

**Transcription of letter from H. Ferguson Watson to Mr Crombie, 28 July 1914**

H. M. Prison  
Perth,  
July 28, 1914

Dear Mr Crombie,

Let me thank you most cordially for obtaining for me the extra leave. It will be very nice indeed to have the week-end.

I told the Governor, as you requested, about the extra & how it came about.

As I have indicated from the first, Arabella Scott would never give in & that she ought to get as long as possible to begin with, I regret very much that she should return at once to militancy, at least; I presume so owing to the letter she has sent to the Editor of this morning's "Herald". She ends it by repeating the statement made to the Chairman "I feel more militant than ever". I have been satisfied all along that she would defy all authority as soon as she went out. There is little doubt but she is about to do something desperate - she is practically an anarchist & further she believes that every act of destruction draws public attention to their cause. Should anything very serious happen you may feel certain it has been done by the hands of Arabella Scott. I have formed such opinions by allowing her to have her own say over long periods when I put the wardress out of hearing but never out of the Hospital. With grateful thanks for your kindness.

Yours sincerely  
H. Ferguson Watson

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