

When I dictated this I had mis-read your initial, but I have noticed the mistake however the letter is equally appropriate

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36, Eccleston Square, S.W.

30th December, 1916.

Er J Simon & Co B

(Note) 31

My dear Buxton,

Thank you for sending me your interesting notes on American opinion. Your brother Noel made an interesting speech on the same subject on the last day of the Session. I will not attempt to deal with all your points seriatim, but these two observations occur to me.

First, I have no doubt at all that the War must end by a negotiated settlement. Unconditional surrender was an impossible formula even in the case of the Boers. But this is not the same thing as saying that any and every proposal made by Germany, whatever the accompanying circumstances, must be the beginning of negotiations. I hold strongly that the business of Germany if she wants to negotiate peace, is to indicate the general nature of the settlement she contemplates as possible. But of course the same proposition applies to the Allies, and I hope they will follow this line.

Secondly, I think the future peace of the world, which depends not only on the actual geographical terms on which the War ends, but on the way in which it ends, and the

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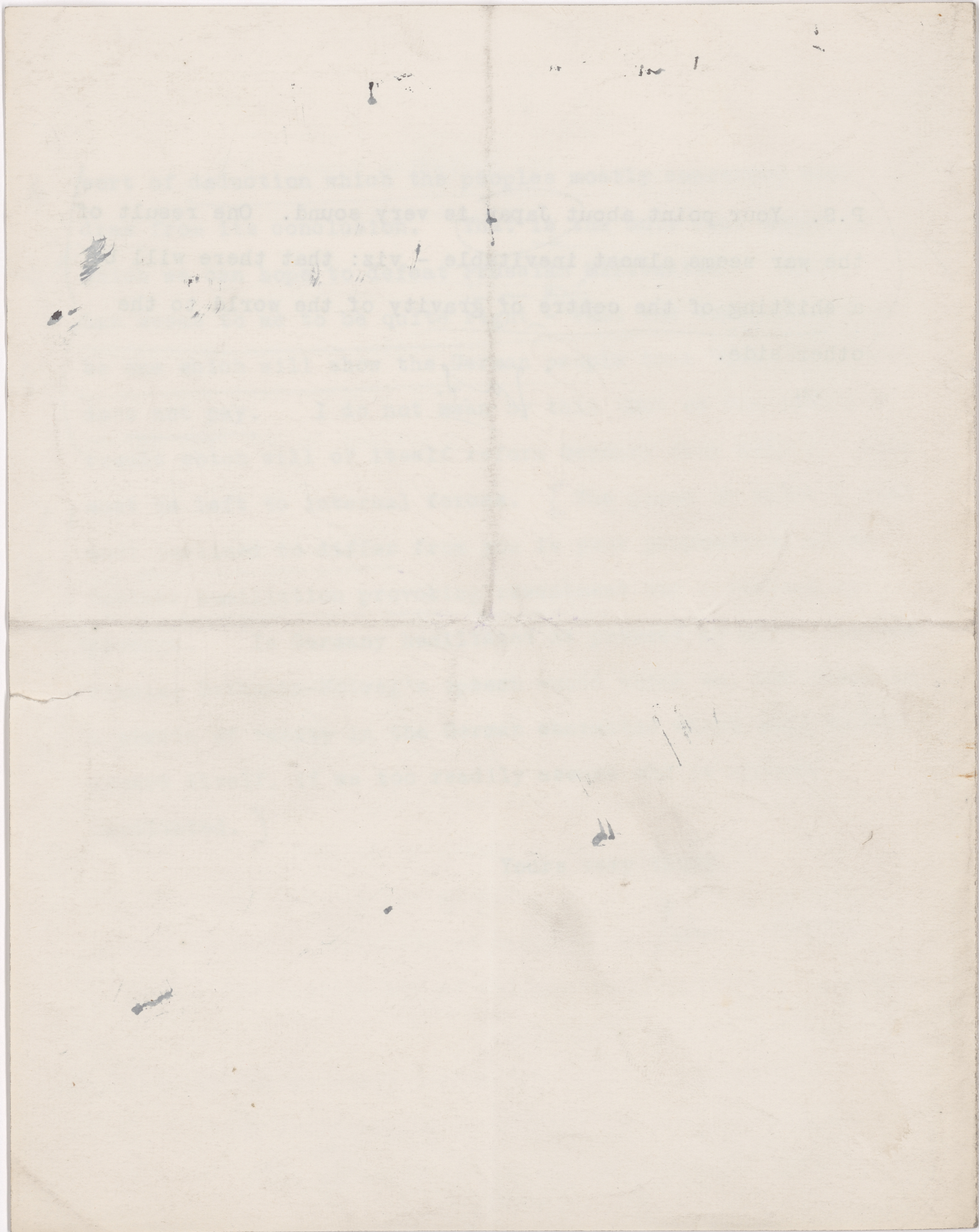
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sort of deduction which the peoples mostly concerned will draw from its conclusion. That is the only real sense in which we can hope to defeat Prussian Militarism. Bonar Law seems to me to be quite right <sup>in matters</sup> - that the conclusion must be one which will show the German people that "frightfulness" does not pay. I do not mean by this that we can secure a result which will of itself reform Germany from within; that must be left to internal forces. [The point on which I feel most inclined to differ from you is your proposition about further humiliation provoking resentment and a feeling of revenge. Is Germany humiliated at present at all? No-one reading Bethmann-Holweg's speech would think so, and there is a strain of vanity in the German character which will surely assert itself, if we too readily assume she is already humiliated.]

Yours very truly,

John Simon

7 P.S. Your point about Japan is very sound. One result of the war seems almost inevitable - viz: that there will be a shifting of the centre of gravity of the world to the other side.

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~~After reading this~~

① evidence.  
② Erskine self. rambling but not  
to my <sup>my</sup> ~~sub~~ essential evidence - <sup>grammar!</sup> W.14.  
Boston Inquirer. 6th March 1933.

Dear Lord Noel Buxton

I am very much obliged to you for sending me Mr. Erskine's communication, which I have read with great care. It seems to me the paper is very rambling and not very well put together. When I could disentangle the facts into anything like order it makes a very depressing inditement. If, as he says, that the Emperor raises a dense polite smoke screen to hoodwink us, how can we build our hopes on his promise of emancipation? (You make no comments yourself I notice except some remarks in the margin about which my husband asked as who was to the writer: I presumed they were your notes.) At the moment I showed the paper to the Foreign Secretary he said he would have it looked over by someone in the Foreign Office, but as events have moved with such rapidity with regard to Geneva and China & Japan, he is absolutely

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overcome with work that I am afraid I cannot  
keep him to his word.

On the whole, although I never turn  
down information, as the kernel of it may be  
true, I am afraid I am not deeply impressed  
with Mr. Erskine's letter. It is certainly  
very depressing reading, and in case any  
opportunity came that the Foreign Secretary  
could show it to someone at the Foreign Office  
I have taken the liberty of having a copy made  
in order to keep by me, so as to let you have  
the original back as soon as possible. I  
should very much like it if you would write  
and give me your opinion, if you have a moment.

Yours very sincerely,

Kathleen Simon

P.S. Perhaps you would care to discuss the  
document with Mr. Murray of the F.O. yourself.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Noel-Buxton.

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By Simmons

71 ADDISON ROAD  
W.14.

9th March 1933.

Dear Lord Noel Buxton

Thank you very much for your letter received this morning, which is indeed a valuable addition to my information. I am just writing to assure you that I will not <sup>and,</sup> and never had thought of sending the letter to the Foreign Office. I told you about making a copy because of wishing to have it by me. I must say your five remarks are really terrible in regard to the situation in Abyssinia. I know it will be a very slow process, but one does want to get a little active move on. I do feel that you have done a tremendous lot towards tearing the veil aside of Abyssinian intrigue and slavery and we owe

you a great debt of gratitude for what  
you have done.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Smior

The Rt. Hon. Lord Noel-Buxton,  
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HOUSE OF LORDS,  
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In any reply  
please quote No.

*War aims*

1st August, 1940.

My dear Noel-Buxton,

Thank you for your letter of July 31st enclosing a note of the speech you made in the Secret Debate on the 24th. It is one of the disadvantages of a Secret Debate that there is no opportunity of reading a record of what people said in it, and more particularly of what was said when one was not personally present. I was very sorry to miss your speech and am glad to have the lines of it to consider. I should feel a great deal of sympathy with what you say were it not that it appears to me really impossible to regard Hitler in his present mood as a party to whom any argument based on reason and broadminded policy can be addressed. I am convinced that he has first got to be undermined, either in the military field or in ~~the~~ domestic field. When that happens, reason may have a chance.

At the same time, I read your document with a great deal of sympathy, more particularly in your references to the change brought into the general

problem by the collapse of France.  
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With kind regards,  
yours sincerely,

*Simon*

The Right Hon.  
Lord Noel-Buxton.

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House of Lords,

S.W. 1.

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) SIMON.

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Pisson July 31 S.W.

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am, exp, of y are 3 triden.

If I drop out, others gain?  
He assumes Am power, needs.  
Admits <sup>whereas Govt wants pd relations.</sup> no final war.  
if we injure

US, Am wd suffer.  
But we shant.

We shant put on tariff yet Am  
bec we want cotton & meat.

[Had not seen Wilson's speech?  
[Carb et am for "placitudinous  
verbiage" & says they shd say  
what fleet to ~~send~~ they mean.  
Why shd they keep seas for Am  
I am keep us force?



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Home Office,  
Whitehall,  
S.W.

You understand, of course, that I am writing  
privately as to a private friend, and, I may add, in a  
very great hurry!

Ever yours truly,

*John Simon*

Noel Buxton, Esq., M.P.,  
37, Kensington Square,  
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Home Office  
Winchell  
N.Y.

You mentioned, of course, that I am writing  
privately to a private friend, and I say all in a  
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Yours truly,

Permanence  
Episcopoletyprax

All agreements  
reputed - posthumous  
lines to Selma

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