

And, since, as history
shows, no Third Party can
stand alone, can moderate
Liberals carry out their wishes
more effectually than by
throwing their weight and
influence into the Centre of
the Liberal Party, and thus
enable it to defy any attempt
at dictation from the
advanced right wing?

Yours very truly
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Dear General Pitt Rivers
I thank you very much for
your letter giving a clear
exposition of your views.
Have you noticed that Lord
Randolph Churchill has
already conceded the principle
of "expropriation" for he will
give County Boards compulsory
powers of purchase, subject
to the decision of Parliament?

but this cannot mean that the purchase of every plot is to be debated on by Parliament, for that would occupy all its time.

I cannot think that both parties stand on an equality with respect to Mr Parnell. For, whilst he obstructed and abused Mr Gladstone because Mr Gladstone refused to make more concessions, he was so satisfied with the altered attitude of the Conservative Leaders, that he withdrew all obstruction, and promised them the League vote, having great expectations from Lord R. Churchill, who at

one bound jumped from his clamour for more stringent coercion, to a total abandonment of the Crimes Act, and hung back from any repudiation of Mr Parnell's plan of "separation". I cannot understand how Conservatives can have confidence in the stability of Lord R. Churchill as their Leader! I see in today's Paper that Lord Rosebery, Lord Hartington, and Lord Derby unite in urging moderate men to join the Liberals, in the presence of the threatening danger from Ireland