Darling,

Your letter, enclosing June supplement, arrived, or rather was distributed, this morning, as also were the 1st & 2nd of a fortnight ago. I devoured the former & have still the news pages to read of the 1st & 2nd.

I have little to report except that to-morrow we go on our first piece of work up here apart from trips. It is the same as we did before so far. Yesterday I went into town, deposited a little money (now I have £4 5s) & bought the usual mandarines & bananas. We continue to mix our drinks - malted milk, coffee (essence) & mostly cocoa.

Your other enclosure affords me the opportunity I need of writing a respectable sized
It would appear quite irrelevant, if I had already observed its use as a cliché in the No campaign. You will readily assess its value as a two-edged weapon, as the kind of society to which Churchill refers can in one set up be the creation of either States or Commonwealth. You know that the States have set up as many boards, etc., as the Commonwealth, so that most wartime Commonwealth bureaucrats came from the States services. I need hardly point out to you the unfairness of comparing Commonwealth administration in war with State administration in peace. You must conjecture what State administration would have been like in war & compare it with what Commonwealth has been. Similarly, you may conjecture what Commonwealth administration may be like in the five post-war years if the Referendum is carried & compare it with what the States
administration was like in the two previous peace-time periods of stress after the last was a
during the depression. You might very well
think after making such a comparison, if
allowing but the smallest amount of reasonableness
to the electorate or its representatives, that the
Commonwealth could hardly fail to do a better
job than the States during this crucial period
— this crucial period, I may say, gentlemen,
when half the working population will be
changing their occupations or for the first
time embarking upon them. You can hardly
fail to see that the Commonwealth is better
fitted to deal with such nation-wide problems.

And so to bed.

Love,

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[Authenticated by E. E. Lambourne, above address.]