

Dec 13 [1925]

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My dear Fisher

I was very sorry indeed to get your letter about what occurred at the Council and I do honestly think that you are making too much of it. I have had a great deal to do with Mrs Hodson now and have been thrown into very intimate contact with her, especially on our international expeditions. She certainly has a very bad memory, sometimes

exceedingly bad, but I have never seen the slightest signs of insincerity, I should be much grieved if that were to be proved against her. I know she muddles things in the office but my difficulty recently has been to get definite instances sufficiently established for me to quote to her. Those I have examined recently have all broken down; that printing business of yours was as far as I could see all the printer's fault. I do not know how

Carefully you examined into
the case and whether there
were any facts which did
not come before me.

Now about this affair. Do
you mind my writing to
Cutter about it? Or will
you ask him to write
direct to me. It is not
much use knowing about
these things ~~and~~ unless
I can speak to Mr. Hodson
about them and to do that
I want to be on the firmest
ground possible. I think
your idea about Mrs. Boyd
attending the committee

is a good one, although in this particular instance it would have done no good. Do you intend to have a Brit. Ass. Com.^{tee} at any time soon in the future? If you do you had better settle the day yourself and ask Mrs. Hudson to summarize it. Of course she has a certain number of engagements with which it would be as well not to clash. I think I began by saying that this particular matter did not strike me as seriously as it does you. I am worried over the whole situation and I also slept little

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the night after the Council.

My mind however was not dwelling on that particular episode. I drove away with Carr Saunders as far as St. James's Street chatting all the while and he did not mention it. Neither has Mrs. Hodgson mentioned it since then. I feel the whole situation is very difficult and I sometimes wonder how we shall pull through. I am dictating

this letter from bed for I have
a bad cold just come on,
if I don't answer all the points
you have raised this must
be my excuse.

Yours sincerely

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