

The Guardian Office,  
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Dear Mr Baxton,

I thank you for the opinion  
you sent me the other day from  
the "neutral diplomatist". I wonder  
if he holds by the same view  
now? the status quo in the East  
is gone - Will Germany under  
any circumstances consent to  
its restoration? It is hard to  
believe -

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr. Buxton,

I am much obliged for your letter of yesterday, but I hardly think the present time is one in which it would be of the slightest avail to broach the question of peace in any form to the Central Powers. Should their present offensive fail, as I trust it may yet fail, then there may be a fresh chance. For the moment the question of Ireland is the dominant one, and on that it might be worth while to turn out the Government in the interest even of the war. But they seem to be recognising their danger, and may yet go far in concession.

Yours sincerely,

*C. H. Stott*