

RIDEAU CLUB

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My dear Anna,

Yesterday

Received a very extraordinary  
letter from R., which I am  
sending to Mother, with the  
suggestion that she should  
show it to you. The way he  
looks at things makes me  
almost doubt his sanity,  
all I have insisted on is  
that ~~any~~ publication should  
be postponed until we are

Satisfied that the best has been done & love had a chance to do it. There is absolutely no reason for publication within a month or a year ~~if~~ <sup>or</sup> every argument for suitable delay if it can be bettered by it. Besides, the thing was really left in my hands & although I was very glad to see R's collaboration & got on very well with him as long as he acted in a gentlemanly way, I never resigned or intended to resign some control & oversight.

After thinking over it, I have today sent a cable to R. as follows,

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as a last chance. — "Cable before Thursday  
agreement to postponement publication  
until considered here, preventing legal  
injunction otherwise necessary!"

If he will not consent to wait, the only way  
I can stop the thing now seems to be as above,  
& I believe it can be done in that way.

I hope my Christmas Commissions will  
not bother Clare too much.

Yours

Scott.

