**Richard Coudenhove to Casement**

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My dear Roddie,

Many thanks for the nice and useful present (which, when I write, I feel in the pocket of my coat, but which, alas! is not filled with many banknotes just at present), for your kind letter and the charming poem, which we both like very much and which makes us think of a "Teneriffe" trip before long. I wish we could go there for the honey-moon at once, but, if this is not feasible just now, we hope to go there sooner or later. It must be lovely (I only know Las Palmas) and we only hope that ?? disturbed earth (Vesuvius, San Francisco etc etc) will not go for this charming islands now. In what awful times we live! everywhere earthquakes etc. destroyed islands, towns. I am sorry you took the trouble to run over to London and missed me. The explanation of my telegrams to Mortens was, that it was written and sent on Friday but on account of Good Friday being a holiday, it only left London for Denham of Saturday. I am extremely sorry to have put you and the Mortens in all these troubles. (Excuse my English, but as soon as I am here I forget everything)

 I am writing in the room of my bride (whom I am sure you will like very much) she just left with my sister; we (my sister and myself) have just been playing the two Irish songs; it is a great success; they are both charming and we played each 3 times; but we prefer the dance, which is exceptionally original and characteristic. I have not yet received the two others you mentioned, but I am looking for their arrival with much pleasure. We hope to be married in a short time, of course I will let you know at once.

I got a good letter from Hans. Quite the “old” Hans again. I am awfully sorry for poor Miss Heath! I hope she is all right again. What a charming girl she is! And what an artist. I enjoyed this afternoon immensely and hope she will be kind enough to accompany me again.

Kindest regards to the Mortens, Miss Heath

Ever yours

Richard

[Details confirmed in March and April Cash Ledger entries:

Late March “Then to Countess Blucher and Richard Coudenhove and home by 7.20 train.”

“Sunday 2nd April 1911At Savoy. Letters from John Holt. Decided not to go with Parry and Dick. Richard Coudenhove down. Spent pleasant day.”]