

Treasury Chambers,  
Great George Street,  
S.W.1.

10th December, 1942.

My dear Harrod,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 7th with your reactions about Beveridge.

You are able to look rather further ahead than we can. For the moment we have to grasp either the flower, or the nettle, of the Beveridge Report.

As you can imagine, the debate on this theme is lively. There is no sign anywhere of a purely negative attitude. But the proposals are of such immense social and economic consequence, and to whatever extent they are accepted would become a prior charge on national economy, that I do not think we are unwise in

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taking care that the foundations  
will stand.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. F. Harrod', written in dark ink.

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