

Transcription of letter from Walter Scott, Master Polwarth (Secretary for Scotland) to John Lamb, Under Secretary for Scotland, 27th June 1914

Confidential

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My dear Lamb,

As I was leaving the office today (Sat) the enclosed letter was handed to me by a Post Office messenger.

Its content are of such a nature that I think it right to send it on at once to you in order that if you think fit you may give it to the Lord Advocate who I understand is considering the matter. I also understand the English Police are already trying to find Miss Allan liable in connection with the movement and the damage done.

As regards the deliberate threat about the Kings visit I had of course already anticipated that the opportunity would be taken for some form of demonstration by the militants.

I hope the C I D will take steps to watch well known militants who may come to Scotland. As you know both these women referred to by Miss Allan are being fed and in a day or two at latest those outside will know that this must be to or else they would have been liberated.

I do not propose to answer Miss A in any way. There was a letter for Dr Devon of which the contents are probably similar.

She has been trying to see him in Glasgow at his house. They came to our office the outer door of which we now have to keep locked. Miss Scotts sister rushed into my room a shortw[hile] after I had sent a message that I would not see them.

I had to threaten forcible removal before I could get her away of course I refused to answer any questions.

I was at Dundee yesterday [but] I [conducted] [...] called at the office of comm[issioners]. Miss Allan's letter is perhaps only one more attempt to prevent feeding. Miss Scott is doing well & not resisting[,] the other is more difficult as yet proving.

Walter G Scott

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