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My dear Fisher.

Thanks for yours. What I want you to consider is the mathematical thoughts underlying my non-mathematical exposition of the view that general measures of economic reform are likely to be most effective. I think you had better read it all, but the part I mean begins on p.

As to Maurice, I am certain from all I hear that he is a high minded man, acting purely from a sense of duty. But, on the other hand, I don't see how he could be let off. If it were held to be right to utilize secret information to prove wrong

a government had behaved badly, there would be constant attempts to make men in a position of trust play this game. A man in Maurice's position could always be tempted by offers of good outside work if he failed to establish his case; though I feel certain Maurice himself was influenced by no such means. The Government servant must not be held responsible for the bad conduct of his chiefs, and it must not be held to be his duty to suppose the facts to establish any errors in those above him. If this is not the theory, then party politics will creep into the Army &

Civil Service with very bad effects.
Maurice may have been right, but for
some right things a man must suffer.
I think Lloyd George is a half
unconscious liar, and that in this
instance he did give erroneous
impressions, I fancy there is bad feeling
between him & his civil colleagues on
the one hand and the Army chiefs
on the other, and that Maurice was
where the explosion occurred. The
way Lloyd George avoided all
enquiry is very bad, and he will pay
for it in public estimation. But it is
the disastrous men he has made of
Ireland that alarms me even most
of all. I don't mean the recent
arrests, about which it is too soon
to judge.

Yours sincerely

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