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**[LETTER FROM LORD GRANVILLE.]**

Royal Crown  
(Crest)

Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1949  
Government House  
Hillsborough  
Northern Ireland

Dear Major Matthews

So glad to get your letter of Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> the day before yesterday in time to remind me to send Mrs. Boyd a telegram tomorrow morning. This is only a line as I have got a filthy cold, the first I have had for at least 18 months, and so am going to turn in early for tomorrow morning and afternoon ceremonies. [*Note: Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 6, in British Isles.*]

How I do agree with your remarks about the British Empire. Our present bad rulers have been busy chucking it away, and that disloyal and dishonest Stafford Cripps says Englishmen ought to be ashamed of being Englishmen because of our Empire. Decent people are ashamed that Cripps is an Englishman. His word is now worthless. But what can one expect of a crank who lives on tomato juice.

All the best

Yours sincerely,

Granville

PS. I went into our gallery in the House of Commons for a couple of hours one day to listen to the devaluation debate. Winston was sitting bang opposite, feet up on the table and eyes shut. That beastly Aneurin Bevan was speaking. Always before he has had to speak before Winston and so has had to pull his punches. This time he came after and so let himself go. He never said one word about devaluation or the economic crisis. It was nothing but invective Hyde Park soap box snob oratory with the socialists roaring applause. The scene eventually made me think of an old lion having his afternoon slumbers only slightly disturbed by a snarling hyena with a pack of yappy jackals behind it. Like all of them it is quite regardless of facts and truth.

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