

**Transcription of letter from Mr Dodds to D. Crombie, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1909**

11 Rutland Square  
Edinburgh  
23 Oct[ober] 1909

Dear Mr. Dodds,

Your letter to Colonel McHardy was not delivered here until after we had wired you asking authority to liberate three of the Dundee suffragettes, but on its receipt the Sec[retary] for Scotland's instructions as to liberating them on medical grounds were immediately telegraphed to the Governor of Dundee Prison. I sent the second telegram to you to let you see that your letter to the Chairman had been received.

The Com[missione]rs wanted Sir Thomas Fraser to go to Dundee to advise with Professor Stalker about feeding these women, but unfortunately he is in London, & Dr. Sturrock (Perth Prison) who has had a good deal of asylum experience & feeding patients by tubes, was asked to go instead. I went to Dundee Prison y[ester]'day afternoon & saw the Gov[ener] & Drs Stalker & Sturrock. Dr. Stalker will call in what medical assistants he wants & is to obtain the services of one or two trained nurses, if he can get them to come, but owing to local feeling he thinks he may have difficulty. Everything will be done to carry out S[ecretary] for S[cotland]'s instructions properly.

Col[onel] McHardy did not think it necessary to send the M[edical] O[fficer] to Newcastle.

The Colonel left early y[ester]'day with the Master of Polwarth for Greenock, Ayr is & is expected back this evening.

Yours very truly,  
D. Crombie

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