



Private.

10, Downing Street,  
Whitehall.

19th May, 1933.

James Leatham Esq.,  
The Deveron Press,  
Turriff. Aberdeen.

My dear Leatham,

I was very glad to have yours of the 16th. Neither you nor I have time to enjoy ourselves by frequent letters.

I want to remove from your mind every idea that either my colleagues or I fail to consider ourselves as Labour men. In doing what we did, we believe we rendered Labour a great service, by steadying the country at a time when lack of confidence and a continuation of a feeling of insecurity would have brought disaster which the wage earners would have had to bear. The substitution of Poplarism for Socialism, and of the smallest-minded partisan political manoeuvring for Labour policy, will have to be stopped before we can make one substantial step of a conscious kind towards a Socialist state. These ideas, and these ideas only, are in my mind when I say that the Labour Party cannot be left alone to pursue a policy

of /