

Telegrams: "Animation, London."

Gladstone

Liberal Central Association.
41, Parliament Street,
London. S. W.

July 20th, 1903.

Dear Buxton,

If Bryce becomes President of the Committee, I will support him and become a Vice-President at your kind suggestion. I am not sure, however, whether it is altogether a wise step, but still I am heartily with you in your objects and will risk something.

Very truly yours,

W. Gladstone

Liberal Central Association,
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London, S.W.

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the Committee, I will support him and
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Very truly yours,

W. D. ...

2 Princes gate SW
Inch 10.

Dear Mr Gladstone
your letter puts me
in a great difficulty.
It is most distasteful to me
to refuse your appeal, & yet I
think I ought not to agree to it.
I have made every effort to
meet your views, by getting
information & enquiring on
the spot. & I do not think I
can win Kingswinford.
Therefore it would be no
service to stand there,

because they, who are
known locally, might win.

It seems almost distoyal to
refuse your appeal, but I have
done my best in several ways
to do some service to the cause.
Please do not think that I
am urging a claim. but I am
bound to say that having given
up my brewing directorship
in order to be free to stand,
I cannot afford to spend so
much as before, where my

chance of winning would be
very slight.

I am very willing to fight where
I might do the service of winning.
You kindly suggested Wile End.
Andrew Johnston (chairman of
Melrose County Council) & the
local liberal chairman have
been asking me to stand for
Walthamston. Now perhaps I
might be of use, because of
family influence & local friends.
& because the brewery men

largely live there.

Yours sincerely
Abel Burton

TELEGRAMS, LITTLESTONE.

Apr 25 '05

SANDYCROFT,

LITTLESTONE-ON-SEA.

My dear Buxton

When I saw Mr Spikes
he began by saying that
he thought Sir Wm Jolliffe
w^d be a strong candidate
& that if he w^d stand
he thought he had first
claim for consideration.

He did not think that
Sir Wm w^d accept. He
asked if you were
prepared to stand & I

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LITTLETON ON SEA
told him that you were.
He certainly gave me to
understand that on the whole,
ie having regard to the uncertainty
in the case of Sir Wm, he
considered that your name
should be suggested. And
he undertook to see you.
He must have changed
his mind. Obviously he
had not been changed
the interview if it had
been otherwise.

I am sorry that this
difficulty has arisen. Of
course Sir Wm. Pottins ^{sd}

is an excellent candidate
anywhere & he played U.S.O.
in '95. If Mr. Spokes
had said that he wd
speak for Wm. in the first
instance, that wd have
been quite the proper course.
But he ought not to have
allowed me to write to you
if all the time he meant

Write to Sir Wm.

Personally I had no communication
with Sir Wm. about this

constituency & you are quite
free to tell him how

the case arose

Truly yr.

W. Gladstone

Private



April 14 '05

My dear Buxton

W. S. Cameron. I have
just seen Russell Spoker.
He finds the expense too
heavy & w^old like to retire.
He is anxious not to cause
any difficulty & to arrange
satisfactorily for a successor.
Nothing c^d be nicer than
his attitude -

Will you see him with a

how long taking his place?
He wishes to make everything as
easy as possible for a new
candidate. He says that
the seat can be won.

He leaves for the Continent
on Wed: next. Will you
see him on Monday? His
office direction (where you
will find him) is -

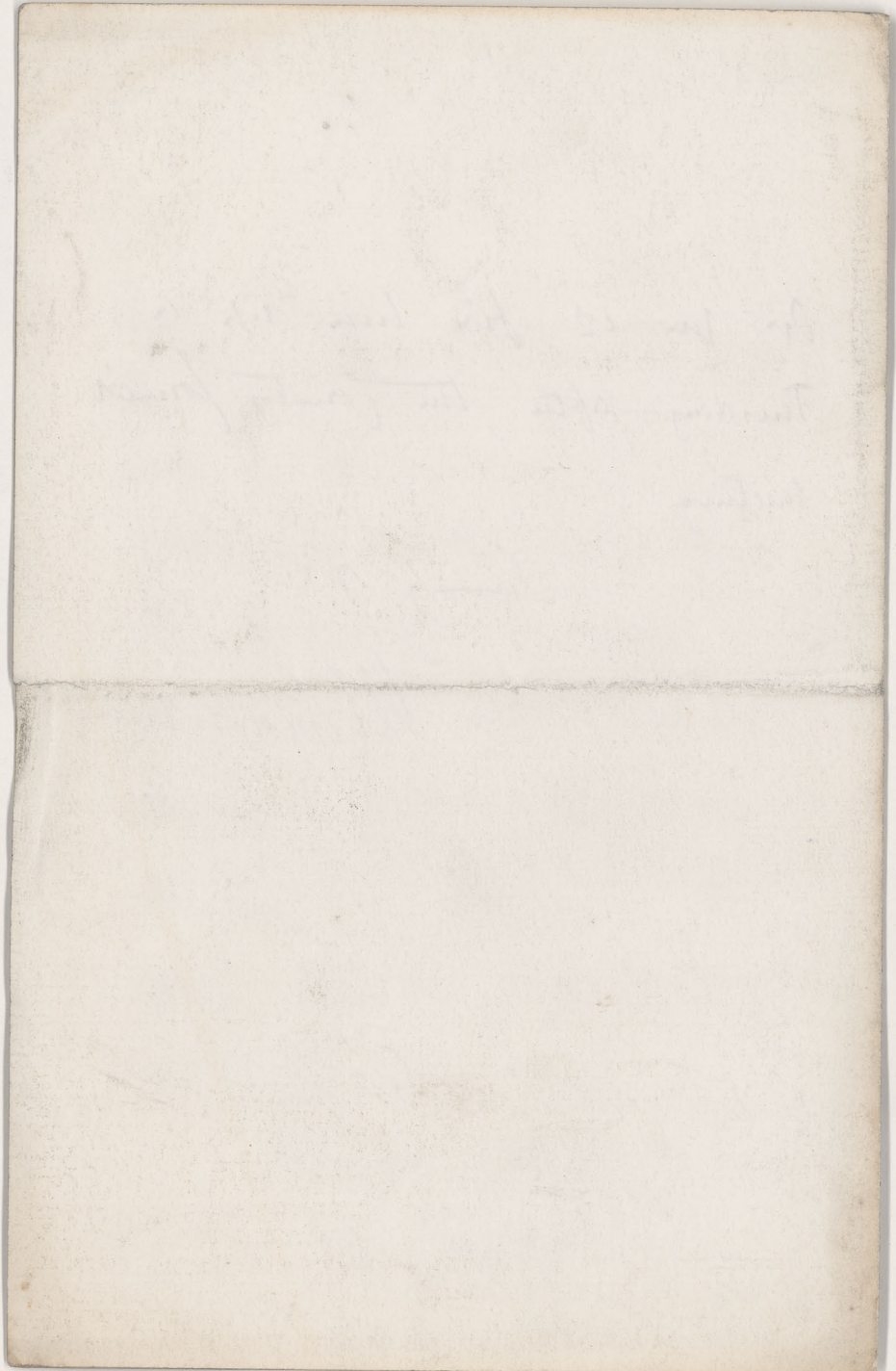
Russell Spoken to
20 Tothill St.

Westminster

As you ed fix him up on
Tuesday after the County Board's
meeting.

Sincerely
yours

W. M. M. M.



Private

4 CLEVELAND SQUARE

20.1.17

ST JAMES'

Dear Austin

I am obliged to you for sending
me your very interesting notes.

I am in general agreement with your
views excepting II (c). but that I
doubt the wisdom of provisions as
far as possible. But there are certain
conditions in which we shall insist

wh. are not those which primarily
appear to the President & America.

If we fundamental, they arise
legitimately out of the war. They may
be covered by the word 'operation'.

If we entered into confidential

Communications with the President I don't see
how at this stage we could disclose them
without weakening our position so far as the
Pres^{ts} is concerned. But if he did not
disclose them, he would have a right
to complain.

I think the Allies took a wise course in
laying down their conditions &
adumbrating others.

Yours so truly

W. L. Garrison