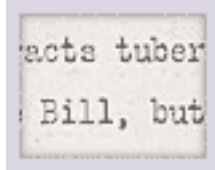
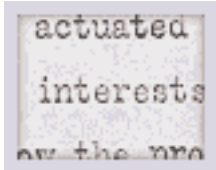


SOURCE 4

Extract from a letter written by Lloyd George to the Countess of Desart, November 1911

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SOURCE 4A

SOURCE 4B

HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE TO HELP YOU ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION :

You need to study the source carefully before you decide whether it supports or contradicts any of the reasons in the Big Question.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What do you think Lloyd George means by this phrase: 'My motives in this connexion have been subjected to much misrepresentation in irresponsible quarters'?
- Does he attack his critics in this letter?
- According to Lloyd George, what benefits do domestic servants get from National Insurance?
- Does he see this as a good deal?

SOURCE 4A

Dear Madam,

My attention has been called to the fact that you and Lady Brassey are organising a mass meeting of women to protest against the inclusion of domestic servants within the scope of the National Insurance Bill.

My motives in this connexion have been subjected to much misrepresentation in irresponsible quarters, but it is not necessary for me to assure you that in wishing to see domestic servants comprised in the Bill I am actuated solely by a regard to what I believe to be the interests of that class. Let me remind you briefly how the proposal affects them. It means that the State undertakes a liability of some £800,000 a year in respect of benefits to domestic servants and that the employers of servants contribute some £1,200,000 a year for the same purpose. From the money thus made
available,

SOURCE 4B

available, together with the servants' own contributions, every servant will be entitled to free medical attendance, to the payment of 7/6 a week during sickness for six months, and 5/- thereafter if permanently incapacitated, and to free treatment in a sanatorium if she contracts tuberculosis. These are the minimum benefits under the Bill, but if, as has been said, domestic servants do not require the full sickness benefit, the money thus saved can be used with any other savings to give some other benefit, as, for instance, a superannuation fund which would provide **pensions** at an earlier age than 70.