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My dear Margaret, —  
I pricked up my ears last night when you said you were considering making the statement on MPs pay yourself. It is typical of your generosity to make this offer but I feel it would be better if I needed it. Otherwise it would look as if I was pushing away from it.  
As you know I put my cards on



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The table at cabinet and they were  
given back to me. I have considered  
my position on this and I will  
loyally abide by the collective decision  
- the alternative course which I have  
considered would be to go - but  
I do not think it is that sort of  
issue.

Would you please take the letter  
into account when considering your plans



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Dear your Nephew:

P.S. I am now very vulnerable in the House + I would be grateful if you could help me a bit with the procedure compromise proposals - otherwise my position really will be undermined.