

avoid opening communications
in financial matters with the local
Government, the only constituted
authority there; and any concessions
made to them would simply
strengthen their hands instead of
weakening them. What do you
think of this?

I am afraid that Blanchard
has made a mistake in disclosing
conversations between McDonald
and himself, after he had accepted
them and listened to them, he
ought not, without McDonald's
consent, to have revealed them.
So far as I see, there was nothing
in those communications that
prevented McDonald going down
afterwards to oppose him at the
meetings. I was very much
surprised, however, to see that
McDonald went, and am informed
that he did so on being informed
that Blanchard had stated,
that he (Blanchard) was acting
in accord with Hoare & McDonald.

All this of course is quite new.
Now I can almost can-
gratulate you on the triumph
of your cause, and your exertions.

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