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BERKELEY SQUARE, W.

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I am extremely obliged for your letter of the 4th, and for your kind offer of assistance. I am receiving from many quarters evidence that the views which I have endeavoured to express are widely shared. I am told that there is some idea of reprinting the letter in pamphlet form, but I am not taking any steps in the matter myself, and apparently the publishers will have to recken with the Censor.

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TELEPHONE,

LANSDOWNE HOUSE, BERKELEY SQUARE,W.

2nd November 1919.

my dear Buxton

I hope you will not think me discourteous if I ask you to excuse me from signing the letter of which you are good enough to send me a draft.

I am endeavouring at this moment to keep out of press controversies, and it has, indeed, been impossible for me during the last few weeks, owing to the state of my health, to give a sufficient amount of attention to the extremely difficult questions which constantly arise out of the so-called Peace Treaty.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,
May 2nd, 1904.

Sir:-

I am desired by Lord Lansdowne to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated March (April ?) 29th, in which you inform His Lordship that the leaders of the Macedonian insurgents have recently made enquiries in London as to the meaning to be attached to the declaration made by Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords on February 15th. Upon that occasion Lord Lansdowne expressed a hope that the proposals embodied in the Murzsteg Scheme would be given a fair trial, and he added that if the scheme "after having received such a trial, fails to produce the results which we anticipate then I think noble Lords will be amply justified in reminding the Government of the pledges which they have given, and in calling upon them to put forward more drastic and more thorough measures of reform for these longsuffering provinces".

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The passage which I have quoted does not seem to Lord Lansdowne to require elucidation. Although the progress hitherto achieved has been in some respects disappointing, the Műrzsteg Scheme cannot, in Lord Lansdowne's opinion, yet be said to have been fairly tried and to have failed.

His Majesty's Government must therefore reserve to themselves the right of deciding, in concert with other Powers interested, whether any, and if so what further action on their part might hereafter be justified by the circumstances, or calculated to produce useful results. It would be impossible for them to make an announcement of the kind invited without reference to the views and intentions of the Powers concerned.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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