

I've sent in my income  
tax returns, & gave my  
address as 4 Colbyn Rd.  
Two months or so expect a  
notice.

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Saturday evening 22 July '44.

Darling,

Your letter enclosing Time supplement  
arrived, or rather was distributed, this morning, as  
also were the S. & S. of a fortnight ago.  
I devoured the former & have still the news  
pages to read of the S. & S.

I have little to report except that  
to-morrow we go on our first piece of work  
up here apart from trips. It is the same as  
we did before so far. Yesterday I went into town,  
deposited a little money (now I have £45) &  
bought the usual mandarins & bananas. We  
continue to mix our drinks - malted milk, coffee  
(essence) & mostly cocoa.

Your other enclosure affords me the  
opportunity, I need of writing a respectable sized

letter. It would appear quite irrelevant, if I hadn't  
 already observed its use as a cliché in the CIO  
 campaign. You will readily assess its value as  
 a two-edged weapon, as the kind of society,  
 to which Churchill refers can in our set-up be  
 the creation of either States or Commonwealth. You  
 know that the States have set up as many  
 boards, etc., as the Commonwealth, & that most  
 wartime Commonwealth bureaucrats came from  
 the States services. I need hardly point out to  
 you the unfairness of comparing Commonwealth  
 administration in war with State administration  
 in peace. You must conjecture what State  
 administration would have been like in war &  
 compare it with what Commonwealth has  
 been. Similarly you may conjecture what  
 Commonwealth administration may be like  
 in the five post-war years if this Referendum  
 is carried & compare it with what the States'

administration was like in the two previous  
 peacetime periods of stress after the last war &  
 during the depression. You might very well  
 think after making such a comparison, &  
 allowing but the smallest amount of reasonableness  
 to the electorate & its representatives, that the  
 Commonwealth could hardly fail to do a better  
 job than the states during this crucial period  
 - this crucial period, I may say, gentlemen,  
 when half the working population will be  
 changing their occupations or for the first  
 time embarking upon them. You can hardly  
 fail to see that the Commonwealth is better  
 fitted to deal with such nation-wide problems.

And so to bed.

Love,  
 G.

[Authorized by E. S. Littman, above address]