

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP52/16 FN letter to Longmore ink, underlining in red pencil

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

April 13/76

[15:512-13]

Professor Longmore

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you enough for your letters - *all* information is most valuable to me on this subject. And I have no words to describe my relief when I heard that Mr. Hardy had committed to writing: that the question now in hand was *no question* of abolishing the School: but only of adapting the *new Short Service system* of the Dept to it.

[No one however could doubt that, when the subject was brought to the Minister's own consideration, such would be his decision.]

I am very glad that your statement on this latter point has gone in: & there can be as little doubt that it will reach Mr. Hardy himself.

If you have a rough copy especially of this part of your statement, I should like very much to see it: (& would return it to you) in order to be 'au courant' of what you consider the essential points: among which I conclude that more room for the Hygienic & Pathological classes (in the Laboratory & the Microscopic room) is one: in adapting the School to the numbers & [2 lines blue pencil] requirements of the new Army medical Warrant.

I do most earnestly hope & believe that the threatened storm, instead of wrecking, will have the effect of bringing the School into a safer port, as it deserves & of bringing it more directly under the S. of S.'s personal notice, which can have but one result.

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

I had a kind note from Dr. Maclean which he desired me *not* to answer: but I *will* do so in a day or two.

The *Indian* part of the School we know to be very important.

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RAMC 1139/LP54/2 typed copy of FN letter, Add Mss 45773 ff166-67

30 Old Burlington St. W.
June 26/61.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry not to have answered your letter before. But as my health gets worse, my difficulty in writing becomes greater.

I have ascertained from the W.O that there is not the least danger of the 2000 pounds for Chatham Institute not being voted. They were not aware that there was still 1000 pounds left unsubscribed--but they had nothing to do with the estimate of the building--and rather regretted that the exterior was made so costly when there are so many other places without Institutes.

However major Buckley is the best judge of that and knows the soldier best.

I quite agree with you that the Officers at Chatham must look to Chatham first--and collecting subscriptions for it first is their manifest duty.

I don't quite agree that Chatham is a more important place than Aldershot.

I enclose you a printed Form which altho' badly worded, has been made the means of awakening the soldier's attention to his own wants--and smoothing the way for Institutes &c.

I have at this moment before me a great heap of these forms filled up for a different companies of different Reg.ts, by permission of C.O.s, with twopences and threepences.

Of course the amount collected is not so much the object as the preparing the way for similar Institutions like that at Gibraltar.

The money is paid in direct to the Com.tee at 17 Charles St, St. James's (Sir C. McGrigor's).

I thought that perhaps something of the same kind might be done with sanction of C.O.s among soldiers at Chatham for their Institute paying in the money to you or your Comm.tee. Unless Major Buckley has done it already.

A different Title would of course have to be given to it.

And the object would have to be thoroughly explained to each Company--as was the case with those I have known.

It is now about to be done at Aldershot. Almost every company in another of our great Stations has subscribed from 12/- to 25/- each.

I observe the soldier always lays immense stress upon the "Institute" being his "own."

I am sorry to say. altho' the debt is covered for Gibraltar, so as to allow the grant of 500 pounds from the W.O. to be claimed, yet the money towards a fourth "Home," fitting up there, is not forthcoming yet by subscription. But this is not at all meant as a hint, to you. For as I say Chatham must come first with all Chatham Officers.

I beg to enclose fifty pounds towards the 1000 pounds still wanting to you. And should I be able to collect money for it, I will.

Yours faithfully,

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

RAMC 271/14 is FN letter or note, prob to Selina Bracebridge, Aug 27/55

The beautiful Kadikoi
was burnt to the ground
last night. Did you
ever see a town on fire?
It is impossible to conceive it. No one knows any
thing definite this mornng
It is said 200 houses
& some women & children
were burnt I believe
& trust the latter is
exaggerated. The fire
began at one & was all
out by ~~over~~ at 4 ½ AM = The
terrible & malignant
rapidity of the spread
of fire in these wooden
houses is what on fancies
one conceives but does not

[14:218-19]

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There was not a breath
of wind stirring - The full
moon lay cold & bright on
the glassy blue sea in
the Bosphorus while
Marmora & the ~~white~~
fleeces in the sky were
all one hue of flame -
With all the stillness,
it spread & spread &
spread & in one hour
the whole of Kadikoi was
one sheet of blazing
red. There was not
a sound but the occasional howling
of the dogs. The silence
was awful. I thought
mental fatalism was
a novelist's myth now.

But Scutari was as quiet
as if nothing were the
matter. A few men sauntered
out smoking their pipes
"Sonst nichst" I shall
make a subscription here
& if many poor have
suffered, I will let you know.

But probably the Greek
merchants in London will subscribe
& do something of their
own accord. I shall
propose here that every
man shall subscribe a
day's pay, which they
can well afford. Lord W.
Paulet was absent & is
not come back yet. So
he is not to blame. Clark,

who is sick & I were sleeping
up at the House. She woke
me & said that the Barrack
Hospl was on fire. I soon
saw it was not that. But
I thought it was the Cavalry
Barracks & I scudded faster
than I thought my legs cd
carry me to the Barrack
Hospl in case the alarm
was not given, to get out
the fire engine. It was
not - tho' many men
were standing outside at the
Main Guard. In a moment,
a fatigue party came up
as "pas de cause" from the
Depot & dragged away the
fire engine. But you might
just as well have played
upon the sun. We know so

few particulars that I
am afraid to blame.
But there seemed no
attempt to blow up houses.
It began at the farthest
extremity from the sea
& licked on till it
reached the sea - in one
long line. The smoke is
what one conceives so
little. A blazing
whirlwind of orange smoke
which might be
a mile high, for any calcu-
lation one can make. Had
there been wind one cannot think where it
would have stopped **[end 14:219]**

Question V The nuns
cannot go to B'clava
without the Revd Mother
& I cannot spare her
from the Linen Stores here
& she is satisfied of the great
good she does.

RAMC 271/20 signed letter, 6ff, pen, presumably to C.H. Bracebridge

Private 30 Old Burlington St **[14:565-67]**
 London W
 Oct 19/58

My dear friend, I wish I had
some better means than words
for saying what I so earnestly
wish to say - they will so
imperfectly express what I feel
on reading your letter - but
they shall do what they can
for me -

1. Of the paper read at
Liverpool - so many friends
had urged me to write & had
offered to read it, whom I
was unwilling to refuse, that
my only resource for avoiding
offence seemed to be to ask

an official ~~the~~ Secretary to read it. Those who knew me comparatively little might even thus be offended with me - But surely not one of the most intimate friends I ever had, who I thought could not but understand my difficulty.

From the time that I was called upon to struggle through life with difficulties, very various in kind, but all cutting at my heart, you * &

~~* I always refer back the~~
origin of all the good I have ever done, which I will not affect to call small, because that would be depreciating God's ways, to the morning

Mrs. Bracebridge stood by me,
cheered me, helped me - I
thought you understood me -
I am sure she did. I hoped
both knew my heart was with
you, though this poor sinking
body left me powerless to write
or to speak - refused to do
more than just bear me through
my work which could not be
put off - day by day illness &
pain warning my self & the few
necessarily near me that each
day was not unlikely to be my

when I met you & Mrs. Brace=
bridge at Sir R. Inglis' - not
accidentally, we will not say.
It is curious how everything has
flowed out of that. Without it
I should never have known S.
Herbert - And so with all the rest.

last.

My dear & valued friend -
you were with me in those
terrible days which our soldiers
passed through - you saw
their enduring patience under
suffering so much more touching
than courage in battle where
no one dares to be without it.
You knew as I did that the
greater part of this suffering
arose from causes which
never need have existed.
I would have hoped that
your heart in this cause had
been one with mine - that,
though I was never able to see
you, we were one in spirit
in the desire to prevent a

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repetition of such sorrows & sufferings.

I wrote to you from the Crimea when what was called "peace" was made - there was nothing like peace in my heart which had grieved over such horrors, knowing as I did that they must return unless their causes were removed. I wrote to you that, after what I had seen, I never could return into "society" - that I had not where to lay my head - & only wished to hide myself in some far-off Hospital - When I came back to England, however, opportunity (& again this opportunity arose in your house) opened before me

giving hope that something might be done to meet those evils. Was not I called upon to seize it? I had not the ties most others have - You know that those of my home, dear as they were to me, knew me no more than if they had never seen me. There was no *real* thing I could be or do with them or for them. It was a delusion altogether.

You & your most dear wife helped me to live & work among realities. Having no home, having seen such sorrows, such sins from which they resulted, was I not called upon to

give up all for this work?

The friend who knew me as you did, more intimately than any other living man, I did not conceive would think I was giving him up. I hoped, while other ties & sympathies & labors called you to a more varied field, you would still be one in spirit with me in this work - for which no one so well as you could feel & know the necessity. As to those with whom I have been at work, had I a choice? There was but one man to whom it could be proposed to be Chairman - The knowledge necessary for the subject I am compelled to obtain from those who, having been professionally engaged, have

that of which I am ignorant. No personal friendships or inclination could I be permitted to consult in this course - And it was a work which, once entered upon, admitted of no pause - Even, if I could have looked to a longer span of life than that which I have any reason to expect, - in this work, if opportunity is not seized to day, tomorrow it is gone.

I hate to urge my own ill=health. But, because I would not have those who are, as they have been, my dearest & most valued friends, misunderstand me, when I am unable to see them, I

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enclose a letter which Dr. Johnson who knows the state of my health better than any one else, sent to my Aunt, to warn her that I must not attempt more than the day's work, *must* give up the pleasure it would be to me to see friends, if it were possible to me to do it without cutting off ~~any~~/every hope of living to carry through this work. I have not been able to write a letter, not absolutely necessary on business, since I saw you at Combe - Since that time I have been incessantly & necessarily occupied. - To your kind thoughts then, my very dear friend,

I commend myself - God bless you - I will hope that you will understand me now, as it has been my help & comfort in times past that you understood me. We shall meet, in whatever part of God's universe, in whatever portion of God's Eternity shall be His good pleasure - whenever that may be, meet me as your grateful child, your ever affectionate friend

Florence Nightingale

Thank you for sending the Diagrams to Dr. Acland - It

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was I sent you those six -
And I have some more
left, if you could usefully
sow them - It cost me £200
getting them up - not a
farthing of which the Govt
has repaid - But I did not
ask them - And S. Herbert
does not know it - Nor do
I wish any one to tell him.
My father is very liberal
to me about money=matters
now. It is he pays my bill
at this house, over & above
what he allows me - And
he would take a house
for me, were it worth
while, which it is not -

F.N.

[end]

signed letter, 902/1f, pen

[14:270]

RAMC 902/1

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Nov 20/55

Sir

I hear that you have
just arrived from Scutari,
bringing an account of
the Outbreak of Cholera
there -

May I, though a stranger
to you, trouble you to
inform me of the extent
of it & the number of
deaths?

[end]

I remain Sir

yr obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

RAMC 902/2 signed letter, 3ff, pen

[14:380-81]

General Hospital
Balaclava

April 14 1856

My dear Sir

I have talked the matter of the Huts (for our accommodation) over with our Sisters - as you desired -

1. We are *one* less in number than the Sisters who formerly served this Hospital - & occupied *three* Huts.

2. The summer is advancing, & I have already one Sister sick with Fever, (whom you kindly visited this morning) & who requires a compartment to herself - i.e. half a Hut.

3. There was no call for the necessity of finding Huts for Purveyor's Clerks till the departure of the eleven Sisters, who are now replaced by *ten* - Why, then, is there now? x

4. The proximity of young men x {in another hand} this may well be asked}

& "Sisters of Mercy" in huts not three feet apart is, to say the least of it, disagreeable.

Nevertheless, we are so anxious to make our own accommodation secondary only in importance, that the "Sisters" have consented to give up the right-hand hut, provided such arrangements can be made, as you kindly suggested, for the purpose of cutting off this Hut entirely from ours -

I received three more Sisters from Scutari yesterday and am expecting two more, in order to fill up the number of Sisters desired by you -

I also have the washing for the Nurses of five Hospitals in the Crimea done by Nurses here, which necessitates a greater staff here

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I beg to remain

dear Sir

yours very truly

Florence Nightingale

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W. Beatson Esq M.D.
Staff Surgeon 1st Class
P.M.O.
Balaclava

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RAMC 1139/S4/21

Hampstead NW

Sept 26/63

My dear Sir James Clark

I enclose Mr. Paget's letter. You will see that it is not exactly "on examinations" but as advocating, from his own knowledge of both Civil & Military professions, the necessity of Govts entertaining the claims of the A.M.D. to have the original Warrant &c restored.

Pray let us see the Draft of your appeal

& let us have time
to co=operate with
you.

I meant to send
Mr. Paget's letter, which
he wrote at my
request, to Lord de
Grey, at the same
time with the other papers
& with your remonstrance
--in order not to weaken the blow but
to give it all at once.

It is essentially
necessary that
something be done

You will see that Mr Paget argues the
question of supply &
shews that the Govt:
has very formidable
rivals in the field,
ready to snap up
every competent man
who passes the Colleges.

You must dwell
strongly on this point,
& shew that additional
pay will not meet
the case. What is
wanted is Military
status & gentlemanly
treatment.

Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Oct 5/58

My dear Sir James Clark

You will receive by
this post (or next) a
copy of my "Précis" for
yourself - It is of course
"Confidential", as I have
no right to give away
any copies. It has
been presented to the
War Office. The Copy
for the Queen is being
bound, & I shall then
send it to you, & ask

f4/1/2

you to be so kind as
to present it.

I should have liked
to have sent a copy
(similarly) through you
to the Duchess of Kent
& to the Princess Royal -
if you approved -

I do not know whether
it would be proper
to send one to Prince
Consort - Perhaps you
will tell me -

I have written to
Mr. Herbert about

f4/1/3

Neison's paper, which
you will have seen,
read at the British
Ass. at Leeds. I hope
he will write an
Answer in the name
of the R. Sanitary
Commission - in which
case it will be sent
round to you for your
approval -

I read the Article
you allude to in the
Examiner - And also
I had the misfortune

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f4/1/4

to have to read the
Report & Appendices
of the Netley Committee.
I think I never read
such a mass of
contradictions - of
assertions which
shewed such an utter
absence of ~~the most~~
knowledge of the most
ordinary Sanitary
principles - & what
is worse, such a want of
ordinary honesty.

Simon gave a
statement of Martin's

f4/1/5

(which he had asked
for & which I
myself saw) - and
omitted the most
important & only
condemnatory part.

The Committee gave
a passage of Dr. Granville's
which they treated
in exactly the same
dishonest fashion -

My own opinion
about Netley is
exactly the same
as what I fancied
you expressed to me

f4/1/6

when we were both
on the spot together
last year - & which
Dr. Granville expresses
in the passage
suppressed by the
Committee - viz. that
it is unfit for most
of the cases which
will be sent there,
e.g. the Indian ones.

And certainly, had
I written ~~the~~/an Article
in/upon it, ~~the~~ Examiner, I
should not have

f4/1/7

written it in any
such measured terms.

[end]

With my best love
to Lady Clark & all
yours, believe me
dear Sir James
ever sincerely your
obliged

F. Nightingale

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30 Old Burlington St.

29/11/58

My dear Sir James Clark

I entirely sympathize
with Dr. Aitken's
disappointment &
impatience - Because
I have been in a
state of disappoint=
ment & impatience
myself for upwards
of two years - And
the only things we
have really done

[15:370-71]

f4/2/2

yet are the Warrant
& the Barrack
improvements.

But I do not
entertain *the least*
doubt of the School
being carried -[And
by nature & experience
a sanguine mind
having been denied
me, it is not from
sanguine=ness I
think so -]

Dr. Aitken is wrong

f4/2/3

in attributing the
blame of delay to
Mr. Herbert, who
has been perpetually
to & from London
about our War Dep.
matters - But Dr.
Aitken does not
know as I do the
rate at which these
things travel - It
is three weeks' post
from the War Office
to the Horse Guards.
-literally, not metaphorically.

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The Medical School
stands thus - Genl Peel
is quite in its favor,
Lord Hardinge thinking
we had asked too
much from the Treasury
at once wanted to
put it off till the
General Hospital at
Aldershot was ~~done~~/organized -
Mr. Herbert convinced
him that it was on
the contrary better to
strike when the iron
was hot. Sir C. Trevelyan

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being quite in its favor.

I saw Mr. Herbert's
letter to Genl Peel
last week, urging him
to begin it *directly*
at *Chatham*, to send
it in to the Treasury
at once, & offering
his own, yours, Dr.
Sutherland's & Mr.
Alexander's services
{end of folio cut away}
{in another hand: to organize at once
Mr. Herbert left town last
night

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but will be back
on Saturday -

That we shall
have an *immediate*
answer I don't
expect -

Our Regulations
& Statistical Scheme
have been sent in
since July & are
not out yet.

{in another hand: Yours
F. Nightingale

[end 15:371]

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(No. 2)

Sunday

My dear Sir James Clark

Mr. Herbert has just sent me these papers, with a request that I would submit them to you; & obtain for him your verdict upon them -

As they are so voluminous, it may save you trouble

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to know what was Sutherland's opinion (when he was consulted on a prior occasion, when you were not in town.) It gives the substance of the papers.

1. "As regards the "Dublin Apothecaries' "Company & their "disputed licence: "it would ill become

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"any government
"Department to
"give them a *locus*
"*standi*, with regard
"to their licence/se,
"which they have
"not at present.

"The decision
"of the Medical
"Council, a body
"appointed by
"Act of Parliament
"to guard the public
"interests, is
"against the license

f4/3/4

"and, until that
"opinion is reversed,
"the Army Medical
"Department
"should *not* accept
"it as a qualification.

2. "As regards
"the joint qualification
"of the Royal Colleges
"of Physicians &
"Surgeons of Edinburgh,
"the opinion given
"is as follows: -
"In our Regulation,
"No. III, for admitting

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"Candidates (Army
"Medical School)
"we knowingly
"exacted two
"Examinations by
"two separate bodies,
"one Medical, one
"Surgical. We
"prescribe certain
"Colleges as the
"examining bodies,
"or 'some other
 'corporate body
 'legally entitled
 'to grant a
 'diploma in

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 'Surgery, or a
 'licence to
 'practise it.
"Now, unless it can be
"shewn that the joint
"board of the Edinburgh
"colleges is such a
"'corporate body', which
"it is not, we cannot
"take their license,
"either in Surgery
"or Medicine. At
"present there are
"plenty of men
"presenting themselves
"with degrees &

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"diplomas, and it
"would be an injury
"to them to accept
"a less qualification.

"This is the
"law of the case. But,
"if a pressure came,
"we should be
"obliged to take
"these 'joint-board'
"men, or even
"'Dublin Apothecaries'
"men. At present
"however the law
"ought to be obeyed,

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"and any departure
"from it should be
"sanctioned by
"the Secy of State."
Dear Sir James Clark,
if it would save
you trouble to give
a verbal opinion,
instead of a written
one, Sutherland
will be here at
3 o'clock, & I
would either send
him to you, or ask
you to come here.

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

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West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
N.

May 17/59

My dear Sir James Clark

Mrs. Sutherland

sent me your note
to Dr. Sutherland -
As he will not be
back from Scotland till the 26th,
would you wait till
then, or would you
not rather write
to Mr. Herbert, at
Wilton? He was in

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here yesterday. But
he will not be in
town again till
Parlt meets.

As to Genl Peel,
his strength has been,
as far as we have
been concerned, in
doing nothing. Like
many other people,
his only action is
to tell you how much
he would like to
do something.

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If you can suggest
anything immediate
to be done about the
Army Medl School,
I would ask you to
write either to Mr.
Herbert or to me -

I shall be in
town again about the
6th.

[end]

ever yours very gratefully
F. Nightingale

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Hampstead NW

Oct 18/59

[15:372]

My dear Sir James

I understand that you wrote some time ago to Dr. Sutherland to know what was going on. You could not have written to a worse person. I have to answer your letter, as you see, at last.

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By way of reply, I enclose you a copy of the last Printed document connected with the Med. Sch.

Sir C. Wood has at last replied officially accepting for the Indian Med. Service in full.

Mr. Herbert is to see Parkes, Longmore, Aitken this week.

Can you tell when Morehead will be

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at home, or if arrived,
what is his address?

Is there a Head
to the Indian Medical
Dep. in England - &
if so who is he?

Who was the man
to whom you applied
for information
about Morehead -
and what is he
at the India Ho:?

The "Qualifications
& Examination" in the
enclosed Proof have

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been agreed to by
our Army D.G.

The "Organization"
stands as it did
with the addition
of the word *Indian*
in the first Section.

The "Rules for
Examination" are the
same -

Thank you for your
kind enquiry about
me. I *should* be better
(for leaving off Dr.
Williams' medicine) if it
were not for the very damp
autumn. I have done all you told me.
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yours ever gratefully

F. Nightingale

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Hampstead NW

Private Dec 19/59

My dear Sir James Clark

I gave Dr. Sutherland
a message for you this
morning which I find
he has not delivered.

I saw Mr. Herbert
yesterday - and spoke
about the Pathological
chair & about Dr.
Aitken having returned.

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He said at once

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that he had better
see Dr. Aitken but
could not immediately
as he was to leave
town today.

I assure you, (and
you know how anxious
I have been,) that I
consider Dr. Aitken's
appointment now as just
as safe as any of
the others -

[end]

The hitch does not
lie where you think -
as far as the Gazetting goes.

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The Duke of Cambridge has urged the *non*=gazetting till the Meeting of Parliament, because (you would never guess) of the determined opposition of the Army Medical Department to the appointment of Dr. Moorhead!!

Mr. Herbert also added that he meant almost immediately to call

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upon the *four* Professors for a Syllabus of Lectures, which would be equivalent to their appointment -

As all this was told me confidentially, let it be between ourselves - But I see no objection to your telling Dr. Aitken that, from what you hear from me, you consider his appoint=
ment as certain to take place at the same time as the three others - Yours ever truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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Feb 20/60

My dear Sir James

Mr. *Herbert* promised yesterday to gazette the four Professors immediately, which I hope means this Tuesday or Friday. And as he took away their addresses with him, I hope he will not forget.

[15:374]

He also promised to remember his own wish & say to Dr. Parkes

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that Dr. Sutherland would help him in the first Course of Sanitary Lectures.

He wishes the Professors to prepare immediately their Synopsis of Lectures - or Prospectus, as he calls it.

Poor Alexander's loss is an irreparable one to us - But I think the interregnum

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a favourable time for launching the school - And I find the Army Medical Council is bidding for popularity (with us Civilians) by encouraging the School - I have asked Mr. Herbert to delay the appointment of a new Director=Genl till it the School be established. But to find a man as useful to us as poor Alexander has

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been is impossible -
His loss undoes a
great part of the
work I have done -
I wish I had not
lived to see it.

I was very much
pleased with what
you said of my little
Nursing book. I have
looked for your new
book which I see
advertised, but have
not been able to get
it yet -

[end 15:374]

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first course" of
Lectures must
be "tentative". I
do not think
one Lecture on
Statistics will
do the needful,
which is to
enable the men
to understand
& use the Forms.
You will, in
course of time,
probably wish
also

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to introduce the
Statistical element
still farther.

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I wonder whether
Mrs. Parkes would
do me the honor
to accept a
copy of the 2nd Edit.
of my little book
on "Nursing."

F.N.

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30 Old Burlington St.

London W

March 17/60

My dear Sir James Clark

I have just had your
letter & consulted Dr.
Sutherland upon its
subject, who had the
last conversation about
it with Mr. Herbert
here -

He says that he
could not give his
opinion to Mr. Herbert
upon this kind of matter

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without being asked.
He did not know till
last Sunday that the
appointments had not
been arranged for life.
[Surely Drs. Parkes &
Aitken ought to have
stipulated for this
themselves when they
accepted]

I remember your
mentioning the subject
to Dr. Sutherland with
reference to retirements

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some time ago. And he says that he then said it was a matter for the men themselves to negotiate with Mr. Herbert. I know his memory is defective.

Last Sunday Mr. Herbert told Dr. Sutherland here (so the latter tells me) that he had wished to appoint for 5 years; that objections had been raised & 10 years

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proposed. He then said he should appoint Dr. Parkes for 10 & Dr. Aitken for 5 years - Dr. Sutherland said that whatever was done for Dr. Parkes should be done for Dr. Aitken too - And Mr. Herbert assented to this.

The two Civilians should unquestionably have stipulated for Life Appointments.

f4/8/5

And I have always
said so to Mr. Herbert.
[Dr. Sutherland I know
thinks so too.]
The men are tried men.
The Minister has not
to learn whether they
will answer or not.

We think your
plan of a retirement
excellent, as an
alternative - in case,
I mean, Mr. Herbert's
object is to prepare
for Army teachers in

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those chairs, before
the present Professors
would die or retire
in the course of nature.

====Longmore could be
replaced, if he retired
in 5 years.

Moorhead does
not wish to retain
it more than 5 years,
I understand -

====Of these two it is
not the question.

Wellcome, RAMC

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But for the two
Civilians, unquestionably
they should have life
appointments -

or retirements on
half pay after 10
years - or on full pay
after 20 years -

I shall see Mr.
Herbert tomorrow &
will speak to him
about it & learn
more.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/9/1-2, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f151

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My dear Sir James Clark

[15:375]

You will be glad
to hear, (if you have
not yet heard,) that
*the Senate of the
Army Medical School
was constituted a
Senate yesterday by
Mr. Herbert at the
War Office - & that
"it" is now a School.*

I consider this

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an important step,
as placing the Army
Medl Sch. under
the immediate
dependence of the

Secy of State for War -

[end]

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

April 1/60

Wellcome, RAMC

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30 Old Burlington St.

July 13/60

My dear Sir James Clark

I should be very
glad, if you could find
time just to cast
your eye over the
enclosed (three) letters
of Dr. Aitken, & to
return them to me,
with any suggestions.
I have no doubt,
however, that you
have also received

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his complaints,
which are well=
founded indeed -

I do not know
whether you ever
go out to breakfast.
But, if you could
fix a day, to come
here at 1/4 before
10, I would get
Mr. Whitfield, of
St. Thomas's, to
come, who is very

f4/10/3

anxious to be
introduced to you -
& Dr. Sutherland,
to talk over various
matters with you,
& some of these
foreign Delegates -
But then it must be *this*
or next week.

Will you allow
me to send you a
copy of the (better
type) Edition of ~~the~~/my
little "Notes on
Nursing"? It has

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some additions as
well. And had it
been out sooner, I
would have sent it
(through you) to the
Queen - instead of
what I did send.

I never thanked
you properly for your
Edition of Combe,
which I liked
exceedingly, & for
your mention of my
little book in it -
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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f4/11/1

30 Old Burlington St.

July 16/60

My dear Sir James Clark

First, do you think
you would be so good
as to breakfast here
at *1/4 before 9*, (nine)
tomorrow (Tuesday)
Mr. Whitfield comes,
in hopes of being
introduced to you -
And I fixed this
early hour, on account

f4/11/2

of the business of the
"Sections", as you said.

I hope it will not
be too early for you.

2. I should be
proud indeed if
you would present
my little book
to our beloved
Princess, England's
eldest daughter.

[I enclose a copy.]

Good angels speed
her!

Wellcome, RAMC

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I enclose another copy, in case it would be proper to present it to The Queen - as having a little more matter in a better type. But do not trouble yourself to answer this. ~~For~~ I don't know the proprieties.

3. I entirely concur with all you say about the School

[15:378]

f4/11/4

(1) there is no doubt but that the Pathological Professor must have assistance. The demand ought to come formally through the Senate, now there is a Senate. But, if the case is urgent, and ~~the~~ delay dangerous, I would ask Mr. Herbert, if you liked it, to authorize the immediate employment of

f4/11/5

Mr. Jason for 2
months at £3.3 a
week, till the
formal application
can be sent in,
(which we know
the War Office will
take a great deal
more than two
months even to
read.)

(2) I think there is
no doubt but that
the School will be
removed, as soon
as there is a

f4/11/7

General Hospital in
a suitable locality,
probably Aldershot.

In the mean time,
we can get Dr.
Aitken one of
the lightest of the
casemates, properly
shelved, for that
part of the Museum
not in immediate
requisition, and
next year we
can get him
an iron building,
as used at Kensington

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I should be sorry
to do more than this,
as it would negative
the plea for removal.

[end]

ever yours gratefully
& affectely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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30 Old Burlington St.

July 17/60

[15:378]

My dear Sir James Clark

M. Quetelet is
coming tomorrow to
breakfast (Wednesday)
at 1/4 before 9.

And as I am very
anxious to do him
honor, would you
be so very good as
to come yourself?

I have spoken

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to Mr. Herbert
today about both
things - viz. Aitken's
assistant, &
Maclean's salary.

Would you be so
good as to read
Aitken's letter,
(received today)
& return it to me?

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

f4/12/3

Gibson, the D.G.,
is coming also to
breakfast tomorrow.

And I always
think it worth while
to keep him *straight*.

[end]

Wellcome, RAMC

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f4/13/1

30 Old Burlington St.

July 18/60

My dear Sir James Clark

Would you be so
good as to take the
enclosed *down to*
Dr. Aitken tomorrow,
if you go; and to
read this his Statement,
altho' I dare say
he has already
consulted you upon
it.

[15:378]

~~eve~~

I hope that you

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will be so good as
to let us know
the result of your
visit, as you
proposed?

Perhaps it will
be better not to
let the D.G. (or
any one) know
that this Statement
has been seen by
us. It might

f4/13/3

excite jealousy. If
you would therefore
put it into Dr.
Aitken's hands,
who will know
what it is, without
others knowing it,
& tell *him*
what you would
advise -

[end]

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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f4/14/1

30 Old Burlington St.

July 20/60

My dear Sir James Clark

I entirely agree
with you as to the
necessity for obtaining
a complete School
& Hospital as soon as
possible.

[15:379]

The present arrangement
was, as you know, to be
only temporary. The
sooner it is done away

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with the better.

Your letter appears,
however, to contemplate
only a similarly
temporary arrange=
ment at Aldershot,
as you propose to
build a Hospital
for some 500 or
600 sick, & the
School in connection
with it.

This I devoutly

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hope will be
accomplished -

But your proposal,
(~~at~~/for the present) is really
between a *temporary*
School at Chatham,
which already
exists, & a *temporary*
School at Aldershot,
which would have
to be provided -

There are so
many points in
your letter, involving

Wellcome, RAMC

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matters of importance
(though they really
have been gone
over scores of times)
that I cannot reply
without having seen
Mr. Herbert -

[end]

Yours ever sincerely
& faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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f4/15/1

30 Old Burlington St.
July 24/60

My dear Sir James Clark

I had an opportunity
on Sunday of mentioning
to Mr. Herbert the
proposal you mentioned
to me for removing
the Army Medl School
~~at once~~ from Chatham
to Aldershot. And
He at once stated
that he could not

[15:379-80]

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entertain such a
proposal. After
ample consideration,
Chatham had been
fixed upon as the
site of a temporary
school. He did
not feel disposed
to take a favourable
view of any proposition
to undo what had
been done partly
by himself - He

f4/15/3
considered the School
as fixed at Chatham
for the present.

I do not think
it would be politic
(indeed I think
it would seriously
damage the prospect
of future removal)
to agitate farther
in the matter,
until it is done
permanently.

Again, *if* we

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had agitated for
permanent Establish=
ment *at first*,
we should have
had no School
at all.

If all of you had
inspected Aldershot
at the time you
inspected Chatham
for this purpose,
you would have
chosen Chatham,
in preference, for

f4/15/5
a School, on
account of its
greater temporary
advantages.

Mr. Herbert
will sanction the
employment of
Dr. Aitken's assistant
for two months,
pending a Requisition
from the Senate.

But meanwhile
I have a letter
from Dr. Aitken,

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(which I will send
you) rather altering
his line of requisitions.

Mr. Herbert
will also authorize
the shelving of the
Casemate for the
Museum.

As other wants
shew themselves
(which they will
be sure to do) we
must try to get
them supplied

f4/15/7
And we must
never cease to ~~look~~
~~forward to~~/agitate for a more
permanent Establish=
ment (with Hospital)
as soon as possible.

The grant for
Woolwich is only
about £11,000.
This would do
little for us at
Aldershot.

When the new
Hospital is decided

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upon at the Camp,
the School buildings
can easily be
attached to it.

[end 15:380]

Yours ever sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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f4/16/1

July 25/60

My dear Sir James Clark

I should like very much to see you, as you kindly propose. Would 12. o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) suit you? I only mention this hour, because Dr .Sutherland will be here - And you would kill two birds at one stone.

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But almost any other time would suit me as well.

I enclose Dr. Aitken's letter -

[15:380]

Pathologists are apt to get into the way of considering the *main end* of such a School to be that of making good Pathological

f4/16/2

preparations. But, if the Chatham School produces many good Pathological preparations, you must report it ~~them~~ to the Statistical Congress as *bad*. Pathology is doubtless essential - But the aim of our Army School is the prevention of disease, not the

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record of the harm
disease has done.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/17/1-3, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f161

f4/17/1

My dear Sir James Clark

Mr. Herbert has, as
yet, had no official
answer from Dr.
Maclean, which
makes it difficult
to know exactly
what to do -

Dr. Morehead has
evidently written to
~~say~~ him that the
salary would be

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£700, made up
to £1000 from
some other source.

We considered
that the £1000
would be nearly
made up by the
£700 & the £250
pension from the
India House.

Could you ask
Dr. Morehead
from what source

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he stated that the
extra £300 would
be made up?

Enclosed is the
letter you sent me.

Yours ever sincerely
F. Nightingale

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Wellcome, RAMC

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Cleveland Row SW

July 29/63

My dear Sir James Clark

I sent to day,
according to your desire
(at least I understood
it so) one two=folio
copy of our Report
for the King of the
Belgians, two 8vo
copies for yourself
& the Queen.

[9:232-33]

I also enclose
a letter for the Queen
which please send
or burn as you like.

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Mind, I am not
responsible for the
8vo copy, which I
never gave, unless I
am asked for it.
There has been a
perfect outcry(& as
I think, a legitimate
one) that the two=
folio book is not
to be sold, not to be
had, not to be
published, not to
be presented to
Parlt; & that the
8vo makes references
passim to a work

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which is not to be
had. Officers - of
all men those one
most wants to
interest, - will not
look at the 8vo copy,
& say the Govt is
keeping something
back. And Officials
say, we don't want
opinions (in the
Report) we want
the facts (in the Blue Book)

Might I not at
least send the Queen
my own paper, (which
you have; & which
is only printed in
the two=folio book,

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fast becoming a
very rare work)
She might look at
that, because it has
pictures. And she
certainly will not
look at the Report.
I have some copies
of my paper
separately, like the
one I gave you -
Ought I to bind
the 8vo for the Queen?
If so, I can send
you a bound copy
almost immediately -
And one of your
copies will do for

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P. Louis of Hesse.
You mentioned that
he might like one.

Perhaps I ought
to bind the 2 folios
for the King of the
Belgians. If so,
please tell me.

We are getting on
very well in having
our home (working)
Commission appointed.
Sir C. Wood is much
more amenable -

But I am greatly
disappointed that
not one single Review
Article has seized

f4/18/6

our main point, viz.
reform your Stations
first - it is not
your climate - it
is not even mainly
your sites - it is
your living like
beasts, not civilized
men, without water
supply, without
drainage &c, heightened
by climate & by
sites, which kills
you -

[end 9:233]

Pray write to me
anything you hear,
solving ~~about~~ the D.G.'s
difficulty as to

Wellcome, RAMC

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Maclean & Longmore
becoming seniors
of their rank, qua
P.M.O.

Ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/19/1-8, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f170

f4/19/1

Hampstead NW
Aug 3/63

My dear Sir James Clark
I sent, as by your
kind permission, a copy
of my paper, for the
Queen, under cover to you -
2. About the Army
Medl Dep: & the want
of candidates, I have
long thought it a most
serious matter. And
I have told Lord
de Grey so - And
that the original

f4/19/2

Warrant must be
restored in all its
integrity - or the
Medl Dept will be
lost. And he always
agrees. But when
it comes to the point,
I see, tho' he does not
say so, that he cannot
carry it with the
Horse Guards. He is
too weak. We restore
such things as forage,
servants' pay &c -
to them. But their
"gentleman" grievances,

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which one cannot but
smile at, but which
nevertheless are most
important, he is
not strong enough
to remedy (against
the H.G.) Nevertheless
it must be done.
And a great body
of evidence to bring
before him, as you
propose, is the surest
way to enable him
to force it on the
Commander in Chief -
It is a great pity -
Sidney Herbert could

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have done it quite
well.

3. I should have liked
very much to have
seen you for a few
minutes, as you were
so kind as to propose,
at Cleveland Row -

4. If you like to keep
my copy of the two
folios, instead of
sending it to the
King of the Belgians,
by all means do so.
But I write to you,
as I do to all my
friends of influence:
- apply to the India

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Office & War Office
rather the India Office
to *give you* a copy.
Let them see that
people wish to see,
choose to see the
two folios - that
they must not burke
it, as they wish.
They are impugning
our Statistics, calling
them exaggerated,
when they are in fact
understated. The
Death rate is under-
stated, because it

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does not take into
account the men
invalided from the
Army for disease -
~~nor including~~ nor those who
die on the passage
home. And then
they dare to state
& to write to Lord
Stanley that we have
exaggerated. And
they dare to try &
burke our Evidence -
Now this Sidney Herbert
never would have
done. It is astonishing

f4/19/7

how easily Sir C. Wood
is satisfied of the
truth of that which
it is thought desirable
to assert. It is
astonishing how
loose his ideas &
reasonings are - Col:
Baker is the prompter.
His argument is; the
Death rates in the
war years are the
highest (not from
wounds) therefore
peace & not Sanitary
measures is the
remedy. As well
might he say, the

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Army nearly perished
in the Crimea, not
from wounds but
from want of supplies,
want of Sanitary
measures. Therefore
peace, not supplies,
not Sanitary measures,
should have been
the remedy.

And he taunts us
with unfairness for
including the war
years in the averages.

Please insist upon
having a two folio
Blue Book for yourself.
The I.O. have positively
refused to have them sold
{from f4/19/1}

Ever yours gratefully F. Nightingale

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f4/20/1

Hampstead NW

Aug 21/63

My dear Sir James Clark

1. Mr. Paget has written me a capital letter, as one of the Examiners, with permission to shew it to Lord de Grey - on the subject of the paucity of Candidates.

When you have produced your case, I shall add to this. And I hope we shall win.

f4/20/2

2. I do not apprehend any injury to the Queen's service from the separation of the services in India. The pay & allowances of Queen's Officers ought to be sufficient to provide a supply, if no other countervailing reason exists. But, as there must be some inducement held out to Officers volunteering for life=long service in

f4/20/3

India, the only way to do this is by somewhat better pay, allowances & retirement. This is what the India Government proposes. But, after all, they can only take a certain number of men. And the others would continue in the Queen's service. An amalgamated service would never have done. It would have destroyed the efficiency of the Royal service *in toto* by mixing up Civil

f4/20/4

doctors & Native Regiment doctors, having no discipline, with Queen's officers who require the strictest discipline. It is fortunate for the British Army that Lord de Grey refused the amalgamation proposal. You are aware that all Officers for India must hold Commissions in the Queen's service, before they are allowed to volunteer.
3. Will you ask Mr.

Wellcome, RAMC

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Hampstead NW

Sept 26/63

My dear Sir James Clark

I enclose Mr. Paget's letter. You will see that it is not exactly "on examinations" but as advocating, from his own knowledge of both Civil & Military professions, the necessity of Govt entertaining the claims of the A.M.D. to have the original Warrant &c restored.

Pray let us see the Draft of your appeal

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& let us have time to co-operate with you.

I meant to send Mr. Paget's letter, which he wrote at my request, to Lord de Grey, at the same time with other papers & with your remonstrance - in order not to weaken the blow but to give it all at once.

It is essentially necessary that something be done.

Wellcome, RAMC

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You will see that
Mr. Paget argues the
question of supply &
shews that the Govt
has very formidable
rivals in the field,
ready to snap up
every competent man
who passes the Colleges.

You must dwell
strongly on this point;
& shew that additional
pay will not meet
the case. What is
wanted is Military
status & gentlemanly
treatment.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/22/1-4, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f172

f4/22/1

Hampstead NW
Oct 7/63

My dear Sir James Clark

I have been too
unwell to answer
your letter of Oct 4
before today: and
even now I am
hardly able to write.
But I think the
matter is of such
extreme importance
that I would do all
I can to prevent any
false step from being

f4/22/2

taken -

In their anxiety to remedy the present state of things, the Army Medical Professors seem to have forgotten that the whole subject (for which they propose to appoint a Commission) was carefully enquired into and decided by a far better Commission than they are ever likely to get. In short, there is not a single

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thing to enquire into. All that is wanted is that the result of the former enquiry shall be carried into effect.

If the Professors can help this result, by sending information, it will be useful. But, if they want to postpone indefinitely all useful action & to embroil the Department hopelessly with the Government,

Wellcome, RAMC

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then they will press
for this Commission.

If I were to aid
in any such undertaking,
it would be with
my eyes open to the
certainty of its failure,
and of its crippling
all attempts to remove
the present causes of
discontent.

Ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

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7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead NW

Confidential Oct 7/63
My dear Sir James Clark

I wrote you my
candid opinion about
the Commission proposed
for the Medl Officers'
grievances.

[9:130]

I would gladly also
give you some private
reasons against the
man chosen, altogether
conclusive to my mind.

Catch Lord Stanley
soiling the tip of one
of his

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fingers to help out of
the mire any body!

If we could have
put Hamlet's ghost
into the chair of the
India Commission, he
would have served
us better! And Lord
S. has done NOTHING
for us - ~~since~~ neither then
nor since.

Besides WERE he
to urge anything on
our Govt, it would
rather set them
against it. He is so
disliked!

But the first Royal

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Sanitary Commission,
backed as it was by
the whole country,
would have served
us nothing, had not
Sidney Herbert
undertaken & drawn
up the Warrant
himself -

He was a great man
going out of his way
to help ~~a great~~ many
little men.

If they expect any
thing of the kind of
Lord S. they are
wofully mistaken.

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I could tell you how,
as far as he has
done anything, he
has stood in the
way of every thing,
in re India Commission.

Again, who is to
write the Report?
Genl Eyre can't write.
Lord S. won't.

In every single
instance, it has been
Sutherland and I
who have written
the Reports.

[end 9:130]

Yes, certainly, Dr.

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Confidential

Muir is by far the
first man in the
Dept. He is a second
Dr. Alexander; & will be
the next D.G.

But, do you think
Govt will have him
home for this, when
the very reason why
they would not have
him home for a far
more important office,
is, that he cannot
be spared from his
present place? I
think they would be
great fools, if they

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did.

I am *quite* sure
that a protest ~~from~~ with facts drawn
up by the Army Medical
profession, strengthened,
if you will, by us, -
would influence the
War Office - that a
Commission would
indefinitely alienate
them.

Believe me, the **[9:130]**
A.M.D. knows little
what it is about,
if it thinks that
the Commissions, headed

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by Sidney Herbert, which
had the elements of
success, could be
reproduced (without
him & without any of the
elements of success -)
to do the same thing. **[end 9:130]**

If you would like
to drive down here
on Friday & have
lunch about two,
I would gladly talk
the matter over -
I could tell many
things I cannot
write. I would have

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Dr. Sutherland to come
& tell you his opinion.
Believe me
ever yours
F.N.

7 Oakhill Park

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Longmore

Private

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

April 4/64

My dear Sir James Clark

We were asked to write the Treasury letter. But it was not sent, when written. Instead of that, Capt. Galton saw Mr. Arbuthnot; and the only proposal which seems likely to meet with Treasury approval is to say that Dr. Longmore's extra duties render it

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necessary that he should reside at the Hospital - but as there is no house as yet, they will allow Lodging money. - & give him rank of Inspector Genl, without other emolument than the £700+ lodging= allowance, till a house is built.

I am asked whether he will take that.

I have no means of knowing, except by asking you -

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[I do not think Lord de Grey is in earnest. But that is not my business.

Had we had Sidney Herbert & Trevelyan, we should have got *this* directly.

The Army Med: Dep: is going to rack & ruin as fast as it can.

Lord de Grey says he will see you "about the question" again soon - But this appears rather to refer to:-]
2. a much more serious matter: -

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Warrant

They want to get off with merely placing the Doctors on the Staff.

Sidney Herbert & the first R. Commission would have thought any man mad for proposing such a thing -

And as I have plac~~yed~~ (~~illeg~~) /my last card, I now think the only thing to be done is to revert to your proposal of *another* R. Commission - But whom to have upon it?

Wellcome, RAMC

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Private

Lord Stanley won't
serve. That I know -
But you might ask him.

We must think
more about it.

ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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f4/25/1

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}
April 4/6/64

My dear Sir James Clark

I have done my best
to make Dr. Sutherland
go to you from Saturday
till Monday. His
Meeting on Monday is
not till one - and he
could quite well do it.
I wished it particularly
for my own sake. For
I think the Medical
Warrant affairs so
desperate, that, unless

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you strike out some
course, I don't know
what to do -

But Dr. Sutherland
always makes any
excuse to go nowhere.
And he generally, most
unfairly, makes me
that excuse.

I have written to
the W.O. to say that
I really could not
insult Dr. Longmore by
asking him whether
he would take the
rank, without its

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advantages - & that
they *must* go for the
original proposal.

I have also written
threatening letters both
to Lord de Grey & to
Capt. Galton about the
Warrant - & after
pointing out that
both restoration of
Warrant & increase of
pay are now necessary,
I have shewn how,
when we are exacting
duties from the Medical
Officer, such as Sanitary
recommendations to his
Commandg Officer, which

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essentially require him
to have the standing
of a gentleman with
his Commandg Officer
- we are doing things,
such as dismounting
him at parade,
depriving him of
presidency at Boards
&c - which in Military
life, to a degree we
have no idea of in
Civil life, deprive him
of the weight of a
gentleman among
gentlemen.

Sutherland has made
me propose a/your second
R. Commission to Ld de Grey
& Capt. Galton. But I don't
{from the top of f4/25/1}
expect they will answer this

Ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/26/1-4, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f179

f4/26/1

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}
Private April 7/64
My dear Sir James Clark

The W.O. seem to have
taken fright - & to think
it will be less disagreeable
to have an assault Meeting
from you, Drs. Sutherland
& Parkes, than from a
R. Commission.

They have written to
me, asking me to
"communicate" with
you "about the
proposed Meeting."

I don't exactly know

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what to "communicate".

If you can make
this house a place
of meeting for discussion
with Drs. Parkes &
Sutherland, previously
to your adjourning
in a trio to attack
Ld de Grey, I need
not say that there
will be room & food
for you any day, any
hour that you will
name -

If on the other hand,

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it will be more
convenient to you to
see ~~him~~/them at home, Dr.
Sutherland will
manage to go down
to you after Monday.

[We are as full of India
business next week
as we can well manage -
sending out things to
Sir John Lawrence
who is mad with our
delay. And therefore
Dr. S. had far better
not have left town then, but
have gone to you on
Sunday. But he won't.]

~~But~~/And this Warrant

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business must come
before everything else.
For the W.O. seem
now willing to listen
to some kind of
terms. They are frightened
 They sent me your
letter. It was very
good, very firm.
Don't be conciliatory -
 ever yours most truly
 F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139/S4/27/1-5, signed letter, pen, typed copy 45772 f180

f4/27/1

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}
Private April 8/64
My dear Sir James Clark
 In reply to your queries: -
1. I do not think Gibson
 will be of any use
 now - because, (altho'
 he entirely concurs,
 as he must,) you
never can depend
upon what he will
say - upon whether
he will stand by you.
 But, should it
come, e.g. "to a Committee"

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consisting of yourselves,
being asked to draw
up the precise
meanings of Clause
17 &c, then Gibson
must be on it -
& his responsibility
being merged in yours,
he will be valuable
to you -
2. Capt. Galton does
not say - (or at least,
if he does, he has
no right to say,) that
Sidney Herbert "gave
up the right to preside

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at the mess."

What Capt. Galton
does say is that Sidney
Herbert "consented
to the modification
of the Warrant."

This is true. The
other is not true.

I know exactly
what Sidney Herbert
did, to the Warrant, or believed
himself to have done.
But he had nothing
to do with the "presiding"
question. During the
last months of his
life, Sir E. Lugard
(& much more Hawes)

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did many things
without his knowledge.

I have repeatedly
challenged the W.O.
to shew me S. Herbert's
signature to the
changes in the Warrant
attributed to him
- shewing them that
he himself knew
but of one - also
shewing that, even
if his signature
were to be seen to
move, it was surprised
from him - & he
himself did not
know of it.

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The W.O. has never
answered my
challenge - And,
altho' it is (unfortu=
nately) true that
S. Herbert did
"consent" to one change,
all the rest is
untrue - And as
for the "Confidential
Circulars", he knew
NOTHING of them.

ever yrs most truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

April 9/64

My dear Sir James Clark

[15:391]

I shall certainly be
only fit for a Lunatic
Asylum, if I stay in the
W.O.

I have received the
enclosed from Capt.
Galton, which I told
him I should forward
on to you, in order to
make sure of no
mistake being made
by Longmore as to the
"proposal really made" to
him. Please return

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it to me -

At the same time,
I shewed Capt. Galton
that the "arrangements"
~~sought~~ we seek to
"alter" were *not* "made
"by Lord Herbert" that
we were carrying out Ld Herbert's own
intention; that it was *not*
on "personal" but on
public "grounds" that
we sought to raise
Longmore's "salary" -
that Longmore does
not "perform at
Netley the same duties
as at Chatham" -

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that, if the representation made to the Treasury were the same as what ~~he~~/Galton here makes to me, the "Treasury" might "very naturally object" to granting what was not urged -

that Longmore might very well answer that, if he were Inspector Genl, he would have the lodging money as a right, (as part of his emoluments, that is) & a chance of becoming D.G. besides.

At the same time, I wrote *for the tenth*

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time a statement of eight pages, with permission to make any use of it they pleased, with my signature, as to Longmore's position. & Lord Herbert's intentions.

But I positively refused to write to Mr. Gladstone, who certainly ought not to grant *me* what the head of my Department, the S. of S. for War, does not urge.

And I told Capt. Galton very plainly that ~~the~~/he was in contradiction of

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himself, of Lord de Grey when Under Secretary
& of what Lord de Grey
promised, if he became
S. of S., nearly a year ago.

ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

Of course, if Longmore
~~will take~~/accept the proposal,
as now made, (but
which I perfectly
understood to be thus
before, - did not you?-)
it will save us an
almost hopeless
contest.

[end 15:392]

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115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

April 11/64

11 A.M.

My dear Sir James Clark

I have consulted with
Dr. Sutherland. And he
thinks that it is more
important for you,
Dr. Parkes & himself
to consult together, &
then for you three to
adjourn immediately
to attack Lord de Grey,
(or for you to go by
yourself, as you may

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think fit, with a
Minute drawn up
by you three.)

He thinks this of
more importance
than the gain of a
week would be in
time.

He says that Dr.
Parkes knows so
much more than
any one else of the
feeling of the men.

He therefore proposes
that you three should
meet here on Saturday week, 23rd

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or meet here on this day
fortnight (25th) ~~if Dr.~~
~~Parkes proposes~~ or on
any ~~Saturday~~/day that week (after 25th)
if that is proposed.
- & that, on the same
day, afterwards meeting, you
should all go to Lord
de Grey, or you alone
go -

He is averse to not
doing the whole
thing at once -

[I tell him this may *perhaps*
fall thro' from Lord de

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Grey's inability to
receive you then.]

I don't think he,
Dr. Sutherland, will
go to you, unless it
is quite inconvenient
for you & Dr. Parkes
to come *here before*
going to Ld de Grey,
on whatever day
that is ultimately
FIXED

The fact is, what is
wanted is to put a
muzzle on the Duke
of Cambridge, & to tell

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him that he *must*
not alter a Royal
Warrant.

Lord de Grey *is*
the head of the Army,
& could quite well
say this, *if he pleased*,
to the D. of Cambridge.
And he must be made
to say it.

They, our enemies,
put forwards Lord
Herbert's name very
cruelly. The truth is,
that it was not he
at all

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but the D. of Somerset,
who began the alteration
in the Warrant. The
D. of Somerset came
to Ld Herbert, &
gained his consent
to an alteration,
as regards the Navy.
The D. of Cambridge
took advantage, &
did the same thing
as regards the Army.

There will never
be any confidence
again, unless Ld de

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Grey tells the Commander
in Chief, "you shall
not do this."

ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

Please tell Mr. Clark
that I have got
all the papers,
including the Heads
of the Bill, proposed
amendments &c,
from Ld Clarence
Paget, on the subject
on which I wrote
to Mr. Clark.

F.N.

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115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

April 15/64

My dear Sir James Clark

I gave Capt. Galton
the information that,
with the "grossest
generosity", (I said,)
Longmore would
accept his proposal.
- upon the condition
that he was to have
"at some future time "
"the other advantages
of the Inspector's rank."
I said, among many

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other disagreeable things,
that I would never
let any pledge pass
thro' me again, without
better ground of seeing
it fulfilled.

I send you Capt.
Galton's answer. I
have told him that
I am sending it you -
I have replied to
it, saying
(1) 1. that Longmore's
position (& Maclean's,
only that Maclean
has resigned his claim)

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is quite different from
the two Civilians - &
will not lead to any
claim of theirs.

(2) 2. that I can give
no opinion about the
Examinership, having
no knowledge as to
Longmore's acceptableness
or not (by Civil Schools)

(3) 3. That the way they
(the W.O.) "protect"
themselves is by
letting Longmore go to
the wall, & accepting
his generosity - which,
by the way, I told
them, in my first

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letter, they would be
"pitiful" if they did
accept.

I wish I had left
the W. O. myself -

You may think I am
not wise in being so
angry. But I assure
you, when I write
civilly, I have a civil
letter. *And nothing is
done.* When I write
furiously I have a
rude letter. *And
something is done -
(not even then always
but only then.)*

ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

Private June 5/64

except for Mr.

Clark

My dear Sir James Clark

Late last night I
received the enclosed.

[I wish it could have
been earlier, as you
& Mr. Clark were
in town - And I could
have told you what
I now must write.]

My answer to the
enclosed was: that it
is no use Lord de Grey
shifting the responsibility

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of advising the D. of
Cambridge on to Dr.
Watson's or Mr. Paget
or any one else's shoulders.
Ld de Grey knows himself
quite enough to tell
the D. of C. what to do.
If he won't, nobody
else can -

And I strongly
depreacted this coward's
act of letting any one
rather than the
responsible Minister
be responsible for the
Army ~~'s Welfare~~ being well doctored, & for

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the Commander in Chief
knowing the truth.

Neither Dr. Watson nor
Mr. Paget nor any one of them
knows as much as Ld
de Grey knows himself.

But, I said, do not
take my advice. I will
write & ask Sir Jas. Clark
what he thinks.

I think Lord de G.
utterly hopeless. And I
am anxious to tell you
why.

About 3 weeks after
you had given in your
paper x, dated May 2,

x the paper by yourself, Drs. Parkes &
Sutherland.

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I received a letter from
Lord de G., written by
Capt. Galton, asking me
to give rates of increase
of pay desirable - I
replied that nothing
of the kind could be
done, till Ld de Grey
had settled which
of the recommendations
in your paper was
to be carried out.

Whereupon it appeared
that the only result
which had followed
the delivery of your
recommendations to
the W.O., was that the
W.O. had "misaid" them.

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And they could not be found.

That did not so much signify. For I had a rough copy here: - & immediately replaced them.

Whereupon Ld de Grey said: "give me a rate of increase of pay such as IF I did not mean to adopt any of the recommendations but increase of pay, I might adopt."

It was then Dr. Sutherland wrote to you, upon my shewing him the said letter.

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as also to Dr. Parkes.

Upon your replies being received, I sent in a second letter, giving rates of increase of pay, & then saying that it was utterly impossible to fix the values of x, y, and z in the following equations

For treating	}	
the Medl Officer	}	£x
with contumely	}	

For putting	}	
Lucifer's	}	<i>per diem</i>
pavement	}	£.s.d.
into thorough	}	y.z [?]
repair	}	

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I have since had
reason to feel sure
that what Ld de Grey
means to do *is to do*
nothing.

What he say is:"that
"the D. of Cambridge
"represents the feelings
" of a large section of
"Military men about
"doctors - that that
"section will be made
"hostile to the Doctors,
"if the present
"arrangements are
"disturbed."

[I never heard that
to allow one class to
 tyrannize over &

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humiliate another class
improved the devouring
class any more than
the devoured class.]

But the fact is, Ld de
Grey is utterly hopeless.
He *is* master of the
Army & of the D. of
Cambridge - But he
would shirk every act
of such responsibility.

I hear that he is going
to you for Ascot. If you
could press him more
than you have yet done,
that is the only chance.
{printed address: upside down}
115, Park Street. W.

Mr. Clark, I have no
 doubt,

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thinks me querulous
about the W.O. I can
only assure him that
some matter like the
one just related, is
of daily occurrence -

I have constantly to
replace lost papers -
to bear the brunt of
these correspondences,
knowing that, all the
trouble taken, nothing
will be done -

ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

If you like to consult Dr.

Parkes upon the subject

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of Capt. Galton's letter
enclosed, pray do.

But bear in mind,

that it is only a *put-*
off of Lord de Grey's.

Capt. Galton himself says: -

"Ld de Grey knows the
whole case, & can act,
if he chooses."

F.N.

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115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}

June 7/64

My dear Sir James Clark

Nothing is so desperate
as to put reasons (for
a course) before a man,
who puts those reasons
before himself much
better than you can
yourself -

15 months ago, just
before Sir G. Lewis' death,
Lord de Grey put before
himself (in my presence)
the reasons for continuing
Longmore at the School.

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& therefore for promoting
him - & for giving
Muir the sanitary
place under the D.G.
(then proposed for
Longmore) in order
that Muir might be
the future D.G.-
he put these reasons
much more strongly
than I could myself -
And, more than this,
after Sir G. Lewis' death,
he made these a
reason why he should
be his successor.

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Your only hope is with
people whom you have
to convince. But what
is your hope when
people are convinced
already? In this case
you have not even to
take the horse to the
water. He has taken
himself there already.
But you can't make
him drink.

I have communicated
with the W.O. since I
had your letter. And
I enclose an Extract
from their answer -
What you have to say

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to Lord de Grey is, it
seems to me, to nail
him to this. And
I have no objection
if you choose to
communicate it to
Dr. Longmore - We
must not lose him at the School.
And I need not say
I will do my best
to keep the W.O. to
this pledge. But I am
weary of seeing them
break their pledges -
And I have told them
that no pledge shall
ever be conveyed through
me more -
ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

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I send you this, as
I have received it.
I need not say that
I do not agree with
it. I think Longmore
very HARDLY used -
And I have drawn
up his case *not less*
than 12 or 15 times
in the last 15 months
for the W.O. at their
own desire. [I have
even said ~~his~~/that his
was the "grossest
piece of magnanimity"
I knew.]

I foresee all sorts

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of difficulties. E.g.
there is always to be
one Insp. Genl in the
three branches of the
D.G.'s office. Now
already Balfour
has put in his claim.
(a most rightful
one) to be the next
I.G. when Logan
retires. He uses
the self=same arguments
that Longmore does -
(a most legitimate
one) viz. that it is
too hard, *because he*

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is the only man to fill
the Statistical branch,
therefore he should
lose promotion by it-
he being also a
married man, with
a child (or children)
& having relinquished
a better pecuniary
post (at our request)
for this.

F.N.

It is 3 years to day
since Sidney Herbert
sent me the news
of Cavour's death,
by telegram, with

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these words: "This is
the life I should like
to have lived: this is
the death I should
like to die." In less
than 7 weeks he had
his wish.

How incalculable is
the mischief, more
apparent every day,
of the loss of those
two men, more
regretted every day
by those who know
anything of the
incalculable mischief.

F.N.

{printed address, upside down:]

113, Park Street. W.

June 7/64

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Park Hill. Hampstead
N.W.

Aug 13/64

My dear Sir James Clark
Dr. Sutherland shewed
me your letter - & as
usual left it for me
to answer -

I enclose you all
the direct communication
I have had with the
Professors about ~~it~~/your subject,
(which was before I left
London) -

Please return it to
me.

I have already

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communicated with
the W.O. about it -
confidentially.

Gibson was born to
be our ruin. He is the
mere tool of the C. in C.
The Horse Guards are
the real Army Doctors-
Managers.

And Lord de Grey
has not the ordinary
courage or capacity to
resist the D. of Cambridge,
altho' he is distinctly
by position master of

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the Commander in Chief.

Three years Sidney Herbert has been dead. And those three years have been nothing but a slow undermining of all he has done.

I am intriguing now to get Muir back, as Gibson's successor.

Sir C. Wood is, if possible, worse than Ld de Grey.

I have done my best in the present emergency about Indian Med. Officers

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And Gibson has done his ~~best~~/worst to do away with Examn & get back nomination.

I am so pressed, not only with Indian work, but with our undertaking for the nursing of Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary, that I can hardly write.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I send you by Book Post a copy of the "Suggestions", waited for & asked for so long by Sir John Lawrence. Please tell Mr. Clark that I sent a copy to Mr. H. I. Ellis, of Madras, direct, according

RAMC 271/1 letter to FN, typed copy of FN letter pasted in, in RAMC
Historical Museum [14:138]

Scutari
9 February 1855

Dear Master Atkins

I had your newspaper and am glad to hear your brother and sister think of the poor patient soldiers who never complain of wounds or of sickness and who only wish to get well to go and fight again for their country like your uncle.

I hope you will be kind to them and their widows and children when you see them in peaceful country. I hope you pray for peace.

If you could see the feet of one poor frostbitten soldier, the flesh dropping from the bones and the rest black and broken to be cut and sawn off, you would prefer mercy and benevolence to honor and valor, and when you read of Greeks and Romans fighting here where we are, and the brave old Crusaders, believe that your English, Irish and Scotch countrymen are just as brave and a great deal more kind, for some of them are, like the good centurion and with something of the Blessed Saviour and duties of Christianity and many like good books, and some like to pray, some are unconscious, worn out and weary, and stretch out their hands and say "Sister," the last word--and then they move no more, and have no more pain.

Thank you for your letter. I hope you will live to be a brave man, and to fight like your uncle if necessary, but in the meantime pray to be a good and wise man, and that there may be peace everywhere.

Florence Nightingale

[end]

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RAMC 271, signed letter, 6ff, pen, copy, 43397 ff179-82 [12:118-20]

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
Jan 31/56

My dear Mr. Bracebridge

In reply to your letter,
requesting me "to give
some sign" as to what
I wish to have done
with the money about
to be raised under the
name of the "Nightingale
Fund," & as to what
purpose it is to be
devoted to, I can only
say

1. the people of England
say to me by this
subscription - "We trust
you - we wish you to
do us a service" - No

love & confidence can be
shewn to a human being
greater than this - &
as such I accept it
gratefully & hopefully.
I hope I shall never
decline any work which
God & the people of
England offer me -

But 2. I have no plan
at all - I am not new
to these things - I am
not without experience -
And the fear presents
itself more strongly to my
mind, no certainty of
failure more complete
than accompany the idea

of beginning any thing of
the nature proposed to me
with a great demonstration,
a vast preparation, a
great man, perhaps,
coming down to the
Hospital to give the first
"cup of cold water" -

People's expectations are
highly wrought, they think
some great thing will
be accomplished in six
months, altho' experience
shews that it is
essentially the labor of
centuries - they will be
disappointed to see no
apparent great change

& at the end of a twelve month,
~~and~~ will feel as "*flat*"
about it as they do on
a wedding day at three
o'clock after the wedding
breakfast is over.

But, worse than this,
the fellow-workers who
would join me in a work
which began with
excitement, demonstration,
public popularity, would
be those whom vanity,
frivolity or the love of
excitement, would bring -
& these would, least of
all, bring about the
wonderful results which
the public would be

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expecting - or rather the
results would be now
"wonderful" the other way.

These are not theories
but experience.

And, if I have a
plan in me which is
not battered out by
the perpetual "wear &
tear" of mind & body
which I am now
undergoing, it would
be simply this -

to take the poorest
& least organized
Hospital in London,
and, settling myself
in/down there, see what

I could do - not touching
the "Fund" perhaps for
years - until experience
had shewn how best
it might be made
available, so ~~that~~ it shall not be
wasted in grand
experiments which
lead to nothing -

This is not detracting
from the value and
importance of the "Fund"
to the work - It will be
invaluable as occasion
arises -

I have hardly time
to write this letter -

much less to give the
experience which would
prove its deductions
to be true.

But I would appeal
only to two recent
instances -

1. my strength here
lay in coming to
Hospitals thoroughly
disorganized or rather
~~unorganized~~ unorganized,
& in organizing these -
Had I come to a
ready-made Institution,
I could have done
hardly anything to
alter it.

2. the greater proportion
of *valuable* fellow-workers
here came out with the
first party, notwithstanding
the hurry of selection, when
the work was obscure &
laborious & laughed at,
& the hardship considerable,
not, with a few priceless
exception, with the
subsequent parties, when
the excitement & popularity
were great, & love of glory,
of gain, as well as
curiosity all on the alert.

I have no objection
to what I thus say to
you in private, being
repeated on the "housetops",

i.e. to those who have
so kindly interested
themselves in the
"Nightingale Fund" &
sympathized in her
work -

The first fruits of a
long series (as I expect)
of the brick=&=mortar
plans of needy or
philanthropic adven=
turers, who wish to
get hold of the
"Nightingale Fund", have
already come upon me.
But I hope our
inexorable Common Sense
will not be taken in.

One more instance - &
I have done -

Compare the gradual
but complete success of
Fliedner's Institution at
Kaiserswerth with that
of the magnificent &
pompous "Bethanien"
at Berlin - whose
excellent & simple=
minded foundress was appalled
at the "greatness thrust
upon her" & which
marred her work -

I therefore must
beg to decline making
any plan whatever,
even were I not

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overwhelmed at present
not with plans but with work.

At the same time,
would I could say
(which I cannot) how
much I feel the love
& confidence of the
people of England, in
whose service, as I
have lived, so I shall
die -

I am,

dear Mr. Bracebridge,

most truly yours

Florence Nightingale

C.H. Bracebridge Esq

[end 12:120]

RAMC 271/20 signed letter, 1f, pen

General Hospital

Balaclava

May 5/56

My dear Sir

May I request your permission
to have Private Horsefield, 50th Regiment,
here as Orderly in this Extra Diet
Kitchen? He has been my Orderly
in the same capacity for eight months
at Scutari, where we have taught him
every thing, & he would be most
valuable to me here as a person
in whom I can trust -

[14:400]

I have already obtained
the permission of the Lt. Colonel Commg
50th Regt, & of the Commander of the Forces
for his transference from Scutari here.
And I would now ask you to authorize
me to retain him here.

I will remind you that both
the Soldier Orderlies in the Extras kitchen & the
Sisters' ~~kitchen~~/Orderly have been removed.

[end]

I remain dear Sir your truly

Florence Nightingale

RAMC 271/23

30 Old Burlington St

London W

Oct 23/58

You say you "don't
want to argue" & to
me it is impossible -
But there is one thing
in your note of this
morning perplexing
to me beyond anything.
How can "the Queen's
conversation with"
you "at Stoneleigh"
be in any way

referable to me? to
me who am the
greatest sufferer
from the Queen's
neglect? whose life
would, in fact, have
been saved, had
she spoken the one
word - she could &
ought to have spoken.

F. Nightingale

RAMC 271/23 signed note, 1f, pen

I grieve to feel that
I have not made
myself understood
in the least by you -
I feel utterly pow=
erless to remove
such a misunder=
standing - I can only
hope that, in the
day when all
hearts shall be open,

you will see clearly
what I *would I*
could but feel I
cannot explain
now - yours as ever

F. Nightingale
1/11/58

RAMC 271/21 initialed note, 2ff, pen

Copy No. 2
27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

War Office

April 1. 1865

Much difficulty was
experienced in inducing
the Treasury to give
Serjt Lyne a salary
of £240, and it
would be useless to
make any fresh
appeal - at all events,
without fuller information
than is at present
possessed.

 If the sum which

has been given, is (as
is asserted in the
enclosed extract)
quite inadequate to
allow of the cemeteries
being kept up in a
decent state, it is
suggested that Major
Gordon, on his arrival,
should furnish the
Foreign Office with
a report showing
the extent & situation

of the several burial
grounds, the number
of graves contained
in them & the expences
which Serjt Lyne
will have to incur
in order to maintain
them in a proper
state.

To Miss Nightingale

No. 2

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

April 2/65

To this No. 2, I answered
that I hoped they,
the War Office, would
lay their hands on
Major Gordon on his
arrival, & make
him do, as ~~filed~~/suggested
in No. 2.

F.N.

RAMC 271/22 initialed note, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 18/65

Dearest friend

Last night, after
I wrote to you, Major
Gordon, of Constantinople,
left his card on me.

17 Lower Berkeley Street
Portman Square.

It is impossible for
me to enter into any
communication with
him. But I thought
Mr. Bracebridge might
like to know he was here.

F.N.

RAMC 271/20/22 initialed note, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 20/65

[14:1021]

Dearest friend

I understand that
Major Gordon has been
to the Foreign Office -
& has recommended
that Sergt Lyne shall
be written to (which
has been done) to
tell him to acknowledge
the £240 a year, as
for himself & travelling
expences only &c -
that the Consul should

still pay (& charge
in the Consular Accts)
the £70 a year for
Croats &c for the burial
grounds - as before -
that Major Gordon
considers this would
quite answer -
& that he thinks
nothing more should
be tried at present.

I do not vouch
for this, as I never

vouch for anything
I don't hear *first=*
hand.

Perhaps Mr. Brace=
bridge would try to
hear it from Major
Gordon *first=hand*.
But I understand
that I am recommended
to do nothing more
at present.

I wish I could
communicate with
Major Gordon myself.
But it is quite impossible.
ever your F.

[end]

RAMC LP53/6 copy of signed letter, 2ff, pen, with actual envelope

The original of this was sent for me to read & to give to Dr. Parkes if he were able to receive it.

F.L.

copy 35 South St
 Park Lane W
 March 8/76

My dear Dr. Parkes

I heard only this morning (& last night) of your illness; & it causes me sorrow & anxiety beyond what I can express.

But I will not believe but that God will spare to us so valuable a life We have summer before us: & not winter: May the Spring bring a new spring of health to you is all that I can say!

I look back to the past 20 years: during which I have always been able, - if not to see, - to think of, to know, & to rejoice in thinking of & knowing your great & useful career: as I hope to look forward to it during the next 20 years.

To me it is bound up with all that was & is dearest to me in life.

And while thus looking back

& forward, I think I can neither see nor imagine any usefulness greater than yours has been & will be, in teaching those laws of health & life & death which concern not only life but civilization & all that makes life precious - & which spread from you wherever (& beyond) the English language is spoken. For from you they come not only as from a teacher: but ringed by all those qualities which make you a benefactor & a friend.

I would say as Genl Lee wrote to Genl Jackson - when he was wounded:

I have wrestled more in prayer for you with God this night than I ever did for myself:

but that we know our Heavenly

Father needs no 'wrestling with':

and into His hands I commend your Spirit & body: yours & my own

May God bless you, & He *will* bless you -

yours ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale

I wish that you could know how we make your 'Practical Hygiene' the Text-book in all our Training-Schools for Nurses: - including now that of the London *District* Nurses - who are gentlewomen - for the sick poor at home: & from them it spreads its light to some of the poor & "Parish Doctors' & many others.

F.N.

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RAMC LP53/7 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
March 8/76

[15:503]

My dear Sir

I am truly grateful to you for writing to me about our dear friend, Dr. Parkes. I only heard yesterday of his illness - & almost in the same breath of his great danger -

I cannot but hope & trust that his valuable life may yet be spared: but I will not trouble you who know all with the hopes & fears of me who know nothing.

His loss would be irreparable:

how few there are, how very few, who remain from what I would fain call: the good old time -

I venture to trouble you with a note to forward for him: I do not like at such a time to give him no sign of warm feeling - But I will ask you to open & read it, &, if his state is, alas! such as to render it unsuitable, to destroy it -

Excuse pencil: I should be truly obliged if you would let me hear again about him:
& pray believe me

ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale

I can hardly believe that they mean to discontinue the Netley School, after the untold good it has done: & is doing. Indeed, I do not believe it

F.N.

Professor Longmore

LP53/12 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South St
Park Lane W
March 16/76

My dear Sir

I felt overwhelmed to hear of his death:
Revived hope makes me, I was going to say,
feel it the more: yet how can I say, the more,
or, the less? - his loss is unspeakable -

I would gladly have parted with my poor
small remnant of a life, if it could have been
accepted for his:

but let us, as *he* went to the sacrifice of
himself with joy & praise: like the heroes of old:

so part with him -

He died like a true Christian hero
"at his post": & with the great simplicity
of one: His death reads like a resurrection.

We can bid *him* 'farewell': & he *will*
fare well: but he can hardly bid us
'farewell': for but *ill* we shall fare
without him.

But let us try to save what he
would have saved.

I rejoice that you were with him to the
last. Among many friends, there were
few or none he valued like you -

I am grateful to you for having written
to me so much about him -

Will you add to your kindness by ~~telling~~/giving
Mrs. Paget & his family a message from me
& saying that I will write?

Pray believe me yours ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Professor Longmore

[I will return Genl Eyre's important

letter -

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP53/11

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
March 13/76

T. Longmore Esq

My dear Sir

How I thank God that there is even a rally:
& am thankful too that you have been so successful
in persuading him to have a Nurse.

I did not wait for your telegram (in reply to
mine) to send to Sir William Jenner: & tell him
what I had telegraphed to you: that we might
be ready in case he would send down a Nurse
with his *persuasions* as soon as we had your
reply - Unfortunately he did not know of a good

Nurse: Your Telegram reached me at 1.10

I sent again at once to Sir W. Jenner:

he did not then either know of any [we, I am sorry
to say, are strictly limited to Nurses for hospitals
& the poor: & I had racked my brains in vain
for one of ours who might be now unemployed.]

- it was, then, impossible to find & send a Nurse
down by 3.15. And I telegraphed this to Mrs
Paget.

[Till your letter of this morning, I had no idea that
he had no Nurse: or that Mrs. Paget: was not
she at Renkioi? Was not the best of all
Head Nurses.]

I sent about immediately to all the places where
(private) *trained* Nurses are to be had: & have
been fortunate enough to find a *trained* Nurse at the very
place Sir W. Jenner most wishes: University Coll.
Hospl "trained by the All Saints Sisters": they write
to me" "thoroughly dependable: now working on her
"own account: but all our own Nurses are out:"

I gave the Supt Dr Parkes' address: & she was to
telegraph as soon as she new the train the Nurse ~~she~~ goes by
(this afternoon) that she may be met at Northam
May God bless this & all the means used for restoring

to us so precious a life.

In the two notes I have had from Sir W. Jenner, he does not speak hopelessly of our dear Patient: but "thought a rally quite possible" He however expressed himself as hopeless of inducing Dr Parkes to have Nurse: So you have done wonders.

I cannot be sufficiently thankful to you for writing to me. I shall be *most eager* to hear again. Will you kindly thank Mrs. Paget for her most interesting Letter: Dr Parkes dictated to me the most touching note I ever saw in my life.

I only want to add now: if the Nurse does not suit (which God forbid!) or if she is too expensive, you must allow me to pay for her: Ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139 LP53/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil

35 South St
Park Lane W
March 17/76

My dear Sir

It is a painful comfort: but a very real one: to know that, had dear Dr. Parkes's life been prolonged, it could only have been to suffer incurably till death: & that his death now was a merciful one.

I thank you for telling me this:
yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

Would you be so kind as to let me know anything you hear about the future of the School? I am doing all

I can: but it is better to treat so fatal a step as that feared as a *mere rumour*, as long as it is not announced -
I will keep Genl Eyre's letter a day longer please -
Professor Longmore

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC LP53/15 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South St
Park Lane W
Ap 21/77

My dear Sir

I am always glad to see your handwriting:
I have no doubt that the life of our dear friend,
Dr. Parkes, is best expressed by what you say:
viz. extending "the competition for the prize essay
to the Medical Officers of all three branches of
the public service".

[Tho' not exactly a parallel case, I suppose no
one cause has so raised the usefulness of Oxford
as making open scholarships, exhibitions &
fellowships.]

Indeed you may well say that we feel the
loss of Dr. Parkes more & more every day.

Will you kindly thank Dr. Dobson for me
for the heliotype portrait

& pray believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

Thos Longmore Esq &c &c &c

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/ photocopies of letters to Thomas Longmore, most have typed copies in 45773,

RAMC 1139/LP54/1, typed copy 45773 f161

30 Old Burlington Street, [printed address]
W.

June 19/61

Dear Sir

I was exceedingly [15:446]
sorry to find that
after you had so
kindly offered to
open a Subscription
List for "Soldiers'
Homes" (at Chatham)
and after Dr. Gibson
had consented to
be present at the
Meeting, a provoking

mistake had occurred
owing, as Capt. P.
Jackson himself said,
to his "want of
experience in
conducting the
business of a
Public Meeting."

[Capt. Pilkington
Jackson, R.A. was
the originator of the
Soldiers' Homes at
Gibraltar.]

I informed him of
the contents of your t
wo kind letters-

And he informed
me that by a mistake,
with which it is
useless to trouble you,
a packet of letters
had never been sent
to the Director General
R.M. Milnes, Esq., M.P.,
and other M.P.s
who had promised
to attend & speak

at the Meeting.

It was a great oversight. And, altho' he has apologized, he tells me, to all these gentlemen - yet that does not remove the mischief of the want of their support at the Meeting-

I send you the "Times" advertisement of the same.

And I hope that you will still give your assistance to an object which so well deserves it.

The vote for Chatham Institute, altho' it has not passed yet - the House of Commons, is, I understand, as certain as if it had. And I am told ~~belief~~ there is no lack of private subscriptions there

- altho', if there were
and you would kindly
inform me, I believe
I could be of some
help in that quarter.

But we are
very anxious to
extend especially
to Aldershot, where
the abominations
which go on just
outside the Lines
are such as are
rarely seen in
civilized life,

the benefit of a place
where the men
can have refreshment,
rest & amusement
which now they
can only seek at
the Canteen or the
Public house, when
out of Barracks.
[signature cut off]

[end]

RAMC 1139 LP54/2, typed copy 45773 f163

30 Old Burlington St,
W. June 26/61

My dear Sir

I do not like
to refuse Dr. Mure's
request for the
sake of this friend
& mine, poor
Alexander. He
will see that I
have done Alexander
full justice. And
when I wrote those
Analyses of the
Med. Off.'s Corres=
pondence, curiously

enough, I had never
seen Alexander.

But I do hope
that the publicity
will stop at Dr.
Mure-No good
but harm to the
cause would accrue
from re-opening
those old sores
now. And therefore
I must beg that
Dr. Mure does
not even mention
this "Private" Report
farther.

I read with the greatest shame the evidence (at the inquest) given by the Assistant Surgeon in charge of the detachment of Guards marched from Kingston to Guildford. After all that has been done for Medical Officers, that there should be one who holds such opinions is a matter of shame. Upon my word, had

Alexander ~~had~~ been alive, I should not have liked to have been that Ass. Surgeon in his hands. He ought to be sent to your School at Chatham. For he has not so much as read the Medical Regulations, which specially bind the Med. Off. to make representations to the C.O. upon the camping, *line of march* &c. &c. &c.

[end cut off]

RAMC 1139/LP54/3, typed copy 45798 f59

9 Chesterfield St.
London, W.
May 5/62

My dear Sir

I only write these few words (in great haste) to-day - to acknowledge the very kind gift of Dr. Fyffe, which I have paid into the hands of the Hon'y Secretary of the "Herbert Memorial."

I send you my copy of the Report of that Meeting. I will try to ascertain whether it is now to

be had. I agree with you that a much greater circulation should have been attempted. Do not trouble yourself to return my copy. To me necessarily the whole subject is so painful (I mean, in *his* not having met with the recognition he deserved, as you so truly say) that I had almost rather be without the Copy. The War Office does not follow his traditions, which is the only gratitude he would have cared for.

Two parts of your kind letter in which both of which I fully concur, caused me great pain. I may perhaps some day have to write to you more fully about them.

They were no surprise.
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RAMC 1139 LP54/4, typed copy 45798 f68

Hampstead, N.W.

Oct. 7/62

My dear Sir

I am extremely indebted to you for your kindness & consideration for me in sending me Dr. Muir's remark.

Would you be so kind as to write to him & to say that I am excessively grateful to him for having prevented

a thing which would which have given me so much pain, & been so hurtful in itself, as the publication of that "Private" Report - and would you say that, if he thinks it desirable to put a stop to it more effectually, I should be truly obliged to him to do so, using my authority, & saying that, however useful they may suppose

it to be to put in
circulation certain
passages, it would
be a direct breach
of faith in them
to do so, or in me
to allow it.

I cannot tell
you how obliged
I am to Dr. Muir
for his prompt
interference.

I have no idea
how the Bp of London
could have got hold
of it, unless Lord
Panmure gave it him

himself. But I
agree with Clarendon
who says that, of
all classes of men
who can read & write,
the clergy are they
who have least
knowledge how
practically to work
human affairs.

When, about
the time of my
dear Master's death,
the American Govt.
wrote to me for all
these things, I sent
all the War Office
Blue Books

printed Reports &
Regulations, but
directly refused to
send them this.

I am very glad
to hear a not
unfavourable report
of the poor Americans
from Dr. Muir's
account.

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Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139/LP54/5, typed copy 45798 f72

32, South Street, [printed address]
Grosvenor Square, W.
Nov. 8/62

Private

My dear Sir

I should be very sorry
that you should think
that your kind & wise
letter of May (?) last
had been neglected.

I have always
had it in my head.

I wrote to the
W.O. about it. But
as you did not wish
your name to be
mentioned, they required
some *quote-able*
medical authority.

I then wrote to Dr.
Sutherland, but as he
did not seem inclined
to stir, I wrote to
Sir James Clark.

After a good deal
of correspondence
between the W.O. & me,
it has ended most
unsatisfactorily in
Dr. Jenner (sent by
Sir J. Clark) & Dr. Parkes
coming together to the conclusion
that *he* has nothing
the matter with him.

The whole of my action tended only to this; to the great importance, of finding an *agrégé* to be Dr. Parkes' Assistant & afterwards his successor - *not* to "finding" Dr. Parkes in a condemned state of health.

I hope the subject will be brought forward again. Sir James Clark, who was much struck with your "sensible" letter, which I shewed him in private - but

who is absorbed with poor Lady Clark's suffering decline - is the only man who could bring Dr. Parkes to consent. And without his consent of course we can do nothing.

Since then, papers have reached me, of which I dare say you have cognizance, by Dr. Parkes' desire, thro' Sir James Clark.

I hope that all these things will be satisfactorily arranged at a Meeting at the W.

O. next week.

Yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC LP54/6 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

4 Cleveland row

St. James' S.W.

[15:365-66]

Private Feb 25/63

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say
that all complaints
about the deficiency
of accommodation
round & about
Netley are well
founded -

The Committee,
now sitting "upon you,"
has taken this into
account & recommends
the W.O., if you
choose to take houses
in, or in the immediate

vicinity of Southampton,
(where the best houses
are to be had,) to
allow you *carriage*
"accommodation" to
take you to & from
Netley.

I have submitted
the substance of
your letters to ~~Netley~~,
the W.O.

I think it not
unlikely that they
will take next
year a grant to

build you houses
for hire - But these
houses will not
be ready, for two

Wellcome, RAMC

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private speculation
will have built
houses enough (& to
spare) round
Netley. It is said
that private
speculators, since
they have heard

that the Invalids are
~~going~~/to be sent to Netley, are
buying up all the
ground -

I sent to the W.O.
some days ago copies
of Tables (of mine)
for registering Surgical
Operations - under
cover to Dr. Parkes -
for you -

[end]

F.N.

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/8, typed copy 45773 f172

Hampstead, N.W.

[15:517]

Aug 25/64

Private

My dear Sir

I have only just heard of your return.

I have made all possible use, privately, of the information contained in the enclosed papers, which I return according to your desire.

I cannot believe that anything so preposterous & so destructive to the

Medical School will ever be entertained for a moment.

But, as you say, "forewarned is forearmed." And I hope our present chief is now fore-armed.

At all events, it is a great comfort to me to know--what you so kindly tell me--that the Professors of the Army Med. School, in whose hands its destinies really lie,

& who have so wisely upheld them, are determined to maintain the intentions of its founder--

[cut off]

P.S. I would not neglect
to tell you that your
Mem.o about the No=
training of Orderlies
was very valuable--

[15:404]

I have always feared
it would be so--that
the miles of work at
Netley would seriously
interfere with the
proper training--

What I have ventured
to advise the W.O. is
this:--

that, in lieu of having

another Commission, it
should call upon
Netley to furnish its
own plan:--

that the W.O. should
ask the Governor, Col:
W., to report to them
on the present method
of training Orderlies at
Netley for Field Service,
and, *in consultation*
with the P.M.O., and
Professors of the Medical
School, to further
report on any improvements

in the means of training
which experience may
have suggested.

I hope this is the course
the W.O. will adopt--

And I mention it to
you, that you may see
your suggestions have
not been neglected--
& that you may put
in your valuable advice
at the consultation
which will doubtless
take place at Netley,
in pursuance of the
W.O. letter-when it is sent.

Wellcome, RAMC

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I have no doubt that
there must be special
Instructors, as you
suggest.

[end]

F.N.

Wellcome RAMC 1139/LP54/9, paper copy, signed letter, 1f, pen

May 26/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir

No doubt you have
seen the accompanying
little book, on "Help
in Accidents", which
has been sent to
me.

Will you be so good

as to tell me what
you think of it -
and whether it
would be at all
an useful Aide=
Mémoire in your
training of Orderlies
for Field Service?

I congratulate you

on your success in
bringing about that
object, which I
really hope is now
near its beginning.

Ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Please be so kind
as return me the
little book on "First
Help in Accidents"

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/10, typed copy 45773 f17

Oct. 4/65.

34 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I was sorry but not
surprised at your note-
how sorry I need
hardly say.

[15:412]

I have taken such
steps as I could- & hope
to have to write to you
again about it.

I at least have nothing
new to say, in repeating
to the W.O. what I have
always said-that you

have made a hearty
sacrifice of yourself-
& that they were not
men, if they accepted o
f it.

But we hardly a
man now in the Gov.t.

[end]

Yours ever sincerely,
F. Nightingale

RAMC 1139 LP54/11, typed copy 45773 f180

June 18/66.

35 South Street,
Park Lane, [printed address]
London, W.

Private

My dear Sir

[15:418]

I have never
thanked you for
your pamphlet (Lecture).

But I have directed
the attention of the
War Office to this
point-viz. that
the Ambulance Corps

is not in training.
We are indeed
obliged to you for
drawing attention
to this.

I have been
bragging about your
perfect state of
preparation to the
Italian Gov.t. But

I am afraid I have
been saying what is
not the case.

I hope (but I am
tired of hoping) that
the W.O. will put
itself into communication
with you, in order
to see the thing done.

We know not what
a day may bring
forth in Europe.

[end]

Believe me
ever faithfully yours,
Florence Nightingale.
Thos. Longmore Eq.

RAMC 1139/LP54/12 signed letter, 4ff, pencil, paper

{angle top left:}

Private

to T.L. Feb 14/67

Burn {at centre top of page:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane London. W. {printed address:}

My dear Sir

This is a desperate blunder indeed, concerning which you have kindly sent me a copy of Dr. Smith's paper. I have written about it, without mentioning my authority on Dr. Smith's case, which you say, has gone in to the Acting D. G.;- [but I have, as you know, small faith in anything that can be said or written now]. However, we shall see what comes of it.

2.

About the other matter: -
 the Ladies' Committee for the
 Relief of the Sick & Wounded -
 - it had entirely slipped my
 memory. But it does not
 alter the substance of what
 I said. For that Committee
 had *no more to do* with
 the International Society
 (of Geneva) for Wounded -
 that it had to do with
 the London = Bridge Railway
 Terminus - Also: *It lasted just*
one fortnight - But, as I
 have made a blunder, in
 telling you that there had
 been *no* Committee upon
 which I was, I had better
 tell you how this arose_
 When war was first declared
 last year, I was applied to in

[15:622]

[2]

In private capacity, by
 Italy, Prussia & Hesse
 Darmstadt about the
 organization of Field &
 other War Hospitals,
 including Nursing.
 I was *not* asked for any
 other help - But, after
 Königgrätz Mme Schwabe,
 (a German - & a frantic
 Garibaldian & Prussian)
 the best heart & the worst
 head I know, was mad
 to get up a Subscription.
 I joined her, at her
 earnest request, in order
 to prevent mischief - but
 only on condition that all
 monies should be devoted
 to *all* sides -
 The thing was meant to be

entirely private - But, as
 no one of the ladies who
 gave their names gave
 the least assistance, & as
 money did not come in -
 Advertisements were put
 in for us - by a gentleman -
 We were not very successful.

1. English people like to
 feel enthusiastic pity for
 Austria - or enthusiastic
 raptures for Garibaldi -
 But they don't like merely
 to do good (out of England.)

2. It was late in the year.
 People were hot & tired &
 rushing out of town -

Jenny Lind sang for us at
 a Concert- & got us some
 hundreds more -

As for the Committee
 it was mere moonshine. I

[3]

believe *nothing* in *kind* was
 collected: I know they
 did not sit once -

As to the precise good done,
 I believe it was more than
 if there *had* been a Committee.
 The money was put into
 the hands of responsible
 persons abroad, £50 & £100
 at a time, who sent
 articles in kind in vans
 to the Hospitals near the
 Battle-fields -

Those, in Germany, as you know,
 held more wounded Austrians than
 Prussians -

Many of these Hospitals asked
 for Surgical instruments -
 As I demurred, because, if
 there is anything Governments
 should provide, it ~~was~~ is
 Surgical instruments.

But the want seemed real.
And Surgical Instrument
makers in London actually
supplied us with some instruments
for a present, & with more
at cost = price.
This was about the only
assistance in kind we
received
So little of a Committee was
it that, till Jenny Lind
gave the Concert, I think
one fourth of the whole
sum came out of Mme=
Schwabe's & my pockets.

I do not write this to
howl at my fellow-creatures,
but simply because I
made such a
blunder as to tell
you there was *no* Committee.

LP 54/12

[4] [paper]

And therefore I felt bound
to tell you the whole story
in abridgement

Please *burn*.

The moral of the tale is the
only part worth having: -
And this is, that, having
seen a good deal of the
"dessous des cartes" during
the late War - I am more
than ever convinced that
Governments should be made
responsible for their own
Sick & Wounded -
that they should not decline
Volunteer, private, benevolent
effort -
but that, exactly in the
measure that this is
incorporated in, not

substituted for - Government [paper]
organizations (for Sick &
Wounded-) will it be
useful. And exactly in
the measure that it is
not, will it become an
evil -

I hope you agree with me.

I am bound to say that I
think the Prussian organization
wonderfully good -

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

You have enlightened me very
much. For I now see that
the heaps of papers I have
received addressed to me
as "Secrétaire du
Comite des Dames" &c (from
the International Society), refers
to this Committee - which *is not*

Private {at angle} [paper]

whatever to do with
the (Geneva) International
affair. I was told
on high Prussian
authority that its
*object failed most
signally* at the disastrous
Sadowa & after it -
as compared with
what was done by the
Prussian Govt= & Army
Surgeons & Staff for
the Wounded & Hospitals.

F.N.

Burn

[end 15:624]

RAMC 1139/LP54/13, paper typed copy 45773 f185 to Longmore

Private {at angle} Feb 28/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

[15:476]

My dear Sir

I have had so serious
a Chest attack that, for 17
nights, I could scarcely lie
down - And this must be
my excuse for not
answering sooner your
last note.

I have asked about
the "rank" of surgeon Major -
(also the case about which
you wrote to me.)

It was done, I understand,
by Sir J. Gibson & Sir E.
Lugard. I fear all you
have said about it is

quite true. I have done
what I can a second
time in representing the
matter - But I have
not the least hope that
anything wise will be done.
About the other thing: - the
(Geneva) Société Internationale
-unquestionably the best
plan with us would be
to render our Army Hospital
Corps thoroughly efficient
on its present basis &
strength. No steps should
be taken with the public

in any country which should lead their War Office to think that its own work (the War Office's) will be done for it by any body else - After the Corps is thoroughly efficient - there would be little difficulty in devising a scheme for increasing it & admitting volunteer - assistance. But the very first thing is, as you say, to make the very best of what we have - to make it into an efficient nucleus. No amount of adding to inefficiency will make inefficiency into efficiency.

[end]

Ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/14, typed copy 45773 f180

Burn.

March 18/67.

[14:1024]

35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I have done all I can
in the Surgeon-Major matter-
&, as far as I know, without
the slightest success.

I am told that there is
"nothing for it but to have
a question asked about it
in the House of Commons."

I would gladly arrange
for this being done-but
that I do not expect any
good from it-The Secretary
of State would certainly
answer (what is true) that

it was done with the
concurrence (if not at
the instigation) of the
Director Gen.l. Now too,
Sir John Pakington, who
knows nothing about his
business, will be too
glad to have this answer
pat.

But I saw no hope under
Genl Peel-otherwise I
could easily have got the
question asked.

I think it however right to
tell you what has been

suggested to me-as you may
wish, and easily find some
M.P., to put a question
in the House.

[end]

ever yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

RAMC/1139/LP54/15, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, paper

35 South Street, May 16/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Sir

I was extremely obliged to you for your kind note of May 4, written after your return ~~fronte~~ to London from Berlin.

Perhaps I ought to mention here that I did not received any "telegram" from "the gentlemen attending "the International Conferences which, you say, was "despatched" to me.

I have not as yet seen your Treatise on the transport

of Sick & Wounded issued by the W. O. But I shall read it with great interest when I do see it.

Written the last day or two, I have received the pamphlet of "Results" of the International Conference. I fear that the practical objections which struck us at the beginning will come up whenever this Convention is brought into

active operation.

But I will not anticipate evil.

{paper is cut here and remaining text is upside down on seemingly another piece of paper}

have received
of "Results" of the

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/16, typed copy 45773 f191

Feb 10/70

35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

It is long since I have
written to recall myself
to your recollection.

[15:490]

A little book which
M. Michel Levy, of the
Val de Grace has sent
me (tho' I have no doubt
you know it already)
makes me wish to do so:-

"Manuel de l'Infirmier de Visite
Paris. (J. Dumaine

1866."

This little book contains the
instructions for dressings
&c. &c. &c. & appears
superior to what has
been issued before.
We have a young lady of
our own training now
training at he Val de
Grace. And she tells
me that nothing can
exceed the perfection
of the training & DISCIPLINE
of Infirmiers under
M. Levy. I have heard

from other sources, (and
I think too from yourself),
that, during the last 2 or 3
years, notable progress
has been made at, the
Val de Grace in this
respect.

You have done so much
for our Orderly Service
that I thought I might
venture to ask you
whether you have M.
Levy's last little 'Manuel,'
in case you might like

to order it.

[end]

Pray believe me

(tho' in haste)

ever your faithful servant,

Florence Nightingale

T. Longmore Eq.

&c &c &c

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 1139 LP54/17, typed copy 45773 f192

March 5/70.

35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir

In answer to your note,
I am afraid that I should
hardly feel justified in
giving my judgement-or
indeed have time to go
so thoroughly into Dr.
Moffitt's M.S. Manual
as to justify any judgement
of my own.

It would be incurring
a responsibility which
I feel, overworked as I am,
Thos. Longmore Esq
&c &c

that I am ill able to
fulfill, to you and to him.

But, if you & he would
wish me to look over
a Proof in type, I
would gladly do this
& make suggestions
which occur to me.

I am sincerely glad to
hear that you have
recovered from your Eye
attack, which I am

afraid was rather serious.

Could you kindly send
me a copy of the Manual
which I believe is given
to each Orderly of the
Army Hospital Corps?-

It is not for the purpose
of criticism, but rather
of help to myself. And
if it is to be superseded in any way
by Dr Moffitt's proposed
Manual, I will not
give it away nor make

farther use of it, till I receive the *improved* form.

Pray believe me my dear Sir,
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale.

RAMC 1139 LP54/18, typed copy 45773 f193

Private. 35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane, W.
March 7/70.

My dear Sir

It occurred to me, in
relation to your last note,
& to the changes which are
about to take place thro'
the formation of the Army
Service Corps, to ask
you for information on
the following points-
the more so, as it is,
I believe, the *discipline*
of the "Infirmier" Corps
at the Val de Grace
which is envied by you
& by me:-
Thos. Longmore Eq
&c &c

[15:493]

1. Can there be any real
discipline or progress
among the Orderlies
at Netley unless there I
s a tolerably stationary
well-trained Staff of
N.C. Officers & men
there, thoroughly knowing
the Hospital business
& able to train others?-

2. Even for the raw ones,
in 3 months' training
enough?-and is it not
almost illusory, unless
there are some Wardmasters

& old Orderlies who are scarcely, if ever, changed?
3. Do not the trained men try to get away, even before their training is complete whether to "writing" posts or to Regimental posts, because, owing to the amount of hard cleaning work at Netley which does not really forward their Hospital knowledge, they dislike Netley so much

[cut off]

[in copy not here: as only to think of getting away as soon as possible?]

Do not suppose that, if these evils exist, I do not know that you do not feel them as much as I do. And they may be impossible to alter.

But I am sure that you will agree with me that a Training School, whether for men or women, is scarcely more than a farce, unless the head "Infirmiers," or Wardmasters, or head Nurses, or "Sisters," (who *train*), are *permanent*, more or less.

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[end]

Wellcome, RAMC

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Clark-Kennedy copies of correspondence, originals held by descendant,
Lt-Col Clark-Kennedy, Knockgray, Carsphalin, Castle Douglas

RAMC/801/9/2 signed letter, 4ff, pen, A.E. Clark-Kennedy 144,
Victorian Soldier

30 Old Burlington St W
April 23/61

[16:755-56]

Sir

We are extraordinarily indebted
to you for the trouble you have
taken - The report is most
excellent & contains the information
I had in vain attempted to procure
from other quarters, even in
Paris.

I am exceedingly struck
with the ingenuity of the ~~plan~~/construction -
it can be enlarged with so
much facility, if necessary.
If Convalescents are people who
only want to take the air,
I cannot conceive a better plan.
The French are far ahead of
us - At the same time, there

are obvious defects, in which it
would not be difficult to improve
on them.

Would you be so good as
to tell me where the exact sites
of the Hospitals are with reference
to some known landmarks? E.g.
where is this Hospl with regard
to Vincennes Military Hospl, thus
{sketch} Mil. Hosp

Road to Paris →

Also, would you please
state the total number of beds
at each of the two Convalescent Hospitals,
(male & female)?

I will apply to you, if you will allow me, should any other points occur in studying the question -
f I shall be very glad to receive your Notes on the Female Hospital & the plans, should they arrive.

I will be careful to return you those which you have already sent me, if you wish it - As I should be quite ashamed of the trouble it has given you, if I did not know that it is a question arising throughout England, Civil & Military - which we must solve.

Believe me to be
faithfully & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

I would be as well to recognise that it would be impossible to carry out any discipline or any

Nursing in this plan of Hospital. Now in many cases, e.g. Compound fractures, Typhus fever, there are say, two long months between the time when Patients are ordinarily dismissed from Civil Hospitals and that when they would be able to go into such a place as this - during which too they require the most unremitting Nursing, but which ought to be passed in country air. A different plan of Hospital would be required for these.

[end]

F.N.

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/3/1-9, signed letter, pen, in *Victorian Soldier* 145

f3/1

30 Old Burlington St
W. May 19/61

Dear Sir

I have been prevented by illness from sooner acknowledging your Report of Vesinet & your most kind letter.

I will not trouble you either to give or to procure any farther information (as you so kindly propose) about Vesinet or Vincennes -

f3/2

We should not imitate exactly - because some things we can do better - But it remains with the French to give those very ingenious ideas which both Lariboisière & Vincennes (Convalescent) shew.

I quite agree with you that all French Hospitals are *musty*. If they would but open their

f3/3

windows & not have
those ventilating
apparatus, they
would do so much
better - The dearness
of fuel is of course
their plea -

Your information
is so very marked
in the real cardinal
& important points
that it is easy to
obtain a sufficiently
accurate idea
both of the excellencies
& defects of Vesinet
& Vincennes without

f3/4

occasioning you
farther trouble.

Should you receive
any information from
the Directors, I should
be glad to see it.
And should the
promised plans
be sent to you, I
should be glad to
have them & to
pay for them. An
Elevation would
almost complete
the information
you have given me
already.

f3/7

I would not
however trouble you
to write for one.

The results you
have given me are
so interesting and
important that
they will be a useful
guide in any
future work of the
same kind at
home.

Compare Vincennes
with the Convalescent
Institution at
Walton-on-Thames
(which I am sorry

f3/8

to say they are
thinking of enlarging)
And we see in
what the French
are so superior to
us -

With renewed
thanks for your
great kindness to me,
believe me to be
 dear Sir
faithfully & gratefully
yours

Florence Nightingale
I hope that you are
quite recovered -

I do not think
it unavoidable that

3/9

a Female Convalescent
Institution should be
disorderly. And I am
not sure that the
Sisters of Charity are
the best managers -
admirable as they
are in many respects.

But the women=
Patients who go to these
Institutions are
always of a much
lower class than the
men - and I had
much personal
experience of this
fact once - at the
"Maison de Santé"
a sick (paying)
Hospital at Paris.

f3/6

Because your Reports
together give a
much fuller & more
complete idea than
anything I have
seen - And I
should say that
a practical conception
as to how to build
a Convalescent
Hospital in England
could be gained
from the two,
just as much
as how to build
a Sick Hospital
from Lariboisière.

signed letter, f6(a), pen

f69(a)

30 Old Burlington St
W.

June 8/61

[15:155]

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter
of the 7th, I would beg to
mention the name of

Mrs. Shaw Stewart
now at "St. John's House"
Norfolk St.

Strand

who has had great experience,
both in the Crimean War
Hospitals for 18 months -
and subsequently in the
French Military Hospls of
Vincennes & Val de Grace -

as a lady fitted to fill the appointment of "Superintendent of Nurses" in the Woolwich General Hospital under the new Regulations.

[end]

I have the honor to be
 dear Sir
 faithfully yours
 Florence Nightingale
Colonel Clark Kennedy
 &c &

801/9/6b signed letter, 9ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
Private
& Confidential June 8/61
Dear Sir

 In sending you Mrs.
Shaw Stewart's name, I would
beg to add in private to
yourself, (who have taken
up this Hospital subject,
with such unusual fertility
of resource & acuteness of
perception) one or two hints.

[15:155-57]

I would recommend, (for
no mysterious reason but
merely for such as you will
readily apprehend), that you
send in her name simply
to the Secretary for War, -who
is aware of her services in
the Crimean War, - without

enquiry as to whether she will accept the appointment or as to her qualifications &c.

She is the only person I know who has thoroughly studied by personal residence - the organization of Civil and Military Hospitals, their differences - the qualities & defects of Military Hospls in different countries.

I know no one who comes up to her in knowledge of her "business."

But she is a person of considerable eccentricity of character.

She has also frequently declared that she never would accept this appointment which has never

-2-

been offered her - & that it ought to be given to an "Officer's widow", who has never been found.

I have recommended the Secretary for War to offer her the appointment for one year - putting it to her in this light: - that she may train some lady ("Officer's widow" or otherwise) for the permanent appointment - & that it is important that the new organization should all begin at once, - Mrs. Shaw Stewart having already had such a Hospl education as no lady had ever had - & the *ideal* Supt not being yet found.

I was unwilling to do this without frankly informing you of all these points - altho' of course this is strictly private.

If Mr. Stewart were to hear that her name had been discussed before a Committee, she would certainly refuse at once - being wedded, as I say, to some most singular misconceptions.

[She is, of course, a person who would not accept any salary] -

2. I enclose to you a List of possible "Governors", with the names of persons who have recommended them - I venture to do this to you - but without

any other idea than that *you*
~~will~~/may enquire into their qualifications,
the likelihood of their acceptance
&c - and always with the hope
on my part that you may have
several such General Hospitals
to organize.

I think this makes a
material difference in the
view one would take of the
subject.

Our Army General Hospitals
have been so mismanaged
that I think it likely Army
Officers will look down with
contempt upon the appointment
of "Governor".

I venture to send you a
copy of my "*private*" Report to
Lord Panmure - with the
pages turned down, which

[14:1013]

refer to our War=Hospitals at Scutari & their administration - in order to save you trouble, if you like to glance at them.

Pray do not trouble yourself to return the Vol: to me - But I should be glad to know that it was burnt, when you have done with it, either by reading or by not=reading it - for it is, as you will observe, "confidential."

[end 14:1013]

I am very much obliged to you for all the trouble you have taken about the Paris Convt Hospls. I am sorry not to have the plans - But your report, short as it is, has given me a much more effective *practical* idea of them than any accounts I have seen. faithfully & gratefully
yours Florence Nightingale

List of "Governors"
proposed for General Hospitals
such as Woolwich, Devonport,
Gibraltar, Corfu - &c

[15:308-09]

		<i>Recommended</i>
		<i>by</i>
Col. Wilbraham		
A.A.G. Northern Div.	}	
Mr. Thomas Riach	}	Sir J. McNeill
{ formerly E.I.C. Service }	}	
{ & Secy in Persia }	}	
Major McCrea R.A.	}	by
Captain Theod. Webb	}	Col. Lefroy
h.p. R.E.	}	R.A.
Col. Yolland, Bd of Trade	}	
Capt. H.W. Tyler R.E. do	}	by
	}	Capt. Galton
Lt. Col. Montague R.E.	}	R.E.
Capt. W.L. Morrison R.E.	}	

Lt. Col. Clifford	}	<i>Recommended</i>
A.Q.M.G. Aldershot	}	by
Lt. Col. Kirkland	}	Dr. Gibson
2/5 Fusiliers	}	D.G.
Lt. Col. Whitmore	}	
Mil. Sec. to Sir G. Brown	}	
Lt. Col. Chapman	}	
2/18 F. Aldershot	}	
Col. Jeffreys	}	
Dip. Ball	}	
Parkhurst	}	
Major Nelson	}	
Volunteer Rifle Corps	}	

It is obvious that some of these would not accept in any case.

With others, much would depend on the manner of putting the thing to them.

The command is one at least as important as that of a Regiment

The object is to train a whole General hospital Staff in the event of a war, so that it may be transported to the base of operations, at once - & so avoid a repetition of the colossal calamity of Scutari.

This is surely an object worthy of a man's ambition.

Sir Henry Storcks made his career in life by doing this -
1. at Smyrna 2. at Scutari

In any case, the man would not be "shelved".

The appointment should be put in its true light, so as to give a choice of *good* men. Otherwise the system & not the men will be blamed for any failure - as happens when anything new is tried, especially in Army matters.

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Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/7 signed letter, ff801/19/7/1-3, pen

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30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}

W.

Private June 10/61

Dear Sir

Will you excuse me for mentioning to you a name for "Governor" of a General Hospital (which never occurred to me till the eleventh hour)?

It is that of Captain (?) E.S. Jervois, Commandant of the Yarmouth Invalid

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Depot and Military Hospital, which is going, I fear, to be given up to the Admiralty. For it is one of the best Hospitals, if not the best we have.

This is a man who is certain to accept.

But you, of course, will, if you entertain the name

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at all, make your own enquiries as to his qualifications.

Some parts of his administration at Yarmouth (the only parts indeed which I know) were admirably well done -

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/9, signed letter, pen

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30 Old Burlington Street.

W.

PRIVATE

June 14/61

Dear Sir

I am *very much* indebted to you for the trouble you have taken in giving me your reasons, with regard to the selection of the General Hospital Staff, in your letter of the 12th.

We could not be in better hands - perhaps in none so good. If you had never done anything but Hospitals all your life, you could not have taken them up with more thorough mastery of the subject [I am afraid you will not

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consider this a ~~compliment~~ great quality Nevertheless it *is* one -]

But my object in writing is merely a practical one -

Would you think well to make such a proposition as this: that, in the event of the references which must (& ought to) be made to the War Office for, at least, the first year of the new Gen. Hosp. organization, you offer to be *appealed to* as Chairman of the Committee for &c &c?

My reason for this is: that the system of administration of Sir B. Hawes is, in the case of any reference, to cause it to

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make the complete revolution of all the Clerks in the W.O. (a revolution occupying a considerably longer period than the annual revolution of any known planet) these Clerks, of whom few have ever been near a General Hospl, of whom none can possibly know the difference between one Hospl organization & another -

The majority of the questions in dispute will also be of a nature to be referred to Dr. Mapleton & Mr. Robertson - excellent gentlemen in their way - but not likely to appreciate particularly the institution of a "Governor", unless that Governor were a Medical Officer or a Purveyor - who are

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in fact, under the old system, the Government, if there is any, of General Hospitals.

I am a little sorry that Lord Herbert communicated to you my opinion of Col. Eveleigh - not that I ~~made~~ gave it in all the irresponsibility of opposition, but that it tells unfairly, separated from the context.

Were the suggestion carried out, (*as to reference to you*), which I have made here, the only objection I made to Lord Herbert against Col. Eveleigh would be nearly, if not wholly removed. Col. Eveleigh is, as you are aware (& as I told

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Ld Herbert,) an honest upright man, honourable & benevolent. *and conciliatory* - a great point. He would *certainly do his best* - a best not equal to that of some men we might name but not get - But then on the other hand many men might be & have been named (to Lord Herbert), who would *not* do their best.

The whole argument of the Army Med. Dept. (as far as I have ever heard) may be resumed in this: that they will not obey any man lower than a Lt. Col. or Major Gen. - and that no man so high as a Lt. Col. or Major Genl will accept the appointment.

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This statement of the position does not help us much. But there is some truth in it.

They are in all the irresponsibility of opposition, at all events -

And we might do much worse than Col. Eveleigh -

Let me say that I entirely concur with you as to *paying* the Female Service - Nurses & Supts certainly - Instead of making it a test of a person's devotion to any service that he or she will perform it gratuitously - I would rather (in England) make it a test, that they will accept money for it. With regard to the Supt

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Genl, if there ever is one - I think I would leave it open - But certainly I never would make the possession of so much a year of one's own a condition of fitness for the Office.

If ladies ever choose to become Nurses, they should be subjected to all the same conditions, in all points. They can easily return the money to the State - in some shape or other.

The same for Superintendents. But an woman, fit to be a Supt at all, should rank as an Officer, in one sense, whether she is what is commonly called a lady or not - And what is commonly called a lady should *not* rank as an Officer, if she is among the Nurses.

It is quite premature to

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trouble you with all this, when there is no single Nurse or Supt yet appointed - & no lady will perhaps ever enter the ranks at all -

But your remark makes me venture to do so - And a Civil Institution in London, admirable in almost every *other* respect, which makes "ladies" (who can pay) "Sisters", by right of that condition, perhaps might be made a subject for imitation -

My reason for selecting Mrs. S. Stewart was by no means that she would not accept a salary, but simply, as I said, that she is the only woman who knows her business that I know,

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- and the best that could happen to our poor Female Nursing would be, if she could impart her immense experience to some lady paid or unpaid, who would take the Supcy permanently

You once mentioned (to Dr. Sutherland) that you had looked into the defects of the *Infirmiers* or Orderly Nursing in the French Military Hospls. This is a subject which naturally interests me, who have been so much in French War-Hospls, & in some peace ditto. Without troubling you to write yourself, if you would inform Dr. Sutherland of your conclusions, he would let me know -

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Believe me to be
faithfully & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

Let me add that I do not speak quite "without book" of the probable result or fate of any references made to the W.O. from General Hospitals - I infer it from 2 years' experience of what was in many cases - would have been in many more - the fate of references made as to the new "Medical Regulations".

The Clerkhood, who were in many cases called upon to decide, had obviously never even read the "Regulations" - And I am at a loss to conceive on what principle, except

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counting noses, Sir B. Hawes ever comes to a decision.

I am very glad that you have secured Serj Major Hawtree as Capt. of Orderlies

F.N.

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/12/1-8, signed letter, pen

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Hampstead

Aug 3/61

[15:312]

PRIVATE

My dear Sir

I could not have written so soon after our terrible & national loss but to fulfill almost the last wish my dear master expressed to me.

It was about the Woolwich General Hospital, which would never have

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been done but for you - And he felt this.

I expressed to him almost what I did to you about your being "the Referee" & told him what you had kindly written to me about this.

On June 22, he wrote to me that he wished "to give" you "a general authority "as Referee" in this matter.

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And the last time I ever saw him he repeated this wish.

I am aware that he meant to leave a Minute to this effect. But I think this was never done. Little of what he wished was ever done in the W.O. And he had not the art of being head of his own office.

But oh how much better he was than other Cabinet Ministers

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2. He wrote & said to me that he wished me to see the Governor's "Commission" & to make it "in conformity with the 'Regulations'" Of course when he said this, he did not suppose me competent to frame any alteration in the "Commission", but he wished me to consult with those who were.

I know that a copy has been sent to you from the

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"Commission" room.

But I enclose you
an Extract with a
query.

My dear master's
wishes were that
the ~~fullest power~~
"Commission" of the Govnor
should give him all
the authority within
the precincts of the
Hospital, not only
to provide for its wants
but to enforce discipline
& therefore to punish
offences, which can

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legally be given in this
country.

Dr. Sutherland
would meet you
on Monday at the
W.O. (at Capt. Galton's
Office) at any time
you would appoint,
if you would wish
to talk over the
"Commission" with
him - And I will
send a servant on
~~Monday~~ Sunday to have
your answer -

Wellcome, RAMC

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I meant to have answered your kind letter of July 29 ~~illeg~~/more fully. But I cannot to day.

Our loss is irreparable, both on account of what he had not done & of what he had done - But it is worse to regret a man for what he was not than for what he was.

Somehow I have a feeling that you

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understood him - his ~~(great)~~ magnanimous (I had almost said) chivalrous qualities & also his weaknesses. Or I could not speak so freely. But no one knew and loved & served him as I did. That he should have been taken and I left!

[end]

Yours sincerely &
gratefully
Florence Nightingale.

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/13/1-12, signed letter, pen

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Private 32 South St W

Nov 30/61

My dear Sir

Lord Herbert
wished you to be
consulted on all
difficulties arising
out of the Woolwich
General Hospital.
(I wish he had put
this in the form
of a Minute.)

I will, if you
will allow me, tell

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you of one or two
little points which
have come up -
leaving it to you
to mediate or not
as you think fittest.

1. Apparently from
a desire to extend
a good principle,
viz. that of admitting
every Patient without
reference to his
Regiment or Corps,
(as *must* be done
during war) they

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have adopted at
Woolwich during peace
the war necessity
as a rule - the
Brigade sick are
not necessarily
attended by their
own Medical Officers
- various inconveniences
have resulted - and
the Commander in Chief
lately, in the hearing
of several persons
condemned the system.

In home General
Hospitals the oversight

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of Regimental Medical
Officers over their
own sick need not
cease. The essence
of the system is only
consolidation of all
the Supply Departments,
more efficient discipline
& better nursing.
But Brigade, Battery
or Regimental Surgeons
may treat their own
sick, if it is made
such a point of.

A little consideration

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in the allotment of
space for each Brigade
in each Division of
the Hospital, Medical,
Surgical & Venereal,
is all that is necessary.

The numerous
small wards in the
present Hospital
would enable this
to be done with the
greatest ease. And
even if the sick of
two or three Brigades
must be placed in

f9/13/6
the same ward, it
is no more than
occurs in every Civil
Hospital without
the smallest inconvenience

2. It is said that
there is no human
possibility of preventing
the sick from leaving
their wards when
they choose - And
to meet this they
can devise no
better plan than
having a Guard of

f9/13/7
two "Orderly" Orderlies
for each 24 hours
for each floor - &
setting apart a
small ward on
each floor for them.

It seems to me
that the better plan
would have been
to "dine" the Orderlies
in two separate batches,
say, one set half an
hour after the other -
so that the ward or couple of wards
should never be
deserted - & to have
an Assistant Ward

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master to perambulate
the Hospital all
night - not for the
sake of Nursing but
of discipline.

In a Civil Hospital,
if a Patient were to
leave his ward
without leave, the
whole Nursing Staff
would be turned off.
In fact, such a thing
is never heard of.

But then such
simple precautions
as never leaving the
wards day or night

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without one attendant
are ~~always~~ observed.

It is always
bad policy to separate
Nursing & watching,
as is now being done
at Woolwich, and
to turn a ward
into a Guard=room.

The only exception
I would make would
be in the having
one or two Assisstt Ward Masters
always on duty all
night - walking
about the Hospital

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If you could arrange
these 2 matters, you
would be rendering
a great service,
(tho' in little things),
to the proper working
of the General Hospital
system. Pray forgive
me for troubling you -

Believe me
yours faithfully &

gratefully

Florence Nightingale
Colonel Clark Kennedy
&c &c CB

f9/13/11

I trust that
Col. Wilbraham's
feelings have not
been hurt by anything
the Commr in Chief
has said. He
accepted ~~it to~~
the Governorship to
oblige Lord Herbert,
in his last days.
The C. in C. is hasty
& not very intelligent
But he always
comes round to
justice & good
feeling in the end.
However you know him

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much better probably
than I. And it is
only from an anxious
fear that Col. Wilbraham
should not regret
the step he has taken
that I venture to
trouble you.

F.N.

RAMC 801/9/14/1-6, signed letter, pen

f9/14/1

4 Cleveland Row

PRIVATE St James' S.W.

Feb 3/63

My dear Sir

It was entirely
owing to you that
the Woolwich General
Hospital was begun
on so good a basis.
And Lord Herbert
felt this. He would,
I am sure, consult
you on the question
that has now arisen.
And therefore I
venture to hope

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that you will not
think me presumptuous
in doing so -

I suggested to the
W.O. that, on Col:
Wilbraham's removal
to Netley, you should
be asked to do
exactly the disagreeable
office you were so good
as ~~the las~~ to do before.
And the H.G. made
difficulty on the score
that Col: Wilbraham
would not like it;

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which, of course, is all
nonsense -

My only resource
therefore is to ask
you *privately* your
opinion of the fitness
of Col: Wilford to the
appointment, as it
has been referred
to me, & to enclose
his letter. I shall
of course not mention
your opinion, except
with your permission,
even to the one or
two with whom I

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am in connection
at the W.O.

I may add that
Capt. Jervois is soliciting
the appointment -
that I ventured to
mention your opinion
(to those one or two
at the W.O.) & that
it changed the scale
against him. I am
sure it has not
leaked out that it
was yours. I understand
that Capt. Jervois
is showing about a

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letter of mine, as
for his recommendation.
But people must
be clever indeed to
find a recommendation
in a letter so
carefully worded.

I have to thank
you (& most cordially)
for your kind
remembrance of me
when in the United
States. alas! United
no longer - in sending
me their Sanitary

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papers -

I am
my dear Sir
ever very faithfully &
gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale
Col. Clark Kennedy
&c &c

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/16/1-6, signed letter, pen

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4 Cleveland Row
S.W.

Confidential Feb 7/63

[15:364-65]

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you how much obliged I am to you for your great kindness in undertaking such a thankless office as that you performed in your last note to me. Your opinion exactly coincides with my (far less enlightened) own. I did not

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quote you in any way, according to your desire.

La reconnaissance n'est qu'un vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs. And accordingly I only thank that I may ask you again, you will think. The H.G. wish for an Artillery man in Woolwich Hospl Governorship. And the following names are those before the W.O.

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Lt Col: Desborough R.A.		
" Wodehouse	"	
Major Fitzhugh	"	
" Field		"
Lt. Col: Henry	"	
Col. Elliot		"
Col Maclean		"

At least it is a less disagreeable office, tho' a more troublesome one, to say, if you would be so good, which, if any, of these Officers would

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do, rather than which would not do [Col. Wilbraham strongly recommends Col. Desborough] I hope you will pardon me. I *fear* that you are so conscientious that the enquiry will give you great trouble. I can only say that I know of no man whose judgment is so reliable as to induce others to lay

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so many troublesome
burthens upon him
as we do upon you.
Believe me
ever very gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale
I send you two little
papers of mine which
at least will not
trouble you, because
you need not read
them, if ~~you~~/they do -
But a glance at the
Diagram (at the
beginning of the paper

f9/16/6
on poor Lord Herbert
giving the reduction
in Army Death rate
effected by his measures,
& to which you so
largely contributed
is the only reward
which such men
as you can have -
The Indian paper
is of course *confidential*
till the Blue Book
of that Commission
is out - ("Indian Sanitary
Army Commission")

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Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/18/1-4, signed letter, pen

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4 Cleveland Row {printed address:}
S.W.

Private July 9/63

My dear Sir

I have a few copies
of our Indian Army
Sanitary Report, to
distribute (before the
general issue takes place)
to newspapers &
Ministers & people
of that kind.

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I should like to
send a copy to you
for *his* sake, with
whom I began this

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Commission & to
forward whose views
you did so much.

Poor fellow, he
would have liked
to have seen this,
his work, finished.

Where shall I
send it to you? It
is, I am sorry to say,
two very bulky Vols:

If you can do
anything for us in
the way of urging

f9/18/3
it on the public, either
thro' Reviews, or by
personal influence,
I am sure you will.

It is needless for
me to tell you that
a Report is not
self executive. And
that, when the
reporting is finished,
the work begins.

I am now busy
in urging upon the
I.O. and the W.O.
the appointment of
the three Presidency
Commissions, recommended

f9/18/4
in the Report - &
of the *home* Commission,
also therein
recommended, on
the basis of the
W.O. Barrack &
Hospital Commission,
to advise until the Presidency
Commissions can walk alone.

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC 801/9/19/1-4, signed letter, pen

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4 Cleveland Row {printed address:}
S.W.

July 14/63

[16:77]

My dear Sir

I have been bound
to the Publishers of
my "Notes on Hospitals"
for two years to
prepare them a
third Edition of it -
but have never
fairly begun it till
now -

My object in this
formal announcement
is to ask you

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whether you would
be so good as to
allow me to print
in the Appendix
(as enclosed) part
of your admirable
description of the
men's Convalescent
Institution at
Vincennes - & to
mention in the
text from whom
I had it, by name,
while giving a

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short account of the
object of the Institution.

I have had prepared
a place, taken from
your sketch, (by a
regular copyist)
for the wood cutter.

I have never
had any account
or plan of the
Institution nearly
so instructive as
yours - And I have
been able to obtain
no official account
of it - it not being
under the Assistance

f9/19/4
Publique.

[end]

Believe me
very faithfully &
gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale
Col: Clark Kennedy

RAMC 801/9/20/1-3, signed letter, pen

f9/20/1

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dec 14/63

My dear Sir

Would you allow me
to send you a copy
of my 3rd edition of
"Notes on Hospitals,"
which unlucky book
has only just seen the
light.

And, if so, where
may I send it?

I shall always
remember that you,
a great man, went

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out of your way to
assist little men
in tiresome details,
which you mastered,
altho' somewhat out
of your province, for
the sake of your
fellow-creatures.

I have always
looked upon this
power & willingness
of mastering detail
as the true mark
of a great man -

At least, it was that
of two

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with whom I have
had the privilege to
work, poor Sidney
Herbert & Albert, [other hand: The Prince Consort d. 14/12/61]
whose second anniversary
of translation to a yet
higher path of
usefulness we this
day sadly celebrate.

My book is too
technical to be fit
for any but Hospital
physicians, builders
& matrons, like me -
And therefore I make
an apology for offering
it - Ever yours most
faithfully

[end]

Florence Nightingale [end of Clark-Kennedy correspondence]

LP54/19 signed letter, 3ff, pen

May 26/83

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I was extremely obliged to
you for your kind note &
for so kindly sending me
your valuable & interesting
pamphlet on the differences
between the French & English
Hospitals in the Crimea.

I might indeed have made
a strong point of that: for
I knew the French Inspectors=
General well: (one indeed
called me his 'camarade'):
& the large contributions
which were gladly accepted
from our own personal stores
in the second winter showed
Professor Longmore

the wants of the unfortunate
French sick.

I have not read the passages
to which you refer, as
contradicting them- I conclude
they are in the last published
? Vol. Tho' the Vol: was
kindly sent me, - from what
I heard, all that was therein ~~said~~/written
about the Nursing part,
both in matter & manner,
was so sovereignly disagreeable
to me that I did not
open it.

I was indeed grieved to hear
of Dr. Aitken's serious illness.
[I had not heard it before.]

I asked yesterday & was
distressed that it still
continued.

Perhaps you would give
him when he is able the
kindest of messages from me.

Perhaps you would be
so very kind as to let me
know how he is going on -

ever yours most faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I am afraid I may hardly hope
that you could attend the reading
of my Indian paper. Yet I

beg to enclose a card. F.N.

LP54/20 signed letter, 2ff, pen

May 26/85
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

[15:991]

My dear Sir

Might I venture to ask
you what would be the
proper method of sending
a "Life of Gordon" pamphlet
to be distributed, if approved,
in your Hospital among
the invalids returned or
returning from Egypt whose
comrades died to save him.

I had this pamphlet -
which is after all the best
life of Gordon in a small
compass - reprinted for our

troops. And I regret more
than I can say that, owing
to the dilatoriness of the
printers, it is so late.

500 copies are gone to
Egypt.

Would you if it is possible
be so very kind as to
arrange for the distribution
of say 100 copies among the
men of the London Expeditionary
Force in Hospital at Netley,
- saying, if you please,
that they are from me?

And would you if not
too much trouble kindly
tell me whether I may
send them to you or
to whom?

I know not to whom
else to write at Netley
pray pardon me for
troubling you.
& believe me

[end]

ever yours faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Professor Longmore

RAMC LP54/21 unsigned memorandum, 4ff, pen, typed copy 45773 ff164-65

It is necessary to explain how it came to pass that, while 3 Professors of the Army Medl School at Netley had each a salary of £700 a year, the fourth Professor has only £600. It arose as follows:- at the time the R. Commission on the Sanitary State of the Army proposed an organization for the School, the only teacher attached to the then establishment at Chatham was the Curator of the Museum, who gave lessons ~~to~~ in Pathology to the young Medical Officers before they were sent to Regiments. The R. Commission recommended the permanent appointment of 3 Professors,

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{besides the Curator,
and the late Lord
Herbert, after
consultation with
various persons,
recommended that
the salaries should be
fixed, for each Professor
at £700 and for the
Curator at £600.
At this time a
Commission appointed
by Lord Panmure for
organizing the School
considered that it
would be adviseable
to obtain the best
teacher of Pathology
who could be had.
And the appointment
was offered at their
suggestion to Dr. Aitken
at the salary
recommended by
Lord Herbert, which

Dr. Aitken accepted. But on proceeding with the arrangements it was very soon found that the teaching of Pathology, as Dr. Aitken intended to carry it out, (for he was an eminent teacher, & a Pathologist at Scutari, before his appointment) was a very different matter from the Curator's lessons - that the Office was really an important Professorship, as indeed it has proved itself to be. Besides which, when the Government of the School came to be organized, it was found that, while three titular Professors would have been members of the Senate, the teacher of Pathology

{wo}uld have had no voice in the government of the School or in the arrangement of his own Lectures. For as Curator he would have been simply an Officer to the Senate. ~~In his~~ h Lord Herbert, in his Warrant constituting the School, inserted a Professor of Pathology instead of the Curator for the reason mentioned - And so it has happened that Dr. Aitken, a first rate teacher & one of the Professors, has £600 a year, for doing a work equivalent, to say the least of it, to that of the other Professors, who receive each £700 a year.

[end 15:386]

RAMC LP54/22 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil

35 South Street
Park Lane. W.
March 31/76

My dear Sir

I am concerned beyond measure at what you are so good as to write to me: & am at the same time very thankful to you for writing it.

Depend upon me that I will do, am doing, what I can: but that is, alas! so little now. And I a so overworked

[I will not mention your name]-

I agree with every word you say:

2. The 'short service' argument is most extraordinary:

that is to say"

that *short service* = *Netley training*

One would think the argument was just the other way.

viz. that 4 months' training was too little for a man who has to gain his experience & do his work all in 10 years.

10 years' ~~ex~~/is scarcely too much to gain their experience in to take care of the Army

3. They W.O. begs the question:

& this is the most difficult of all things to answer:

if we are to return to the old rude practice

that every man (& woman) is to 'pick up'

& 'puzzle out' his (or her) own experience by his (or her) own blunders:

it is doing away with all training:

Besides, the whole Medical profession of the Army, Navy & Indian Services is so different from Civil Medical practice -

Army medical Officers are to keep the men in health: not only to be called in

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in sickness:

are to keep Camps, Barracks, daily life, food, equipment, all in health

is this to be learnt at any "Civil Chair"- or at any "Station Hospital," where soon those the new-comers will have to learn of will know as little of the *special* knowledge as their pupils?

The "Civil Chairs" come to you for information -

And all this to save the keep & c of the 'Short Service' men!!

would this be possible
there will if the School be continued be
a great influx of 10 years' men
(as you say: all Candidates by the new
arrangements are to enter on the 10
years' plan)
they will get £250 a year at once:
if, after passing their initial examination
they are gazetted & sent for 4 months to
Netley, *might they not pay for their
board?*

[The School itself is a mere trifle]
in expence to the country
in return for such a good -

I believe this to be simply an
under Secy of State's affair:
but this, from the last 10 years' experience,
increases, instead of diminishing my fears.

I thank God, with you, that this
did not come 3 weeks ago to
disturb Dr. Parkes' last hours.

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Professor Longmore Florence Nightingale

I have written to Dr. Sutherland
(for fear Sir Wm Muir shd not tell him)
-I wish Sir Wm ~~Muir~~ Jenner were in England.

PRIVATE I believe *Mr. Hardy* will be
communicated with to-day -

RAMC LP54/22 (2) signed letter, 2ff, pen, no typed copy

35 South Street
Park Lane. W.

April 3/76 [15:504]

My dear Sir

I assure you that I have never under valued
the Chair of Military Surgery: nor the
priceless importance of the services of its
present occupant; & if there *can* be an
'especially', where *all* is so important: especially
of his acting as a '*Consulting Govt* servant
both with foreign countries & in his own:
of his keeping us 'au courant' of foreign
improvements: of his forming a Museum of
Military Surgery

If you had seen the letter which I was invited to write, you could hardly have thought but that I went even beyond yourself in attaching value to these things: but *not* beyond the truth.

And, I assure you that no one who knows you could think that it was out of "*personal interest*" that you would argue this point.

I am much in hope that your (the Professor's) statement when it goes in will be read by the S. of S. himself -

If he can but look into it himself, so that the thing shall be put in this way: 'refer to the Senate the arrangements necessary for the new Medical Department (10 years' men) in its relations to the Medical School': the game is won.

You, the Senate, will of course seek a personal interview with the S. of s.

[end]

Pray believe me
yours anxiously but hopefully
Florence Nightingale

Professor Longmore

RAMC LP54/23 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Strictly
Private

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35 South Street
Park Lane. W.
April 26/76

[15:512]

Professor Longmore

My dear Sir

I feel as if I ought to keep you "au courant" of affairs as far as I know them as you have been so good as to keep me:

1. Your "Statement", most able - & perfectly unanswerable - was sent in to the W.O. - but was not forwarded to *Mr. Hardy*.

He has been in-sensed about it however - will read it - when he returns to London - (TO=DAY) & will, I am sure, study it *himself* carefully & without prejudice.

[The Copy was forwarded by Dr. Acland after reading it to me:

- I, after reading it with the greatest interest & admiration, forwarded it back to Dr. Acland, that he might have it at hand for his long conversation with Mr. Hardy at Oxford which went off very well]

2. I have proposed *directly to Mr. Hardy* (& with Dr. Acland's assent & with his advice as to who besides himself should serve) the 'Committee' - which you suggested - : to go to Netley, to enquire into the teaching means of the School & ~~into~~ to report the best method of adapting

these to the new condition of things resulting from the new Army Medl Warrant.

Of course we shall not hear what Mr. Hardy will do about this till he has read himself your "Statement"

But I am sure he is going into the whole matter *himself* X [I have applied to another proposed member of the proposed Comtee & he is willing to serve.]

3. Lord Salisbury who is at Oxford & Mr. Ward Hunt have also been directly applied to: about the School.

I am too old & worn to be ~~generally~~/habitually sanguine: but I assure you there seems good reason to hope that the School may be developed, as it deserves instead of 'abolished'.

I have not time to arrange this note in a form that you could communicate to your Colleagues: [it is better that my name should not come up at all, as in commn with Mr. Hardy:] therefore this is strictly 'entre nous': but should you wish, if I have told you anything they do not know; & that you wish them to know; to tell it them quite generally ~~I-st~~ that rests with your kindness -

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Could you kindly tell me where is to be bought

Manual of Instructions for N.C. Offrs and Men of the Army Hospl Corps?

I return Genl Eyre's letter with many thanks:

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Wellcome, RAMC

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35 South St.
Park Lane W
Ap 21/77

My dear Sir

I am always glad to see your hand writing:
I have no doubt that the life of our dear friend,
Dr Parkes, is best expressed by what you say:
viz. extending "the competition for the prize essay
to the Medical Officers of all three branches of
the public service."

[Tho' not exactly a parallel case I suppose no
one cause has so raised the usefulness of Oxford
as making open scholarships, exhibitions &
fellowships.]

RAMC LP53/11, letter

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
March 13/76

T. Longmore Esq
My dear Sir

How I thank God that there is even a rally:
& am thankful too that you have been so successful
in persuading him to have a Nurse.

I did not wait for your Telegram (in reply to
mine) to send to Sir William Jenner: & tell him
what I had telegraphed to you: that we might
be ready in case he would send down a Nurse
with his *persuasions* as soon as we had your
reply. Unfortunately he did not know of a good

Nurse. Your Telegram reached me at No. 10

I sent again at once to Sir W. Jenner:
he did not then either know of any; [We, I am sorry
to say, are strictly limited to Nurses for Hospitals
& the poor: & I had racked my brains in vain
for one of ours who might be now unemployed.]
= it was, then, impossible to find & send a Nurse
down by 3.13. And I telegraphed this to Mrs
Paget.

[Till your letter of this morning, I had no idea that
he had no Nurse: or that Mrs Paget-- was not
she at Renkioi? Was not the best of all
Head Nurses.]

I sent about immediately to all the places where
(private) *trained* Nurses are to be had: & have
been fortunate enough to find a *trained* Nurse at the very
place Sir W. Jenner most wishes: University Coll:
Hospl: "trained by the All Saints Sisters": they write
o me: "thoroughly dependable: now working on her
"own account: but all our own Nurses are out."
I gave the Supt Dr Parkes' address: & she was to
telegraph as soon as she knew the train ~~she~~ the Nurse goes by
(this afternoon) that she may be met at Northam.
May God bless this & all the means used for restoring

to us so precious a life.

In the two notes I have had from Sir W. Jenner
he does not speak hopelessly of our dear Patient:
but "thought a rally quite possible"

He however expressed himself as hopeless of inducing
Dr Parkes to have a Nurse: so you have done
wonders.

I cannot be sufficiently thankful to you for writing to
me. I shall be *most eager* to hear again
Will you kindly thank Mrs Paget for her most interesting
letter: Dr Parkes dictated to me the most touching note
I ever saw in my life.

I only want to add now, if the Nurse does not suit (which
God forbid!) Or if she is too expensive, you must allow me to
pay for her. ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Wellcome, RAMC

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RAMC LP54/7

115 Park Street W. [printed address]
July 23/64

Private

My dear Sir

I am afraid you
will be rather surprised
at my writing to you
on the following subject

[15:586]

but not so much
surprised as I am
at being desired to
do so.

Lord de Grey is about
to request you & Dr
Rutherford to represent
the W.O. at the Geneva

conference in August

& wishes you to have
an authorized W.O. account
with you as to our
provision for sick &
wounded in the Brit
Army.

The Conference has,
as you know, advocated
a voluntary international
system of purveying
& nursing.

[I need hardly say
that I think its
views most absurd -
just such as would
originate in a little

state, like Geneva ~~or Baden~~

which never can see war. They tend to remove responsibility from Governments. They are *practically*

impracticable. And voluntary effort is desirable just in so far as it can be incorporated into military systems.]

Our present system (military) is the result of voluntary additions to the service made during the Crimean War, but was prepared to

obviate the necessity of future voluntary effort as far as possible.

If the present Regulations are not sufficient to provide for wounded, they should be made so. But it would be an error to revert to a voluntary system, or to weaken the military character of the present system by introducing voluntary effort, unless such effort were to become military in its organization.

The W.O. proposes

Wellcome, RAMC

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to draw up such a
statement of our
present arrangements
as will satisfy the
Geneva folk that every
precaution has been
taken that can be taken

[end]

[section cut out]
to make it as strong
& as complete as
possible -then return
it to me. I will
send it to the W.O.

& they will make
[fragment ends]