

TELEPHONE, MAYFAIR 1108.
CABLE, MERVELDENE LONDON.

WEST WING,

OUTER CIRCLE,

REGENT'S PARK, N.W.

1/0 J. C. Walton Esq Sept 23 '13

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. and have only noted the contents but in order that there may be no misunderstanding I wish to point out to you that the suggestion of doing Subscription Performances was only made as an alternative in the event of the Viceroy for political reasons, deciding it necessary to prohibit my Public Performances.

At the present moment however, you have not informed me that the

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Viceroy of India has made
any objection to my
projected tour taking its
normal course and until
you inform me definitely
on this point - it seems to
me that it is rather pre-
mature to discuss the
alternative.

You say in your letter
that you fear it will be
some days before you
hope to have a reply,
and furthermore that even
when you do get a reply
it will be only as to the
principle and that the
details thereof will have
to be a matter of subsequent
discussion and acceptance.
May I point out to you
that the matter is most-
serious so far as I am

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concerned, as I have entered into many contracts, have engaged steamship passages, and am under obligations involving a matter of \$1200 per week for a lengthy period from the 26th of the present month. I think, therefore, that I have the right to ask that you should at once give me some definite information, as apart from the heavy pecuniary loss, the position which you have taken up in communicating with me informally and refusing to do so in a definite and official manner is causing me great anxiety and is very prejudicial to my reputation.

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In common law
and equity if the Government
of India considers for Political
reasons that it is undesirable
for me to appear in India I
consider they should at once
so inform me.

As I have my passage
booked to sail on Oct 13th
I shall rely upon at least

the courtesy of a definite
reply before the end of
the current week.

Yours faithfully
Mand Allan

P.S. - It must not be assumed
that I shall be prepared to
accept any prohibition
as my present feeling
would be to contest the
legality thereof.

Mand Allan