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THE PRIME MINISTER

Sunday, 21st Nov
1912

My dear Mr. Tennyson,

It was with genuine
sadness that I read your letter,
knowing just how you feel, and
that words can be of little comfort
to you. Mr. Telford was a fine
man and the tragedy is that in
after life our best men, they are
the first to try to help others. What a
sorrow has befallen you & his family
it is our best men who have
made our country stand for all the

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fine and noble things that we
call "Statistics".

You ask, "why?" what are
we doing. I can't tell you
with statistics of more police, better
pay, more prisons, longer sentences,
prisons and so on. And we still
have to do more if these things
are not enough.

Capital punishment, I have
always voted for it, and will do
so next time the matter is debated
in Parliament. But we have not



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been in the majority, and I request
that those who think as I do will
be in the next Parliament.
On this matter it has always been
accepted that M.P.'s vote not on
a party whip, but as individuals.

I wish I could be more
helpful but I have made my
own views clear.

May I submit my

Sympathy to you, to his
widow and his mother.

Yours very sincerely
Margaret Fuller



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My dear Mr. Duffell,

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to you. Mr. Dufford was a fine
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often lose our best men. They are
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five and more things that we
call "Problems".

You can see, however, what we
are doing. I can see that we are
with statistics of unemployment, but
pay more prison, longer sentences for
prisoners and so on. And we shall
have to do more of these things
we are doing.

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