

Resume office, but on
further & further promise I
cannot see my way to it.
It is a most serious blow
to our party, & can-
hardly fail, I fear, to let
Stafford out of his again.
What nation it all the
more exciting is, that
the country is entirely pro-
perous, & all the Govt.
work of some sort going
on most satisfactorily.
Mr. Stansbury says they will
impress & no one can

See the End.
Waterhouse has no
reason for it except a
morbid fear of Popery
"Strong with". He thinks
in other instances, such as
Mr. Stansbury's, that
hardly pledged, & but
the first is the real &
normal reason. He has
I have been worked
upon by enemies of the
Govt. & probably by the
female clique which
brotherhoods Stafford, &

5 Section of letter from William Fox to Sir Donald McLean discussing political crisis caused by resignation of G. M. Waterhouse from office of Premier in February 1873. See note on p57.