

Private



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Dear Clark

You will pardon
me for writing to you.

I suppose that everybody
does so who does not
interview you for you are
the man of the hour.

I hope you do not take
the wrong I had with you.

Mr. Williams' ~~expression~~
motion as I understand
it places you in a false
position.

The Braddonites at any
price or at too high a

price, the price, as far
as you are concerned, of
your consistency
the sacrifice of your
consistency, or if
that could be conserved,
possibly of your opinion
upon the subject matter
in dispute use the
argument of necessity.

But if Braddon
were as a result of
your enforced action
to go out of office,
the King would not fall
nor Daamania be
ruined. It is not
even certain, I think,



it far from certain,
that the Ministers will
go because you have
gone.

I was at the Down Hill
meeting. The men in
the Regular League
who want at any cost
to maintain the Ministry
asked the meeting to
press you practically
to rejoin it. Mr. Williams
and Fredon were listened
to impatiently and
Crooke was said you

could not return was
enthusiastically cheered.

I believe that our
return unless Bradon
unconditionally gives up
Imu Bay even if you
could bring yourself to
consent would be
generally misunderstood.

Yours very faithfully
J. M. Woolhouse