

such as he gave A. Graves
slightly modified, would
tell nothing and save him-
self trouble, especially as his
mind may not be made up
yet. Gill, if he were appointed
would be a sop to the anti-Caste
back side, anyhow, and, I expect,
would, if your view of Kalfour
be correct, be balanced by one of
their own clerks.

Love to Harriette and the
children. All well here.

Your affectionate brother
Maurice F. Fitzgerald

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M. S. Staunton's letter about Fitzgerald

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Dear George

I opened your letter before
sending it on to Annie, who is
at Charing X hotel - she stopped
behind me to spend a few days in
London with Miss Marsh (not
Miss Fanny who was stopping
with us, but her sister) - and possibly
she may go to Minnie Shave for
a day or so. You don't say how
you are yourself.

I find a number of these men
here are very willing to support

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me, but they don't want to be snubbed if they interfered, and they certainly aren't excited enough about the matter to make any rumpus, neither am I - it would take a much stronger candidate to get up anything of that sort.

The only thing I see to do in the matter is to ~~either~~ try to extract from Balfour his ideas on the subject ^{either} by letter or interview, or by getting some one else to do it, with a view to finding out whether he does or does not

think of appointing one of the Secs. with my qualifications. I agree with you in thinking the mere general administrator would be unsatisfactory, considering how little knowledge the general body of people they have to deal with, and assist & be assisted by, know about anything.

I fancy if I wrote him direct the probable result would be that the C. S. wouldn't choose to tell me what I want to know about his intentions - an answer