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15 June 1900

~~Private~~

Dear Kirwan.

The Federal Union is now over and Federalists may congratulate themselves on the success of their efforts. I only now remain to take the vote of the people.

Let me at once thank you for the support you have given and acknowledge that through your able advocacy and the action of the people on the Goldfields the accomplishment of Federation is

practically attained - Without
your agitation we should have
had but a poor chance -

There ~~is~~ occurs to my mind
only one point on which we
differed and that was with
regard to my telegram to the
Premiers conference offering to
support the proposed amendments,
if practicable.

Viewed in the light of subsequent
events you will not I hope
blame me as inconsistent of doing
anything prejudicial. I think it
spiked some of their guns &

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any vote prevented opposition from
certain quarters in the House.

I don't know whether you intend
to drop the separations cry. I
hope so at all events until after
the referendum. I intend to
say that if the popular vote is
not in favour of the Bill I
shall join the ranks of the
separations party.

I should like to know
whether we are still to
work together for the common
cause of Union. I am most

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Answer to do so.

The mud slinging over
 the Robson episode is at least
 over. I am heartily sick of it.
 As the whole I think we have
 put a spoke in Gurney's wheel
 and suggested quite enough to make
 the public think Robson was
 justified. The papers before the
 Committee & the appearance of
 the memorializing telegram relating
 to the Bunting arbitrations are alone
 a sufficient justification of Robson.
 The latter papers do not let us
 make one of best points with proper
 emphasis. Yours very sincerely
 Eloy. H. H. H.