



so grave as to lead to serious disagreement with his colleagues. He never hinted in the most remote way that our views either indicated a departure from old principle or an arrangement with the Government, and neither in private conversation nor at Party meetings did he foreshadow what he has done. I am enclosing only for your own private information a part of a letter which I thought of sending to the Labour Leader, but which I did not send because on due consideration I decided to take no further part in the controversy <sup>in</sup> public. So far as the Finance Resolution is concerned, ~~as~~ <sup>though</sup> Mr Snowden was in the House at the time he did not attend the meeting of the Party at which the question could have been raised.

With the latter part of your article I am in most hearty agreement. The desire to become Members of Parliament and the thought of Parliament to the exclusion of everything else in the minds of the Party, have been an evil which I, for one, never foresaw, and yet it has unfortunately become the biggest obstacle in the way of further progress.

Yours very sincerely,

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