

7 November 1932.

Major L. Darwin, Sc.D.,
Cripps's Corner,
Forest Row,
Sussex.

Dear Major Darwin:

I have your letter of 5 November. I suppose your point about not expressing views save on request in a definite memorandum is to make sure that what you say shall be conveyed without omissions, and in your own words; and that, in any case, is desirable; though, as to whether you have views which you would like at the present to put before the Council in a memorandum, or not, your letter does not tell me.

You say that what you write would not please me, or Blacker, in some respects. I am not clear in this as to whether you are assuming that Blacker and I take the same or opposite views, and I have not discussed the point with him sufficiently to know myself, which is most likely. One thing I would urge, and that is you should not take my opinions at second hand. I probably in too many cases express myself too abruptly, and without sufficient regard to how I am being taken, but I have enough experience to know that what I

Major Darwin -2-.

think is often misunderstood, and consequently ^{liable} to be
misrepresented at second hand.

Yours sincerely,