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My dear Dick, I like your check! -
not hard in reply to your last letter!
You never answered my Last Cutters.
- old bluffer. You and Asquith are
a pair. No - this sort has fumbled
the issue - both parties have & they
are now laying their heads together to
see how they can dish Ireland - under
a "Federal Solution" - a Federal Solution
means our old friend Devolution
back again. I think the sort has
shown themselves quite contemptible
that is the opinion of every man,
woman & child in Ireland.
After this "grave and unprecedented
outrage" to them and the man
with the illegally imported rifle

to kindly state his terms!

The whole game now is for the
two English parties to save their face
abroad - The World is watching
+ the impotency, indiscipline,
lawlessness and inefficiency
of the Army and its Heads
has to be covered up at all costs.

It is quite clear to every Irishman
that the only rule John Bull
respects is that of the rifle.

He got it from Bothe & Shants
late - and now he is getting it
from "Ulster" - and he takes it
lying down.

If they think - as they do - that

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A hypocritical sham called
"Federalism" is going to settle

the "Irish Question" — the question
they both made — they are going
mistaken. Before I die, I mean

God, I'll raise the English

Question — I mean its solution

the chief core of Europe.

They are not to be trusted
— that's my firm conviction — held
from childhood & strengthened daily
now. They have never been true

Rulers at heart any more than
the Tories — were only trying to pass
the Bill so as to keep their Parliament
Act. I hope they were bored!

Ireland can go out again into

the wilderness — for 40

Years — and bide her time.
They will not dish Ireland —

they may dish Redmond.

But Redmond is not Ireland.

Howe'er trusted he may be & is,

this country & people have a faith, ability

a surety no political trickery of

any English party will destroy.

The vital question for England, &

she only knew, is to secure Irish

friendship. and God will on terms of

Equality. She wants to keep Ireland

as a piece of real estate

& thinks it belongs to her — instead

of to its own people. Well — well

live on and hope on & will on.

The Bill may or may not pass -
 most of us don't care a damn now.
 We knew all along it was a makeshift
 - but we were prepared to take it & make
 it work. Now with this fresh

development it is plain that
 all that will be left for Ireland
 under this Bill will be the bones.
 The flesh will be divided between

"The two English parties - 49 Carr,
 "Ulster" will accept, or Saustin,
 or allow anything that means
 the making of a national settlement."

The "Federal Solution" is the biggest
 lie yet started - I've been writing for
 it for a long time - & now we know
 it will be in view.

There are about 10 English M.P.
I'd trust over Ireland - none of them
is in the fort.

I may be in London next week
possibly - on my way abroad.
I'm not quite sure yet. I'm awfully
busy - If I can get an Entente

Cordiale up between my Volunteers &
the Ulstermen will join hands & put
John Bull back in England - his
proper place. He has fumbled Ireland
with only $\frac{1}{2}$ of one province of
Ireland - if we can join up all four
it is a new day for the world.

It will come sooner or later - that junction
union of hearts - & then will have Home Rule
& much more. Love to May & all
good luck dear pestered old Dick.
Yours ever
Rodere.