**NEW VERSION**

**Four transcriptions of letters from E.D. Morel (Tiger) to Casement (Bulldog) in NLI and LSE**

**19 January 1910 (LSE), 31 January 1910, and 11 and 27 May 1911 (all NLI)**

**[Some discussion of Morel becoming an MP. Morel’s handwriting is nearly impossible to read]**

**Morel to Casement**

**LSE Morel F8/23/464**

**19 January 1910**

Jan. 19th 10

Dear Tiger,

I want you to know what I am doing just now.

I sent you yesterday a copy of my letter to the Archbishop, and told you that similar copies had gone elsewhere. I now enclose you copies of letters which have passed between the Secretary of the Free Church council and myself, and also send you a copy of a letter I have written to Rev. F.M. Meyer, another great Nonconformist leader. I have written a similar letter to Dr. Clifford and others.

I enclose you a copy of a letter of another ??ratting missionary in the Times, and the correspondence which has passed between me and G.B. Beak, our vice Consul in Katanga, who has just returned to this country.

Yours sincerely

6 encl.

Roger Casement Esq. C.M.G.

H.M. Consul

Rio de Janeiro

Brazil

S. America.

**Morel to Casement**

**NLI 13073/33/i**

**31 January 1910?**

**Handwritten**

? Jan 31

96 Talbot Road

Highgate,

Private

London, N.

My dear old Tiger.

How can I ever express to you in words all I feel about your goodness to me & ?? [Mrs?]. I seem to take it so calmly but indeed I am profoundly grateful to you. It is just wonderful I think.

I got your letter on my return from the ??

I don't know and, perhaps, I had better not know what Doyle may be disposed to do or not do: or what may come of your generous idea. But if anything does come of it, and if at any time you wrote me and asked me to send you a list of people whom I have reason to think are particularly interested in the work, and perhaps in the man, I could do so. I may be wrong, but I imagine that even among those concerned with the ?? ?? ?? there would be some who would give time and labour if they were appointed the task a movement ?? under the guidance of a ?? Committee of influential persons. At any rate there would be very many who would be willing, I should think, to sign a memorial to me, which whether an everything else were or not done, would be a precious heirloom for me to hand on to my children - and perhaps - a help to them in time to come. [Memorial presented on 2 May 1911]

Apart ?? ?? (1)

N. Nigeria. The M.G. paper doesn't feel inclined to undertake the whole of the financial expense arising, from the disposal to co-operate in the ?? if he can not raise it up.

Come to us if you can but make no special effort ?? as we should like to see you.

Ever ??

Bull dog

(1) I don't think told you that, unknown to me, Mrs ?? aided (I heard) by Lord Beauchamp (Sir E. A?? and one or two others started the idea of putting my name up for the Nobel Peace Prize: ?? of course, but I know.

I am sending you some old documents & things, which you may like to see again. But it is difficult to ?? among the volumes one has! As the most interesting personal acknowledgments from prominent public men are found, and can't be removed?? EDM

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**Morel to Casement**

**NLI 13073/33/ii**

**11 May 1911**

**Handwritten**

**Casement note:** R 13 May 1911

96, Talbot Road

Highgate

London, N.

May 11.

Private

My dear Tiger.

Now, I can tell you, in absolute confidence. You will I know keep it. My wife, Cadbury, Emmott and Mrs. Emmott, Mrs. Green, ?? and yourself will be the only people who will share in the private part of the story. It is no-Lady's business, and altho' I am satisfied that it is entirely honourable to both parties concerned, it is not desirable that it should it go beyond our own very few intimate friends, who have done so much for me and who we insisted to know, and whom it is a pleasure to tell.

When I was away and ?? I heard about Dilke's death, Cadbury wrote to my wife and said he had seen increasingly ?? put in that I ought to be in parliament. My wife wrote ?? to me, and I replied by saying that the first thing we have to face was how to live, ?? ?? had to do even to “get a job”, any sort of job which came along, and not to talk about ?? us of his sons. When I got back C spoke to me on the same lines, and I wrote to him on the same lines as I had written to my wife. He then wrote back more insistently than ever, and made me the extraordinarily generous proposition that he would consider himself privileged if I would allow him to place my financial affairs on such a footing as would enable me to stand for parliament, and make that my career.

Well, my wife and I thought it over - C was away in Portugal - for a fortnight and felt we could not definitely decide until we had met the C's at their home and talked it out. I was pretty sensible of his generosity, his honour and the possibilities. But I am not ambitious, ??

However, ...

We went to West Hills a fortnight ago, and after discussing the thing, it was arranged that the first thing to do was to take into our confidence an M.P. who knew me ?? specific office of examining:

1) Whether he thought I would be any good in Pt.

2) to learn what steps had to be taken - both of us being in entire ignorance of the subject.

Cadbury fell in with my suggestion that Emmott should be the man. He decided that until I had seen E, the matter should be mentioned to no one. I saw E who approved, and he gave his permission to consult his wife ??with ??some ??. I agreed. E said he would like to see C whom I saw on his way to Holland (the day I saw you in my office) ?? ?? would be back to ?? keep to ?? make between the Emmotts & ??. He is to see E on 18th.

But I wrote him yesterday, and asked for leave to tell you and Mrs. Green. Permission came tonight. I write at once. I forgot to say that I told C I was seeing H. in Liverpool & as it was easier to tell him than to write C asked that ne ?? told.

So there you are my dear old Tiger and mighty glad am I to be asked to tell you. I am hoping you will approve - I feel very ?? as to my powers. I can't see myself fighting an election at all, at all.

?? said, via C, I have none, but I am satisfied that he will do all that is right to enable one to study and prepare myself for the fray which may not come off, of course, for a couple years.

Adios caro mio

Your Bulldog

I tell Mrs. G tomorrow. Do write & tell me you approve.

**NLI 13073/33/ii**

**27 May 1911**

**Morel to Casement**

**Handwritten**

**[Casement note:]** R 28 May at night

May 27, 11

My dear Tiger.

Of course I have no option but I am as much pained by your fiat as you say you would be if I did not bow to it. I have a ?? strong “prejudice” and one is a distaste for taking an undue share of credit for work which others have participated in - in your case, and so far as the CRA is concerned. And I should have desired, and had intended naturally, to defer to you. However, so be it.

I am quite aware of the gratitude I owe Mrs. Green and Doyle - and yourself. Of the former one's feelings are beyond words, and I have felt the same so far as you are concerned. My difficulty is the difficulty of expressing it. Do I say ?? ?? I wonder? If you think so - I mean as regards Mrs. Green and Doyle, it would be a real kindness to tell me. There are certain times when it becomes very difficult. I think, for one to get the exact ?? expression, or rather to put it into adequate language, and, you see, there is nothing that one can actually do to show an ?? is in one's heart.

Doyle lives in a different world to me altogether. I can only tell him I am grateful. For Mrs. Green I would do anything in the world that I was able to do, but what can I ever hope to be able to do for her? She showers her kindness upon us in a dozen subtle ways which even you know nothing about but beyond enshrining her in one's thoughts, what can one do? If there is anything, anything at all, you would add to my gratitude by telling me. I seem to be forever receiving and doing nothing in return. I am fearful often, of appearing to take this as a matter of course; but if I was in an happy position of being able to do for others what is done for me, it would annoy me horribly to be ?? thanked - in words.

Cadbury is in the other case. One has got to the stage with him when words are a superfluity: at least so it seems to me.

Here is a man now who for the past week has been ??praising me for the friendship of Mrs. Green and interest and kindly feeling in an, I suppose, ?? one for working, when he ?? up to £500 for a portrait - the other day unknown to me even by name. I feel a constitutional inadequacy to say enough. I can only hope I don't give that impression. If I do I expect a real friend like yourself to tell me, however much the knowledge might shock.

Thank you for the preliminary handshake. It will be good to see you there. That I shall be tongue tied ??in beyond to you is a grief to me. C'est bon??.

Ever yours,

Bull-dog.