

Stevens

24th November 1981

First of all, warm congratulations on having raised £6,000 at your constituency Ball last Thursday.

I do think that that is a splendid achievement.

You mentioned in the Lobby last evening that the Taxi driver had refused to accept your fare and had asked you to buy the Prime Minister a drink instead. Do you happen, please, to know the name and address of the taxi driver, as the Prime Minister would like to write to him?

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Thank you so much for your letter of 24th November and for letting me have the clipping from the Eastbourne Gazette.

Confirming my hasty word at the Garrick, I am afraid I haven't got the name and address of the taxi driver who refused to accept payment from me last Monday. Two police officers overheard the incident and the driver appeared to be on friendly terms with Ben, the old taxi driver who regularly parks in New Palace Yard. Thinking that Ben knew him, I did not ask his name. Ben told me, however, that he had never seen him before. This is a great pity and I hope you will apologise on my behalf to the Prime Minister.

All best wishes.

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