**Alice Stopford Green to Casement**

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**Casement note:**

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**[with one page in Casement’s handwriting summarizing it.]**

5 Sanford Terrace,

Dublin,

Aug 16

My dear Knight of the Continents,

Your cable about your sister followed me here, and I sent my niece to see her since I could not ‑ who found her well and cheerful and about to pay a visit to friends at Ballycastle. So I am sure you need have no anxiety.

The changes here go so fast that it is scarcely worth while or possible to write. Our one first need is rifles. But no more gunrunning. None to be had from America. Eoin MacNeill's messenger to War Office, Major Crean, was put off with no answer, and they control all English supplies. We must get them somehow. Eoin MacNeill is raising here a guarantee fund to buy and sell again, and with the proceeds buy again. A meeting will be held tomorrow to settle it all. And then the rifles! I suppose we'll get them somehow.

Redmond bought 10,000. Instead of E. Childer's plan, he loaded up at Antwerp. No sooner started than a telegram from the sellers to Grey ‑ who telegraphed to all the Irish coast. The ship arrived to be turned back by a cruiser, with no water; another steamer sent in search; disappeared like the first. The guns now supposed to be at Antwerp.

Meanwhile those at Howth have never yet been collected at used!!! [??] I am agitating about that every day. I can't conceive anything so foolish and inadequate. No one knows who has them. You may fancy what E. Childers thinks!

We want rifles to bargain with the War Office. A few unofficial proposals as to the Volunteers are buzzing around the last two days. None official. The Party remain hidden and invisible. Our little War Office is drawing up a possible scheme to present when any proposals are made, amid the deep silence of the Government and Redmond.

This week some shape may emerge out of chaos. All organisation stands still. Mary Spring-Rice ??have been working all the week. The end of every road and alley is blocked by Westminster. Confound them! What art is wearing out the spirit of a people ‑ God help us.

I am not like many people. I don't like Redmond's "great speech" ‑ and I think the war will do nothing good for our cause, It may ruin it. What confusion it has brought to the real issue for us. Nothing can save our cause now but a strong Volunteer force armed and at home. Asquith's offer is to arm and train a corps here if we give him 10,000 recruits for his second army.

Well, I wish you were at home. No foreign aid will ever reach us, and we have to settle our fate here.

Erskine Childers is over working; like fury at our War Office. Mrs. Childers comes now. I stay on indefinitely to see what I can do here. Before this reaches you, you will Know more than I do now. Carson is more brutal and violent than ever ‑ and his army more conciliatory. Col. Moore found the leaders in Derry only too anxious to meet and do joint work with him. The other day at a great procession the two forces marched side by side in front, the Irish band leading them.

Well I can write no more. All good to you,

Yours as heartily as always,

(sgn) AS Green

**[In Casement’s handwriting handwriting, separate sheet of paper:]**

Extracts from letter from Dublin dated Augt 16. 1914 from Mrs. Alice S. Green, the illustrious Irish Historian, to a friend in New York.

Mrs. Green's great works, "The Making of Ireland and its Undoing" and "Irish Nationality" have gone wherever Irishmen are, and are recognized by European scholars as the most notable contribution to the understanding of Irish History that have yet been given to the world.

Mrs. Green remarks on the present state of things in Ireland are as follows:

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