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Dearest Rosalind

I have 'consulded' on your 3 questions: but probably you know all I have to say already:

(1) L^d G. Hamilton has now given way & the Mansion House Fund will now be started, as you see.

(2) It would be an excellent thing if the Daily Chronicle would send out a "Commission" "With Camera & Weighing "Machine" (this is what I am told)" to report on the

Famine". The question
has been discussed - has it
not? With Mr. Massingham
And he is not unfavourable
to the idea - He of course
you know, if true, the man
he has in his eye is Mr.
Morgan Browne, - the former
Secretary to "India" & to
the Society at the Palace
Chambers, - Who has quite
"a genius for figures & a
"accuracy" & would make
an excellent & fearless
Commissioner (the man who

wrote the articles in the D. C.)
he has been a good deal in
India
(3) [I rather mistook your
2nd question - for I thought
you wanted a man to go
into the poverty of the
peasantry & its causes
& the action upon it of
the Civil Courts &c &c]
Your 3d question is most
important - for the famine
is only the symptom &
What we want to get at
is the cause of the disease

The disease is the excessive poverty of the people (& no reserve of food) which makes them die in hundreds of thousands from the failure of one harvest.

We thought Mr. Caine's speech at the Congress most injudicious - but the Cause of the poverty undoubtedly is that the expenditure of India is beyond her means.

This is what should be argued about before

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Parliament - not a Congress.

The first step towards a remedy is to get the Ho. of C. to realize & fulfil its responsibilities in this matter, & one of the ways of getting it to do this would be, would it not?, by appointing each year a Select Committee to examine & report on the "Indian

× The officials, instead of getting light & knowledge from the people, angrily resent all attempts to show them the truth to themselves

"Budget".

I am afraid you will
think me a broken reed
But you will know
I wish you all success
& joy.

Ever your loving
Aunt Florence