This is the first morning after I have talked with you. So my dearest and dearest, isn't it fun to think you will be here soon. It hardly seems possible. And the weather! The gardens - all are glorious now. There is one thing you have to prepare for.

You are very popular here and already eight people, all very important ones of important officials (literally that) have called me to ask if they be permitted to receive cards for a welcoming party in your honour. I think you'll have to play a Mary Evans part and plead ill health. Then there is another menace.

Dozens of war work organizations will be wanting you to new, sewn bunched, open boyars etc. The wires are on the wines already about your visit and even the government official press dinner officer Major Wayling has suggested that he give you an official garden party to meet the press at one swoop. He is very anxious about it. What do you think? Are you not a little bit proud? Your coming is much more important than that of a cabinet minister or Ambassador. I warn you. And