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Dear Mel

I am so tremendously sorry. It is a beastly nuisance. But the law has been so absolute, that bye-election winners should lose, that you could scarcely expect to escape.

You simply must get back to the House at once. One does so hope you won't 'weaken' on the idea of it. I am only so sorry at you have the extra trouble.

All the shine goes out of the party success when people like you and Charles don't get in. I say 'people like' you - but one means just you. They will want you rather badly there for the next 5 years.

yours
Effie Tompkinson.



Moel Buxton Esq

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S. W.

12 Holland Street.
W.
Wednesday.

Dear Noel.

The Admiralty seem to have forgotten to publish Adml Troubridge's excellent Despatches relating to the invasion of Serbia & the retreat. Would you feel like asking a question in the House - when they mean to do so. They tell very well a very fine story. The

offensive there, & if so,
whether ~~the~~ it is intended
to publish the same ~~in~~
when ⁱⁿ the war future

I am in bed, with the
flu; & that I suppose ^{is} why
the proposal to deprive
me of the whole of the
income in reliance upon
which I accepted the
service of the public a

but my professional
boats seems to me at
the moment so particularly
backwardly.

yours son

E. Young.

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longs of his mission -
there is nothing indiscreet
in them, & I think they
would cheer people up,
as the bright spot on
a dark page.

(I may say so, *quia pars
minima!*)

I suppose, (to ask) the First
Lord whether any despatches
were received from the
Head of the British Naval
Mission to Servia since the
beginning of the late

12 Holland Street, W.
Saturday.

Dear Noel

You are very reassuring:
so I will live ⁱⁿ hope that my
first speech will not be my
last too.

No! the despatches will
not increase Serbophilism?

(I have not ^{now?} prejudice against
that -ism myself, but that
is by the way). They deal
with the doings of the
Admiral & his band: & why
I think people would be

cheered by them is because
of the fine story they
tell of Kerr and his
naval gunners, which is
really rather an epic.

Yours

Edelton Young.

Levin Camp

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Ernest

Dear Noel,

I am quite in agreement with a good deal of what is said in your letter to A. But there are several things which must prevent me from joining you in sending it.

First, as regards what you do say:

(1) I do ~~approve~~ ^{desire} to see the disintegration of the Austrian Empire. True, I am not prepared to go on fighting, as an Englishman, for that alone. But I do not doubt, that it would be a good thing: and I should not care to join in an expression of opinion of even so mild a friendliness towards Austria as that in para. 5. page. 1.

(2) I do not think that the war in its present stage is being continued for ~~some~~ mere "Victory". We are still fighting for our own preservation, & for the restoration of the oppressed small nations. Neither end is

Obtainable in the present state of military affairs (para 2. page 2)

On the other hand, on your main point, that theory ③ is the right one, & theory ④ the wrong, I am all with you.

But I am convinced that we are not yet in a position to obtain the settlement required even by this more moderate theory.

Where then I differ from you most is not in what you do say, but in what you don't say. You don't say that in your opinion the war must be waged with all vigour until we are substantially in a position to obtain in a much better position than we are at present: and that seems to me, unfortunately, the first thing to be said in any pronouncement about the situation.

All of which, I fear, will only make you think that I am amongst the goats!

yours ever

Edw. H. Young.