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TELEGRAPH-HERTFORDHEATH

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HERTFORD

Dear Lord Bishop

You are, I feel sure,
in sympathy with the anti-gamb-
ling League, & know that
we have on two occasions
been very nearly getting a
legal decision stating that
betting rings are against
the law. We were defeated
by the most unworthy quibbles
and now our only course
is to try the case again
before a really respectable

bench of magistrates. If we
could get this decision - which
certainly is in accordance with
the Act of 1853 - the effect
would probably be to close a
number of the smaller race-
courses which at present do
terrible harm.

But funds are wanted, so
we have drawn up with great
care the enclosed, to be sent
to the Times, with the most
weighty signatures we can get,
about 8 in all. The Bishop

of London has most kindly
recessed the wording & signed
the document, and I now
write to beg you to add
your signature. Our idea
was to get two prominent
Churchmen, two or three
laymen - tho' this is very
difficult - a some Nonconformists.

After inserting this in the
Times we meditate sending
a longer statement, along
with this, for I write, to
get some subscriptions
for our next move.

I need hardly say that

We shall be deeply grateful to
your kindness if you can
comply with our request;
much depends on it; and
if I may venture to add
to my impertunity I should
say that we have had to
wait a long time for the
Bishop's signature &
it is important there should
be no further delay.

I remain my kind

Yours sincerely

E Lyttelton.