

About Speech on Local Taxation:

10, Downing Street,
Whitehall.

9: May 1854

Dear Sir M. Keighton

I thank you for sending
me your speech on Local Taxation
which I unfortunately missed
hearing.

I will only observe that
the Government have never declined
to entertain the question of further

relieving local rates. What they have
contended for is that regard should
be had to combining extension of relief
with establishment of sound Local Go
vernment. I remain

Very respectfully yours

W. Gladstone