publishing my article —

Washburn

1-19-1887

I am sure that a moment's thought will satisfy you that what you say of the United States has nothing to do with this question – The United States is not responsible for European civilization – It has more than enough to do to look after American civilization. If you only mean that we ought to sympathize with England as the great leader of modern civilization in Europe – then I fully agree with you and I am doing all that I can, constantly, to develop this spirit – But people in America are even more ignorant than those in England of the real interests at stake in the East. I am constantly writing to stir up sympathy with English interests here – ~~but~~ because they are not simply English but the interests of humanity – So I do not think that I deserve your reproof

Excuse the pencil with which
I have written and believe me
to be
Yours most truly
George Washburn

W

SUNDAY MAGAZINE. 15 & 16, TAVISTOCK STREET,
COVENT GARDEN,
LONDON. W.C.

Nov 26. 91

Dear Bentley.

If you have not read the proof I left with you of "Public Policy" will you hardly substitute the enclosed. It is more complete

Yours truly

[illegible]

I am now in your parish — though at the other end of it.

4 Park Village East
N.W.

9th Dec 189

Dear Mr. Bunting

Thanks for your cheque for £20, (for article in Dec. Cont. Review) which appears to me munificent, & I am glad to gather that you are satisfied with my first venture in your argosy.

As regards Moulton's pamphlet, & recent purchasers, I don't

think that the latter consideration comes in at all, so long as we are only discussing <u>taxation</u>, and not land nationalisation. — that is, so long as we only mean a moderate <u>tax</u>, and not partial confiscation. I don't think even the most recent purchaser can be held to have been warranted free from ~~taxes~~ future taxes — e.g. a man who had invested his capital in cabs or carriages to let on hire could not legitimately complain of ~~the Wheel Tax~~ a higher license fee (cf. the analogous case of bicycles): nor that a man who had bought a ~~big~~ site for an advertising station could grumble at last years act which

made his hoardings liable to rates. I do not think that we are bound to those who profit by the existing order, either to maintain that order for ever in every detail, or else to recompense them pecuniarily for any change in it which is adverse to them. No Govt. compensates for loss through change of policy.

But the point is interesting

Yours very truly
Sidney Webb

30
~~25.~~ Oct. 89

27, KEPPEL ST.,
RUSSELL SQUARE.

Dear Mr. Bunting

I enclose the article on "The limitation of the Hours of labor" which you suggested, & which I hope you will not deem unsuitable. It is, I estimate, just under 11,000 words, & so may exceed by a page or two the limit you suggested, but I have spent the last few days in severe

compression, and I think the subject can hardly be completely treated at less length.

I have, I feel sorry to have to say, foregone the chance of a brilliant, showy or interesting article, because I wanted to get the Economic side of the question fully treated. This have never yet been done, either in magazine or book, & is especially worth treating clearly. (The July article in the Westminster was the feeblest of productions)

This has compelled me to forego a very large accumulation of facts as to foreign & Colonial laws &c., & has enabled me also to write an article entirely different from those which have hitherto appeared, anywhere.

I have chosen to quote, & refer to, authorities where I could

because I do not believe in each man treating such things de novo out of his own head. We ought to hang our lucubrations on to what has been done.

With that, I think the article would "take", & now commend it to what we officially call "your favorable consideration"

Yours very truly
Sidney Webb

Sydney &
Beatrice
Webb

Jan 7th 1911

Telephone No.
773 Mayfair.

3, Carlton Gardens,
S.W.

Dear Sir Percy,

It has been useless during the holidays to hold any meeting of the Anglo-German Committee, but one has now been called for Thursday next.

I have been thinking over the matter and have come to the conclusion that perhaps we are a little precipitate in drawing up a definite Constitution for the new Society. Surely that is a matter for the Executive of the new Society to study and to formulate. All we are called upon to do now is to put

pronounce some general propositions upon which we can all agree and which will settle the lines upon which the new Executive is to be elected when the first meeting of the gallant 600 takes place.

It seems to me that it would only be right to have at least half the Executive to be elected by the new Council and the other half can be nominated by the existing bodies. I have therefore increased the number of the Executive in my original draft scheme from 20 to 24 and have given six nominations to the existing Anglo-German Committee, 3 to the Albert Committee and three to the Ladies Committee. This would seem to be fair and ought to overcome all objections. So far as amalgamation or application are concerned I think the original formula is the right one. It may be the Anglo-German Committee and the Ladies Committee will amalgamate at once. The Albert Committee wishes I believe to affiliate at once and hopes very shortly that this will lead to amalgamation. But we must not forget the Christian Churches

Association: a very largely supported body. They would certainly not amalgamate now, but I think they would certainly affiliate. Our object should be concentration.

Yours sincerely

W. Lascelles

P.S.

You will observe that I have maintained the propositions with regard to the Duke of Argyll, Lord Aberdeen, and Sir Frank Lascelles by way of recommendation.

Dec 21. 1910

Telephone No
773 Mayfair.

3, Carlton Gardens,
S.W.

Dear Sir Percy,

I have only this moment received a copy of the Constitution of the Anglo-German Friendship Committee, so that we could not usefully discuss the statutes of the new society before the Christmas holidays, as I am leaving on Friday for France.

I shall be back in January and we can then meet and I hope come to an easy adjustment of my

proposals. The Constitution of the Anglo-German Friendship Committee never seems to have been submitted for ratification, as there has been only one meeting in four years and the Constitution was certainly not submitted then. It is therefore merely a project and can be usefully considered when we discuss the final terms of my proposals.

I will let you know as soon as I return and meanwhile send you all good wishes of the season.

Yours sincerely

Weardale

CLOSE TO S.W.R. STATION.
15 MINUTES FROM PUTNEY BRIDGE.
5 MINUTES FROM EAST PUTNEY.

THE PINES,
11, PUTNEY HILL, S.W.

22 Nov. 1910

Dear Sir Percy Bunting,

My friend, Lady Archibald Campbell, called upon me yesterday afternoon, and in conversation she told me that she had a paper on some occult subject that she wanted to place in some review or magazine. Without in the least knowing the nature of the paper, I told her that you might possibly like to look at it. She has contributed a paper or two to the "Nineteenth Century", but that was in Knowles's time.

I trust that you and Lady Bunting are well.

With kind regards, in which my wife joins,

Believe me to be,

Yours Sincerely

Charlotte Walker Bunting

To
Sir Percy Bunting
11 Endsleigh Gardens
N.W.

CLOSE TO S.W.R. STATION.
15 MINUTES FROM PUTNEY BRIDGE.
5 MINUTES FROM EAST PUTNEY.

THE PINES,
11, PUTNEY HILL, S.W.

17 Feb.y 1908

Dear Mr Bunting,

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to write an article for you some time, but not just now my hands are quite too full.

As to Mr Swinburne, it will be quite impossible, I fear, to get anything from him

When you do find time to call upon me, give me good notice so that our interview may not be cut short as it was before.

Knowles died at a good ripe age, and certainly had a most prosperous career.

Yours very sincerely,

Theo. Watts-Dunton

CLOSE TO S.W.R. STATION.
15 MINUTES FROM PUTNEY BRIDGE.
5 MINUTES FROM EAST PUTNEY.

THE PINES,
11, PUTNEY HILL, S.W.

23rd March 1910

Dear Sir Percy Bunting,

The fee, of course, will go to Mrs Leith in the usual way. If it came to me, I should simply say, "pay me what the review can stand," as I always do to magazine editors, but I should rather wince at your sending Mrs Leith a cheque for a sum under £20. She is a lady of great position, and, I fear, although the opposite of mean, that she would be surprised. On the other hand, literature is in a poor way just now, and I should not like for you to feel that in sending you this article I had made you pay too dear for your whistle.

Let me know whether or not the review can afford £20.

Yours ever

T Watts-Dunton

To
Sir Percy Bunting
11 Endsleigh Gardens
N.W.

The Pines
Pudney Hill
2 Jany 1901

My dear Mr Bunting

A cold, prolonged & severe, has so prostrated me that everything but itself has been driven out of my head. Day by day I have been hoping to write to you with definite acceptance or with a reluctant dismissal of the project you so kindly laid before me

But I must, not any longer
keep the matter open,
as you evidently have a
special liking for the
idea, and some one else may be found to carry it out
today. So dear I must
abandon the hope of
taking part in a literary
enterprise which certainly
has attractions for me.
Perhaps some other idea for
an article suited to me
may occur to you. Sometimes
you come in this
neighbourhood you say.

Could you not come to luncheon
or dinner here some day soon, or you may
go to a from your friend's house
at Wimbledon. Our heads, put-
together, might strike out something
practical perhaps. Let me know what
you think of this

Yours sincerely

Theodore Watts

— Watts-Dunton

Confidential.

141. Pilgrim Street.
Newcastle upon Tyne

WATSON. DENDY & BURTON.
SOLICITORS.

26th December 1898.

Dear Percy Bunting -

I have been much interested in yours of the 22nd in which you mention your conversation with Mr Haldane. It is quite possible that he is correct . I should be very glad if it is the case, ~~but~~ although I certainly have my doubts and have read several speeches of Lord R's recently with which I greatly differ. But I see no necessity for such a step as H and M have taken. Between ourselves, I have had an interesting correspondence with them , for I felt it necessary to write to them and tell them exactly what I thought. I have not got any clear account yet of why the step has been taken. My own view is, of course, that of the Little Englander. I do not believe that it is expedient or right to go on increasing our empire. The responsibilities which we have inherited we are bound to face and make the best of, but we have already responsibilities which are far greater than can be properly discharged by the combined wisdom of the best men in both parties. We have therefore from time to time to leave our work to be done by commercial deputies, and we are then exposed to the danger of seeing money and land take the place of honour and right. The Jingo or Imperialist or Big Englander is willing to accept any number of Bills, and to leave the payment of them when they become due to Providence. I have seen too much of the consequences of this kind of business in private life . It is neither wise , dignified, or safe. He confounds size with greatness, and does not see that Greece was greater than Russia ever can be just in the same way as Burns was greater than Chang the Chinese giant.

I do not think that the absolute difficulty in Foreign affairs or in party conduct is greater now than it was in the early days of my political life when Pam. and Lord John were fighting. They hated each other cordially but they did not run away from the Whig party. I have never known known what it was to ~~stand~~ serve under a Leader with whom I altogether agreed. We used to say that Foreign Policy could never be a matter of party politics. In 1884 I joined to Joseph Chamberlain's great disgust, but with the approval and assistance of Morley, I fought the Soudan question as against our own Government in the general committee of the Federation, and fought it successfully. I had a curious correspondence with John Bright upon the matter, his excuse for not helping me being that he would never do anything to embarrass Mr Gladstone. But I differ from H's Fashoda speech at the Mansion House as much as from any of R's, and, although M comes much more near to my individual feeling, yet our leading Positivist, after his speech at Leicester in March last told me that he thought M. was as great a Jingo as anyone. It thus becomes very much a question of individual standpoint, and we must ask ourselves whether we are going to oppose men who are with us on 7 points out of 10 because they do not see with us on the remaining 3. Of course, where the difference is a matter of conscience one must speak out at whatever cost, but we must differ as real friends differ, not as though we were differing from our bitterest political foes; much less must we run away from the field or from our party. That means simply, not merely throwing up the sponge but, abandoning all to those from whom we differ, not only on the 7 points but much

more widely upon the remaining 3 points than we differ from ~~other~~ our own Leaders.

You must pardon me for having written so much . I did not mean to but your letter is very suggestive. The whole business is deplorable: three leaders to have turned tail! I do not know which is the worst, but they all forget the sound Wills of the Party.

All good seasonable wishes for your Honour

Ever yours faithfully

Robert Spence Watson

20th Jany 1895

Bensham Grove
Gateshead-on-Tyne

Dear Percy Bunting

I want a line just to say that you did not go off early yesterday because of any ailment. I am quite anxious about you. I wished to have had an opportunity of saying to you that I think you were right when you found in Lord R. a truth & earnestness, and a depth of conviction, which many of us had not discovered. If he had not the serious disadvantage of being a rich lord we might have believed it

sooner. I think the meeting will come for good. No doubt heavy times are in store for us - The S. L. P. will work much mischief for a time, & the pity is that it should be this time when so many Social causes are so nearly triumphant. But "never dreamed though right were worsted wrong would triumph" must be our faith. I am personally in favour of grasping the nettle boldly, but we must pile men learn to wait.

It was peculiarly pleasant to have you with us.

Always faithfully yours

Robert Spence Watson

Benham Grove
Gateshead on Tyne
12th April 1890

Dear Mr Bunting

I have read the Referendum very carefully. It is no doubt an article which is well worthy of careful consideration & I am going to bind it with my Political Pamphlets. I cannot say that I am able as yet to come to ground in the matter. So sweeping a change cannot be thought out in a day. I have always had a kind of instinctive feeling that the plan might be very good for a small & thinly peopled country but was out of the question for us but this article puts a new face upon the matter.

I have always been in favour of a single Chamber. This certainly would remove the chief theoretical objections to the ending of the House of Lords.

I have also read with great interest Mr Schloss' article on "Industrial Co-operation" It is valuable. I have not heard for a considerable time of the Godin Iron Works. I had great hopes that they were going to lead the way in the reconciliation of labour & capital. But it is very good that all Co-operators should constantly have it presented to them in a reasonable & forcible way that they have departed far from their original & lofty ideal.

Yours faithfully
Robert Spencer Watts

SEFTON PARK CHURCH,
LIVERPOOL.

REV. JOHN WATSON,
18 SEFTON DRIVE

Jan. 24. 1895.

Dear Sir,

I am greatly honoured by your invitation to contribute to the "Contemporary". I shall think over your proposal & let you know whether I have anything that would be suitable.

Yours faithfully,

John Watson

Percy W. Bunting, Esq.

Durham

Feb. 7th 1891

My dear Sir

I have already felt
obliged to decline an invitation
to write a similar article
on my late dear friend Dean
Plumptre on the ground that I
did not know enough of the
earlier and as it seems to me

the more distinctive part of his life and thought which you rightly connect with his brother-in-law Maurice.

May I suggest to you any one of the following

Llewellyn Davies who you name;

Bishop Barry, a fellow pupil of Maurice and a friend through a circle;

Dean Bradley, an intimate Oxford friend an associate in the same class-list and through all after life an attached friend

Archdeacon Farrar, a pupil of Kingsley and always a sympathetic.

I earnestly hope that you will write to carried out, and must repeat that I cannot myself do as you are good enough to suggest.

Very faithfully Yours
H.W. Watkins

4 Washburn Gauge
+1 (White)

as part of the question
before passing elsewhere.

Truly yours
Cranmer

Oct 11. 88

My dear Sir.

I hope to have an article ready by 18 to 20th Oct.

The line I propose to take is to point out that much of our difficulty in the past has arisen from our taking over territory and then after a time leaving it, without any adequate provision to prevent our friends and allies in the country being injured and boycotted

that as paramount power

we are bound, while giving

the Dutch Republics freedom

of self government, to recognise

our responsibilities and exercise

the control of a paramount

power to secure friendly

relations. To prevent that

this could not have been

arrived at by carrying out

the federation scheme proposed

by the Colonial Office in 1876 -

and it strikes me that

only favorable arrangement

that the absorption of the English

Colony of Griqualand West into

the Cape Colony which is for

the most part Dutch is not

advantageous, and that we

should in future adjustments

take advantage of the

experience we have gained.

I think generally in

accordance with the

views I expressed in Read

Events in South Africa'

Contemporary Review 1886 -

I do not propose to

discuss the military

20. October

10, Wellington Crescent,
Ramsgate.

My dear Sir.

I understand that in South Africa. I have written a letter which will come at ~~some time or~~ 5 that it is 62 collars – I have given 3 signatures.

Yours faithfully
A. Wakley

Confidential & private

44, St George's Road,
S.W.

I have been told by several lawyers that if I had left out my resignation in the letter I wrote the other night that Mr. Matthews would have had to go & not me, as the direction to pass me was illegal: but I think it better as it is.

Mr. Davis advises me always to get the I of I authoritatively instructed to anything important as I was annoyed to the law courts

and the signature of any one
else was with him - but that
strictly speaking the direction
of the S of S himself could
not be accepted in law
to obtain one of any
responsibility, as it ~~only~~
rested upon me by act of
Parliament - Dr. Matthews
is great admirer of Mr a
so is Sir W. Harcourt.

Go to which Mr Matth

Matthews said regarding
any action concerning the
Receiver - it was simply
dust thrown in the eyes
of the public to conceal
something behind. I have
his letter of 4. June in
which he refers in consequence
of my representations after
the "establishment of a
more satisfactory system
than that which at present
exists"
As to economy: it was
also brought to his notice that

extravagance of the Receiver
and assure you that at
least £20,000 per annum
(equal to 200 constables) would
be saved if I had my
hand put check upon his
expenditure. In one single
matter about which I have spoken
I have effected a saving of
£4000 per annum on a
contract of £40,000.
The world does not know that the
Receiver buys sites, but does
the Stationery & buys stores & is
also the financial officer & there
is no check upon his proceedings
& I have only power to exercise the
legitimate check which is
entrusted to me but what I was
not allowed to exercise.

Yours faithfully
C. Warren

Confidential

Private

19. Nov. 1888

44, St George's Road,
S.W.

Dear Mr. Bunting

I think if I were just now to write it would be a great misunderstanding. I have sincerely my end: I felt it my duty to give a warning to the Jubilee. and the Jubilee now know that I have said that the Sec. of State has been acting illegally - if they do not choose to look into these matters for themselves

44, St George's Road,
S.W.

Stay only on the blame
Unless you can find a
"Heaven born" Leader you
can find no civilian who
can manage 1400 men.
He must be a soldier or
a sailor - commanding
men is a specialty.

The Committee of 1860
considered a soldier indispensable.
even with 800.
Sir Richard Mayne was an
exceptional man.

I have invariably concurred
in Sir Richard Mayne's proceedings
and my action has been
exactly the same as his.
He tele. to Lord Palmerston & Mr Davis
used to agree with me in
my action entirely & he used to
say while laughing at soldiers
as a rule that he had never
seen a case any one who knew
so much about the real position
of the police - Here is his
advice to me on a ~~short~~ particular
case "The Commissioner must
respectfully remind the Sec of State
that the Commissioner is under
a clear instruction legislative

duty with which the S of State
cannot interfere in"
Again the Committee of 1868
were convinced that the
Commissioners of Police & Police were
not under the Sec of State as
they said that they proposed
that the Police force should
be followed by Act of Parliament
absolutely under the control
of the Sec of State & that
the numbers of the officers
of Police should not appear
in ~~future~~ Acts of Parliament.
This proposal was I am glad
to say never carried into

14. Nov. 1888

44, St George's Road.
S.W.

Private

Dear Mr Burtney.

I am much obliged to you for your proposal, but I have been upholding a principle rather than fighting for myself – and I have by my resignation secured that which I was unable to obtain by recent three years constant representation. viz: the attention of the Government & public to the dangerous position in which the London police are placed by the Commission (as a Magistrate) being held

responsible without having the control.

It is an essential to all our civil liberties that the Political Ministers should not have the executive duties in connection with the administration of the Law. These lie, in law, entirely in the hands of the Magistrates who like the Constables are accountable to the Law Courts or in many matters to the Lord Chancellor for doing their duty – of course the Sec of State can remove a complaint to assign the Commissioner if he fails in his duty – but he cannot directly give orders to the Police Constables.

I for one am most jealous of our civil liberties – and have been fighting the battle of the people in protesting against the unlawful action from of a political officer with a Magistrates duty.

The Sec of State in Law should have asked the Commissioner to frame for Sec of State's approval an order to the Police about writing books &c. Had he done so I should have in duty bound complied, but he gave me an illegal order which I was bound to protest against.

I have it may be understood that the Conservative view of Politics should not be both in magnified & have direct contact of the Politic. I only this is laid down by Statute & can only be altered; and of Parliament.

The publication with our Say, not far distant, a cryptic that in my second action I have contributed not for the Celebration of the people & I trust I have succeeded. The subject is very unfortunately misunderstood at the present time by the public.

I have gained my object and for myself am content to wait for history to record the important steps taken.

I thanks very much for your kind note in writing. Yours Cranborne

W

86 Clarendon Street

10 Jan. 1886

My dear Sir.

I am most obliged for the Chegwin practice formula received.

I quite agree with you that South Africa cannot stand by itself for many years to come. I think that in a few years there will be two Dutch parties which will hamper our difficulties considerably

in the meantime we
ought to assist in promoting
emigration of Lighthousemen
Men. I believe it has
a great future as its
fertility is very great —
but the Duties of cutting
down all the trees and
burning the grasses greatly
are producing changes which
retard the progress of the
country.

Yours truly
Charles Warren

Prof. Bentley &c

44, St George's Road,
S.W.

1886

Dear Sir.

I send you MS.
"Open Letter." I think
it is about seven pages.

Yours
[illegible]

Percy Bunting Esq.

1464 R. I. Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 25, 1893.

To the Editor of the
"Contemporary Review",
London, England.

Dear Sir:

I send you inclosed an article that I have written entitled "Weismann's Concessions"; which I would be glad to have published in the "Contemporary Review" as my contribution to the general discussion

of these topics in your columns. As I am about the only one, with the exception of Prof. H. F. Osborn, who has taken an active part in this discussion on this side of the Atlantic, I thought it possible that you might give space to the article, and it would reach a much larger number of interested readers than if it appeared in any of our American magazines, no one of which has given special prominence to this subject. I take the liberty of also sending you by even mail a few of my former contributions, some of which have attracted the attention of the leading disputants on both sides of the controversy.

As I am retaining a duplicate of the article its return will be unnecessary in case you cannot use it, and I shall make no other use of it until I receive word from you, if this can be within the time requisite for the examination of the article and return of mail.

Very respectfully yours
Lester F. Ward

41, GROSVENOR ROAD,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

10th May, 1909.

Dear Mr. Bunting,

It appears from Ministers' public statements as if the Cabinet would, at no distant date, have to come to a decision between the different plans of Poor Law Reform. The Government will necessarily be guided, to some extent, by what seems to be the public opinion on the subject. The existing Poor Law Authorities are already actively engaged in persuading Mr John Burns to continue the Status Quo. On the other side, the majority of the Poor Law Commission, backed up by the Charity Organization Society, are ~~beginning~~ bringing to bear the influence of those philanthropists who are attracted by the Voluntary Aid Committees and a non-elective Public Assistance Authority. I have been appealed to by many persons to help in starting an organization which could be joined by those who accept the proposals of the Minority Report.

Would you be prepared to join such an organization? Your name and local influence would be very useful in itself. The organization would need also speakers, writers and help in committee and office work, which some members might be able to supply. It would need also money; I should hope to get £1000 for the first year's work, and one lady has already sent me £50. But subscription would be entirely optional.

A Meeting will be called shortly of those who may be willing to form such an organization. Will you send me your name and address so that particulars may be sent to you?

Yours very truly,

Beatrice Webb

(Mrs Sidney Webb).

4 Derwent Rd
Eastbourne

41, GROSVENOR ROAD,
WESTMINSTER EMBANKMENT.

16/3/11

Dear Bunting

I have asked the typist to post to you today Mr. Christopher Turner's article on certain defects in the German Sickness Insurance scheme, which seems to me well worth bringing out at this moment

I am afraid I am of no use now about G.C.C. Scholarships, for that I have for a year ceased to be a member of the Council. And we have let our house for a whole year! We are temporarily sojourning about for several months (not exactly idle!), in preparation for a long holiday trip to Japan, China & India, whence we hope to emerge next Easter, reinvigorated & freshly inspired — having done our

causes the great
service, meanwhile,
of withdrawing
our personalities!

Yours truly
Sidney Webb

Private 6.10.10

41, GROSVENOR ROAD,
WESTMINSTER EMBANKMENT.

My dear Bunting

Very sorry, I can't. But I am really anxious to be helpful in the matter; & it occurs to me that you might usefully send on the enclosed to high quarters. They really don't

realise, up there, position.
how things stand.

There is every
chance of the
debâcle of 1874
being repeated,
owing to the same
sort of misunder-
standing by
Liberals of the
Trade Union

Yr Sidney Webb