

Margaret, I am switching to your stand-alone chapter system, putting the references at the end of the chapter instead of end of the book. This raises the issue of how to handle Part 2, and makes me think the short pieces (too short for a stand-alone chapter) should be moved into Part 1. (See below)

Also, a couple of questions for you.
Quotation marks for chapter and article titles. APA style? Your Springer 2002 Enduring Issues book has articles in "" while your 2009 Nursing Policy Research has no ". Which do you prefer?

Newspaper citations. APA shows what to do with an author, but I have a number with no author. So, how about:

(*The Times*, 1869, September 16).

And in the References:

The Times (1869, September 16). The Prudhoe Convalescent Home. p. 10C.
Nightingale, F. (1876, April 14). "Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor," *The Times*, 6.

And do you want *The Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Lancet* (with italics), or the Times, etc.

References, I added all the authors as per APA, to avoid et al, but one Lancet article had 28 authors! (I prefer et al). Okay?

The Timeline has no references in it, and would be very cumbersome if it had. Okay?

Possible Reconfiguration of Part 2 (in view of keeping chapters independent), so that Part 2 would have 3 larger chapters:

Proposed revision of Part 2:

Nightingale's early writing:

Notes on Hospitals, 1858, and Notes on Nursing, 1860

Access to care for the poorest:

Brief on workhouse infirmaries, 1867

Tribute to Agnes Jones, workhouse matron, 1868

Fundraising for district nursing, 1876

Nightingale's last writing on nursing and hospitals

Hospitals and Patients, 1880

Quain's Dictionary articles on nursing and nurse training, 18822

Sick Nursing and Health Nursing, Chicago World Fair, 1893

(Note: her terrific short "Scavenge, Scavenge, Scavenge" letter in the New York Herald could go into this last section, or be moved to Chapter 5 Health Promotion, perhaps renamed: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Or, the 3 shortest items could be moved to Part 1 regular chapters, as I mentioned earlier, but I am leaning to the grouping of Part 2 as here described. What think you?

County Record Offices, 1574 pages

Wiltshire County Record Office
 Liverpool Record Office
 Derby Collection, Liverpool
 Derbyshire County Record Office
 Buckinghamshire Record Office
 Hampshire County Record Office
 Leicestershire Record Office, 16 letters
 West Yorkshire Record Office, 13 letters
 Gloucestershire Record Office, 1 letter
 Glamorgan Record Office, 1 letter
 West Glamorgan Archive Service, 1 letter
 Staffordshire County Record Office, 1 letter
 Lincolnshire County Record Office, 1 letter

Wiltshire County Record Office, paper copies, in order as provided by the
 archive: 2057/F4/65, /66, /67, /68, 494 pages

initialed letter, 5ff, pen {black-edged} 2057/F4/65

1 Upper Harley St
 1 June 1854

[8:655-56]

Dearest

I am sorry that I
 have little satisfactory
 to tell you, good or bad,
 about St. Bartholomew's.
 But you will find it,
 as I do, impossible to
 bring people "up to the
 scratch" -

[12:92]

I think the best plan
 would be for Mr. Herbert
 to write a line to Mr.
 Bentley, the Treasurer,
 who lives at St. Barthw's,

& is a really honest,
 industrious Treasurer,
 & ask him to come &
 tell him all about it -

Mr. Bentley would be
 glad to be helped, &
 whatever he chose to
 let out, would be of
 value -

My own feeling, however,
 is that it is best not
 to mix up this question
 of the Nurses with
 that of Dr. Kirkes - The

latter will not thank
you for it - & it will do

his Election no good to
have it mixed up with
the general question of the
glaring abuses of
Hospitals "en masse" -

I have seen one of
the most useful and
independent officials of
St. B's today - but he
retracted almost all
that he has ever said
before, through fear of
its being made use of -
He would only say that
the subject of the
Nurses required a

thoro' systematic revolution,
& that it was no use
correcting (or enlarging
upon) details.

With regard to these
details, I find some
things amended since
two years ago, entirely
thro' this Mr. Bentley's
influence - The day=
nurses still sleep in
the wooden cages - but
the night=nurses have
rooms allotted to them
to sleep in *in the day*
at the top of the house.
The Nurses are still as

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disrespectable as ever -
 The Sisters are only
 respectable, not
 religious - Though there
 are now 4 Chaplains,
 the patients are not
 individually visited. The
 Chaplain reads prayers
 between the 2 wards,
 which is mere mockery.
 Every time a Patient
 wishes to be visited
 individually, he is obliged
 to send down a printed
 Card by the Sister to
 the Chaplain - called
 the "Chaplain's Card".

And it used to be
 constantly my lot to
 hear the jubilation of
 the R. Catholic & the
 Dissenter Patients, "Look at *our*
 Priest", or "at *our* Minister".
 contrasting his zeal with
 the Ch. of England's -

The "dressers" do not
 give any fee to the
 Hospital, but to the
 Surgeon, whose pupils
 they are - & who
 recommends them every
 year to the Board,
 which nominates them

~~With the present staff
of which~~

If you chose to separate
the two subjects of the
Nurses & Dr. Kirkes,
I would try & see Mr.
Bentley & different
people belonging to St.
B's *promiscuously* &
ascertain what I could -
But this the short
time does not allow -
And I believe it ~~quite~~/almost
useless to see people
officially, because they
ask What use are
you going to make of this,

& will never stand to
their words - I have
tried it a hundred times.

We have had some
very bad cases at our
"shop" & I have not
been in my bed for a
fortnight - I am afraid
it will be quite
impossible for me to
rout out St. Bartholomew
for another ~~month~~/fortnight - & I
do think the two questions
had better be treated
apart - I do not see
how exposure of the
general abuses of Hospls

will influence the
Election of Dr. Kirkes -

Will you thank Mr.
A' Court for his note
& his tidings of you &
the Bab & believe me
ever, dearest, yours

F.N.

[end 12:93]

unsigned memorandum, undated, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/65

The organization of the Sanitary service, (not one step in which has yet been taken,) will consist of

1. Directions for enquiries & inspections
2. Reports
Application of Regulations
3. General Instructions
Manual
Forms
Instructions for specific cases.
Directions for specific enquiries
as to causes of disease
Recommendations for each
specific case -
4. Sanitary deductions from
Statistics.
5. Ascertaining the present
Sanitary knowledge in
the Department by reference
to back reports.
[This will not take long]
6. Ascertaining the present
Sanitary practice [nor this]

7. Keeping Sanitary books
& records -

{in another hand: 1858 - Miss Nightingale - Things to be done to organize Sanitary Service}

initialed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: To Lady Herbert - Miss Nightingale - March 23. 61 - on the question of Ventilation & the new grates} 2057/F4/65 [8:673]

30. Old Burlington Street. {printed address:}
W.

Mar 23/61 [16:400]

Dearest

Thank you 1000
times for your splendid
Amms & Rhododendrons
& flowers.

===== I am sure you
will be glad to hear
that my father is
coming to see me
next week -

===== As for Galton,
if he said *himself*

to P Herbert that
"the ventilation was
"of no use without
"the grates" (and if
this was not a speech
made for him by
Baring) there is no
meaning in words.

He writes:-

"Baring has stopped
"all ventilation, till
"the grates have had
"another year's trial.
"It is just what I

"feel will happen as
 "soon as Ld Herbert
 "goes. All these
 "Sanitary improvements
 "are only skin deep
 " - and the whole
 "thing will revert
 "to what it was
 "before".

 This is exactly
 my own opinion -

 But what I
 want to do now is
 to get *back* our
 £10,000 in the
 Estimates (taken for

ventilation) or whatever
 the sum is -

 If P Herbert
 would answer the
 Minute in this way: -
 take the £10,000
 for ventilating shafts
 & inlets - & wait the
 result of the trials
 with the altered grates
 before putting in any
 more -

 This is the only
 common sense. What
 Baring says, & Galton,
 (if he did say it), is
 not common sense

 ever yours F.N.

[end 8:675]

If P Herbert should wish to act upon the idea of separating the ventilation from the grates, - the rationale of the thing is this: -

Ventilation is required all the year round - Warming (by the excessively hot grates) only in the winter & only in such a very severe winter as the last*

* It is not pretended that Galton's grates do not warm enough for ordinary winters.

Ventilation can be carried out by the shafts & inlets alone, if properly managed - even in winter.

The shafts & inlets can be closed to any extent - so that, at the worst, in the severest winter, it would be necessary only to close them for a time, while they would be in action all the rest of the year -

Why give the men Typhus in the summer because they *might*

catch cold at Christmas?

The great advantage
of the shafts & inlets
is that the air is
kept *constantly* moving
in the room. The essence
of ventilation is movement
rather than quantity.

Why make the
ventilation of every day dependent
on warming in
exceptional seasons?

It is true that,
in summer, when
there is no fire, the
grate inlet will
supply air, but it
is not requisite for

this, because the
shafts & inlets ought
to give enough.

The use of the
grate is to warm
part of the in=coming
air in very cold
weather, allowing the
ventilation to go on
without interruption.
But why, because
partially warmed
in=coming air is
good in a very severe
winter - are we to have
no air all the year
{printed address, round - & wait
upside down:} 30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

for that part of the ventilating
apparatus which is adapted
for winter? F.N.

[end 16:400]

initialed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/65 [8:683]

I loved him. No one
ever loved him and
served him as I
did. Others loved
him for himself,
but I knew him
& loved him for the
sake of God and
mankind. After
you, no one can
mourn him as I
do. I feel as you

do that no one can
know the greatness
of your loss

There is no
comfort but to
know how noble
he was, how you
and he were married
for eternity, how
the worst that can
happen to you is
to be separated
for a few years.

But you have a
comfort which I have
not. For you can
carry out his wishes.
While I am prevented
from his very death
itself from having
the power to carry
out his own wishes.

God bless you -
And He will bless
you -

F.N.

Aug 3/61

initialed letter fragment, 1f, pen 2057/F4/65 **[8:684]**

returned with
many many thanks.

I thought of you
on your wedding day
& all day.

As for me, he
takes my life with
him - My work, the
object of my life, the
means to do it, all
in one, depart
with him.

F.N.

Aug 15/61

initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Aug. 17.
1861} 2057/F4/65 **[8:684-85]**

Hampstead NW

Aug 17/61

Dearest

I enclose exactly
what I believe to
have been his "wishes"
as to what was "to be
Galton's position in
the Office" - quoting,
as far as I could,
his own words.

The P.S. is not
essential - tho' it
would make it
more complete.

The reason why I
could not answer
yesterday is that I
had to send for
some papers concerning
it.

I hope this is
not too late for you.

The reign of
intelligence is gone
at the War Office.
The reign of miffish=
ness has begun -

Lord de Grey is
the only one (who

can) who wishes to
carry out *his* plans -

The present master
is a man without
intelligence & without
experience who opposes
all principles
because they are
new - & who cannot
even avail himself
of the knowledge &
experience of others.

The "Royal boy",
as you used to call
him, appears to
have forgotten already
the lessons he had

been so wisely taught.

Lord de Grey
stands out nobly -
And, as in this, so
in other things, is
active & *obstinate*
in following up *his*
wishes.

I wish I could
hide myself under
ground not to see
what I do see -

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

initialed letter, 9ff, pen 2057/F4/65 [8:685-87]

Hampstead NW

Aug 29/61

Dearest, You say, "If"
I "can think of any
thing else, only to tell"
you & you "will
forward it."

I would have done
this before & thank
you - But I have
not been able to
write -

Two things which
lay at *his* heart
were: (I speak

now merely of small
administrative things:)

1. He always
recognised the fact
that the men had no
place, either in or
out of Barracks, they
could call their own.

He considered our
soldiers as his country=
men, having home=~~ty~~/like
English feelings - & that
they would seek their
homes, if *he* did
not find them for

the men, in the worst
of places.

You know that one
of his last official acts
was to call together
the Commn on Soldiers'
Dayrooms & Institutes -

that the Resolutions
were sent to him, as
soon as they were
drawn up & before
the Report was signed

& that, no sooner
were these Resolutions
sent in, than he
immediately instructed

Capt. Jackson, R.A.
(who had had
successful experience
in founding Soldiers'
"Homes" at Gibraltar)
to go to Aldershot
& report to him on
the facilities of
forming Soldiers'
"Homes" (or Institutes)
there immediately.

Had he lived,
I am certain (and
I believe you are too,)
that he would

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immediately have
given effect to Capt.
Jackson's Report, ~~on~~
forming a "Home"
at Aldershot in
the *first* place -

He attached
particular importance
to Aldershot, as you
know, on account of
the terrible immorality
of the men there.

If you could say
anything most strong
to Lord De Grey, from
your own knowledge

of his wishes, greater
than mine - I am
sure it would be
most true, as to his
intention with regard
to the Aldershot
plan - And it
would be one of the
best tributes to his
memory - to *him*
who was always
thinking how to
improve the soldier,
body & mind.

The Report of the
Commn on Day Rooms
went in yesterday -

Capt. Jackson's
Report goes in, this
week, as to Aldershot.

And he had been
farther instructed
to go to Portsmouth
about a "Home" for
the Garrison there. And
he has similarly
reported as to its
great facility.

Portsmouth, I
expect, will be done.
For it entails hardly any expence.

But Aldershot

will not, without
a helping hand
from those who loved
him - For it will be
more expensive.

2. The success of the
new "General Hospital"
arrangement at
Woolwich - begun
the very day of his
death - to which
he looked as a
school for training
Officers for "General
Hospital" service,
wherever required

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in time of war - in
order to prevent the
recurrence of the
Scutari catastrophe -

He thought that
this new organization
would require its
wheels oiling for the
first two years -
But he was certain
that it would "go",
if only a little care
were given to make
the parts go easily,
upon which reference
is certain to be made

to the W.O.

He himself wished
these references to be made
to Col. Clark Kennedy,
who headed the
Commn, which
organized this new
arrangement & the
Hospital Corps - &
to whose exertions
he ascribed its
having been done
so well -

I have this in
his writing - But

I would not risk enlisting Lord De Grey's interest for the new organization, so that references should be made to him & not to Hawes, in case of friction - by mentioning Col. Clark Kennedy's name as a referee, if you judged it better not -

These are the two last points he spoke & wrote to me about.

I need hardly say that there were other more important points which lay still nearer his heart -

In the very letter, June 7, which told me of his intended resignation; - in letters & conversations before & since, - he always spoke of Lord de Grey as looking to him to *re=organize* the office. I can

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scarcely bear to recall what he said & wrote, except to carry out his wish. He said, "De Grey will do it better than I." - and "De Grey understands it better than I." He even spoke & wrote of resigning, as if it were to open the way for Lord de Grey to carry

out that plan of
 "re=organization"
 of the Office, dated
 Jan 1, 1861 - in
 Ld de Grey's writing -
 & which he showed
 me on Jan 9, 1861.

You will know
 better than I whether
 to recall these things
 to Ld de Grey - whether
 it would be well
 to tell him how
 he looked to him
 only, - to do this -

which he would
 certainly have done,
 had he had time
 given him.

God knows best.
 By taking back this
 one of His servants
 to himself, He has
 put back five
 hundred thousand
 men to deteriorate
 physically, mentally,
 spiritually -

It is hard to
 say, His will be done.

Let me say (for
 you alone) that
 Lord de Grey is
 working nobly to
 follow in *his* steps.
 What Ld de Grey's
 weight is I do
 not know - But at
 all events he spares
 no work - On one
 occasion when the
 "Royal boy" came in
 to C. Lewis's room
 to try to upset some=
 thing which our
 master had done,

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(it was the new
Woolwich Hospital)
Lord de Grey, who
happened to be
in the room: (every
thing *happens* there
now, is not systematically done, under the new
reign:) said "Sir,
it is impossible :
Lord Herbert decided
it & the Ho: of C.
voted it" and
so silenced them
both - And many
similar assertions
of *our* master's

decisions I have
heard of Lord de
Grey making -
God bless you -
ever yours
F.N.

incomplete letter & envelope, 3ff, pen, b;acl=edged paper & envelope}
2057/F4/65

32 South St
London W
Dec 12/61

[8:687-88]

Dearest I send you
a copy of Dr. Farr's
paper, read at
Manchester before
the British Association.

And I was in hopes
to have sent you a
paper of mine on
Hospital Statistics
& Hospital plans,
read at Dublin
before the Social

Science Association.
 But I have only
 this day got the
 first Proof of it
 And therefore I can
 only enclose one (the
 last) ~~sheet~~/page, which
 perhaps you may
 like to see -

You know that
 we have lost our
 poor Clough. He was
 dying when I saw
 you - But I had
 not the heart to

tell you. He died on
 November 12 at
 Florence. His wife
 had joined him a
 few months: his
 sister a few days
 before - The end
 was very rapid.
 He was a man
 of rare mind &
 temper - of the highest
 & tenderest spirit
 it has ever been my
 lot to meet - of
 uncommon genius,
 worn & fretted by

the necessity of working
 at hard & uncongenial
 matters for daily
 bread. He has left
 his poor widow &
 three children, of
 which the youngest
~~is~~/was only 3 months
 old when he died,
 in a most anxious
 position.

He was my *support*
 in life, as my dear
 master was my
object in life. "The
 righteous perisheth

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"& no man layeth it
 "to heart - none
 "considering that he
 "is taken away from"
the good he might
have done -

The last words I
 ever had from him
 were when he
 heard (abroad) of
 my dear master's
 death. I shall
 never hear such
 words of sympathy
 again. He felt
 so much for us all

& was so entirely
 overcome when he
 spoke of us to his
 wife that I cannot
 help believing it
 hastened his death.
 He was only 41.
 But death for him
 was not premature.

He was already
 worn out in life.
 He had worked so
 hard at Oxford
 that his peculiar
 impressionable
 temperament never
 recovered it.
 {envelope, black-edged}

The

Lady Herbert

signed letter fragment, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/65 [black-edged paper] [8:690]

He was sitting in
an arm chair by
the fire, with
some writing on his
knee. He was
looking at you
who were just
leaving the room.
When you were
gone, he said,
almost to himself,
"This is what I
call heaven -
loving love".

Aeschylus uses
the true expression
"*unloving love*."

Perhaps he was
thinking of the
difference between
this & *his* love,
when he used the
words, "*loving love*"

He so seldom
spoke of his feelings,
at least to me -
that I was the
more struck -

Florence Nightingale
This sad New Year
1862

{in another hand:}

To be kept for my Children EH

Extract from a letter of

Florence Nightingale (written by herself)
containing a statement of Sidney's
feeling regarding the happiness
of his married life.

signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper} 2057/F4/65 [8:700-01]

Sept 10/70

Dearest I feel a more
 than common union in sorrow
 with you now that you are
 so ill - we two who have
 been so united in sorrow
 for these last nine years.
 I know that you have long
 since been able to say with our
 Lord, even when your soul was
 sorrowful, even unto death:
 Father, Thy will, not mine be
 done - & that you have not
 waited till now to offer
 yourself to seek Him on the
 cross, & with every cross that
 He who uses every means to

procure us so great a good as
 that of His love shall send.
 You are not one who will be
 satisfied to hear His voice
 only from the foot of the
 mountain - Even where
 the cup is so bitter that Our
 Lord Himself says: ~~Let~~/If it be
 possible, let this cup pass
 from me: you will hold
 out both hands for it.
 It seems indeed as if He
 would try you in every way -
 & give you the opportunity of
 victories in your bed more
 pleasing to Him than even
 those of open struggle with
 evil.

Let us thank Him, even tho'
 the flesh is weak, that He treats
 us as He treated His son -
 Having desired to suffer with
 Him, let us thank Him for
 granting our prayer - When
 we think that *He* has sent ~~it~~/this,
 we know that *He* will give
 the strength to bear it. His
 strength is made perfect in
 our weakness. Our Lord
 chose the path of the Passion
 & the Cross for Himself - O that
 we may be able, of our own
 free will, to choose it too!
 that we may be able to run,
 not only with patience, but
 with joy, the appointed course
 at the end of which *He* waits

for us, *He* is expecting us.

You have now to suffer in
 everything. Pray for me, now
 that you are so suffering, that
 I may never have any other
 thought, any other feeling but
 to know & do His will.

For so many years I have
 every day been 'delivered unto
 death for Jesus' sake' - would
 I could add: that 'the *life* of
 Jesus' has been 'made manifest'
 in me!- that I feel as if I
 could unite now in prayer &
 sympathy with you, so that,
 like St. Paul, we might esteem
 ourselves happy to suffer for
 Him. God be with you always

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

incomplete letter, undated, 8ff, pen {black-edged} 2057/F4/65 [8:688-89]

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The Horse Guards
have taken quite a
different tone
lately - owing, I believe,
to the "Meeting" of
the 28th.

Every one said
that *he* was the only
man in England for
whom such a
Meeting could have
been held - men
of all parties, the
representative of
the Crown, the
representative of

Parlt, uniting to
do him honour.

Mr. Rathbone
of Liverpool tells
me that they are
going to have a
similar Meeting
there - as soon as
the immediate turmoil
of this terrible
American business
has past.

You know that
Liverpool has always
stood out prominent
about *him* & about
the Crimean War

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For the Statue, I have most earnestly recommended that it should be in Westminster Abbey. He deserves a place there. For he is the initiator of a new era - that of taking the *human* side of the policy as regards the soldier - looking upon him as a man & not as a machine.

After all, politics are ephemeral. And

Westminster Abbey a higher & worthier place than the House of Commons or Palace Yard.

Wiltshire does not think of building yet but of applying the funds to your Charmouth Institution.

The "Herbert" Gold medal will be for the best proficient in "preserving the soldier's health" at the Chatham School. This as a tribute to

his particular object.

The D. of Cambridge
has written to Sir G.
Lewis to ask for
the Quarter Master
Genl to be President
in *his* room of the
Barrack Commission,
(Galton, Sutherland
& Burrell, you know)
I was sorry & I was
glad. But it was
impossible to refuse
On the one hand
it shews that they
mean to keep on
the Barrack Commn,

which I never thought
they would, after *he*
was gone - & that
they mean to play
the game of treading
in his steps for the
sake of his popularity.
On the other hand, to
have Airey or Percy
Herbert in *his* place
& with ~~the~~/a President's
power of putting a
stop to every thing
(this Commn has had
the spending of
£50,000 a year since
1857) is very galling.

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Lord de Grey works
his very best at the
W.O. [Sir G. Lewis is
studying the Astronomy
of the Ancients -
profitable speculation!]
Lord de Grey has the
whole of the charge
of this expedition
to Canada. Every
thing is being raised
to War Establishmt.
Lord de Grey applied
to us to know what
he had done in
reference to the China
Expeditionary Force

& followed *exactly*
in his steps. And
I was very glad
to be able to shew
how beautifully *his*
"Regulations" work
& meet every emergency.

Ld de Grey did
exactly what *he* did;
& we revised the
Sanitary Instructions.

I have no doubt
that this American
business is one of the
things which have
made the Horse Guards

turn sharp round
 & think it might
 be as well for them
 if they too would
 tread a little in
his steps.

The country would
 never forgive them
 if they were to lose
 another Army (in
 Canada)

But I see more
 & more every day
 how different it is
 having only Ld de Grey
 in the W.O. He does
 his very best. But

he has no power.

He cannot remodel
 the Engineering (Fortifica
 tions) Department
 as HE had intended &
~~writes~~/written to me in his very
 last letter - And
 Galton remains *tale*
quale. You know
 that poor Godley is
 dead. Had Ld de
 Grey been powerful,
 he could have used
 this opportunity for
 remodelling in some
 degree the position
 - as I am sure he
 wished.

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Let me tell you
one thing which I
think will give you
pleasure.

The Choral Society
are going to give
a series of Performances
to the Soldiers
gratuitously. I was
consulted. And they
open tonight at
Exeter Hall with
a Dirge to *his* memory
& the Messiah after
wards. It will be
a grand performance
- a great tribute to

for Ld Stanley -
And *his* work
was all for mankind!

Ld de Grey will
I think carry the
Soldiers' Day Rooms
in time. The
Commander in Chief
had taken the
Iron House at Aldershot we
wished to have
(for his Officer's
Club) But I think
the W.O. will buy
a house there for

£2000 for us -

I have recommended
that a tract
containing the
account of the
Meeting of the
28th & an address,
with appeal to the
Soldier, to be ~~got~~/done
~~from~~/by Dickens,
shall be sent to
every Soldiers' Reading Room
& every Commanding
Officer by the
W.O.

{page missing?}
the more pleasure
because I send
them to some of
his *poor* adherents
And I always tell
them they come from
Wilton; poor, poor Wilton.

I would write a
great deal more -
But I have had
two Doctors' Consultations.
And they say that, in
addition to all my
other woes, I have
now congestion of the
spine, brought on by
sorrow & worry And

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What the Army Medical Board ought to be able to do in this Indian case -

[15:271-72]

Nothing can save the poor troops now from a tremendous loss -

But, if there is to be a Military occupation with Queen's troops, no time should be lost in making preparations.

The first step would be to "make A. Smith a Marquis", - but, if this cannot be, the Sanitary adviser of the Consultative Board should be able to do the following:

Military authority ought to lay down all the points to be occupied -

Sanitary authority all

the points which can be healthily occupied

Hitherto, the banks of rivers have been the Military base - It is impossible to improve these Sanitarily - But there is scarcely any other situation which cannot be improved -

Military problems are like all other problems - they require common sense to solve them more than anything else - though Military men would fain persuade us otherwise.

England would not be England, if she could not, in India,

make Railways to bring
troops down from the
healthy positions upon
the unhealthy ones which
must occupied &
cannot be improved -
& if she could not
improve the unhealthy
positions which are
capable of improvement.

To make troops, in India,
bivouack or to put
them in huts *upon the*
ground in unhealthy
positions is fatal - But
put them in huts
raised three feet above
the ground, & even in
unhealthy positions, much
disease will be saved -

Calcutta, as far as regards
the native part, is now one
of the most unhealthy cities
of the world - There is not
a drain in it - And there
is a salt marsh near it
which sometimes dries up
& leaves putrid fish -

But all these things
might be remedied, even
in India, & must be
remedied, if we are to
have a prolonged Military
occupation, without
fearful loss of European
life -

But there is no time to
be lost, because Railways
& Sanitary works must
be & must take time -
After these poor troops are
dead, our difficulties will
begin -

[end 15:272]

signed letter, undated, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale - on
proposed Tables shewing comparative Mortality} 2057/F4/65

I think Tulloch's Mountains will be very effective, if he would give us a series of mortalities for the years before & after 1837 in Mountains.

[14:494-95]

I prefer our Diagram
for exhibiting Maxima
& Minima of Mortality - since
Diagrams are to catch
the Sparrows -

Tulloch's Mountains

have made me think
that it would be a
good thing for us
to have a series of
Mountains, exhibiting
for the Crimea -

Mortality per month
Salt meat (Date &
quantity)

Biscuit
Vegetables
Clothing
Fatigues -

If you approve, will
you propose it to Farr?
For this purpose,

I enclose a series
of Data of this kind,
which I once made,
& which I could
give you more in
detail for Dr. Farr -

It would be ~~more~~
very instructive for
the Sparrows -
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

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Home Stations

Upon mean force

annually

Mortality

Navy

Marines

per 1000

From Disease alone

6.8

" Wounds & Injuries

3.8

Total Mortality

10.6 under 8

*both on board ship
& in barracks*

The ~~Marines~~/Mortality of the Marines is a little worse than that of the Navy - but very little - not 1 per 1000 -

The Marines do not go aloft, & therefore their total mortality is below that of the seamen, whose deaths from external violence & drowning, by men falling from aloft &c, is 3.8 per ann. ~~(illeg)~~ per 1000, as shewn by Table -

The Total Mortality for Marines only is given, probably because that from Wounds & Injuries is hardly appreciable,

Mortality

of *Marines* -

between 7 & 8

per 1000

whether on board

ship or in Barracks.

[end 14:495]

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E.g.

Foot Guards

Why the
strength of the
Invalids must
be added in
adding their
Mortality

Aggreg. Strength	Deaths
1844-52 = 44388	891
Invalided	
1845-53 = 1565	210
45953	1101
	[Mortality Per 1000]
	23.9

The aggregate Strength, 44388, of the Guards, '44-'52, yields its own proper mortality of 891. But, besides the Mortality on effectives, there is a Mortality taking place on non-effectives invalided. These Invalids are discharged at any time after the Army strength is taken - which is on April 1. They are included in the strength up to the day the Annual Return is made. But they begin to disappear & their Mortality together with them, directly the day of taking the strength has passed.

~~comes round.~~ They, afterwards, form a distinct class with a special Mortality. It is considered that one year's Mortality among these Invalids may be fairly added to the Mortality of the effectives, because the Diseases, of which they die within the year, may be fairly attributed to causes connected with their Service. In order to add this Mortality fairly, we must leave it out for the first year, & continue it a year beyond the last year, for which the Mortality of effectives is given (- the mortality in Invalids being always taken a year after they have left the service)

To do this, we must add together the *effective* strength & the mortality

for 1844-52 to the *Invalid* Mortality & strength 1845-53.

(The *Invalids'* strength must be added, because it does not exist in the *effective* strength)

It was thought doubtful whether half the Invalids' strength should not be added *besides*, because they may be supposed to remain under observation on an average of half the year - But it was decided that the Discharges might very well be told off on one hand against the Accessions of Strength from Recruits on the other, who will be reckoned in the Strength of the next April 1, altho' they may have been on the strength only half the year -

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allowance must be made for the selection at entry, which excludes the sick.

This may be put down as nearly equivalent to half the Deaths among the Pensioners. Thus the true strength & Deaths will be about

	<i>Strength</i>	<i>Deaths</i>
Effectives	22948	454
Pensioners	876	115
Excluded }		
Sick of }	438	58
Dangerous }		
Diseases }		
	<hr/> 24262	<hr/> 627

The real annual mortality per cent of the Foot Guards, after correction, is 26 annual deaths to 1000 living - whereas the mortality of the male population at the same ages is about 9 annual deaths to 1000 - or one where there would be three in the Guards

[end 14:533]

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The conclusions upon this Table are as follow:

1. that the Army Statistics give no real idea of the Mortality

There is this essential difference between the Registrar-General's & the Army Medical Returns -

The first give the precise per centage of Deaths to Population within Army Ages. The second give no precise per centage of Deaths to Army Population -

Soldiers die to the Army in two ways. viz. by death & by invaliding - The state loses them equally whether they die or are invalided before their term of service is completed.

By the table I enclose, it appears that more than 18 entire Regiments were lost to the service in 5 years -

2. that the Army Mortality, as stated in the Report, cannot be accurately compared with that of Civil Life at the same ages - To say that the Mortality

in the Guards is double that of Civil Life is to make an under = statement of the truth. For the Army Mortality merely shews the Deaths among those staying in the Service long enough to die in it. It does not shew the Deaths among those discharged to die elsewhere -

A low rate of mortality therefore may imply not a high state of health but a high rate of invaliding.

And Statistics thus organized may give all the results which Sanitary measures would give.

For, if every man likely to die were invalided, the Army would appear immortal. For not a man in it would ever die.

The table I enclose adds upwards of 15 per 1000 to the annual Rate of Mortality of the Army. It shews that, in 5 years, nearly 1 ½ Regiments were swept away within 12 months after invaliding.

And all these men were between

30 - 35 years of age - had had an average of 10 years' service. For those invalided after completing their time do not die.

The difference between the different Arms shews the method by which the apparent Mortality in some is reduced e.g. The Life Guards actually reach a Mortality of 15 per cent in the 5 years. the Horse Artillery is as low as 4 ½ per cent.

3. The result is that we have no reliable Statistics of the Army Mortality & that, without some principle in those of Invaliding, we cannot compare the rate of Mortality in our Army with that of any others - For, in some, we know that every man who dies dies in Hospital

Nor can we compare it with Civil Life.

Nor can we even compare Regiment with Regiment.

The real Statistics of the Army, to be at all brought out, must include:

(1) the adoption of an accurate nomenclature & classification of Disease & Mortality.

(2) accurate tables of invaliding, stating the Diseases & Deaths for 12 months, or such other period, if practicable, as would include the termination of the cases up to what would have been the termination of the man's ~~so~~ service - Deaths from other diseases, not contracted in service, should not be included.

(3) tables of the ~~continued influx of~~ healthy lives which at known ages - are continually drafted into the Army.

4. The true Army Mortality would then be calculated as follows:

Mortality in Army Hospitals - *plus* that from all Diseases or injuries for which men are invalided - *minus* that from Diseases or injuries taking place after what would have been the expiration of the term of service - the percentage being taken on the active Force, plus the Invalids.

[end 14:534]

	e.g.		{Deaths of Invalids
Strength	Deaths	Invalids	{within term of
			{service
10,000	100	1000	100

The Mortality would, according to present

Mayne		{Glasgow	[14:495-96]
Dr. Borlase Childs	write to	{Liverpool	
surgeon to Police Division	Inspectors	{Edinburgh	
? Strand -	of Police	{Manchester	
	at	{Birmingham	

1. age of entry?
2. duration of service?
3. amount of night duty & the
- + manner in which it is performed?
4. mortality per cent per ann.
distinguishing total mortality
that from fevers
cholera
diarrhaea
dysentery
Consumption
other Chest
diseases

sickness in the Police? Rheumatism

Army

-
- | | |
|---|---|
| 5 | mortality in different Barracks
of metropolis from same classes
of disease? & fro total mortality? |
| 6 | average strength
sickness from these diseases |
| 7 | per cent |
| 8 | amount & nature of night duty |

examine
Mayne & Dr. Fisher

Considering Police to be
a moveable body,
required per centage of
mortality from all
classes of disease
(those of the Lungs
especially important)
& also current per
centage of sickness -
required amount
of night duty -
whether same men
always on day duty
& others always on
night duty

examine
Dr. Southwood Smith

required Mortality
& Sickness in
Model Lodging houses

Report by Waller
Lewis

required Mortality
& Sickness in the Post

Office

Mortality *from Disease alone*
in the Navy
for Seven years' average
1837 - 1843

Per 1000 Annually

Home - - - - -	6.8	
S. America - - - -	6.7	
Various - - - - -	8	
Packet Service - -	8.6	
N. Coast Spain - -	8.5	- - - - 4 years' average only
Mediterranean - -	10.7	
Cape - - - - -	11	
W. Indies - - - - -	19.2	}
E. Indies - - - - -	34.2	} Unhealthy Stations
W. Coast Africa -	57	}
Annual Average	14.9	
per 1000		
	Mean Force 33,000	[end 14:496]

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It appears from a Return given in Mr. Grainger's Report of ~~of~~ Cholera in the Metropolis in 1849, ~~published by the General Board of Health,~~ that H.M. Troops suffered in a much larger proportion than the Civil Population ~~in which~~ of the Parishes in which the Barracks were situated -

[diagonal lines through the following paragraph]

The Mortality ~~amongst~~ the Civil Population of St. Pancras Parish in that year was

Per 1000

2.2

~~whil~~

facts which prove that the Local predisposing causes of Cholera were of a more intense character in and around the Barracks than among the dwellings of the population generally

They would indicate the existence of effluvia ~~connected~~ proceeding from defective drainage and latrine arrangements - in addition to atmospheric impurity, proceeding from overcrowding & defective ventilation.

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 [additions in a different hand in bold]

Cholera

Proportionate Mortality of Troops & Civilians
 in the Metropolis in 1849

Civilians	Deaths per 1000	2nd Life Guards
St. Pancras	2.2	Regent's Park 10.7/4
Kensington	3.3	R.H.G 17.5
		Knightsbridge
		1st Batt. Gren. Gds
		1st Batt. Coldstream
Marylebone	2.7	Portsmouth 3.2
& St. Martin's in Fds		Trafalgar Sq.1

St. John & St. Margt		Coldstream Gds*
Westminster	6.8	Wellington 2
E. London &	5.4	2nd Batt. Colds Gds
Whitechapel		Tower " S.F.Gds.
		10
Marylebone	1.7	S.F.G. 1st Batt.
		St John's Wood 2
		{illeg Cotnam?} W

*The Wellington Barracks are situated in St.
 James's Park, the only healthy spot of the whole
 district, which is a peculiarly unhealthy one.

Assume that the aggregate strength of the-
 Foot Guards was, as in 1842 - 6 - viz.
 22948

we must add for the strength of the
 Pensioners

$$\frac{934 + (934-115)}{2} = 934-58 = 876$$

Thus making the aggregate strength for a year
 23,824 out of which
 454 effective
 115 pensioners

569 died in the year -
 Thus mortality was at the rate of
 24 in 1000 annually among the effective
 & pensioners, whereas the mortality among
 the effective alone was

$$\frac{454}{22948} = 20 \text{ in } 1000$$

But to make the comparison at all fair
 between the mortality of the Foot Guards
 & that of the General Population - some

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Sunday -

For your I have been going over [15:270-71]

Consideration all the men, who served
 well in the Crimean War,
 as subjects for your
MEDICAL consideration in re *Medical*
branch ~~& Statistical~~ branch .

Army Medical Dr. Taylor's Division (3rd)
Board was always the best admi=

ministered - from the time
you sent him out -

that of Alexander ~~always~~
excepted, who also bore the
burden & toil of the day,
the first winter, which
Taylor did not -

There are several good
Regimental Officers, Longmore
& others - But they are
wholly untried in admi=
nistration. And a very
plausible subject of
complaint might arise -
on the parts of Messrs. Dumbreck

& Forrest, & Co, if they were
passed over for a Regimental
Surgeon, whereas the
appointment of Taylor
who has served in all
parts of the world, in
war as in peace, & is a
tried man in administra=
tive matters, is unex=
ceptionable.

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale - on the re=constitution of the Army
Medical Board}

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For your Consideration Taylor is a wholly [15:270-71]
 untried man in this -
 Algebra is necessary,
 STATISTICAL which Balfour has &
 branch Taylor has not.
 True, ±/if Alexander is Director
 General, ~~Taylor~~/Balfour is a very
 bad adviser for him,
 for he is opinionated, while
 Alexander is modest.
 But Balfour has been
 working at this for 18
 years - and could, with
 difficulty, be passed over -
 He might still hold
 his position as Surgeon
 to the "little red men" -
 just as well as he does
 now - for he does all
 the Statistics now -
 The real hold you have

on both *Statistical &
 Sanitary branch*/Heads is only the
 enactment which you
 have established your=
 self, ~~of~~ viz. the Quarterly
 publication of *Civil*
 Registrar = General of
 the "deaths", with any
 comments of ~~their~~/his own.
 The Registrar General's Office
 is the most popular
 department of the Service
 And, if a Barrack shewed, e.g.,
 no improvement in
 Phthisis, ~~the~~ a remark
 from the R.G.'s Office
 would bring public
 opinion down upon them
 directly. Of this, Balfour
 is well aware - & on this account,
 he kicked - in your Report.

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Qy - whether it would
be possible to ask for two
clerks from Farr's Office,
with a small increase of
pay to make it worth their
while to go over to the service of the W.O.,
and to make this an excuse
for Balfour to work the
first six months at the
Civil Registrar = Genl's Office,
under plea of Farr
wishing to keep his eye
upon his own Clerks -

This would start the
whole thing in the way
you would wish to have it
started -

For the fact is, there is
not a man in the Army
fit for *Statistical* or *Sanitary*
branch - And yet, you
must have a man in the Army.

[end 15:271]

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Note on the Monthly
~~Quarterly~~ Return of
Sickness & Mortality

[9:52]

I. Two important deductions
are drawn from this Return
by Sir A. Tulloch

1. that acclimatization
has "no perceptible advantage
"in India, even when troops
"are serving under the most
"disadvantageous circumstances."

2. that it would be
advantageous to send Sikh
troops to China.

The second of these is an
important suggestion - espe=

cially at the present time.

But the first requires
to be seriously examined.

1. no satisfactory
conclusion can be drawn
from 3 months' Statistics.
But, as Sir A. Tulloch has
used this period, we must
do so too - & shew that his
conclusion is not borne out
by the facts.

2. he acknowledges that

the Bengal Returns are
for the 3 healthiest mon.
in the year. And yet
the Mortality was at the
rate of 39 per 1000 per ann.

Madras	54	"	"
Bombay	58	"	"

the returns for the two
last Presidencies being
for the more unhealthy

~~Stations~~ Seasons.

This fact alone destroys
his argument -

[end 9:52]

But we find another
means of comparison in
the D.G.'s Report. He says
the Bengal Mortality
for the Quarter given
was "nearly one half less"
than what took place
during the previous Quarter
This would make the
Mortality for the previous
Quarter 77 per 1000.

In Sir A. Tulloch's
Evidence before the Indian
Organization Commission,

[right column]

p. 180, he gives the following ratios for 39 years -

Per 1000

Bengal -----79.2

Madras -----62.9

Bombay -----61.1

All India ----70

The Bengal Winter quarter, ~~has~~ as deduced from ~~Alex~~ the D.G.'s account, it will be seen, very nearly comes up to Tulloch's average -

The conclusion is that these tables convey no satisfactory conclusion on the subject of acclimatization -

It would be desirable to obtain the Quarterly Ratios for all India during the Mutiny.

II. the ~~Quarterly~~/Monthly Form might be so improved as to give a larger amount

[left column]

of such information as
the S. of S. requires.

(1) The *Barracks* occupied
by the Troops in Gt Britain
& Ireland should be given.

(2) Instead of adding the
"Remaining" & "Admissions"
together & calling that
the "Total Treated", the
"Average Daily Sick"
should be given, which
would shew the amount
of inefficiency from disease.

(3) The Classification of
Diseases should be
exchanged for the classi=
fication on "No. 1
"Administrative Form,
"(Morning State)" contained
in the new Regulations.

(4) In stating the Per
centages, the amount
per 1000 per annum
should be given -
instead of "1 in 7"
which is simple nonsense -

[right col]

(5) The Annual Percentage of Death to Strength should also be given.

(6) The columns of "Increase" & "Decrease" "in the month" are useless; because 1. the event to which they refer is past & no conclusion can be drawn from it. 2. they might lead to erroneous conclusions as to the healthiness of a Regiment. e.g. we find in one Column a decrease of 17 Admissions. Sir J. Hall made use of this very fact in the Crimea to congratulate the Commander of the Forces on the "improving health" of ~~the~~/his Army, at the very time an epidemic was pending.

III. The Mortality in China has been enormous & requires strict enquiry.

2. The returns fully bear out the immense impor=

[left column]

tance of the prevention of
Zymotic Diseases on
foreign Stations. These
Diseases occasion far
the largest amount of
sickness, mortality &
inefficiency.

3. Should not the S. of [S.? side of sheet cut off]
obtain the Monthly
Statistics of every one
of the Foreign Stations
to enable him to ask
questions regarding
any excessive Mortality
in one or more Stations
We learn incidentally
from the D.G.'s Report
that Dysentery has
prevailed at Secunderabad
& yet the Statistics
give no information
whatever upon the
fact - Secunderabad
being included in one
General Average sweeping
[right column]

over the whole of the
Madras Presidency

Initialed letter, ff1-3, pen 2057/F4/65 [8:694]

Hampstead N.W.

Sept 7/64

Dearest

I thought your note
to Dr. Parkes just
what it ought to be.

With regard to Lady
Bath's Vill: Nurse - - - we
have quite forsworn
recommending people
for that position - we
train people whom
their future employers
recommend - This makes
the employer responsible

for her Village Nurse -
makes the employer
infinitely more wise
in her superintendence
- instead of being only
occupied as often
happens, in picking
holes in the Village
Nurse who has been
recommended to *her*;-
& who requires all
her employer's countenance
to carry out her most
difficult task.

If Lady Bath will
choose (& send us) a

woman, we will give
her 6 months' Midwifery
training - if she is to
be a Midwifery Nurse, -
at the Lying-in Ward
at King's College Hospital.
And she can also
have *general* nurse
training, if desired -
& if special arrang=
ments ~~have~~ are made.

Already in different
parts of England we
have Nurses sent
out often this fashion.

1000 thanks for game

God bless you

ever your F.

Copy of dear Flo's letter Scutari July 9/55 re Athena 2057/F4/65

Note, unsigned, ff1-7, pen 2057/F4/65

[15:427-28]

August 1859

Miss Nightingale

Chatham Soldiers

Institute

Note on the plans of

Chatham "Soldiers' Institute"

1. Object approved &
plans considered as
good, but too costly
for the Barrack -
If it were intended
to rebuild the
Barracks on a
proper plan, the
"Institute" would
probably do as it is.

But, considering the
miserable construction
& overcrowded state
of Chatham Barracks,
it appears doubtful
whether the money
would not be better
spent in increasing
accommodations

2. Or the money might
be spent perhaps more
advantageously in
providing a larger
amount of cheaper &

plainer Day = room
accommodation -

3. The proposed plans
are very defective in
warming & ventilation
arrangements - and
require revision on
these points.
4. Looking at the elevation,
it is very doubtful
whether the building
could be finished for
the sum proposed, which
moreover does not include

the following order:

1. Increased Barrack
& Hospital accommodation
- and plain cheap
day=rooms in the mean
time for the men to
live in thro' the day.

2. Married Soldiers'
quarters.

3. Soldiers' Institute -
such as the one proposed -
- which is highly to be
approved of in its
proper place - so much
so that, were it so

carried out, I should
gladly furnish it, if
allowed to do so.

[end 15:428]

In conclusion, the
 "Institute" plans would
 answer excellently,
 except the warming & Ventilation,
 for a new Barrack,
 built on the best
 model and complete
 in its parts.

At so very incomplete
 a Barrack as Chatham,
 it would be wrong
 i.e. out of place.

Money is wanted
 at Chatham for
 constructive works in

furnishing.

5. While it is proposed
 to spend this large
 sum of money, we
 must not forget that,
 in almost every
 Barrack=room at
 Chatham, married
 women & young
 unmarried women
 sleep & live among
 the men.

Does not this fact intimate a
 more pressing necessity
 for married quarters?

2057/F4/65 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 1. 1858. Disapproves of Dr. Farr's Weekly Army Return Enclosed. Black-edged paper, 2057/F4/65

Mar 1/58

[14:556]

For this there is no hurry, at least not before you see Farr.

But his Weekly {illeg}/Return (enclosed) is in opposition to the principles of ~~the~~ your Report respecting the Army Medl Board, which principles, together with those

you expounded to me as to the adminis= tering a Board, are set forth in the enclosure with a green string -

{illeg}/A criticism on Farr's Weekly Report accompanies it -

I think it is important *not* to let it pass, as it stands -

F.N.

Would you not
talk to Sutherland
about this before
you come to any
conclusions with
Farr?

[end 14:556]

Printed title page; Florence Nightingale, *Notes on the Care and Treatment of Sick and Wounded During the Late War in the East, and On the Sanitary Requirements of the Army Generally*. Presented by Request to the Secretary of State for War. London: Harrison & Sons 1857. Begins with Panmure letter to her 18th Feb 1857.

Preface. Handwritten at top, around printed "Preface":

Dear Mr Herbert. This is the
kind of Preface I intended to put
supposing you approved, and if
you wrote me "the letter" regarding
the insertion of the Abstracts of
the Army
Medical Correspondence.
Feb 4/58. F. Nightingale

Some time after the receipt of Lord Panmure's letter of the 28th February, 1857, and when considerable progress had been made in drawing up the following Notes, I received from the Right Honourable Sidney Herbert, M.P., three large packets of MS, at three separate dates, containing a great mass of correspondence on the care of the sick and wounded, and on the sanitary state of the army in the East, which had passed between the director general, the principal medical officer of the army in the East, and medical officers of divisions, etc.

Mr Herbert also wrote me the letter, of which a copy is subjoined. [then continues as in Matters affecting.]

Note to Sidney Herbert

4 February 1858

Source: From a letter to Elizabeth Herbert, Wiltshire County Record Office, Pembroke Collection 2057/F4/65, black-edged paper **[13:60-61]**

1 Upper Harley St.

29 May 1854

My dearest

The chief facts
I observed, when
I used to go to St
Bartholomew's Hl
were,
1st, that the Nurses
(not the Sisters)
slept in wooden
cages on the
landing places
outside the doors

of the Wards, where
it was impossible
for any woman of
character to sleep,
where it was
impossible for the
Night Nurse, taking
her night in the
day, to sleep at all,
owing to the noise,
where there was
no light or air
but that admitted
through the glass

doors- & where
three were together
in this small space,
but/tho' only two, it is
true, slept at a
time.

2nd, it was *preferred*
that the Nurses
(again, not the
Sisters) should be
women who had
lost their characters,
i.e., who should

have had one
child, because it is

supposed, in England,
that these only can
be made to work
hard (for the sake
of the child) & be
pitiful to the Patients,
& that no other woman will take
a Hospl Nurse's place.

3rd, the excessive want
of personal cleanliness
of the Patients - they
could *never* wash
their feet - & it was
with difficulty &
only in great haste
that they could have

a drop of water
just to *dab* their
hands & face.

But these things
are just the same
in all the other
Hospitals.

I have not been
to St Bartholomew's
for two years.
If I possibly can,
I will go there
tomorrow or Wednes
day & ascertain

whether the cages
& other varieties
are there still.

The case of Dr
Kirkes is the most
flagrant we have
yet had, for his
book on Physiology
is one of our
text= books in the
Medical World.
But these are not
the only instances

of jobbing in Hospitals.

The "dressers" (who
are students) buy
their places, which
are much sought
after, as dressers,
so that not he
who is most skilful
but he who has
most money gets
on. At Guy's
this shameful prac=
tice is done away
with, but not, I

believe, at the other
Hospitals. I will
try & learn whether
it is still so at
St Bartholomew's.

I was overjoyed to
see your handwriting
again. God bless
the little Bab &
you, & believe me,

ever yours

F.N.

Three years ago, all the
~~windows~~ front at St
Bartholomew's was re=
modelled & beautified,
while the nurses were
[breaks off abruptly]

[end 13:61]

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[14:57]

1 Upper Harley St
16 October 1854

Dear Mr. Herbert

I shall be too grateful
to see you today at the
time you mention, between
3 & 5 o'clock, if you can
spare the time to come
up here -

Yours very truly

Florence Nightingale

[end]

incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: 7 May 1855} 2057/F4/66

Harbour of Balaclava
May 7/55

[14:184]

Dear Mr. Herbert

There are many
things about Scutari
which I have long
been anxious to say
to you, though I do
not know that it is
of any use -

Not being a soldier
& being told by those
who were at Scutari
that to remedy these
things was impossible,

I held my peace &
supposed that these
were the evils which
we are informed are
inseparable from war -

But lately I have
had the opportunity
of hearing the opinions
of officers who were
the only beings like
men whom I have
seen since I came out
& find that the
remedies I should
propose are not only
feasible but actually
carried out almost
everywhere - & that

our Depot at Scutari
is supposed to be the
worst managed & our
Commandant at Scutari
acknowledged to be the
worst officer in the
service (It appears
that he was asked for
by Lord Rag/Stratford
merely because he was
a man of rank) If
we had had a man
like Major Fellowes, on
Ld Raglan's Staff, or
like Genl Jones, or like
many others I could
name, how different
Scutari would have been!

The intoxication &
indiscipline of the
Barrack at Scutari
is what shocks, not
mere civilians like
ourselves, but old
Officers - I never knew
what *dead drunk*
meant till I saw
these wretched beings
brought into our Hospital
upon stretchers - But
all the redress we could
ever get from Ld W. Paulet
was 'These are the
brutes you spoil" -

[end 14:184]

signed letter, 6ff, pen 2057/F4/66

Birk Hall
Ballater

[14:451-52]

Sept 28/56

Dear Mr. Herbert

Many thanks for
the enclosed which
is exactly what I
expected - ~~If~~/As no
Establishment can,
for Military reasons,
which I understand,
be organized at
Aix La Chapelle or

elsewhere abroad,
I should question
the desirableness of
having a *permanent*
establishment at
Bath - I should
like to see the
experiment tried there,
which I have
proposed to Dr.
Pincoffs & Lord Panmure

Derbyshire Co Record Office
with 60 Patients
for this year on
the terms which
I shewed to you -
But I think that
the upshot will be
that it will be found
better to concentrate
all our efforts towards
having a good sea=
bathing (warm) equip=

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ment of ~~Baths~~/Douches &c at
the Southampton Mily
Hospital - as, for
external application
(which would be
all we should do
at Bath,) equally
efficacious - This is
a question however
for medical opinion
& not for me to
decide -

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I had meant to
have written to you
this very day to
claim your very
important promise
to meet me, if you
were in London,
for "a combined
attack upon the
Bison". I have
found the Queen,
Prince Albert & Sir

George Grey propitious -
Yesterday however
the Queen came
here & pressed me
to remain ~~here~~ to
see Lord Panmure
(who comes on duty
here this week)
with reasons which
it would have
been foolish in me

to oppose - though
I would rather
have seen Lord
Panmure with you.
However the one
does not preclude
the other - And I
hope you will (like
a Cid) stand up
for the cause of the
poor oppressed Army

Hospitals which I
assure you have not
won ~~one~~ a step of
the ground yet by the
experience of the War -

I have progressed
so far as this that
the Queen has asked
me to write a plan
for Lord Panmure &
to send it to her -
She is interested -
the Prince is enlightened-
And both anxious to
do their best for reform.

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The Prince's prediction for the Horse Guards is however alarming. How odd that they should not understand that the Chelsea Commission has really struck the severest blow at the prerogative of the Crown, because the country will never

trust the Executive again - The cleverest thing which ever was done by an Executive was the appointment of an honest Commission who did their work honestly & neutralized the effect of Roebuck's

Committee - Then Govt throws overboard its own Commission - & the country proclaims again (& this time with truth) that Ministers cannot be trusted to do their own work -

I think the return of the Regimental Officers

Derbyshire Co Record Office
from the Crimea who
felt most keenly the
inconsistency of Chelsea
will exasperate this
feeling still more -

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I shall come to
London as soon as
I can, & see Fort Pitt
& our Home Military
Hospitals, & I hope,
yourself before I
finally assault ~~the~~/your
"Bison" - Yours ever gratefully
F. Nightingale

[end 14:452]

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
London

Oct 31/56

[14:461-62]

Dear Mr. Herbert

If you come to London
during the next fortnight,
will you have the
goodness to let me
know that you are
there? There are
many things for me
to refer to you -

Not at all connected
with these things, but
still a matter to be

referred to you is the
following. I have seen
a letter from one of my
"Council". I do not
remember the exact
words (for it was only
shewn to me) - But the
gist of it was that
I might go to Operas
& Races - no pledge
against amusing myself
existed/ing - but that I
might not take Govern=
ment employment -

Derbyshire Co Record Office
being pledged to work
for Civil Hospitals - by
the Fund -

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I can never forget,
whatever others may,
for the reason that no
one knows as I do,
the *needless* sacrifice
of human life during
the late War from
causes not connected
with ~~the~~ War - nor
how the result of
governing a Hospital
by several Departments,

(of which the Officers
are appointed by
different authorities,)
is delay, inefficiency
& irresponsibility -

As you are the
person who at once
gave me Government
employment, & originated
the Civil Hospital Fund,
I should wish to
consult you, as you
have allowed me to
do throughout, as to
whether you consider

that the two things clash -
If you do,, - as I am
quite sure that, in the
events of another war,
which seems so near,
I should go, if Ministers
offered me the opportunity
as you did - and as
I am sure that, war
or no war, I never
can cease, while I live,
doing whatever falls in
my way in the work
I have mentioned above
viz. the Military Hospitals

which God & you so
singularly put into
my hands, - I would
ask you whether you
would ask "my Council",
during this month of
November, when no one
has much to do, to
determine this question.

I am provoked to
have to bother about
such a question now,
when there are such
much more important

ones - about which I
would so much rather
consult you -

Pray believe me

dear Mr. Herbert

Yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I have not answered
your two kind letters.

But I should have
much to tell you
about my "Pan", could
I see you -

[end]

unsigned note, undated, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

The Newcastle Case
would make a very
good illustrative case
altogether, if we had
the invaliding.

[15:274-75]

The outbreak of Yellow
Fever in 1856 was
exceptional - And it is
of importance to ascertain
the cause of the exception.

Lawson's pamphlet
is a very good Analysis
of the facts. He disposes
effectually of the theory

Derbyshire Co Record Office
of Contagion - and shews
the disease to have
been of *local* origin.
He does not however
account for it satis=
factorily.

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Dr. Burrell, who
was at Newcastle for
some time, informs us,
in a long note on the
Pamphlet, "that Lawson's
"account of the disease
"is deficient - But,
"such as it is, it shews
"that the Epidemic

"was *not* the Yellow Fever
"of the plains but a very
"modified form of Fever
" - in some cases without
"the characteristics of
"Yellow Fever at all."

The effect of the
elevation & lower temper=
ature ~~being~~/were decided
in modifying the disease.

Dr. Burrell mentions
one or two important
illustrative facts on the
same side. From June
to November, 1843, the
60th Regt at Newcastle

Derbyshire Co Record Office
had 60 cases of sharp
Fever - And the 77th Regt
at Maroon Town, also a
Hill Station, had 80 cases
- *without a single death*
(in either Regiment).

Dr. Burrell & Sir
W. Gomm attribute the
outbreak to what was
without doubt its
true cause - viz. neglect
of Sanitary precautions.

Dr. Burrell even goes
so far as to hint that,
in consequence of this
neglect, they ~~will~~/may be

obliged to take up
new ground -

The case, in fact is
the best proof of the
truth of what you said
in the Ho. of C., as cited
by Sir W. Gomm, viz.
that advantage of situation
is no security in tropical
climates where due
attention is not paid
to cleanliness & general
"conservancy" -

It shews the necessity
of establishing a Sanitary

Police throughout the
W. Indies & India -
in order that while
the one condition of health,
viz. a selection of proper
sites, is carried out,
the other, ~~of~~/viz. what the
Indians call "conservancy",
~~is~~/may not be neglected -

Dr. Burrell says "that
"Newcastle has been occupied
"from 15 to 20 years by a
"succession of Regiments" -
"that the sloping ground
"has been partially leveled,
"scooped out & disturbed
"from time to time". that,
"on the level spaces,
"impurities inseparable
"from a not very cleanly
"population have been
"allowed to accumulate" -
that "*soldiers neither*
"*know nor inquire into*
"*the habits of former*

"occupants" - that "old
"thatch & other decomposing
"matters have been thus
"allowed to accumulate" -
and that "the privies
"entered into cess-pits
"or into the ravines."

The practical point
of this obviously is,
that while the occupants
are constantly changing,
there should always be
a resident local
Sanitary Police.

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signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

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30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Jan 14/56 {archivist: 1857}

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have heard nothing of
my Master, except through
Lord Palmerston, to whom, it
seems, the former had
communicated certain things
that he & I - and you & I
have talked about.

I conceive that he is
purposely, - not, as you
good naturedly put it, from
press of business, putting off
your "Commission" -

I have had only a note
from him, saying that he
wishes to see me when he
comes to town -

In answer to your question
concerning McLachlan &
Alexander, the former, though
an able man, is nothing to
your purpose. Without the
latter, I believe you will
do nothing - And Dr. Smith
is, I am told, rejoicing at
the prospect of this issue of the
Commission - Lord Panmure
has done nothing yet that
I know of about sending
for him (Dr. Alexander)

I send you some rough
notes of mine upon these
points, which please
return if you have not
time to read -

The upshot of them is this

(I shall not put them in
bodily into my Precis)

The Duke of Newcastle
was told there were wants
in the Crimea, & being a
feeling man, he was much
shocked, made that speech
saying how much he was
interested & that he had
sons out there, & finally,
went ~~out~~ to enquire for
himself in the Crimea -
Now there was no occasion
for him to go to the East
to enquire - he might simply
have sent to St. James's
Place, & asked Dr. Andrew
Smith 'what supplies
have you sent out?' Roe-
buck's Committee did ask,

& Dr. Andrew Smith furnished
them with a "Return" -

Roebuck's Committee
did nothing that I know
of except furnish people
with breakfast=table
conversation - But, if the
Duke of Newcastle who is
so conscientious, or Mr.
Roebuck who is so sharp,
had simply looked over
that List which Dr. Smith
put in, they would have
seen that the Hospital
Supplies, sent out for the
whole 8 months terminating
Dec/54, would last 2000
sick just 3 weeks -
whereas it is but too well
known that our sick in

Derbyshire Co Record Office
August, September, October,
were 11,000, in November,
16,000, in December 19,000.

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Yet Dr. Smith expresses
amazement that he cannot
imagine where all his
supplies are gone to.

The Duke of Newcastle
was ~~(illeg)~~/told he must "go out".
& he went "out", hardly I
dare say knowing why
to this day. If he had
simply brought forward
that "Return" as a reason
why Dr. Andrew Smith must
go out, & he ~~was~~ be justified,
perhaps that alone might
have saved him.

And *what must* Dr.
Smith think? For I suppose

he knows what that "Return"
means. He must think
how well he calculated,
after all, for you are *out*
& he is *in* -

And Roebuck behaves to him
like a bear & all is said
& done -

In the same way, people
look at the "return" of
washing (say) done at
Scutari & they see 3000
pieces washed per month,
& they think that is a
good many - They are
incapable of the arithmetic
that where~~r~~, there is an
ever-changing population
~~of~~/averaging 2000 Patients, that makes

1-1/2 pieces per month (per man & not the same man.) &
a pair of socks is 2 pieces.

The farce of all our
Commissions, Committees,
our House of Commons, is this.
Our people rising up en masse
& turning out the two men
who had not done the
mischief - & then rising up
the second time, when all
those who *had* done the
mischief were rewarded,
& Lord Panmure satisfying
them with saying "I am
very sorry, but I did not
know these men had been
promoted," & Lord Hardinge
saying, "I am very sorry,
I did know there had
been sufferings in the Crimea,

but I did not know these
men had done it" -

Has all this clamour got
us one single thing altered,
excepting the one organic
change the D. of Cambridge
has made, viz educating
for the Staff?

When I give my *Precis*
to Lord Panmure, he will
shew it to Andrew Smith,
& A. Smith will say, "Oh
the Regimental Surgeons
have told her this," and
I shall say, "No, Dr. Smith
told me himself" - But
no one will hear -

I have taken one instance
only, because it was the want
of "Hospital comforts" which
made *most* "row". But there are many.
{from the bottom of f3}

Believe me faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

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PRIVATE 30 Old Burlington St **[16:245-46]**
 London W.
 Jan 16/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

I think, as my
professional foster-mother,
(a curious position, by the
way for you to stand in
towards me,) it is my duty
to inform you that the
Director General of the
Navy Medical Department
is making serious proposals
to me viz. to occupy
the position of fulfilling
the same duties in the
Naval Hospitals at home

which you assigned me
in the War Hospitals.
Sir John Liddell is to take
me down to Haslar almost
immediately - I will
confess to you that, if I
accept, it will be mainly
because I think it will
shame the Army Hospitals
into doing what they
require so much more -
I cannot forget my first
love, nor marry another
Department again so soon.
I was shocked &
scandalized by the Woolwich

Artillery Hospital when
I visited it with General
Williams, & longed to be
"at it". Lord Palmerston
even spoke of giving me
(when I saw him) a
permanent Commission
to visit & inspect the
Woolwich & Aldershot
Hospitals. But I have
heard nothing of it since.

I should consider it
by no means breaking
but entering into, the spirit
of the kind of engagement I am
under to your Fund, to

include the Naval &
Military Female Nursing
in my work - But I
will not enter into any
engagement without
consulting you.

I will only ask you
to mention this to *no one*
for 2 reasons - Sir J. Liddell
is, for obvious causes,
anxious to keep it all
quiet till all is settled -
2. Mr. Bracebridge & I
are almost as wide
apart in our courses as
Sir J. McNeill & Col. Tulloch.
He wishes me to liberate

Derbyshire Co Record Office
my soul, as he calls it,
say as many disagreeable
things i.e. as I can, &
then have nothing to do
ever with Government again.
I, on the other hand, mean
to stick to the Army
Hospitals as long as I
live, & do not see ~~what~~
at all how I liberate my
soul with regard to them
by "speaking my mind"
so that it would eject
myself, even if that mind
were a true one -

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Please to be so good as

to return me those notes
of mine I troubled you
with, as I have no copy.
It does not signify
about your reading
them, as I could tell
it you all in ½ an hour,
if you have "Your Commission".

[end 16:246]

ever faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

I learn that the Duke of
Cambridge contemplates
having Soldiers' Wives as
Nurses at Netley Hospital.

[15:148-49]

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And Lord Palmerston told me he saw no objection to the plan - It is very unlikely that he should - But, as the D. of Cambridge has chosen to be Chairman at a Meeting for improving the *status* of Female Nurses, & as the Duchess of Gloucester told me, when she sent for me, that "George" wished to see me, I shall consult you on the most appropriate method of my informing "George's" mind upon the subject. F.N.

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
W.

Jan 19/57

[14:476-77]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Thank you very much for your letter & for your hint (most valuable) with regard to using the scissors instead of the pen - The history of my not doing so is curious enough to tell you - When I was in the East, most of the Blue Books pertaining to the War used to be sent out to me - I never read those, or the Newspapers,

Derbyshire Co Record Office
or any other papers. Sir
John Hall asked me for
my copy of Maxwell's
Commission which I
lent him & which he
did not return to me
for upwards of a year,
viz. when we evacuated
the Crimea when I asked
him for it. When he
returned it to me, ~~he~~
~~had~~ several pages
were cut out. I,
never having read it,
knew not what they

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were, & innocently set
to work, with the mutilated
copy, when I returned
to England. I thought
there was so little to my
purpose that a very
little copying would do -
especially as Maxwell
had, I knew, so cut
down the *Scutari* evidence
that I reproached him
with it on the spot &
he answered "What
would you have me do?
I have a wife & 8 children"

However, I sent for
another copy, & then I
found that what Hall
had cut out was the
whole of *Alexander's*
evidence, & indeed all
the most valuable part.
I ~~sen~~ sat or copied gradually
thro', instead of doing
what I ought to have
done, viz. deciding at once
on all I should want.
But I took it, as
I have said, really "at
random" -

I know, from Dr. Hall

himself that he believed
my copy to be the only
one in the Crimea - &
the only other one I am
aware of was not, I
know, accessible to him.
I have reason to believe
that he made use of
the mutilated copy with
those in Command - &
was not detected -

I am glad you do not
like Lefroy's plan of
Army Education - The
Engineers are very
angry about it.

Col. Lefroy is a really
high-minded man - and
as we had not much of
that growth in the Crimea,
I clung to him, in the
prospect of another
campaign, ~~like in illeg~~
to do our business with
Lord Panmure - which he
did. But he has a
singular incapacity of
distinguishing true
evidence from false,
& if he thinks a man
"ill-used", that man is
always sure to be a knave.
Still he has a curious

Derbyshire Co Record Office
influence over Lord Panmure,
& the only man I ever
knew the noble Lord to
have any consideration for
is Col. Lefroy. He is,
however, very unfit to
have charge of educating
us -

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The D. of Cambridge's
principle seems to be
nomination, not selection,
in the Staff Education -
whereas what has been
found to answer so well
in that noble little Army,
the Sardinian, is selection by
~~after~~ examination -
But I suppose that, as

long as a Regiment
belongs to the Officer
& not to the Officer to the
Regiment, we can
never have anything
like the Sardinian -

I am going down to
Haslar tomorrow
morning with Sir John
Liddell - When I have
done my Precis, I shall
write no more - I will
work for Lord Panmure,
or, if he won't have
me, for somebody else.

But I will write no
more for him. My
time is short, & I
should like to do what
work I can while I
am here - the pen & ink
service I don't call
one -

[end]

I am sorry that
Mrs. Herbert is so
troublesome. Tell her
from me that life
is too valuable,
especially hers, to throw
away upon what is
not necessary.

yrs faithfully

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Jany 1957 on the mutilated Scutari
Evidence & Col Lefroy's system of Army Education}

signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: 10 Feb/57 Miss F.N. Airey's
Evidence - Army Mortality compared with Navy or Civilians - Ld Panmure's
trickiness} 2057/F4/66

22 Albemarle St

W. Feb 10/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

I send you the Résumé
of Genl Airey's evidence,
with the References,
which I said I would
look out - Please return
me the paper.

I consider Panmure
quite as hopeless as you
do, as Mrs. Herbert will
tell you - And the more
civil, the more hopeless.

I had always understood
that his way was not to

compromise himself in writing, but to approve or propose verbally, & then say, "what proof have you to shew?"

He has played this game now - To all Sanitary proposals, he & Lord Palmerston have always answered "Sutherland is to be made the Civil & Sanitary adjunct to And. Smith." This, at least, they cannot say that *I* proposed. Dr. Sutherland is now going to take other employment, as he will not

~~employment~~/wait any longer - Lord Panmure

He ordered (verbally) Sutherland & myself to make Sanitary reports to him upon the Hospitals of Southton, Woolwich, Aldershot & Portsmouth. And when, mindful of the above & sensible that he would give no effect to any Report we might make, I sent Dr. Sutherland to him to ask for an authority to obtain official Returns, he said he knew the Hospitals were bad &

therefore!

did not wish anything
farther to be done -

The fact is that he did
not wish us to see the
Returns - I have *some*,
which shew that the
Mortality in the Guards
at home is 20 per 1000
Artillery 19 per 1000
Line 16 " "
being nearly double that
of the Navy on home.
stations. It might be
brought down to 8 or 10
per ~~(illeg)~~/1000. The Sanitary
state of our Army at
home is worse than
that of the worst parts
of London -

faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

signed letter, undated 2ff, pen {in another hand: Feb/57 Miss F.N. (two
Notes) Commission ought not to be delayed for Dr. Alexander, tho' his
presence essential - indignant at delay - and at Ld Panmure's "healthy
state of the army" 2057/F4/66

Dear Mr. Herbert

[14:492-93]

I have written you
the enclosed formal note
& should be really glad
that you should make
use of it.

I know you cannot
come to me today, because
of the Estimates, but I
will either wait for you
or come to you tomorrow -
which ever is least
inconvenient to you

All that Lord Panmure

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has hitherto done (and
it is just six months
since I came home)

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has been to gain time -
And this Commission,
I hold it, granting it only
as he does now, is also
merely to gain time -

He has broken his
most solemn promises
to Dr. Sutherland, to me
& to the Crimean Commission.

And, on three months
from this day, I publish
my experience of the
Crimean Campaign & my

suggestions for improvement,
unless there has been a
fair & tangible pledge
by that time for Reform.

I do not hold this out
as a threat, which
would be unworthy of
my cause; But I hold
it a plain duty to go
on - And I have a
higher Master than my
daily task=master at
the War Department to serve.
It does not appear, either,
that any one will go on
with the cause, if I do not.

I conceive that, if you
knew as I do, the
promises made by Lord
Panmure, you would
declare as I do the
delay during the recess
to be *scandalous* - The
men are sacrificed, as
usual, to the Officers &
the "Department". What
Lord Panmure calls the
"healthy state of his Army"
I should call the
unhealthy state of our Army.
I would not head the
Commission, if I were you,
without a fair pledge from
him that the Report shall
be acted upon - faithfully yrs
if approved F. Nightingale

[end 14:493]

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
W.

[14:493-94]

Feb 13/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

I am truly glad that,
at last, there is some
prospect of an advance
being made - The time
which has been lost is
much to be regretted, for
there are many points
connected with the
Commission, which would
have been better arranged
during the recess than
~~in~~/amid the multiplicity of

Derbyshire Co Record Office
subjects afforded by the
Parliamentary Session -

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I accept the promised
recall of Dr. Alexander
to serve, & also the
promise given by Lord
Panmure as to the
arrangements being
entered upon for the
Commission, merely as
an earnest of progress.
The latter, however,
should in no degree
be made dependent

on the former. The
organization & preliminary
work of the Commission
will absorb so
considerable a period
of time that to delay,
till Dr. Alexander can
return from Canada,
will be virtually to
sacrifice the whole
~~period~~ interval, I
must, therefore, press
for the preliminary
work being begun

without delay, & Dr.
Alexander can take his
place on the Commission
whenever it is ready
to begin its duties -
The sooner he returns
the better, for the real
work of enquiry cannot
go on without him but
his absence can be no
reason why the Commission
should not be issued

& organized -

[end 14:494]

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

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signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Feby 27.(57 2057/F4/66

22 Albemarle St. W.

Feb 27/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

All your men (save
one) are for going on - in
re "Commission" - So, God
be with you -

F. Nightingale

I am bound to add that
every one of these men gave
as his reason for "going
on" this & this only - that
it would be placing a
mass of information in
the hands of Lord Panmure's

successor - but that, as
far as the present
S. of S. for War went,
there could be but one
conclusion viz, that
any faithful Report
would meet with the
fate of that of the
Crimean Commission -

To retail this opinion
farther would be
unfair to the men -

F.N.

30 Old Burln St.
London

Good Friday {Apr 10 [1857]}

[16:248]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have had your
letter of the 31st, and
you have had by this
time Sutherland's
of the 1st, asking
your orders about
serving on the *new*
Netley Commission -

I think what you
think is probably the
best - viz. to let
them have their
wicked way - and
to fight the thing
in the Ho. of Commons
& before the public.

I have seen Galton
who allows (a wonderful
admission for a R.E.)
that Laffan knows
nothing about Sanitary
Construction -

[end 16:248]

2. Having seen a
second time in the
"Times" since your

[14:501]

departure that the
Indian invalids were
to be *hulk*=ed, I
wrote to Sir J. Liddell,
and enclose his answer.
You will observe
that the thing has
been considered - that
the order is only
suspended, not
rescinded - so that
I suppose it might
take place any time.

3. Soyer is to give
a plan for 140 men's

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cooking in Wellington
Barracks -

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I hope you are better
& not changing your
plans for your health's
sake -

Believe me
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

The "Guards" have got out
an eminently silly pamph-
let against your Commission,
~~called~~ as to the "Causes" of their Mortality,
laying it upon *their own*
misconduct - It admits of
an easy answer.

[end 14:501]

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signed letter, 6ff, pen {in another hand: Miss N. April 1857 Alexander
come. revision of Intentions for Commissions} 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St. W.
April 25/57

[14:504-06]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I was very sorry to
hear from Lady Dunmore
that you had been ill,
but I trust that you
are now quite recovered,
& that Mrs. Herbert is
pretty well. Your election
was a miserable shame,
but, thank God! it is won.

This is only to inform you
that the Commission, of
which you have consented

to be Head, is to be out
in a few days - The
Instructions have been
sent to a lawyer to
"rédiger" - And I have
this morning entered
my protest at the W.O.
against their being
finally settled without
being submitted to you -
- as well as the names
on the Commission - I
saw it written down then & there,
in pencil that it was
to be so - But such is

my experience of these
gentry that I "fear even
their gifts" - And thought
it better to premonish
you - You will know
best how to be on
your guard -

I see a great deal
to be done by this
Commission - I see the
ground is occupied by you
alone - The country has
great faith in the Duke
of Newcastle's conscien=
tiousness - none on his
administrative power -

Lord Grey's temper &
Lord Dalhousie's health
close the career to them.

From several speeches
you have made in the
Ho. of C., you have assumed
~~occupied~~ & still occupy
in the opinion of the country,
the solitary position of
Reformer of the Army -
God knows there is
enough to reform! - You
perhaps read Dr. Letheby's
report in the "Times" on the
sanitary & moral state
of one of the Lanes in the
City. I believe not a

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newspaper in England but
~~{illeg}~~/has had its leading
Article upon it. I
thought to myself, "My
dear friends, reserve your
consternation! At this
moment, in H.M.'S
Barracks at Brompton,
(as I saw the last time
I went there), 9 women,
9 men, & 23 children
are/~~were~~ living promiscuously
in one casemate with
only a window on each
side the door!"

Now John Bull knows
nothing of this. His deep
feeling, in the large

manufacturing towns,
about what he does
know, viz. Sir J. McNeill's
& Col. Tulloch's Report,
remains unabated -

If a man had no
higher motive than that
of making a reputation,
let him, with accuracy
of facts, knowledge of his
subject, & feeling for his
subject, really state
a good case on the
present Moral & Sanitary
State of the Army *at home*
in the Ho. of Commons, &
he will find the House

with him, & ready to
vote any Estimates -

Panmure is incapable
of doing this or of organizing
anything - But you
might have it all
your own way - if you
chose - the facts are ready to
your hand -

The House is zealously
anxious to do *something*-
it does not know what.

Dr. Alexander is in
England - I have seen him
two or three times. He
is full of moral energy
& directness of purpose.
He knows what he wants

& will go straight at it,
without any disguise -

Had he been at the head
of Medical things in the
Crimea, we should have
had no Limejuice lying
unused at Balaclava,
while the men were perishing,
nor Quinine left at
Scutari when there was
none at B'clava - in time
of Fever.

I have just had a
note from Panmure to
say that the Draft
Instructions go to you today,
& that he will bring
them himself to me on
Monday - *PRAY* write [und 4 times]

to me *by return of post*,
& tell me what you
mean to say to Panmure,
& what I am to say to
him, that we may be
in the same story.

It struck me, on
re-reading your letter
to him (for which I
acknowledge myself
responsible) & comparing
what we had asked for
with the dreadful state
of the Army *at home*
that something more
comprehensive (like
this) should be added

"To enquire into and
report on the operation
of the regulations in force
respecting the adminis=
tration,, Medical attendance
& supplies of Army
Hospitals & *into the*
regulations in force for
securing the health of
the Army, both at
home & abroad, and
into all matters
referring thereto."

I doubt whether your
letter covers the entire

ground - whether, e.g.
Barrack accommodation,
Rations, Condition of
the Wives could come in -
(as it at present stands)
among the matters to
be looked into by the
Commission - Yet
these things are far
more important than
the Hospital system
to the ~~stre~~ health &
moral state of our
Army - And no one
can look at the
physical construction
of the children in the
Royal Military Asylum,

without seeing what a
race we are producing
by our criminal neglect
in such things as I have
mentioned, as occurring
at this Moment at
Chatham - For these
things, there is *no*
excuse *at home* -

If you have "Life of
Genl Sir Charles Napier",
please read P.P. 252, 253,
Vol I

Pray believe me
most sincerely yours
(tho' a "turbulent fellow")
F. Nightingale

[end 14:506]

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signed letter, 3ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
W.

April 27/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

Lord Panmure is
just gone - He consents
to all your additions -
& to the additions which
you will see added in
pencil on your M.S.-
Note I. "adding to" ~~will~~/would not
have included *Statistics*, as
one less sadly versed
in the A.M.D. than I
am, would naturally
conclude it did - Dr. A. Smith
would not allow that

Statistics formed a part
of "professional knowledge",
tho' you & I should.
Besides, these men know
only the *Statistics* that
they themselves give -
You could not call
the evidence of Tulloch,
Balfour or Farr upon
anything/authority in this ~~form?~~ Commn
I have therefore added
the two clauses, which
Lord Panmure has
approved, & which
I hope will make
sure of our "*Statistics*"

He would not admit
the corrections in Note II,
viz - "hospitals", "canteens",
"accommodation for families
of married soldiers".

I was in hopes & he was
in fear that it would
bring in the whole
question of "wives" -

Are you coming up
to town for the 30th.
The final \pounds form goes
in to the Queen for
signature on Friday
week - But it has
first to go to Andrew
Smith & then to be

engrossed or whatever
you call it - And P., ~~he~~
has refused, which I
entreated, to let it go
to you at Wilton for
final approbation first.
However, he sends me
one tomorrow - And I
shall send it to you,
unless you will be up
on the 30th - as I should
like one more struggle
for "wives" & "canteens" -

Your men are a good
working Commission &
far better than anything
I expected - in great haste
very faithfully yrs F. Nightingale

I think your corrections covered all the ground except the Statistics-

P. says that some of the opinions of the Commission may be carried out before the whole Report is ready. And he calls upon you to prepare your course of taking up subjects. I have made a sketch, which may be of some use to you -

{in another hand: 27 Apr/57 Miss Nightingale Ld Panmure Dr. A. Smith Statistics wives & Canteens The Commission

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: May/57 Miss Nightingale Commission - Warrant - Ld Panmure} 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.

[14:506]

May 1/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

With regard to your "Commission", I have just heard that my

"alterations" (which I shewed you) "are introduced "except that relating to "the treatment & 'prevention "'of disease'" Lord Panmure says that "these words "are unnecessary, as "'professional education' "must include the "cure & 'prevention of

"disease" - This is just
what it does not do -
neither in Civil nor
in Military medical
life - And the whole
frightful catastrophe
of the War=Hospitals
is one continued
illustration of the fact.

I keep the note,
because it is important,
in that it is Lord Panmure's
own interpretation of his
Instructions. And I
have no fear but that
you will stretch them

to cover this - It shews,
however, in what
complete ignorance he
sent out his own Sanitary
Commn, & his act is in
opposition to his fact(?)

The Queen *has* now
signed the Warrant -
& therefore the "Commission"
has now nothing to do
but to sit.

I saw Dr. Alexander
immediately after you
yesterday - & set him
to work to "index" his
subjects - I am doing
the same - So is Sutherland.

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We shall all be ready by
Tuesday - I think Sir T.
Phillips ought then to
see us in your presence.

Sir J. McNeill is anxious
to see you upon this matter
& is coming up to town -
He thinks he does not
know you - Might I bring
him to your appointment?

I believe T. Baring is
not to have Mr. Peel's [?]
place - But Sir John Rams-
den, a mere boy.

Lord Palmerston appears
anxious to do the Army
Estimates himself -

[end 14:506]

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: 13 May/57 Miss Nightingale
"Governing Bodies of Royal Colleges} 2057/F4/66

May 13/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

You are quite at
liberty to quote from
the "Governing Bodies
of Royal Colleges", which
I left with you last
night -

Yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

Dear Mr. Herbert

[14:508-09]

I have read the enclosed twice through attentively & made no marks, which if I had, they would have been strong ones.

For once, the Medical & Purveying Depts are "d'accord" - The ideas of the former on Army Medical Reform are
more pay
more relative rank
more funeral honors
less work

The ideas of the Purveying Dept on Purveying Reform are
more pay
more relative rank
less work

It is truly Homeric.

But it is curious how these Purveyors entirely ignore, at least in these notes, the ~~care~~ /interest of the Sick, viz. that which they are there for. It is Hamlet with the part of Hamlet left out - I see my old friend of Jersey lifting up his head again, & graciously bestowing his approbation. while Purvr Jenner, the man who best

did his duty in the War,
is not there at all -

But what is really
distressing & not at all
a joke is this -

Most of these men
I have served with in
the war. I know that
they know the evils, from
which followed the loss
of an Army, as well as
I do. Yet there is not
one who has habits of
business, or organizing
power, or clearness of
perception, or of feeling
enough to ~~(illeg)~~/see other than
what is noted in this
Paper - The only sensible

suggestion in it is that
against contracts & this is negatived by Purv. in Chief. This
Paper is in itself the
strongest condemnation
of the whole Department I
have seen -

I am very glad ~~to~~/you have
seen it. before examining.
2. I am sorry, ~~that~~/but not
surprised, that "my
Pratt" was not confidential.
However, four of your men
whom I have seen,
unite in saying that
he made such a
break=down, or rather
Exposé, as to condemn
the system, root & branch.
My Pratt is a treasure.

And I was quite satisfied
with his evidence - I am
much more afraid of
Robertson, who is a
clever fellow - & a
plausible - for making
the worse appear the
better cause -

3. I am glad you have
seen the Naval & Military
Hospitals - Upon them,
I must remark that
the Naval are entirely
furnished & supplied
by the AGENT, *without*
Barrack, Ordnance or
Commisst Dept. I think

{in another hand: May/57 - Miss Nightingale - Remarks on Medical &
Purveying Departments}

however there might be
improvements in the two
Depts corresponding to
our Commandts & Engineers

In the E. Indian Service,
the Steward does every
thing which I propose
he should do - excepting
that he is the servant
of the Commisst & not
of the Governor - Were our
Commisst on the same
model & with the same
military organization
as theirs, it might do -
But never as ours is
now constituted -

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I send you Sir J. McNeill's
criticisms upon me,
which please return.

Should you ~~want~~/wish
to see me before Friday,
I could come any time
except 4 o'clock on
Thursday.

[end 14:509]

ever faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

May 20/57

initialed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

July 15/57

[14:526-27]

I return the Draft Report,
because I am sure it
must be wanted - I agree
& more than agree with
it. At the same time,
I should like to go over
the whole some day
much more carefully, as
I might be able to suggest
some things which might
be of use to Mr. Herbert.

Now, however, would
you tell him this? viz.

I want the "Report" of

the Army Medical Dept
on the Statistics of the
War They have been at
work at it for 6 months.
Lord Panmure told me
himself that it was
ready but told me,
the great oaf!, that he
had ordered Andrew Smith
"NOT to bring him into
trouble by it, as Tulloch
had done."

I was told today by
a man who had heard
Andrew Smith say it
this morning himself
in the Office - "that the

first part *was out-*"
that "he had forbidden
the printing of more
than 25 copies" - that
"Lord Panmure & the
Duke of Cambridge
were to have two" -
& that "nobody else
was to see them" but
"he, Andrew Smith, was
to keep them all
under lock & key" -

Now, it is of the
utmost importance
to us to have one
now - because, they

are keeping it back, in
order to have the last
word, after Mr. Herbert's
Report is out - which
Andrew Smith says
"he will never sign!"
or, "if he does, he will
fill any Board which
Mr. Herbert can compose,
Sanitary & Statistical,
with his, A. Smith's
own men" -

If Mr. Herbert could
get me this Report,
it would be of ~~so~~
much use - now -

ever dearest yours
F.N.

[end 14:527]

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signed letter, 5ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Aug 8/57

[14:527-29]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I enclose Sir J. Clark's
scheme for a Military Medical
School. It has been seen
by Dr. Sutherland & Mr.
Martin. And they approve
of the pencil modifications.

The whole point,
however, is lost by this
scheme, which is: if
you are to improve the
Army Medical Dept, the
means of improvement
are not to be dictated
by themselves, any more

than by any other uneducated
class - *Independence* of the
"Director-General", (at least
of any D.G. you are likely
to have for the next
20 years,) would constitute
the main claim to
public confidence, the
main means of usefulness
of this School - It ought,
therefore, to depend immediately
on the S. of S., or, if an
Army Educational Board
be constituted, on this
Board.

There are many
precedents in Government
to this -

(It is positively incredible that the young men should have been, up to this time, put under any chance Inspector at Fort Pitt to be educated).

Till the Army Medical Board is educated, it is no use putting the education under it -

Dr. Sutherland has seen the enclosed Draft, which I have made for your approval, & he approves - Should you take this view,

you might either propose it direct to Panmure, who would, otherwise, be left in the hands of Andrew Smith - or call a Sub=Commission of say Dr. Parkes Sir B. Brodie Mr. Ferguson, with yourself at its head, & call upon them to consult with you upon some such scheme for Panmure. It might perhaps come with more force from a lay Authority i.e. under you -

2. The Barrack Commission progresses thus: Dr. Sutherland, having consulted Capt. Laffan, by Lord Panmure's direction, as to a competent Royal Engineer, Capt. Laffan admitted that he had none to recommend - What an admission - that, altho' we had Engineers to build Barracks to kill the men, we had none to cure them - Sutherland has accordingly

written to Panmure asking for a Civil Engineer, besides the Military one, whom Capt. Laffan proposes should be Capt. Galton, Board of Trade, (i.e. for London alone) - and for Dr. Burrell as the only Medical Officer he knows who is Sanitary also -

This complication will make it still more impossible to work, unless you are at the head to decide differences -

Col. Jebb went out of town yesterday. He came to see me, & said he knew of no R. Engineer.

I thought much of what you said as to the necessity of educating the present Army Inspectors for Sanitary Inspection - a vague hint, but too vague was given for it, in the sketch of organization of Army Medical Board. The only practical plan would seem to be to educate them in

connection with the Barrack-Commission Inspections - And I know no man but Sutherland capable of doing it. If Panmure would connect with this Itinerant Commission some such plan as I venture to enclose, *it* would do it.

3. I have looked thro' the Q.M.G.'s Regulations & made notes upon them for you - They are really incredible -

The *Model* Camp gives 248,000 men to

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the square mile - The
lowest is 150,000 - The
inhabited area for Camps gives 800,000
men to the square mile!!!!

Now LONDON is 50,000 only. [triple und]

[end 14:529]

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 8 Aug. 1857 Miss Nightingale on the constitution of the
Army Medical Board & Army Medical School}

initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Aug/57 Miss F.N. The P.M.O. a
mistake - won't do to place the Sanitary officer in the Field under him}
2057/F4/66

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. If you have the
Monthly Musters, could
you send them to me?

2. If it would be
more convenient to you
to see me after 5 o'clock,
it would be better for
me, because I want to
do these things with Farr.
And I would come to you,
any time after that that
you are not going for
a ride.

3. The more I think

about placing the Sanitary
Officer in the field *under*
the P.M.O. the more I
feel sure it will not
work - Because the two
have nothing in common.
The P.M.O. will report
to your newly created
Medical head - the
Sanitary Officer to your
Sanitary head - The
P.M.O. is really a
mistake. He performs
1. Inspections which
are of no use - because
they are upon things
in which the Regimental

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Surgeon is far more
interested & has more
knowledge than he has

2. he collects bad
Statistics -

3. he bungles the
supplies of medicine.

These are his occupations
& he has nothing to do with
the Sanitary Officer -

ever sincerely yours

F.N.

Aug 13/57

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

Burln St.

Aug 15/57

[14:530]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Sutherland has
written to you - It
appears to me that,
with such ideas as
Lord Panmure has,
about the ~~esse~~ "finan=
cial limit" of the Barrack
Commission, you should
hardly allow yourself
to be put at their
head, as they can
only fail in their

object of doing good
to the men & disgrace
themselves -

Upon a rough calcu=
lation I have made,
founded upon other
building works of a
Sanitary kind, I should
think 2s/2d per man
per annum a fair
calculation, i.e. a half=
penny *per week* per man,
as the interest of the money laid out.
I should not be at
all surprised, if the
improvements of the Six

London Barracks cost
£10,000, instead of
£600, according to Pan.

But, if your Report
does not bring about
an expenditure like
this, I think Pan is
reckoning without his
host.

I cannot see how an
estimate can be made
per *Barrack* - it
must be per *man* -
(done in this rough
way without having
seen the Barracks) -

2. Dr. Balfour brought
me the "Recommendations"
today. He has made
a material alteration, as to Statistics,
utterly inadmissible, &
which strikes at the
vital element of
Statistics, which is
uniformity - I send

1. the original substance of the Report,
2. Balfour's alterations &
some emendations, signed

F.N.

[end 14:530]

between Brackets, which
I did not suggest to *him*,
tho' I contended the point
with him. but, without
which, I think nothing is gain{ed}

Balfour's Alterations

We recommend that a Nominal List of the deceased soldiers & of the births & marriages in the Army be communicated to the Registrar General [in the forms of the Schedules appended to the Registration Acts - (F.N.)] at such periods & in such a shape as may be necessary for the object in view.

That an improved nomenclature of diseases be adopted in the Army

Medical Returns, & such alteration in the classification of diseases as may admit of an accurate [& ready F.N.] comparison with [the National &

F.N.]
other returns of a similar nature, & that the periodical publication of the Statistics of Sickness & mortality among the troops be regularly organized.

[one great object of Army Statistical Returns is to shew to men of science & the public the peculiar diseases from which the Army suffers; & this will be accomplished most effectually by adopting the same classification

as is employed in returning the causes of Death in the civil Population. F.N.]

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We recommend that the
statistics of the mortality
of the Army be kept
with the same nomen=
clature & forms, as
used by the Registrar=
General, & that, ~~during~~
together with a nominal
list of the deceased
soldiers, they be commu=
nicated to the Registrar
General for publication,
at such periods & in
such a shape as may
be necessary for the object
in view -

{at top of preceding f, written sideways}
in great haste
ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Aug 15/57 Miss Nightingale - Objects to the small sum
proposed to be spent on the Barracks - also to a change in the
"Recommendations" by Dr. Balfour.}

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St
London W.
Aug 17/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have always forgotten
to say, - would you not,
(after comparing individual
trades, as you do, (P. 6, Rept)
with the Army in rates
of Mortality,) compare
the *whole* rate of Mortality
of the *General* Population
with that of the Army,
which is drawn from
thence?

Something like the

enclosed seems to be
necessary, done in your
own clear & terse way.

The data are taken
from Farr's in the
Appendix - and, it
strikes me, the case is
inconclusive without
some such summing up
& comparison with
the whole Population,
from which the Army
is taken -

I am afraid this

is too late for the Report.
But it might come
into the final Report.

People have more
faith in the Registrar=
General than in Neison.

2. I have got the
Returns of Receipt &
Expenditure from the
Guards' Model Lodging
House - It brings in
about 2.2 per cent.
I think we shall be
able to make out a
very clear case, both

as to economy & morality,
for Lodging Houses for
the Line - Government
does, you know, already
give lodging=money, -
2d per day per woman
allowed to marry & to
live out of Barracks.

in haste

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 17th Aug/57 Miss F.N. - compare *whole* rate of army
mortality with that of general Population - Guards' model Lodging House}

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initialed letter, 3ff, pen 2057/F4/66

PRIVATE

30 Burl St
Aug 20/19/57

[14:531-32]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have accidentally
found among Dr. Balfour's
papers the very data
we have been asking
for for 3 months. And
I send you a Table
I have compiled, shewing
the Mortality for 5
years among Invalids
~~of~~/during the first 12 months
after invaliding -

It makes such an
important difference
in the Mortality of the

Army that it is
impossible to leave
out in your Report
a more detailed mention
of it.

I venture to send
some conclusions for
your *private* consideration.

To have kept back
these data shews either
utter ignorance of the
importance of their bearing
~~of them~~, or a wilful
intention to keep back
the truth -

Till I get the *Total*

Strength & Mortality
of the Army, which
the Adjutant General
has equally promised
these 3 months, I cannot
calculate the addition
which this Table will
give to the whole Rate
of Mortality - But,
as soon as I can,
you shall have it.

It cannot be left
to the Appendix -

Whenever I am
infuriated, I revenge
myself with a new
Diagram & Dr. Farr,

in whose hands I have
placed a Copy of this
Table, & who is
constructing a very
pleasing "Curve" -

2. Dr. Balfour is
strenuous against the
Sub=Commissions on
Regulations & Statistics.
The fact is, the best of
these men want to
keep Regulations &
Statistics to themselves,
& they do not see that,
unless you are there
to do battle with A.
Smith & Panmure,
nothing good will be done.
Dr. Balfour wants it to be left to the
Army Medical Council.

Dr. Balfour is going to tell Lord Panmure that he disapproves of the Sub=Commissions. It is incredible how these men will stick to abuses & kick against the pricks.

3. Many thanks for your letter - I thought the Sub=Commissions very satisfactory - The clause about the "necessary things for all Barracks" will neutralize the harm of the £100 - The clause about the Statistics the harm of the alteration in the Recommendations F.N.

[end 14:532]

{in another hand: Aug 19. 1857 Miss Nightingale - With Table shewing the Mortality among the Invalids}

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: ~~July~~ Sept 8./57 Miss F.N. - To stop Dr. Alexander's going to Malta.) 2057/F4/66

Great Malvern

Sept 8/57

[14:535]

Dear Mr. Herbert

This is only to say that I had a note from Mr. Alexander, dated Sept 2, which only arrived this morning saying:

"On the 10th inst., according to order from Dr. Smith, I am to write to him, applying for my passage to Malta."

You will judge

better than I, whether
there is anything to be
done -

I don't well see how
the Commission are
to get on without
Alexander - He is not
a genius. But he is
pretty nearly the
honestest man I know,
& the only honest man
in the Department -

Perhaps he has
written to you -

Don't trouble to

answer this to me -

Should you have
occasion to write to
Alexander, I fancy

Preston Pans

Edinburgh

the most likely to find
him -

[end]

Yours very sincerely

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Sept/57 Miss F.N. - value of the
Sanitary Papers of the Army in the East} 2057/F4/66

Great Malvern

Sept 20/57

[14:535-36]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I will take your
advice & not come up
to town tomorrow. But,
as I must be there
soon on business, I hope
you will be so good as
to tell me when you
return from Wilton to
do "Pan", because I want
to bother you a little
more & come too -

I have gone through

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all the Sanitary Letters
& Papers of the Army
in the East - I have
Dr. Sutherland down
here now, helping me.
Of course he will come
up whenever you
want him -

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They confirm your
Report in toto. They
confirm the supposition
that there is no Sanitary
Officer, except Dr.
Burrell, who will do
for your Medical Board.
Cooper, Surgeon to the

4th Drag. Gds, whose excellent
evidence you may remember
in the McNeill-Tulloch
Report, writes the best
~~letters~~ Sanitary recommenda=
tions after Burrell -

It will not do to
print these Papers in
your Report, because
it would necessitate
the printing of other
papers - They are not
complete without other
Published Returns which
we have - But, when
compared with these,
they constitute to me

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by far the most perfect
key to the history of the
War which is in existence,
& the most complete
reason for the disaster.
I will write tomorrow
to you a little sketch of them.
We have completed an
Analysis of them for
your private information
only. I question whether,
if you go over it, you
will not think it
desirable to add a
Resolution to your Report
for Commanding Officers
in ~~the Sanitary (illeg)~~/matters,
besides that already there -
You will see -

[end 14:536]

Yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

Great Malvern

Sept 26/57

[14:536-37]

Dear Mr. Herbert

The papers (sent to the
Commission) ~~on~~/of the "Sanitary
recommendations" for the
"Army in the East" contain
I find, three classes:

1. the correspondence
which passed through
the Director General's Office.

I send you by this post
a Digest of this, with
remarks. Please read
them & send them me
back by post - unless
I am to meet you in

Derbyshire Co Record Office
London first -

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I can conceive how
very painful (& perhaps
you will think uselessly
so) it must be to you
to go over all that time
again - to me it was
like tearing me to pieces.
Still I think it is
the most instructive
history of the Sanitary
part of the war I have
yet seen - and the
most suggestive for the
conduct not only of
~~our~~/that war but of any
~~{illeg}~~/future war -

I must have it back,
please, because on the 11
defects summed up in
the last ~~page~~ sheet will
be founded Regulations
for Commanding Officers,
which you will perhaps
propose in one of your
Sub=Commissions -

and also a little
sketch must be given
on the mode of procedure
of the French War De=
partment & our own
Home Department in
Sanitary matters - as a
comparison with that
of the Horse Guards.

It might be desirable
to print in the Appendix
to your Commission an ~~this~~
Analysis, ~~&/with illustrative~~
~~facts,~~ of these "Sanitary
papers," without the
Remarks - You will
judge of this. I do not
send you the Analysis,
because I have, in my
Remarks, given a
sufficient one

The other two classes are
2. correspondence of
Medical Officers
3. extracts from letter
books
which contain a vast
amount of matter, both
as to Scutari & the Camp.
I will send you a Digest of each

{on the first f}
ever faithfully yours F. Nightingale

unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale - what
Commissariat was ordered to provide - by Ld Raglan's G.O. of May/54;
and the system of supply adopted by the Commissariat was found to be
insufficient, and consequently the men} 2057/F4/66

The soldier was necessarily **[14:501-02]**
dependent upon the Commiss=
ariat for every kind of
supply - ~~both~~ in Bulgaria
& still more in the Crimea.

By Lord Raglan's G.O.
in May 1854, forwarded
upon Treasury Minute,
the Commissariat was
ordered to provide, - to
be paid for monthly
out of the messing -

Preserved Potatoes
Chocolate
Coffee
Tea
Sugar
Rice
Barley

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&, to be paid for daily out
of the soldier's pocket money

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Porter

Ale

Tobacco

[Coffee, Sugar, & for a
~~short~~ time, Rice, were
afterwards made part
of the regular Ration-]

The other articles were optional with
the soldier.

In about three weeks,
however, the above system
of supply ceased, in
consequence of various
irregularities & was in
short a failure -

No other system was
made to supply its place

for a considerable period.

[end]

{in another hand: P. 17 Line 4 stoppage actually was 4d ½ P. 332. {illeg,
illeg}}

initialed letter, lf, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale - Proposing a
meeting - & that Drewry must produce the Forms} black-edged paper [c1857]
2057/F4/66

I have just seen Farr.
He had not then
got the blessed Forms
back from Drewry,
who is as bad as
any washerwoman
about sending home
things on Saturday
night -

But I do think
it would be well

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worth while to have
a Meeting tomorrow
& Drewry MUST
produce the Forms.

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IF you could call
in Burlington St. today,
we might talk this
over, before you send
your orders to Farr.

The Pundits, I hear,
are verging against
Netley site -

Yours sincerely

F.N.

signed letter, lf, pen 2057/F4/66

[14:537]

Dear Mr. Herbert

These are the "Regulations"
which seem to flow from
the Defects I have given
in the last sheet on the
Sanitary Correspondence
which I sent you -

This extraordinary
correspondence has made
me put down the usual
methods of sanitary
administration which I send as a sort
of preface to the Regulations.

I think ~~they~~/these all flow
from your Report, & I have
touched no other point.

but what is there brought forward.

Please return them to
me - as I must go over
them again before I see
you in London -

You are not "quitté" for
these Regulations - for there
are a good many more
coming.

[end] 14:537]

Yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

Gt. Malvern
Sept 28/57

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signed letter, 6ff, pen 2057/F4/66

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Burln St Oct 9/57

[14:538-40]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have nothing to say
particular, except that
I have got one Diagram
& seen three lots of
Returns, since I saw
you -

1. The Diagram is
for the Q.M.G., & will
astonish our friends
of the Dark Ages at the

Horse Guards a little.
I have been asking
Military reasons for that
plan of killing people,
but have, as yet, found
none - I have not
shewn those calculations
to any one but Farr.

2. As to the Returns,
(1). Tulloch's are very
valuable. For ~~this~~/these reasons,
Clumsy as they are,
they shew what not a

man of the Army Medical
Dept knows a bit nor a
scrap of - Yet these
Returns are made up
from Andrew Smith's.
What has *he* been
about that, for the
last 20 years, he has
not ~~published~~/made them
up every six months?

From these Returns,
it is quite possible
to gather ~~what~~/which Stations
have stood still in

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[in another hand} Miss Nightingale 9 Oct. 1857}
Sanitary measures, which
have made progress, &
which will want your
Barrack Commission -
I guess that Malta &
Corfu have been stationary.
The whole result is
most satisfactory &
shews that, from the
improving good sense
of Commanding Officers,
~~how~~ much has already
been done by Sanitary
means to reduce Mortality.

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And a Paragraph might
perhaps be inserted in
the Report pointing out
what a proof this is
of how much may still
be done to diminish Death.

(2). I have stolen a
whole heap of Recruiting
Returns, which I ~~think~~/want
to shew you - You will
perhaps like to print
them. The number of
rejections amounts, in
some instances, to 63
per cent. The causes
(which are specified)

for which they are
rejected, prove that
we have a system,
which must ensure
for our Army the
finest physical speci=
mens in the world,
(saving, I suppose, some
of our best aristocracy)
You will say that the
ingenuity which
produces Scrofula,
Consumption & Premature
Mortality among such

a physical "pick" cannot have reached its very high ~~present~~ state of perfection without repeated trial. It far surpasses the ingenuity of Majendie & Co. in producing Scrofula among Rabbits, which was less quickly & less extensively done -

(3). The third set of Returns is ~~some~~ on Invaliding & Mortality/ies ~~Returns~~, of which the results are excessively curious. But Dr. Balfour

has taken them away to "cook" them -

It appears that the rate of Invaliding *under* 14 years' service is *lowest* among the "Household Cavalry", but the Mortality among such Invalids is *highest* - that the rate of Invaliding *under* 14 years' service is *highest* among the "Horse Artillery", but the mortality among such Invalids is *lowest*. The sappers & miners give almost the same result as the H. Artillery.

-3-

I have made a quite rough calculation, which must not be used till our Data are less rough, of how much this will raise our Mortality. You will see that the *relative proportionate* ~~of~~ mortality of each arm is much more kept to, than we expected. Your Cavalry will always be healthiest. And the Cavalry of the Line & Horse Artillery will be probably much alike. But we have not yet the Artillery Returns complete.

Household Cavalry

Aggreg. Strength		Deaths	Per
1844-52	10878	119	1000
Invalided			
1845-53	360	45	
	11238	164	= 14.6

Cavalry of Line

Aggreg. Strength		Deaths	Per
1844-52	55077	729	1000
Invalided			
1844-53	2559	168	
	57636	897	= 15.5

Foot Guards

Aggreg. Strength		Deaths	Per
1844-52	44388	891	1000
Invalided			
1845-53	1565	210	
	45953	1101	= 23.9

Infantry of Line

Aggreg. Strength		Deaths	Per
1844-52	231600	3969	1000
Invalided			
1845-53	24573	1832	
	256173	5801	= 22.6

Sappers & Miners

Per 1000

With Invalids 18.2

Without " 17.7

I forget whether I ever shewed you a calculation which was verified by Dr. Farr, ~~which I made~~ for the Foot Guards, to shew how their Mortality would be raised by taking into account *both* the Invalids & those excluded in recruiting - I enclose it - But I had not then seen the Recruiting Returns I

now have - I suspect I have *underrated* the "Excluded Sick of Dangerous Diseases" -

3. Those French Extracts you left me are most valuable & should be printed principally for the fact that over=crowding & foul air produced Scurvy among soldiers better fed than the poorly fed population which yet had no Scurvy -

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

[end 14:550]

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signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Oct/57 Miss F.N. The
"Regulations" & Dr. Smith's Blue Book - Her own Evidence - Dr. Hall's
recommendations} 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Oct 9/57

[14:540]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Balfour desired
me to read ~~the~~/his enclosed
to you - And, upon it, I
have to say that,
troublesome as it will
be to us to read through
a bulk "three times
the size" of what we
have already, I don't
see how we are to
write "Regulations" for the
future, without knowing what,

in the past, the Army
Medl Dept. have consi=
dered their functions,
& how they have
fulfilled them - Whatever
comes out in Dr. Smith's
Blue Book that we
have not seen, he will
always say, "This
overthrows your Report.
You see we have done
it all already" - And
Panmure will take it
~~all~~ for truth, without
giving himself the
trouble to see which is

truth. It would be very discouraging to be overthrown by a mere quibble of this kind - Therefore I say, "Yes, have it all". And I will undertake, (at least before next meeting of Parlt) to have it all analysed - & collated.

2. With regard to circulating my Evidence, I had wished it put off, knowing that it will bring upon me something disagreeable. But perhaps it is

better not to put off the evil day - If Smith wants to cross-examine me, ~~(illeg)~~/he ought to have the opportunity -

3. Do you remember sending me Hall's own ~~case~~/statement of his Recommendations, (as drawn up by himself,) 2 or 3 months ago, which I returned to you, with observations? If you could let me have that document of Hall's again, tho' unfit to be used as Evidence, it would be useful, to me/us, as shewing ~~me~~ what is Hall's view of the duties of a P.M.O., as to Dietetic matters,

[end]

~~are is~~ Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office 144
signed letter, 6ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
Oct 12/57

[14:541-42]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Farr was called out of town this morning. He had heard, I did not rightly understand whether from you or the W.O., that he was to be employed under you on the Statistical Commission - And he left it in charge to me to say to you that he "should be very glad to do so" & that he "would be at your service any day next week" - He asks you, first, to supply him at once with

1. "Blank forms - Copies of all the forms that are in use in the Army Medl Dept for statistical purposes."

2. "Copy of each Return or Form filled up. To shew the usual manner of doing so-

3. "A copy of all Statistical Reports published by the Medical Dept of the Army" - To this he expects a return of *nil*.

4. " A copy of all Sir A. Tulloch's Statistical Reports .

5. Introductions to the Medical Officers of the Guards' Hospitals in London - to the P.M.O. at Woolwich Artillery Hospital - to the P.M.O. at Chatham, with the view of seeing the working of the present system of Returns.

This he wishes to do quietly & without official fuss -

The sooner he has all these, the better - Tulloch is not expected back till the first week in November. There is no harm in this - For Farr works slowly & is phlegmatic - And the farther on he is with his work, the better, before Tulloch's return - In fact, ~~let~~ you will have to settle it all with Farr.

I entirely see, with you, that upon a proper Statistical organization depends all future progress of the Army - The very publicity alone will enable you

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to call these fellows to account, who
have made a kind of Egyptian
priesthood of their Military mysteries,
which are no mysteries at all -

Tell Panmure, who preaches at
some Assembly or Convocation of his
free Kirk that, if he does not
grant the Barrack Commission &
the other for the "Regulations", he must
propose a day of fasting & prayer
for the poor soldiers condemned to die
in Barracks - Why not? We have
just done it for India.

But I hope better things - For,
if they don't give you the "Regulations"
& "Army Medical Board" to do, nobody
will do them.

However, please try & get your
foot into the "Regulations" in this
Statistical Commission. You have

pointed out the way in your letter
this morning to me. I enclose a few
data which, if you thought well
of them, might form a part of the
suggestions in your Instructions to
Farr.

2. With regard to the Medical School,
the great thing will be to find the men
for the Chairs. For the Sanitary

Pathology &
Chemistry, it

will be in vain to seek in the Army -
Grainger or Parkes for the Sanitary &
Aitken for the Pathology would, I believe,
obtain most votes among Non-Army
men - For the Surgery, it will be desirable
to steer clear of Matthew, who has been
appointed to the Edinburgh Army Chair - a
good Surgeon, but with no one requisite
for teaching - It is difficult now to get
a good Teacher, for the Pupils are up to
their Masters. But there must be good Army

men for this. [end ams]

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Sir James Clark is, I think, the only other Commissioner you mention not likely to be in town at the beginning of next week or close of this - You will know best when the Q. comes back -

If you have our Scheme for the Medical School & like to send it me, I will re=consider any points.

Please remember that my Invaliding calculations are on rough & insufficient data - & must not be made use of, till revised - I dare say you may have discovered an error in the calculation too - But the *figures* of the Cavalry & Infantry of the Line are errors -

[end 14:542]

ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Oct 12/57 - Miss Nightingale - Oct 13/57 - on the Sub=Commissions}

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Old Burlington St.

Nov 2/57

[14:542-43]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I hear a great deal of gossip about the Army Medical Board, viz. that Dumbreck & Pilleau are to be succeeded by Logan & Home, two better men - that Hall has bargained for the reversion of the Director Generalship - that Mouat is to have a place &c.

I hope that Panmure moved by idleness and Andrew Smith, is not

going to say that he
asked you to help
them, & you would not,
& so he has done the
best he could.

You will know whether
it will be possible for
you to urge upon him
immediately the
appointment of the
Commission on the
Organization - and, at
all events, on the
Regulations.

If he will not give

up the organization,
there would be two
possibilities, 1. that
you should join the
Commission proposed,
of himself & yourself,
A. Smith & Croomes,
when you could, at the
worst, refuse to
sanction what is
imperfect or useless -
& have the reply in
the House

2. that you should
add to your Report a

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{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Medical Board Nov 2/57}
sketch of the evils,
with an existing Regulation
as an illustration of
each - and a proposed
Regulation as a remedy
for each -

I could, with very
little trouble, supply
you with a case & an
existing Regulation for
each evil, pointed out
in your Report, if you
would compose the
Code of Remedies -

I do not believe that
it would be possible for the
existing Organization to stand
against such a show=up

[end 14:543]

{on top of first f, vertical}
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

signed memorandum, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

This is the first Proof
of the Description of the
Diagrams. If you approve
of this kind of way of
doing it, you will
perhaps return me
this Proof the first
thing in the morning
with your criticisms,
as I think it might
be improved - Dr. Farr
has a Proof too, in

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order that he may
say whether the
inferences are correct.

It is the most
complete justification
of all that Sir John
McNeill has ever
~~said~~/asserted. They had
better have cried
"Peccavi" - For here
is ~~the {illeg}~~/damning
proof that he did

not advance a
statement which
was not more than
warranted - I shall
like him to see this,
when your Appendix
is out -

I hope you will
not think it
impertinent, if I
enclose a note of
his, which refers to

how your present
investigations in the
Barracks, of which
I have told him,
bear out your state=
ments in the Report -
& shews a little
what his indignation
has been with the
Q.M.G.'s & Army
Medical Departments

ever yours faithfully
Nov 11/57 F. Nightingale

This is the "Constitution"
of the Army Medical
Board, as proposed
in the Report. It
is extracted from
a fuller Sketch
which you ~~have~~/had,
giving ~~his~~/its Powers too -
(This Constitution ~~in~~/by itself, would
convey no idea to
Panmure probably, who is

stupid).

It should be
accompanied by a
sketch of the Powers.
Mr. Alexander would
do those of the
Medical branch -
Those of the Sanitary
we could extract
from the Sanitary
regulations, now
going to press, in

which a Sanitary
branch is pre=
supposed, & ~~They~~/which
must be compared with
it, for the sake of
consistency - The
Statistical branch
we must wait
to see Farr's forms,
~~f~~ in order to do -

Perhaps, if you
approve the
"Constitution," which

is almost copied
from yours, you ~~filleg~~/might
send it to press, &
we could draw up
the Powers, whenever
you ~~desire~~/direct it.

[end 14:543]

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Regulations

Nov 15/57

[14:543-44]

Regulations Proof -

Dear Mr. Herbert

You only can judge
about those Regulations -
I shall of course obey
orders - Unquestionably
they must agree with
the Report -

I think it may
be managed very easily.

The point, in calling
the *Pay Master* Treasurer
& the *Purveyor* Steward
(in the General Hospitals)

is that the Treasurer
takes one of the functions
of the Commisst (Banking)
in addition to being
Paymaster - the ~~Purveyor~~
Steward takes another
function of the Commisst,
& one of the Barrack Master,
in addition to his
Purveyorship - The real
difficulty however of
the name "Purveyor" is
that it brings him
under the Purveyor in Chief,
in London

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whereas ~~we~~/you want to
centralize the power in
the Governor, vide Report.

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However, I think
all this may be managed,
& the names *Paymaster*
& *Purveyor* kept -

The case of the Regi=
mental Hospls is different.

And, as your Report
says that the Purveyor
must be under the
Principal Medical Officer,
so must the Regulations
say - Ever yrs faithfully
F.N.

[end 14:544]

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 O. Burl St
Dec 19/57

[14:547-48]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have seen Tulloch's Diagrams.
They merely give the state of the Army
before & after 1837. Your Diagrams
take up its condition at precisely the
point where Tulloch says the
improvement begins & shew how
bad it is - It reminds one of Miss
Austen's young lady who had bought
an ugly bonnet & said there
were much uglier in the shop -
Or of Tulloch's own just indignation
with the Crimean people at the
Chelsea Board who said It might
have been worse. Tulloch & Balfour
seem to think that they will be in

some way to be blamed for the Army not being better - instead of our being very much obliged to them (which I am sure we are) for what they have done - The thing is however now to guard the future progress of the Army -

Would you think of putting some Note into your Report (after the Table of Mortalities before & after/37,) of something of the following purpose?

"The numerical results in this Table are well illustrated by the Diagrams, supplied by Sir A. Tulloch, shewing the diminished Mortality from different Diseases among troops serving on foreign Stations after the year 1837.

The improved condition of the whole

Army since that period is represented in contrast with the Mortality among Civilians of the same ages at home on the coloured Diagrams C & D.

An inspection of these two Diagrams will shew how much yet remains to be done for improving the health of the Army on foreign stations, while they also enable us better to estimate the almost incredible Annual loss of life on that Service in the years preceding 1837".

Dr. Farr was anxious that something of this kind should be put in.

Do not trouble yourself to answer this -

I do not hear a very good account of Dr. Greenhow's Sanitary Lectures at St. Thomas's Hospital - Mr. Whitfield, of St. Thomas's, whom you

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know a little to be a good man, says
they give dry statistical facts & not
practical knowledge - He says of Mr.
Tufnell of Dublin that, altho' a
superficial man, he is a first rate
Lecturer for a Surgical Chair
more for that than for Medicine
So that is "bien trouvé"

[end 14:548]

I hope Mrs. Herbert is observing
absolute "recumbency", (a Hospital
word,) till 2 P.M. daily -

Believe me ever most sincerely yrs

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Dec/57 Miss F.N. Tulloch & Balfour - Diagrams - note to
be added - as to Dr. Greenhow - and Mr. Tufnell of Dublin.}

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/66

30 Burl St.
Xmas Eve

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have gone thro'
Ewart's "Colonization in
India" 4 Reports,
(which are only
Evidence) & marked
all the passages
which refer to Sanitary
business - If you
would like to have
the marked copy
rather than the
trouble of doing the

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same thing, I will
send it you -

The impression it
leaves upon my mind
is, through much
evidence, often contra=
dictory, generally
clumsy, & flimsy &
always vague, that
the thing can be done -
i.e. the Sanitary Reform
can be worked - that
practical insight
in the details is
utterly wanting - but
that there is a prima

facie case, which is
entirely irresistible,
that men may live
in India as well
as in England, if
people will set
about it but that
nobody has set ~~it~~
about it.

An immense
number of other
subjects is treated
in the Report -
supply, revenue &c

The impression it
leaves is that the
only persons who

understand any of
the subjects are the
Civil administrative
people - & that all
the rest are idle
bunglers -

I have besides
(thro' Mr. Arthur
Mills) certain India
House returns of
mortality - very good
or rather very BAD -

And Balfour is
going (as a Xmas
present) to make
me up some returns
of diseases -

One curious fact
I have got at - that
at Dugshai, Subathoo,
Kussowlie, stations as
healthy as any English
climate, the troops
suffer intensely from
Diarrhaea - Why?
Because in the plains
the skin does the
whole eliminating
function - And then
they are sent up to
these hill stations
- without a rag
more clothing. Why,

if they did *not* have
Diarrhaea, every man
of them would die.
Oh how poor Nature
is abused, and
blamed, ~~for~~/who is only doing
her very best to
save us from our
own folly! which
ought to be the
thing blamed -

There are/A very good
useful popular
Sanitary ~~work might~~
~~be made even out~~
materials even in

~~of~~ Ewart's Report -
But I am more &
more convinced that
no real good will
ever be done except
by a Report calculated
to carry weight
with it - & compel
observance by
regulation -

Please don't
suppose that I am
staying in town on
account of the
business. Williams

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is very recalcitrant
(& was when you
spoke to me) about
my going to Malvern
at all. I have
not made up ~~on~~/my
mind - but if I
stay here, it will
only be on account
of my own health.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Martin's evidence (in said
Report) is all good, & sound
on general principles - But
like the man, there is not
a single practical suggestion.

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[end 9:51]

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Great Malvern
Dec 29/57

[14:550-]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Your behests shall
be observed as to the
"Coxcombs" - No one has
seen them but yourself,
Dr. Farr & Dr. Sutherland,
not even Dr. Balfour.

It is our flank=march
upon the enemy. And it
leaves them not a
word to say - "This is
what you have done
with the Army". They

cannot answer it. They
can only deny. There
will be plenty of that,
as there was at the
Chelsea Board -

I could wish that
it were out, before fools
are thinking of the
Princess' marriage, &
wise men of the coming
"row" in Parliament -
The gigantic business
of organizing the India
Army makes all you

are doing only the more
important.

It is doubtless also
the more important to
avoid even the shadow
of a risk of the mere facts
in the Diagrams
forestalling the great remedies
in your Report -

2. I venture to send,
for your consideration,
a few remarks I have
just put down, in
which I have helped
myself largely from

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Sir J. McNeill, to whom I wrote, as to
the absolute necessity
of separating the
functions of Banking
& Supply, the Offices
of Paymaster & Purveyor
in General Hospitals.
When Mr. Croomes said
it had never been done,
he did not know how
fearfully we had
suffered from its
"never having been done".

There is no hurry
about it- But you
would perhaps take
it into consideration
before you finally pass
the "Regulations". ever yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

{from the first f, written in the left margin}
I saw a book once in the Wilton Library, of the time
of Cromwell, called "God's Revenge upon Murder".

This is what
you should
call the
Coxcombs.

[end 14:550]

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/66

Gt Malvern
Dec 31/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

You received the
Copy of the "Regulations"
this morning. So did I.
And I have gone over
those for the "Nurses"
carefully - and made
the following Remarks,
which I send -

I am really very
sorry to worry ~~for~~/you -for
all that is written in
that long story might

have been *said* in
10 minutes.

If you would just
glance over it ~~illeg~~ however, &
if you approve my
emendations & their
reasons, send on the
M.S. to Dr. Sutherland
to be worked into
the "Regulations" - before
you meet at Wilton -
If you don't approve,
perhaps you will remit them back
to me with your

objections "for re=consi=
deration" -

The same thing I
would say about the
Paymaster, P-22, General
Hospitals, P. 22, "Regulations."
If you admit the principle,
perhaps you would send
my M.S. to Dr. Suther=
land to be worked into
the "Regulations" - If you
don't, perhaps you
would remit it back
to me with your
objections -

I am afraid I shall
have to worry you
again, now you have
received the "Regulations".
But it shall be as
little as possible.

I think '57, poor
old year, has been a
good year's work for
the troops - But I hope
'58 will be a better -
And so it will, under
you -

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 31 Dec 1857 -Miss Nightingale - Paymaster}

Gt Malvern
Sept 19/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

[16:313]

In order that you
may see that I have
not been quite idle
in your absence, I
send you a few News=
paper Articles on
Netley - [These are not
all.] In the next
debate on Netley, I
should like some
M.P. to get up, unroll

these, & a great many
more, & remark
upon the beautiful
unanimity of the
British press &
the *common* sense
of the public.

Please return me
this curious literature,
as I have no other
copies of my works.

I hope you will
come here & look
at this place - a

very handy place,
when one can't go
abroad - & I don't
at all "want *not*
to be seen" -

But I hope you
will not dispute
my coming to London
too -

Among other things
I have to do there is this.
They want a Regimental
Hospital for 60 men
for the Hut Camp at
Woolwich - And they

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are so obliging as to
say that Galton may
furnish them with
plans - I want it
to be a Model of
Regimental Hospitals
for unborn ages. ~~We~~/It is
a fine opportunity -
We have the plans
sketched out, but
cannot go on with
them till we all
meet in London -
Galton's draughtsman
has sent down the
first draught to me
here. yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end 16:313]

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signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: 4 Feb 1858 - Miss Nightingale -
Upon the Notes} 2057/F4/66

Gt. Malvern

Feb 4/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

The enclosed are
the Abstracts (completed)
of all the three Packets
of Army Medical
Correspondence I have
had at three different
times, from you -

(That is to say, these
proofs are not corrected -
But there is no more
"matter" to add.)

There is a good deal
intercalated here & there
as P.XVIII to P.XXVI Preface to Section I
& P. XII to P. XVIII appendix to ---- -
from the last Packet
you sent me - But
Appendix II to Section I
P XXXI to P XLVII is the
only entirely new
"matter" (from this last
Packet) which you
have not seen -

You proposed to
write me a letter, such
as I could print,
(immediately after

Ld Panmure's letter
of Instructions to me to write a Precis) - accounting
for the way I came by
this correspondence -
And I thought some
thing like the enclosed
Draft Heads would do - *put*
in your own way -
For, altho' we have
been in the habit
lately of writing
"Instructions" to ourselves,
I am afraid I am
not successful in
writing a letter to myself -

I have written a very
few lines of Preface
(which of course I shall
send for your criticism,)
saying that this Ay. Ml.
Correspondence had
thrown so much light
on the causes of the
"Sanitary ~~filleg~~/condition of the Army
in late War" & on the "Sanitary
~~filleg~~/requirements" necessary to be
made that, &c, I forgot
how it is put. The fact
is that nothing ever
enlightened me so much
as the reading of these
Papers - ever yrs faithfully
F. Nightingale

Heads of a letter

to myself -

[It must be ante=dated
say August/57]

1. The accompanying
packets of Papers relating
to the Hospitals &
Sanitary arrangements
for the Army in the
East having been
sent to me i.e. to you by the Army
Medical Dept, I
forward them to you
as they appear to me
~~(illeg)~~/essential for the
preparation of such a

Precis as you have
been instructed to
make respecting the
"Sanitary condition of
our soldiers, especially
with reference to their
treatment in Hospital"

2. You are at liberty
to make such use of
them in your Precis
as may best advance
the object in view,
viz. the improvement

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of the Public Service

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3. I would suggest
that short Abstracts
be made of them,
setting forth the
contents of the papers,
and ~~that~~ any remarks
with regard "to the
Sanitary requirements
of the Army generally"
such as you have
been instructed to make,
& that these be

appended to your
Precis.

S.H.

I am entirely ignorant
of the way these things
are managed - And I
need not say that you
will probably see some
better way -

All these Abstracts
have been through Dr.
Sutherland's hands -

F.N.

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Gt Malvern [14:551]
Dec 30/57

Dear Mr. Herbert

I hope you will not
be alarmed at the
infliction - It is not
going to go
on - I have
thought much of what
you said the last time
I saw you of what is
still to be done - And
I have tried to sum
up what you have done
& what you have still

to do.

The "little Celt" & Farr
will be your best
practical hands,
(under you.)

I have finished the
"Army Medical Corres=
pondence" during the
War. And I ask
myself, What was
the result of it all?

The sending out
of Lime Juice, which
was not distributed

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till too late - & of Peat
Charcoal, which was
not wanted -

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The practical result
of all that "Correspondence"
may be fairly summed
up thus -

What can one say
more in condemnation
of a Department?

Lord Raglan was
the primary cause of
Andrew Smith's
appointment - Never
was there a more
fatal act. It cost
him his Army & his
reputation -

Believe me

ever most sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

The only letters in the whole
collection which mark
a Sanitary genius are
Cooper's, Surgeon, (4th
Drag. Gds - I think) But
he had the credit of a
most impatient spirit.
Though every one who
saw him was struck
with him, with his inde=
pendence & genius. He
is now at Manchester,

I believe - And it
might be worth while
to make more
enquiries about him,
though his temper
would unfit him for
the "Sanitary Member
of Council," I fear -
Dr. Sutherland was
much impressed with
the correctness of his
Sanitary views.

There is no hurry
about reading me -
It will do at any time

[end 14:551]

F.N.

{in another hand: Dec/57 Miss F.N. "Army Medical Correspondence" her
opinion of it - Surgeon Cooper - his sanitary genius - ~~Army Medical Board~~}

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signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale (Jan. 58 -
Medical Council} 2057/F4/67

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Gt. Malvern

Jan 9/58

[15:272-73]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I am very sorry
you have lumbago -
I hope it is not
very bad & that
it is nothing worse.

I only write a
line to say *in re Hawes*
- (you know I am worse
than 7 idiots at Politics,
& therefore I have no

idea how this will
do) - your reply
is a complete one to
Hawes's proposal -
but, if Alexander
gives way, you
should have no
act or part in
Hawes's scheme -
better, then, to connect
the Sanitary element
with W.O., or Horse
Gds, & throw the
D.G. overboard -

The prestige of his
Office is then gone.
The "Regulations" must
be remodeled - for,
without your
"Instructions" to
Medl Council, the
whole thing is
worthless - Better
to keep your principle
intact & lie by till
better times than
fall in to such a
slough-

If the Medical Council
is, on the other hand,
won - (you gained
the School) - I can't
but think you will
gain this too) - still
Burrell must be
had. What Alexander
says is all nonsense.
The Warrant does
not apply to the
Council. Even if it
did, which it does
not, there must be

exceptional departures
from ~~principles~~ rules
for the sake of a
cause - [The old
Medical Board
consisted chiefly of
Civilians] ~~Genl Peel~~
~~should make~~
~~Burrell a Depy~~
~~Insp.~~

Without any
paternal fanaticism
for one's own
inventions in
organization, I

think you may
safely say that
Hawes has no
invention at all
(in that line of
organization). He
is the genius of
dis-organization.
Two men it would
be cheap to the
country to pension
off on full pay -
Hawes & Laffan.

[end]

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

"Mrs. Dr. Blackwell"

is in England for a few days. I thought it wrong to lose the opportunity of seeing whether she would do for the "N. Fund" & have asked her down here. She is come but I have not seen her yet - I shall report to you & whatever she is or says, shall make her no proposal, which pledges us, before that.

signed letter, 9ff, pen {not in FN's hand, except signature}
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Great Malvern

Jan 10th/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I will only now answer your question about the proportion of Nurses to Patients -
1 - a Ward of 40 Patients might be efficiently served (but it would be hard work) with

1 Head Nurse-Female

3 orderlies -

With *no* number of Patients to a Ward *under* 40, *can the Regulation proportion of 1 Attendant to 10 Patients* be adhered to.

1.40 Bed Ward
minimum size
for Regulation
number of 4
attendants

2.20 Bed Ward
requires 3 ½
Attendants -

2 - With a ward of 20 Patients (cut, ~~the~~ scheme & arrange the hours and duties as you will) you cannot efficiently serve it with less than

½ Head Nurse (Female)

3 Orderlies.

& the other Ward of this Head Nurse must be very near too, and the Female Superintendent must have power to monopolize her to one ward, if necessary.

N.B. the same number would quite as efficiently serve a ward of 25 or even 30 Patients: but, in the latter case, there must be one Head Nurse ~~must superintend~~ to each ward

3. 10 Bed Ward
cannot be
served by
1 Orderly plus
1/5 Nurse

3 - The Army system of 1 Orderly to 10 Patients, with a number not exceeding 10 Patients to a Ward, is upset as immediately by one bad case among the 10, as by 9 in the 10 -

For, ~~is~~ is the same Orderly to be on duty for the 24 hours?

The difficulty is practically got over by the Army with a permission that any "bad case" may select

any one he likes of his comrades (out of the Dépôt) to be "told off" to attend upon him

This extraordinary regulation is equivalent to (& affords no other practical result than) granting opportunity for any quantity of spirits & "grub" to be smuggled into Hospital.

4. Female nurses
not to be sub-
stitutes for Order-
lies.

4 - The introduction of Female Nurses into Military Hospitals is not intended to supply the place of Orderlies - but to perform a class of duties which never has been performed at all in the Army - the only Hospital duties, hitherto performed, of those generally called such, ~~have~~ having been (in Military Hospitals),

Diet=carrying

Sweeping

Every thing which is "writing"

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5. Naval Hospitals 5 In all Naval Hospitals, the Regulation No. regulation number of Attendants is of Attendants, 1 to every 7 Patients: & this is, in 1 to 7 Patients dependent of Female Matrons & the overseeing class.

Civil Hospitals In Civil Hospitals, the number is have even far greater of Attendants to Patients, - & is more determined by 9 Attendants to the size of the ward, than by 44 Patients - the badness of the cases - e.g. in one Hospital where there are quadruple wards of 44 Patients, (11 in each compartment) the number of attendants is from 7 to 9 to the 44 Patients -

i.e.	1 Head Nurse	}	{1	_____
	4 Day	- }	or {4	_____
	2 Night	- }	{4	_____
	<hr/>		<hr/>	
	7		9	
	<hr/>		<hr/>	

And in another Hospital, where there are 40 Patients in one Ward,

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1 Head Nurse
2 Day -
1 Night -

are found to do the duty efficiently - (though it kills the Head Nurse, if she is a trustworthy woman - but, with one more, she might do it well)

6. Same number of men will not do same amount of work as an equal number of women would

6. One woman does the work of three men in a Hospital - speaking of the duties discharged by Under Nurses in Civil Hospitals - for men are unaccustomed to those duties from their childhood up (in England) this is not to say that women of the class of *Under=Nurses* in Civil Hospitals should be employed in Military Hospitals, which unquestionably they should not, but it is to say that you will not get the work done (efficiently) with a smaller number of men than you would employ of women -

7. Hospital
attendance
an entirely
new Subject
in the Army-

7. The question of attendance has
never been intelligently considered
in the Army at all - & if you ask
any Army Medical Officer what he
would do in such cases as the above,
he can give you no *practical* answer

I conceive it to be practically
impossible to serve 4 Wards of
Netley with 1 Head Nurse
4 Orderlies

for, as I have said one bad
case in each ward ~~makes this~~/upsets the economy
as ~~unmanageable~~/much as nine would.
do -

II.

8. Female
Superintendent
must practically
modify the pro-
-portion of Female
Nurses to cases
according to
circumstances,
& not be tied
up to 50 -

8. The Patients are not laid out, one
bad case to every other, - bed & bed al-
ternately, - as ought to be the case to
work the proposal of 1 Head Nurse
to every 50 cases.

Therefore I adhere to the Regula-
tion, as amended by Sir J. MacNeill,
Page 26 Art. 53,

"Nurses shall be selected & appoint-
ed by the Superintendent-General
of Nurses for each Genl Hospl in a
proportion *not exceeding one Nurse*
for every 25 cases"

as being better than either my pro-
position or Mr. Alexander's
Because it must *practically* be
left to the Supt (Female) to decide,
&, in either of the other two proportions,
an ill-inclined P.M.O. might make
her duties almost impossible.

9. Sir John
MacNeill

9 - Sir J. MacNeill did not "argue
on the supposition that the Female
Nurses are to be the only Nurses"
He wrote with the Draft Regulations
before him - how indeed could
one Female attend alone "to 25 (or
even 20) men"?

10.Desirableness
of separating
the Convalescents

10. If the ultimate effect of the Regulations is to make Army Medical Officers separate the Convalescent from the sick, & have convalescent wards, it will have practically the most beneficial result that could be. & There are strong reasons for not allowing Female Nurses to Convalescents at all - any Female Supt would know this - & would, at most, give one to 100 cases, (if desired by the P.M.O.) merely to serve out wine, medicines &c The *amended* Regulations would allow of this latitude

11.Hospital
Wards in the
Army nothing
better than
Barrack Rooms
at present -

11. A Ward in a Military Hospital now is nothing but a Barrack room, with an inspection by a medical officer twice a day. You want to

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make it (by your new Regulations & your Female Nursing) into a place where the sick are *attended*. But this cannot be done by such a scheme as 1 Female Head Nurse } { 50 Patients, in, say,
6 Orderlies } to { 6 (Netley) Wards,
though this would be more than sufficient for 50 cases in *one* ward.

But ~~this~~ wards of more than 25 beds would be, (SANITARILY) too large.

12.Regulation
as to 1 Orderly
to 10 Patients
requires modifying

12 - Art. 8. P. 30. Regulation about orderlies might require guarding. Practically it is broken every day, & in the extraordinary manner I have mentioned, which is much as if a Surgeon were to say "This operation is too much for me. I'll call out of the window to a "Navy" to help me"

For the *most serious* cases are left to the *rawest* hands to nurse.

I should like to look over the Nurses' Regulations very carefully again, before they are finally passed

F. Nightingale

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Gt. Malvern
Jan 17/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

[15:273-74]

1. I will send you
the rough estimate of the
difference of total cost
in attendance on wards
differently distributed,
as you have sketched
them - If you could
send me, from Genl
Storks, the present
rate of pay of the
new Hospital Corps,
it would be less rough -

(What you gave me
in London did not
contain the pay.)

But it will be but
a piece of special
pleading on our sides,
after all, grounded
on a false assumption,
viz. that these people
wish the soldier to be
well nursed - They
will always answer,
"we can get a man
out of the Depot to do
all these duties of
yours for nothing, who

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is eating his head off
at our expence."

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2. I am very glad
you are going to "convert
the bureaucracy" to the
"Treasurer" question in
General Hospitals. For,
if they are against it,
it will fail - But,
practically, if 300 Mr.
Kirbys were to swear
that there never had
been ~~one~~/a Treasurer, and 600 Sir B.
Hawes's that there
never ought to be one,
it should not make an

iota's difference in
your opinion - which
is formed upon the
mischief arising out
of this very defect
under the Hawes & Kirby
administration. It was
not upon their expe=
rience that you invented
General Hospitals -

If all the 600 Army
Surgeons were to swear
that Cholera was an
"inscrutable decree of
Providence" & it was

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no use to drain, it
would make no
difference in your
opinion. But, unless
the Army Surgeon can
learn to say this, he
cannot enter into the
kingdom of the A.M.D.,
as at present constituted.
And so is it with the
Hawes & Kirby kingdom.

3. By the way, did
you see a capital letter
of Dr. Rigby's in the
"Times" of the 14th, on the
constant ratio of ventilation
to mortality in his
Lying-in Hospital -
There has been an
appearance & disappear=
ance of Phagedæna,
according to ventilation,
in the same way, in
the Military Hospital
you sent me an
account of at Winches=
ter - Many thanks
for that long letter -

4. I hear, as I dare
say you have, that Col.
Macdougall is ~~to be~~ the
Chief of the Staff College
at Sandhurst -

There is to be one
more Examination at
Burlington Ho. under
the present system,
for Admissions to
Woolwich - after which
they become extinct
animals. I suppose
the entrance to Woolwich

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will be exclusively
thro' the Sandhurst
Junior School now -
a great pity, don't
you think so?

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5. I think I shall
have to submit to you
some modifications in
the "Nurse Regulations",
before they are finally
passed - And it might
be as well if you thought
well to send me back
my paper on Nurses Pay
& Pensions.

[end 15:274]

My aunt S. Smith's address
in London is 6 Whitehall still -
ever faithfully yrs F. Nightingale

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signed letter, undated 3ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale on the terrible state of the Army in India} 2057/F4/67

Malvern

Wednesday

[14:552]

Dear Mr. Herbert

This is only to say that,
having heard from General
Storks this morning that
Panmure was expected
tomorrow, *Thursday*, I
shall come up to the old
place, 30 Old Burlington St.,
tomorrow *night* -

This is not, of course,
to be a gêne to you in
your Manchester plan
in any way - but only
to signify that I shall
be there, if you will be

good enough to come &
see me, whenever you
go & see Panmure -

[end 14:552]

The Indian news is
terrible, or rather the
goings on of the War
Dept, with regard to it.
We have seen terrible
things for the last three
years - but nothing,
I think, like Panmure's
unmanly & brutal
indifference - What
are the murders com=
mitted by these miserable
Bengalese, compared
to the murders committed
by the insouciance of

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an educated & ~~illeg~~/cultivated
Englishman?

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However, you have
begun at the root of
the matter - the physical
& moral efficiency of the
Army - And, by carrying
your Reforms, all the
rest will follow, &
the Indian matter,
indirectly, too -

[end 9:49]

I have read Hall -
It seems to me that
he & I have been
doing the same labor
of love - without the
knowledge of one another -
viz. exposing the
Sanitary system of the

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Army -

I have a mass of
Regulations ready for you -

Also, the letter press
for the Diagrams is ready.
These, I think, should
be printed in such a
form that they can be
re=printed for private
distribution, with the
sanction of a Government
Commission upon them.
They speak to the eyes
of the nation & will
carry its feeling with you.

Perhaps you will let
me know, ~~when~~/before I see you,
at what time ~~illeg illeg~~ you will
come - ever yours faithfully

[end 14:552]

F. Nightingale

You will not, of course, adopt any of the Suggestions, verbatim et literatim, which I have ventured to make - They are only medical facts, about the correctness of which I have consulted Farr & Sutherland, for your consideration -

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/67

Gt. Malvern
Jan 20/58

[16:257-58]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I sent you this morning, "as directed", a rough estimate of the comparative cost of attendance on wards of 30, 25, and 9 Patients respectively -

But, for fear it should be made use of "to our disadvantage", I pray you to listen to what I now want to say, (*not* "as directed",) upon the different alterations of Netley in your letter.

Any alterations you may see fit to advise, with regard to the wards at Netley, must, in the first place, provide for the *direct* lighting & ventilation

of every part of every ward - This is not the case - No throwing of wards together, no causing parts of wards to project behind will compensate for the evil produced by ill-lighted & ill ventilated *other parts*, left in doing so.

The chief ward=improvement made, by the first Commission, on the old plan consisted in clearing out ~~odd~~/all corners - And, in attempting to improve the new plan, the old defects must not be restored.

Again, the back buildings are much too close to admit of any projecting wards or parts of wards being thrown out behind - You would have two wells or "culs=de=sac", with stagnant atmosphere, on each side the corridor leading to the back buildings.

If you throw out wards behind, you would require to pull down all the kitchen & dining room buildings & remove them to a greater distance. If left, they would hinder ventilation & light - Also, in such a plan, every ward projected out behind would interfere materially with the lighting & ventilation of the whole building.

The projections in the old original plan of the Chapel & Dining Rooms across the line of lighting were bad, and every ward projected would make it worse - unless indeed the distance between each projection were at least 101 feet, as at Aldershot, which is impossible ~~to get~~ at Netley.

If, Plan 2, the adjoining wards are thrown together so as to produce

long wards with beds along the back
& front - then the Ward windows into
the Corridors would have to be altered
from the present plan, (in which these
windows are in reality glass doors,) so
as to leave a sufficient wall space
between each two windows for two
beds -

The plan of joining two wards by
excavating a dark passage through
the Orderlies' room would not do.

These seem to me the principles to be
kept in view in making the alterations.
To some of them I should say directly,
if I were you, *I won't have it*. Of others,
I should like to see the plans, as you
have kindly proposed, VERY much -

The cost of attendance must also be
considered - I see no alteration of plan
which will not involve sacrifice of
bed=space - And the Hospital will not
accommodate the number its vast size
ought to do - this will be another source of outlay. [end]
{from the first f, written vertically at top of page}

ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Miss N. Times} 2057/F4/67

Gt. Malvern

Jan 21/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

Pray excuse my
impertinence in the
enclosure - You will
not feel it so much
as I do -

Of course the only
value of Mr. Dasent's
speech is

1. that the "Times"
means to do your
Report justice

2. that it wants
to have time for an
analysis

3. that to send
it a copy, as soon
as you feel you can,
would be worth while.

ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

letter signed A. Clough, 2ff, pen {printed address:} Education Department,
Council Office, Downing Street, London 2057/F4/67

18 Jany 1858

Dasent of the Times

[14:975]

spoke to me on ~~yester-~~

~~day~~/Saturday about Mr. Herbert's

Report & the subject

of Barracks - As

soon as it appears,

he said they would

put into good hands -

only they must try &
get an early copy:
for which it seemed
to be his purpose
that they should
apply to Mr. Herbert
himself. Of course
I could say nothing
to that, all my
discourse having
been the importance

of the subject & the
necessity of waiting
for the information
contained in the
Report -

He spoke very
highly of Mr. Herbert,
but their information
appears to be that
Lord Panmure has
no sort of intention

of resigning for the
next two years -
Nothing came from
the Printers on Saturday,
but I hope something
will come to go with
this.
Have the Sp Tr
arrived?

[end]

Ever Yours
A H Clough

Gt. Malvern
Jan 23/58

[16:258-59]

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. The glass in Netley Corridors is intended *to open double* - not to be removed at all - (It would be impossible to remove it) - Such, at least, was the last plan I saw, sanctioned by the Comtee upon it.

2. It is better that there should *not* be an architectural correspondence between the arches of the Corridors & the doors of the wards, for Sanitary purposes. The piers are so thin that neither light nor ventilation are impeded.

3. The Hospital would not now be *unhealthy*. At least, it would be more healthy than any London Hospital. But it is quite behind the

day. It is most expensive for administration - It is not at all what the Great Military Hospital of the British Empire should be -

It would make a model Barrack for 2000 men -

4. To propose a GOOD Hospital plan ~~would~~/will be the key note to your Report - giving *plans, details, estimates* - This would, in itself, condemn Netley & prove your case. Otherwise, the Govt would find fifty Architects to swear that Netley is the best Hospital they ever saw, which is true now -

5. The site cannot be other than unhealthy.

6. In regard to the principles to be kept in view in alterations, you cannot afford to sacrifice any of those which

we have laid down together -

I send you a plan for the illumination of your Commn, provided they will not sacrifice the site:

1. Propose to provide for 800 sick.

You will never have more.

2. Keep your foundations

3. Have your corridor one story, with open terrace above.

4. Throw out 4 pavilions, 100 feet apart, behind the Corridor on each side. The pavilions to contain 3 wards in tiers

101 ft long

25 " wide

16 ½ " high

5. Remove the kitchens altogether from the centres of the square & place them behind - The

dining=rooms* will be on the

ground=floor between the Pavilions.

*Or they may be made room for in the front of each Pavilion-middle floor.

Part of the foundations will come in for this. The rest must be laid.

[end 16:259]

Rate of Pension (Nurses)

Jan 23/58

I cannot conceive how Dr. Sutherland could have made such a mistake as to the Nurses' Pensions - or how I could have so mis=expressed myself as to mislead you - The increase of the Pension *after* it has been awarded was never contemplated either by Dr. Farr or me - Nor did Dr. Sutherland understand it so, when we three talked it over in London - Unquestionably the only principle in pensioning is what you state - and "the 2 per cent (to increase annually till it "reaches 70 per cent)" was intended to be *upon the rate of wages received* PREVIOUS to retirement, - not upon the pension which, once

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awarded, is to remain always the
same -

Send me back my paper, of
which I have no copy, (that I
may correct it to make this clear,)
at your own convenience.

It should be - "rate of pension
to be *fixed* according to *rate of wages*
received in year previous to retirement -
2 per cent being added ~~illeg~~/upon &c" for each year
of service at &c

{in another hand: 23rd Jan. 1858 - Miss Nightingale}

Rate of Pension
(Nurses)
to ~~illeg~~/be fixed
according to
rate of wages
received year
previous to
retirement

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/67

Gt. Malvern
Jan 31/58

[16:259]

Dear Mr. Herbert

I do not see that
you could say less -
or more than what
you propose about
Netley -

For it is the
exact truth -

I cannot help
hoping that they will
adopt your Barrack
suggestion for it.

Sir Harry Verney's
fear of large Hospital
wards, because the
French have small
prison wards, reminds
me of the argument
used by the first
Netley projectors
against light (in
Hospitals) *because*
Col. Jebb found
small windows good
for solitary prisoners!!

I had heard that
Panmure is very mad

about Netley. It does
not much signify,
I suppose - If God
would make Sanitary
laws, we are not
responsible for them.
We are not the
inventors or even the
discoverers of them.

But I really have
nothing to trouble you
with, except that
I am very sorry you
still have Neuralgia,
& glad you are going

to Paris & not by
night.

[end]

ever faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

If you can lay your
hand upon my Nurse
paper, send it me
here, please - But it
does not signify.

{in another hand: 31 Jan. 1858 - Miss Nightingale - Netley}

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initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: 4 Feb 1858 - Miss N.- shd try
Malvern for Neuralgia} 2057/F4/67 [8:658]

Gt. Malvern

Feb 4/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I am very, very
sorry to hear that
you have your old
enemy.

I think it is
mere quackery to
advise a man to
come down here for
a few days - or to try
water=treatment in

London, when going
on with all his
Ho. of C. business
&c &c -

The causes which
brought ~~it~~/the thing on must
be suspended, in order
to send it away
again - And I think
both Homœopathy &
Hydrophy when they
say otherwise, are
quacks -

But I do very much
wish you could give
this place & the man
here a fair trial of
4 &/or 6 weeks, if it
were possible, - I believe
it is the only cure for
Neuralgia - & that
it would destroy your
liability to its recurrence,
which surely is worth
while -

I asked the man here,
who is *not* a quack -

- in a general way
your question - And
he said the same
thing -

Without pretending
to judge about the Ho.
of C. business, surely
such a lull as this
might be managed -
some time soon
And, about our
business, we would
disinterestedly do *all*
we could in your
absence, viz. the detail,
leaving the management
of the principles till you
could come back - ever yours
F.N.

signed letter, 6ff, pen {in another hand: Fb 9 '58--commission returned from Paris--correspondence of Hall & Smith--shall it be published?}
2057/F4/67

30 Old Burlington St
Feb 9/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I really trust you
are better - as I saw
your name in the Ho.
last night - That is
the first thing.

[16:259-60]

2. I dare say you
have seen all your
Paris Commissioners - They
seem to have come back
strengthened in the
"Pavilion" view of the

Hospital question -
thinking that no
further alteration
can be made in
Netley - & that all
that can be done is
to recommend it as
a Barrack -

3. I am come
back, as you see -
I did not write to
you, because I was
afraid you would say,
"Don't - we don't want
you", when it would

have been sheer
impertinence in me
to have come.

4. I think it is
curious in the "Times"
Article of this mornng,
to see A. Smith
coming out in the
character of a
complainant - & a
reformer, about the
Barrack & Hospital
question - And I
wish ~~they~~ it would not
attack P. Albert
& the D. of Cambridge,
which sets them

against us - ~~&~~/men who both,
are certainly far more progressive than
A. Smith. **[end excerpt 16:260]**

But this brings
me to what you say
about the Abstracts.

5. There is a **[14:554-55]**
great deal to be said
upon the whole
question in your
letter - But I will
only take up your
time with one thing -

I adopt gratefully
all your amendments.
- except, - I *think*
I see a principle
at stake where you
see only a "fine dis=

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inction" in the administrative question -

(1) But the point about the publication of the ~~papers~~/letters is, as you say, the important one - & one on which you only can decide -

My own feeling is, ~~it~~/the public is now occupied about other things - but it is quite upon the cards that, if it takes interest some day about this Barrack

& Hospital question, all that can be learnt about the deficiencies of the Army Medl Dept may be called for - And I think it in the highest degree important that A. Smith should be allowed to tell *his whole case now* - If I were Pres. of the R. Commission, I should therefore write to him to ask him if he

has any more papers
he wishes to produce,
(have his answer in black & white)
& print them in an
Appendix with a
Prefix by yourself.

I do not think as
you do, the Public
would read them -
I do not think you
would find two other
people who, like Dr.
Sutherland & myself,
would have the
patience to "*diagnose*"
them -

And therefore I think
it the more important
that the whole case,
as told by A. Smith
himself, should ~~be~~/come
out - while it *can* still
be "*diagnosed*" -

This brings me to
answer one of your
objections - We have
given the case exactly as
they have given it
to us. We have even
~~actually~~ used Hall's
own Abstract, verba=
tim, of his own
recommendations
& not ours -

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(2) I *have* a feeling
about historical justice.
History, right or wrong,
is written in a very
different way now
from what it used
to be - Macaulay &
Lamartine do not
write, (as in the
Egyptian hieroglyphs,
of the reign of Bocchoris,)
of Victoria's reign,
"In this reign a
lamb spoke" - The
whole Crimean story

will be carefully sifted
some day -

Surely, the justice to
our poor men, who
are lying forgotten
already in their
Crimean graves, is to
let blame rest
where blame is
due - *not* in order to punish
the offenders but to
prevent a recurrence
of the offence -

Let the truth be
known that, with
the Medl Dept & the
Military authorities,

not with the Home
Govt is the, I will
not say fault but,
ignorance - *

If you like it, I
will take out every
stricture upon the
Divisional Doctors,
who don't deserve
much -

But it *must* lie
with Smith & Hall.

And I will ~~modify~~/blame
~~about~~/a little more the Military
authorities - Altho'
I do think Hall
*You will defend Ld Canning,
but you won't defend yourselves -

acquits Lord Raglan
(most unconsciously)
out of his own letter
to Smith

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

I hope your Netley
report will give, once
for all, all that is
known of Sanitary
principle regarding
Hospital Engineering-
WE are sadly behind
the rest of the world.

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Sir H. Verney came
to Malvern to see me
about it. He is ignorant
but agog.

[end 14:555]

[end 16:260]

signed letter, 3ff, pen {in another hand: Feb/58 Miss Nightingale who shd
review the Report.} 2057/F4/67

30 Old Burln St
Feb 11/58

[14:976-77]

Dear Mr. Herbert

If you have regard
for the different styles
of the Reviews, you
should not have Ld
Stanley for the "West=
minster" - Lord Stanley
will write so as to
make people *think* -
Only Chadwick will
write so as to make
them *do* - Ld Stanley
will take your facts

& ~~put~~/reproduce them *out of*
their proper proportions,
and though he will
make a good popular
Article, he will never
make a good practical
one.

The Westm. handles
these subjects & disposes
of them practically.
The Quarterly only
munches them as
an ass does thistles.

I know nothing
against Chadwick

as a publicist - As an
administrator he is
detestable - But he
is the only man in
Europe who could
handle your Report
as it ought to be
handled -

I *had* written to
him as soon as I
received Mrs. Herbert's
note last night -
And though I do not
think that compromises
you to anything, I
should be very sorry

I confess to see Lord
Stanley in the Westm.

Do not have *Winter* -
He is a mere medical
man & will produce
a mere medical Article.
If Farr can't do it
himself, which he can,
have Ld Stanley for
the Quarterly, & Farr
for the Medico-Chirur=
gical Review -

Howell shall be
seen tomorrow for the
Edinburgh - he *is* in
town -

Kingsley has been
written to tonight
for "Fraser" -
J.H. Burton for the
"N. British" -
Southwood Smith
for the "British Quarterly".

Do not forget
Dickens for the comical
side for the Household
Words -

Please send me your
final behests early
tomorrow morning -
As Chadwick may
come in the course of

the day - And I must
not compromise you -

I have not done
any of the others
myself, as it is
better that your
name should be
used in all.

[end 14:977]

ever yrs faithfully
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 6ff, pen 2057/F4/67

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30 Old Burln St.
Feb 12/58

[14:977-79]

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. I have not yet
heard from Chadwick -
And I think he might
be got to write in
the "National" - a very
rising Review, which
has taken the same
ground, as to social
questions, as the
"Westminster," & is
not so dogmatic on
the religious question.

I think, therefore, if
you have not yet done
anything about Lord
Stanley, I would let
him stand, if such
is your opinion, for
the "Westminster",
Farr for the "Quarterly",
& Balfour for the
"Medico-Chirurgical" -
Balfour, as you know, is
no authority at all
on Sanitary questions -
And, therefore, could
you give him a hint

to take it up on the
Medical question,
viz - shewing the
Medical profession
how much your
Report does for them,
instead of being
against them.
In that case, I think
he will do - Otherwise,
he is stupid.
2. I enclose you a
note from Howell -
I think, if you
would write to Reeve
today, it would be
best. But if you can't

shall I? I know him.

3. There is the "Quarterly
Edinburgh Medical &
Surgical Journal", -
much read by the
Army Medl Dept -
Shall I write to Sir
J. McNeill to manage
that ~~for you~~ and
recommend Dr. Begbie,
who would do it
well?

4. I think, if you
would write to the
Editors of the "Athenæum"
& "Leader", it would
be best, merely

asking for an early
notice?

5. The "Foreign Quarterly"
is extinct -

I would rather have
one of my old
soldiers to defend me
than any of you all
a great deal. The
only answer to the
"Guardman" is in
the ~~old~~ "Private soldier's"
letter this morning -
"Touchstone" & is no

answer at all &
might be picked to
pieces by any body,
who knew any thing
of the subject, of whom
fortunately for us
there are very few -

The arguments

1. about the Police

2. " Canada

3. " the Tower

4. " Cavalry

are all fallacious &
blunders, & might easily
lay us open to objec=

tions from those who,
as I say, are
fortunately few -who
can see a blunder -

The Cavalry question
however brings us to
Gymnastics - and that
must be looked to soon.

I hope you are
better & will not
go out today -

I enclose an "official
letter" to you which
I have long felt to
be necessary.

ever yrs faithfully

F. Nightingale

The common sense of

the last paragraph of
the "~~Old~~/Private Soldier's letter
beats us all.

The "National" has
been writing Military
articles lately.

I have just seen
Lord Stanley's note.
I will think of
somebody else for the
"National" & keep
Chadwick to the "Westm."
Chadwick just come!

1. I think Ritson would be worth writing to - Because he carries the Manchester local Press with him - which is of more value than London imagines - Let him put an Article in the "Manchester Guardian" -
2. I think the "Athenæum" should be treated respectfully - And the Editor asked to do it. It is the only paper of many professional men.
3. For the sake of the Drs, the "Medico=Chirurgical" must also be treated respectfully - And Farr or Carpenter (the Editor) would do it well -
4. I don't think Chadwick can be offered any Review but the "Quarterly", if he does not have the ~~Edinbur~~ "Westm." He is a dangerous enemy - And he carries with him all the Shaftesbury

Sanitary party. If he does not write *with* us, he will write *against* us, especially if neglected - And he is much more read in Europe than any one ~~else~~/Sanitarian - Some of his things have been translated into every language -

5. If J.H. Burton fails, Sir J. McNeill might be asked for the "N. British" - Not otherwise, I think - His name has become a watch=

word of a party, by no
fault of his -

Would Mr. Herbert
send today by post,
with W.O. stamp,
copies to

1. John Hill Burton Esq
Advocate

Edinburgh

2. Southwood Smith Esq
M.D.

St. George's Hill
Weybridge

3. Rt Honble Sir J. McNeill G.C.B.
Granton Ho.

Edinburgh

These people ought to have
it, whether they write or not.

[end 14:979]

F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 3 1858
2057/F4/67

This is in re "Constitution
Army Medl Council" v.
"Weekly Statistical Return" -
& refers to the two
papers sent on Monday.

There is no hurry -
But the thing stands thus.
All this last month the
"Regulations" have hung
fire- Because Farr
would not write the
Statistical ones till
Sutherland had written
the *Sanitary* ones.

And Sutherland would not write the Sanitary ones till Farr had written the Statistical ones -

Farther than this, you will find the "Report", the "Regulations" & the "Weekly States" all at variance -

This will not do -

I have therefore written the enclosed Draft Regulations for

Sanitary reporting, which Sutherland has condescended to endorse -

And which, if approved by you, ~~may~~/might go into the reprint of the "Regulations".

Farr should be requested to write *his* Regulations for *Statistical* Reporting in accordance with them, *IF* approved by you -

And one line ~~in~~/by you in your own Report ~~of~~/for the *Sub=Commn* on Statistics will arrange

the matter -

The *weekly* Report for *Statistics* is important (for reasons I have given) at least in the United Kingdom -

And the *third* Draft Regulation, (see Draft enclosed), will, if carried, give the most valuable assistance to *civil* reporting on health, which ought to bribe Farr's assent.

F. Nightingale
March 3/58

Wilt67: is this letter in?
signed letter, undated 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale India},
black-edged 2057/F4/67

I wrote to Lord Stanley [9:50]
a letter, (in my usual
temperate terms & with
the moderation which
is my characteristic,)
about the affair at
Dum=dum, where
1800 women & children
having been packed
into a space for 300,
500 of them died
of Dysentery - And all
within 5 miles of

Calcutta - And the Govt
Officer, instead of
dispersing them imme=
diately, drives back
to Calcutta & makes
a Minute. Really
I can remember nothing
in the Crimea, (for a want
of all organization) to
compare with this -
And then people say,
"It's all the climate.
What can you expect?
Women & children
WILL die in India"

I wrote to Lord Stanley,
pointing out how urgent
such facts make a
Commission of Enquiry.
He answers:

"I can only say at
this moment that the
Dum=Dum affair
shall be fully enquired
into." [I hope *not*
by old Indians] "I
had seen it, but
thank you none the
less for reminding me" -
If it has "reminded" him
to do it the old way,
it will be no good - I
hope "at this moment" means

that *another* "moment" is coming.

Martin & Tulloch
were not examined
yesterday before the
Re=organization Commisssn,
as intended - but Genl
Franks & Major Holland were.
Martin & Tulloch are
to be examined on
Monday - And I have
written a sentence for
Martin (which he has
inserted into some written
Evidence of his to be given in)
as to the necessity of
a Sanitary Commission -
The Dumdum enquiry, if
fairly gone into, must bear so
heavily on somebody, (possibly Linton
who is at Calcutta,) that I should *hope*

{from the bottom of the first page}
it would initiate a real & searching

Sanitary Commission ~~Enquiry~~

[end 9:50]

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 16 1859 -
on the delay in printed the Forms.} 2057/F4/67

March 16/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

Farr complains
that the printers at
the War Office are so
very long. [I think he
is also very long himself]

1. His Statistical
FORMS are still, he
says, in the Printer's
hands - And we
cannot finish our
"Instructions" in the

"Regulations" without
them. He promised
to write to you to
ask you to "touch up"
Mr. Drewry - But,
in case he does not,
I do -

2. He has finished
his part of the
Statistical Report -
which is very able,
but omits all mention
of the defects which
made ~~it~~/the Commission necessary.

{the following paragraph is crossed out}

He wants an order
~~for~~/from you to print it,
before discussing it in
the Commission. I
hope he has written
to you -

3. The only point
(among the enclosures
I send) for your
immediate consideration
is that about this
bundle of "Sanitary
& Statistical
Regulations" -

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 18 1858 On Capt Jervis' Article for the Westminster. & on Dr. Farr's "Admission & Discharges Book"}, black-edged paper 2057/F4/67

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. I cannot help saying
(with regard to Capt.
Jervis) that Sutherland
& I were *appalled*
by his letter - It is not
only a stupid letter -
It is a bad letter -
It is fifty years
behind the age - It

supposes that Medical
Officers are to be made
efficient for the health
of men by having a
little more pay - And
it has every Military
& exploded prejudice
about Military authority
which nobody wishes
to attack -

I have great hopes
from your interview

with him this morning.
But I don't think
even you can make
even a "worsted
purse" out of such
a "sow's ear" -

Now the Westminster
is quite sound on
all these Sanitary
questions - Both
Sutherland & I
know Dr. Chapman-
And, if you fail

in educating Capt.
Jervis in half an hour,
you must let us try
our hand with Dr.
Chapman to make
him exercise his
Editorial power upon
the Article, which is
an important one -

2. I saw Farr last
night - And he brought
the Proof of his
"Admission & Discharge
Book" - It is one of the

simplest & most
beautiful things I
have seen, & shews
the man's ability -
But it will necessitate
some additions to your
"Statistical Regulations,"
of which I sent you
the mangled M.S.
yesterday - for Press -

If Mr. Drewry could
throw off Proofs of those
& of the "Nurses' Regulations",

(sent you last night,)
we might then finish
~~your~~/the "Regulations" for
your criticism this week -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

March 18/58

Please make Mr.
Drewry send us back
all our M.S.S. It
saves our time -

Have you heard
from Mr. Elwin?

If you can lay your
hands upon the "Army
Medical Correspondence"
Proofs without trouble,
the Bearer would bring
them back -

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/67, see 43395 f34

30 Old Burlington St. W.
March 23 1858

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have been some time
hesitating as to the course I ought to
take, with regard to the large Fund
which is called by my name, and
which was so generously placed in
my hands for the purpose of being
applied to a most useful and
beneficent object.

After allowing a time to
elapse fully sufficient for
forming a judgment, I find my
health so much impaired and
I am consequently so unequal to

begin a work which, to be
properly performed, will
require great exertion and
unceasing attention that I
feel it incumbent upon me
and due to the contributors to
beg you to communicate to the
Trustees and Council my
inability to undertake the task.

This communication is very
painful to make, for I hoped
by my exertions in the work
proposed to me, to mark my
deep sense of the confidence
reposed in me, and I looked

forward to the attainment of an object which has always been nearest my heart.

But I strongly feel that the realization of these objects ought not to be indefinitely postponed, nor a large sum intended for a benevolent purpose to be allowed to lie useless, because I am incapacitated by illness from undertaking its application.

I must therefore under these circumstances ask you and the Council to consider in what way the objects contemplated by the Contributors may now best be

effected -

I remain

dear Mr. Herbert

most faithfully & gratefully yours

Florence Nightingale

Rt Honble

Sidney Herbert MP

signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 29 1858 On the Netley Report being referred to Laffan, Mapleton & Co} 2057/F4/67

March 29/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

Genl Peel has referred your Netley Report back to the "2nd Netley Commission", which means, I suppose Laffan, Mapleton & Co. Perhaps this was unavoidable - Perhaps you knew it - Any how this requires no answer.

Yours ever faithfully

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale to keep back
Instructions to Medical Board for conduct of business. April 23 1858}
2057/F4/67

April 23/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I hope that you
are better today.

This is only to say,
will you keep back
the "Instructions to
the *Army Medical*
Board" till I see you?

A very important
Instruction, which
I omitted, has occurred
to me to submit to you -

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

incomplete letter, undated 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale
Netley} 2057/F4/67

I had a long letter this
morning from that
Princess of pompous
old women, Sir Harry
Verney. It is not worth
troubling you with -
But he details at
great length a conver=
sation he has had
with the Bison - in
which the only thing

that strikes one is that
the Bison is prepared
to defend Netley in
the Ho. of Lords *with*
evidence, of which he
has plenty & too much.
But *not* prepared
to resist its being
turned into a Barrack.

If this is so, to shew
what a Hospital *ought*
to be & then condemn
Netley

as a Hospital, ~~not~~ as a Barrack
it is princely, is the plan.

2. Winchester Military
Hospital is the worst
possible form of
construction - It
combines the outside
corridor covering one
front with the
inside staircase -
The result is that
every ward commu=
nicates with every
other ward. And
the top has all the
foul air - Netley
is much better
than this as a Hospital.

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/67

April 24/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I am greatly
delighted to see the
Barrack Report.

And I send in
return what that
unspeakably wicked
Drewry - beside
whom Orsini is
an ass - has sent
here, after keeping

both a whole week.

The enclosed
are the Instructions
(for the Regulations)
on Farr's forms.

I think, if you
please, the sooner
Burrell & Galton
have their copies
of the Barrack
Report, the better -

Although I dare say
they will not
"refresh themselves"
on Sunday with
it as we shall.

Would you like
any figures relating
to

ventilation
cubic space
kitchens
as to Croyden &
Chatham for yourself

before they are put
into a Report?

Drewry has
caused a frightful
waste of time -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: F. Nightingale April 24./58 Enclosing Instructions for
the Regulations on Farr's forms.}

signed letter, 7ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale May 3 1858 on
Dr. Sutherland's Claims} 2057/F4/67

30 O. Burln St.

May 3/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I will answer your
question in the way of
business - And you will
extract what you
judge best for the W.O.
I suppose they will
take your word for it.

Sutherland has
given the full number
of Office hours to the
Barrack Commission
every day since it

began - And he has
only charged his "days"
at all since the day you
first ~~filed~~/summoned your Barrack
Commission at Wilton.

But, besides that, he
has given his "extra" hours
to your two other Commissions,
upon ~~he~~/which he was
requested* & consented
to serve. He might
have charged for these
beyond his £3.3 a day,
but did not - because

*by the War Officer
(viz. the "Regulations" & the "Medical School" Commissions)

he considered it a
labour of love - had
these Commissions been
the emanations of
different Govt. Offices,
he would have charged
the different Offices, &
charged beyond the £3.3 per diem.
He has given more
time to the Barrack
Commission alone than
Burrell has - But
Burrell has always
shewn his face at the
work=shop, and Suther=
land has done most

of his work here -

Sutherland's name
is still on the Home
Office books - And he
has occasionally had
matters referred to him
by the H.O. since his
return from the Crimea
& answered to the
reference & done the
work. but he has
never charged the
H.O. a single day's
work, altho' entitled
to £3.3 a day, *since*
his return home, because

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he considered that he
could not serve two
masters - the Home &
the War Office -

During the whole of
the time that your
Royal Commission was
sitting, he was therefore
receiving no pay at
all - altho' keeping
himself out of other
(paying) work for the
purpose -

Till Oct 26/57 you
will observe he has

not charged a day

[He gave up a
permanent appointment
to go to the Crimea -
And he might be
earning, and has
earned £7.7 a day
& his expences, on
private Sanitary
business]

Since Oct. 31/57 I
have seen him every
day, with the exception
of five weeks at
Malvern, & I could
assert upon my
honor that his whole
time, not only Office
hours, has been given
to Govt business -

And, during the
week he was with
me at Malvern, we
did nothing else
all day & every day.

He is very silly
in saying, as he
always does, that
"he comes here to help
me", - as if we were
"refreshing" ourselves

with a general view
of civil cess=pools,
instead of confining
ourselves to *Army*
cess=pools, as we
always do!

I have always
considered his time
as Govt time, bought
& paid for - and
have never asked
him to do a single
thing, in ~~the~~/any general
line of business, except

once, when

Sir J. Liddell

referred his Woolwich Hospital plans to me, &
Sutherland
helped me. He comes here,

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and dines & drinks
tea here, & has done so
every day for the last twelvemonth;
because he is so queer
& such a hypochondriac
that, if he did not &
had not me to help
him, he says and I
believe it, he should
be in bed - That is, I
believe it, after the
fashion of a R. Catholic
Bishopric *in partibus*.
For Sutherland is a
man incapable of
determining to do any

thing but what he
likes & incapable of
determining to day what
he will like tomorrow -

For all that, he has
more brains than all
your other men put
together, ~~he~~ and has been
absolutely essential to
the business - and when
I compare the work
we have done with
the work which was
done by the Board of
Health or by the ~~Public~~
Health of Towns Commission,

I think there is cause
to be well satisfied -

At the same time,
we are losing *now*
much precious time
in some of the things-
owing to the necessity
of employing excessively
occupied men, like
Dr. Farr & Capt. Galton.
I hope we are not
thereby losing our opportunities
or wasting the
impression made on the
public.
But I do wish we

could get Farr's Forms
passed - He has not
yet received them from
the Printer -

I hope you are better -

Believe me

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I must just add
that Mrs. (not Dr.)
Sutherland told me
that he "had done
"nothing at his private
"affairs since October
"last - he had been
"so busy with his public
"ones."

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I think we shall be
beaten at the Netley
affair by dishonest
management - Mapleton
sees each of the Pundits
separately, as he says,
to give "information" -
Not one of them all,
either old or new,
not Mapleton himself,
defends the Netley site.
But there seems to be
a *parti pris*, an
understanding to get
the Govt. out of the

scrape -

If this is the case,
the only way will be
to give them the go-by,
and for the Aldershot
plans & the Aldershot
site to be referred
to you for your proposed
General Hospital &
Medical School -

F.N.

signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged paper 2057/F4/67 [8:659-60]

Gt Malvern

Sept 28/58

Dearest

I write to you to
trouble you with this,
because I suppose you
will hardly have
been able to make
that melancholy journey
North.

I will say nothing
about her - whom you
have lost - Because
praise of her, as of
Lady Pembroke, would
seem almost sacrilege
from me to you - I

write but little & only
on business, knowing
I can say nothing you
will not have already
felt, & believing you
understand me suffi-
ciently to make it
needless -

I had a few lines
from Mr. Herbert
yesterday - a few of his
kind, manly words of
deep feeling such as
he only can write -

What I want to say is
only this:

1. will you, when he

resumes his guardianship
of your Infirmary, tell
him that, of the three
"Schemes" I sent for his
consideration, I think
that marked (I) in the
second letter is the
best - & that I would,
upon further thinking,
quite decidedly, give
the discretion about
"Patients' exercise" to the
"Sister" - and ALL the
"Stair=cases" to the
"Matron" - I think this
will prevent some
collision - the wards
& all their appurtenances
remaining to the "Sister",

responsible to the "Matron"
- the "Patients' exercise"
remaining to the "Sister",
responsible to the Surgeon. **[end 8:659]**

2. would you tell **[16:314-15]**

Mr. Herbert ~~that~~/sometime that
Neison has read a
very mischievous Paper
at the British Ass. at
Leeds, reproducing in
full his fallacies
about overcrowding
having nothing to do
with Consumption &
condemning the conclusion
of Mr. Herbert's Report.
I have written to Farr

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about it because, if not answered, the matter will do us much harm.

To be as short as possible:

~~he~~/Neison adduces the Reg. Gen. Statistics as to overcrowding. Some one in the Reg. Gen. Office has totally mistaken the question of overcrowding & has produced great mischief to our cause, on account of these Population Tables being quoted as authority -

Thus:

{two dotted circles with solid circles inside and the words Liverpool, Manchester, in the latter case the solid circle is much smaller than the dotted one}

Dotted circles - Registration districts of which the population is given by Reg. Gen.

Black circles - actual densely inhabited parts.

Now *Greenhow* compares the density within the dotted circles & *not* within the black ones & shews that, inasmuch as the Manchester one is much less densely peopled than the Liverpool one, & yet has the same Mortality from Phthisis,

therefore density does not influence Phthisis, *therefore* overcrowding is rather a healthy thing - the real fact being that the density for Man=chester & Liverpool is very nearly the same.

Neison seems to have done the same thing.

But the worst part is this - Surface density has in reality nothing to do with the matter & Mr. Herbert never said it had. It is density *in rooms*. Our Barracks have a smaller surface density generally than any town or perhaps village population in the king=
=doom, but they have

generally a far higher *room density*. And this it is which does the mischief -

Dr. Farr ought, on public grounds, to correct this public error, as far as the Reg. Gen. Statistics are concerned - And the best way would be for him to address a correction to Mr. Herbert, as Chairman of the R. Commission -

I am going up to London on Saturday, because I don't want them to do anything about some Regimental Hospital plans without me -

[8:659]

[end 8:659] [end 16:315]

-3- When Mr. Herbert
has anything to say to
me, perhaps he will
write to me there -

I hope you are
pretty well.

Believe me, dearest,
ever yours anxiously
& sorrowfully

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale 28 Sept 1858 Salisbury Infirmary Neison
doing mischief at Leeds - Fallacy that overcrowding does not produce
consumption}

Signed note, fl, pen Written on the back of a folio in another handwriting:
Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

11 May. 1858.

Suggest that Alexander be present at the Commission

Dear Mr. Herbert

This big parcel is only
Farr's tools.

Would you think
well to have Alexander
to help him at your
Meeting, as otherwise
Tulloch will bayonet
him with some
technicality, which
will delay business -
& which Alexander,
(who is always to the

front), might be able
easily to meet?

Alexander is at
home, 64 Ebury St.,
as I dare say you
know -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

May 11/58

Signed note, 1f, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

Farr's Table

recalculated

upon Tulloch's

undated letter 2057/F4/67

Dear Mr. Herbert

It occurred to me
that, to convince the
Unbelieving, you might
require Farr's Table
re=calculated upon
Tulloch's, P. 31. I there=
fore enclose it, with
the fractional problem
stated for your Infidel,
but which you will
put in your own words.

F. Nightingale
Thursday mornng

[possibly this is where fragment should go]

P VIII

Some Note necessary
to explain difference
between Tulloch's Army
Numbers in this
Table & Farr's Army
Numbers in Table
in your M.S. (a)

Part of a document, undated fl, pen 2057/F4/67 written on back of folio in another handwriting [with above, needs alignment]

Miss Nightingale

Cost of Nursing

<i>Sick</i>	<i>Attendants</i>
(1) Ward for 9	---- 2 1/3
3 "s " " = 27	---- 7 } viz
	} Orderlies
	} 6
	} Nurses
	} 1
(2) Ward for 30	---- 4) viz
	} Orderlies
	} 3
	} Nurses
	} 1
(1) Cost of 27 sick	
at £50 per ann	} 7 X 50 = £ 350
per attendant	
(2) Cost of 30 sick	} 4 X 50 = £ 200
Capitalized	} £ 350 = £ 8750
at 25 years' purchase	} £ 200 = £ 5000
Capitalized	} £ 8750 = £ 324.1.6
cost per patient	27
	} £ 5000 = £ 166.13.4
	30
Cost of nursing	} (1) £ 324000
per 1000 sick	(2) 166000
Difference	£ 158000

Signed letter, ff4, pen, on back in another hand: May 29/58 2057/F4/67 Miss Nightingale O. Burrell Sanitary Commission {illeg} of O. Sutherland

May 29/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I was going to mention the enclosed to you the other day, in order to submit to you a scheme, but Sutherland was here & I was afraid he would hear.

You must have seen enough of Burrell by this time to see that, altho' the best

man we have, he is
absolutely incapable
of organizing &
initiating a new
Department -

Unless some man,
like Sutherland, who
would, I know, add
this work to that
he has already on
the Barrack & Hospital
Commission, were
called upon officially
to do it, (which also

would, while that
Commission lasts,
add the weight of
your authority into
the scale,) the
Regulations would,
believe me, be a
dead failure.

Burrell's ap=
pointment should
be made conditional
upon some such
measures as this -
And if he resists,

put in Cooper. But
he will not.

We have the estimate
& scheme of the new
Army Medical Board
nearly ready for you.
But there are some
vexed points which will
require your own
direct decision,
before you can
"instruct" Genl= Peel
with it.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

1. The Sanitary Regulations, as they stand now, presuppose an amount of administrative experience in the Army Medical Council which absolutely does not exist.

2. The Army Medical Council will have to be *guided* in this matter until every Regulation is in full working order, & the whole

Service in a state of thorough completeness

3. It will take several years to do this for England, India & the Colonies

4. The transitional period will have to be got over just as it is in any other new Department

5. The Secretary of State for War would have to write a letter commissioning some competent

Sanitary person to organize & initiate the new Sanitary Department, & also to inform the new Director General that he had done so

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Signed note, undated, fl, pen Written on the back of a folio in another handwriting:

2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale

Netley

I send you the third
Article I wrote in the
"Builder" because it
contains the *canons* of
Hospital construction,
& is therefore more
suited to the practical
Cheetham than the
Liverpool papers
which contain only
its *defects* -
Moreover it is the
only one not out of
print -

[16:314]

F Nightingale
There are one or two

things in the Netley Appendix
you had which I
think we have rather
altered our minds
about. as concerns
at least a small
Hospital -

[end]

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Signed letter, fl, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

May/58

on proposed

Medical

Board

Dear Mr. Herbert

For your interview
with Alexander, I
send ±

No 1. Proposal after
hearing all that
Alexander & Farr
have to say

and amendments
on "Instructions" consequent
No 2. Alexander's
own proposal, his
last, nearly the same
as ours, & considerably
modified from his three
first.

Please let me see
all these again
when talking over
the matter with you

No 3. Smith's
proposal in your own
Report, modified
according to your
"Instructions" enclosed -
No 4. some
miscellaneous informa=
tion -

Present state of
Board & Smith's
proposed Board are
included on this & on
Alexander's Paper No 2
~~& this No 4~~

F. Nightingale
May 31/58

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Signed note, 1f, pen Written on side of the folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

June 1.1858

on Sidney's

Letter to the

Treasury

I have made no
suggestions, for I
think it is *quite*
perfect from your
point of view.

May it only
incline the hearts
of the Treasury
towards us!

F. Nightingale

June 1/58

Signed letter, ff2, pen Written in another handwriting next to the date:

June 1858 2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale

Thomson's report

Netley

Transcriber's note: continuation of last sentence of letter onto 1st page:
be a very suitable one - 2057/F4/67

F. Nightingale

June 5/58

Dr. Sutherland has stolen
the enclosed for your
benefit - a practice I
learnt from the Army
& taught him.

After having read this,
I am at a loss to conceive
how Thomason could have
signed the approval
of the site sent to Gen=l Peel, except upon
a principle set forth
by Dr. Menzies at

I once saw a letter
of his to Dr. Smith -
denying the want
of stores & addressing
as his evidence a
letter of Werford's
the Purveyor, petitioning
the Ambassador for
stores & saying that
the smallest contribution
would be acceptable.

Thomason's appears
to me a better Report

on your side than De
Witt's.

He shows a larger
amount of fresh water
in the Estuary than
you bargained for.
His mud is upon
the whole rather
worse than your
mud. And the only
practical difference
between you & him
is this - he considers
the mud healthy
though it is, might

be advantageously
covered up - while
you think it better,
on the whole, to
remove away from
it.

In some Sanitary
points, Thomason's is
behind the existing
knowledge - But it
will certainly do us
no harm.

Oh for a little
common sense which
would shew any body
that a site which
requires all these
Analyses to clear, cannot

[at top of left]
be a very suitable one.

F. Nightingale

Unsigned letter, undated, ff2, pen, 2057/F4/67

I applied to Sir J. Liddell
to give me data for the period
after 1843. He cannot,
but will send approximate
data, if he can -

[16:247]

The result of my
examination of his Blue
Books up to 1843 is
astounding. ~~++~~ The Mortality is even
lower than we thought.
For, (*excluding* the
unhealthy Stations,) while the highest
mortality at a foreign

Station is 11 per 1000-
that at the Home
Station is under 7 -
Now a ship is more
difficult to ventilate
than a Barrack -
What can make the
Mortality of our Guards
in Home Barracks
nearly 3 times as much?

These are quite
authentic & fair to use.
At the same time,
while abusing Tulloch

for his unfairness in
getting at his Results,
it would hardly be
right not to say that
these are almost as
bad.

Upon looking in
Tulloch's Blue Book
for what you pointed out to me, it is
obvious that his way
of calculation may
tell any way.

For, unless the
proportion is *constant*

between the Mean Force
of each period of two
different populations,
you may bring out
a perfectly identical
result - (by adding
the Deaths & dividing
by the number of periods) from
data which tell exactly
the other way, & vice
versa

[end]

one great comfort is
that there is nobody
at the War Department
who can understand
them - F.N.

This is the state of
the matter in regard
to the "Regulations".

The Statistical
Regulations & Instructions
have been gone over
with Dr. Farr, whom
I have asked to come
here tomorrow morning
for a final Revise.

Dr. Alexander has
gone over the whole
of the Regulations ~~with~~
~~a view of~~ making his

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final working corrections

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The Diet Rolls are
now completed & are
in Mr. Drewry's hands
for final printing off
- after which they
can be sent to Gen^l
Peel, in answer to
Lord Harding's letter
to you.

Matters being thus,
would you prefer
authorizing the
"Regulations" being directly sent to press for
which they are now

ready with the
view of submitting
proofs to the
Regulations Comm^{ns}
in the course of (say)
two days? or would
you think it
necessary to meet
here for the
purpose of revising and authorizing
the few corrections,
before the Proof is
sent to press?

I do not think
the corrections involve
any of your principles,

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and it would just
depend upon your
own time.

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If you wished
to have only the
formal Regulations=
Commission Meeting
before you go, I
would send the
things tomorrow morning to
Drewry, as soon as
Farr has seen them
finally.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
Sunday night

Evils of the Present System

- I. Tendency to fritter away responsibility
- II. Delay

I. All this minuting does away with all responsibility.

It was devised to instruct the newly appointed Head of the Office in the details of which they were ignorant, but did not like to ask of those over whom they were.

System of minutes
does not draw out
all the points of a
case.

Minute put upon
a paper by A (asking
for decision) states
certain points - B &
C raise other points
to shew their acuteness -
A who knows the case

[Questions 3218 etc
bear on Minuting
System.
Sir J. Graham

which B & C do not,
has no opportunity of
answering B's & C's
points. If the decision
of the S. of S. Be
against, A time is
lost & the whole
paper has to be
brought ~~out~~ forward again
with A's reasons
against B & C.

Moreover A's

Responsibility is gone,
because he knows
beforehand that B
& C are going to
revise him.

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Personal intercourse
Between the S. of S. &

The heads of Branches in all important matters
should be the rule,
instead of the
exception, as now -

II. Delay.

Delay is owing to the
Minuting System &
to the Registry

To get a paper from
the Bk Dep. to the
S. of S. & back with
his decision occupies
never less than *two*
& generally *four* days.
Registry.

Bk Dep. Never gets
a paper till the
day *after* it is
received & often not
for *three* days.

Then time is lost
by sending the paper
back to Registry
to have previous
papers annexed.

This takes two
or *three* days more.
Registry decides whether
the paper is to have
a green cover -
often decides *WRONG.*

When a really pressing
case is shewn -
[So Registry is S. of S.
virtually.]
Registry often mislays
the paper in its
custody - & when
asked for, send back
to ask *what*. from
the Letter Books of
the Dep=t

Each branch keeps
letters it *writes*, but
sends to the General
Registry (for custody)
the letters it *receives*.

[It always takes
more than a day
to get papers back
from Registry.

And good Officials
act on their own
former replies in
their own Letter Books
rather than wait]

Concentration without
proper sub=division
is only confusion.

The excellence of a
Register depends upon
the Index. The excellence
of the Index upon
Subdivision &
Classification.

Without subdivision
the Head of Branches
cannot fix responsibility
on the Registrar.

Business of each
branch is distinct
enough to allow each
to have its own registry
& custody of papers.
[Their business is quite
as distinct from
each other as
C. in C.'s from them]

A paper always
relates *mainly* to
one branch even if

connected with another.

It should be kept in the branch to which it mainly relates & be borne on the Registry of the other branch to shew where it is.

Replies should be kept with letters received.

All the registries *might* be in one room, but the distance would probably make it more convenient to separate them. There should be a Superintendent of Registration to press uniformity.

[A list of all letters received might be kept with a note of the branch to which they belonged, if judged necessary]

There is neither responsibility nor publicity - neither economy nor punctuality in the present system.

should be framed
solely on the principle
of making Heads of
each Branch directly
responsible to S. of S.
===

--General principals
upon which duties
of each branch are
to be conducted
should be accurately
laid down
===

Questions of *principle*
Alone would have
To be submitted to
S. of S. for decision.
and, as a rule,
by *personal* intercourse
with S. of S.
===

Check No 1
Upon responsibility
Of each Head of
Branch

As a check upon
this responsibility,
the results of the
working of each Dep-
should be periodically

Brought before S of S.
To effect this, it
might be necessary
to establish a Dep=t
of Control or Audit -
Or this might be
done under *Under*
S. of S.; or under
Acc=t Gen=l; or each
branch might
exhibit it.

There should be
exhibited a Classified
analysis of the
Expenditure, shewing
under each necessary
heads, as Superintendence,
Housing &c
the cost incurred
per man maintained
or per article manufactured.
- the comparison being
carried on from year
to year.

This Analysis could
 hardly be made under
 the present system
 of Acct Genl's Dep.
 In framing a
 remodeled system of
 accounts (said to be
 much wanted) some
 first-rate City Accountant
 conversant with the
management of large
Public Companies
 should perhaps be
 Consulted. But
whether this be done
 or no, it should be

==

Kept in mind that
one of the objects to be
attained is the exhibition
of the *results* of the
Expenditure.

 This would shew the
 RESULTS of the expenditure
 & would lead to
economy by shewing
 where saving might be
effected.
[Well managed Railways
(not many English!)]
shew cost per passenger
or ton transported -
divided under
expences of management,
maintenance of road,
fuel consumed,
repairs of engine &
 carriages
stations &c &c etc
 There is no reason
Why the W.O. should
Not make out its
Expenditure to exhibit
The results of its working]

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Check No= 2

upon responsibility

Of each Head of Branch

Every complaint

should be brought

before the *S. of S* or

Under S. of S.

not dealt with

by Head of Branch

against whom it is

made.

Note. There appears to be no advantage
in the Minuting System for any matter
which concerns two or more branches.
Were the heads of such to meet, consult
together & come to a decision *before*
the matter is referred to the *S. of S.*,
or were they to meet in his presence,
the matter would probably occupy
as many minutes as it does now *days*.
If there was a reference needed to some branch
not under the same roof, (as the A.M.D.,) the papers
would be sent to him & an interview requested.

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Signed note, fl, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

June 24th

1858

Asking for the
order of Copies
of Dr. Farr's
corrected Report

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Farr sent in
his corrected Report
to be printed yesterday.
would you tell Drewry
to have it done as
soon as possible and
would you order the
number of copies
you think is fit?

We shall want
12 copies ourselves

to append to the
Regulations *for the*
Sake of the Forms
which are necessary
to explain the
Regulations.

Yrs sincerely

F Nightingale

June 24/58

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Initialed letter, ff3, pen Written upside down on last folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

June 30

1858

On the Netley

Report

June 30/58

Enclosed is the Netley
Report & Sutherland's
Protest - both of which
I must have back
by 10 o'clock in the
morning, please -
If you have time to
read them & to
criticize the Protest,
So much the better.

As to the Report,

I don't see what
a sensible Peel
(if there is such
a man) can have
to say to it - but
"this is not a
Report at all -
it does not
answer anything
in Mr. Herbert's
report - nor is
there anything

in it he can
answer - the best
thing I can do
is to ask *him*
to report now upon
their evidence"

F. Nightingale

Simon's quotation of
The authority of the
Quarantine Officer
at Southampton is
disgraceful - a

miserable little
official, whose
~~one~~ existence at all
is a disgrace to us.

F.N.

Signed letter, ff4, undated, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

Exam-n of

Mil-y Purveyors-

Civil Hospitals -

Dr. Farr -

{illeg}

Sutherland

Alexander

Sterks

to Cook at Fort Pitt

Dear Mr. Herbert

As you are going to
examine Purveyor=in=Chief
Robertson on Monday, I
would anxiously suggest
that you should also
examine the

House Governor, Mr. Hill

London Hospital

Superintendent, Dr. Steele

Guy's Hospital

Resident Medical Officers

[added in another hand] Treasurer & Whitfield &

Steward

St. Thomas' Hosp=l

Perhaps also other Treasurers.

All that you will "get"
out of the Military
Purveyors will be that
they think everything
admirable - altho'
Purveyor Pratt, Fort Pitt,
told me that he made
indents on the Barrack
Dep=t & never got any
thing - which he
desired me never to
tell, which is the reason
why I tell you -

I think the Purveying
of the Civil Hospitals
far from perfect, but

it is suggestive -

The only improvements
of Robertson, (who, you
will remember, did
not come out till
April/55 to Scutari),
upon poor old Wreford,
was a violent expenditure
& the relaxation of all
rules & discipline -

But the study of our
"Purveyor's Regulations" -
a model of that system
which consists in throwing
responsibility from one
man to another, till
the last throws it out
of window, is the only way

to judge. If you will
allow me, I would come
down to you on Sunday
about 5 o'clock, & go
over them with you -

I feel very strongly
as to the desirableness of making the
Purveyor's a mere Steward's
Department, whose
business shall be that
of merely keeping the
stores always full - and
of ~~to~~ separating the
Attendance Department
entirely from the Steward's
& putting everything, as

soon as it comes out of
store, under charge of
the Sup=t of Attendants,
the latter having, in
all ~~reason~~ practice, the only &
real care of it -

The Governor head over
all.

The present indiscipline
of Military discipline in
a Hospital is indescribable.
It is impossible for the
Medical Officers to look
after the attendants -

The Steward ought however
to look after the repairs
&c subject always to the

Governor -

I would, however, if
I were you, send down
three of my best men,
Sutherland (Sanitarily)
Alexander (for system)
Storks (for supply) to
look at Fort Pitt. One
inspection of the system
at work will tell more
than all the evidence -
As I have said, all
that you will get will
be that "everything
works admirably" -

Will you not examine
Dr. Farr *statistically*?
He would be your best
evidence - And would
you not desire him
before hand to draw up
a List of the questions
to be asked himself,
in order to bring out
the real thing?

Ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Friday night

No. 2
Netley

Vide Plan

The long ward for the 24 men is an administrative improvement, which might very well be carried out over the whole length of each side.

But it is not a *Sanitary* improvement

1. The surface area of the ward is too large in proportion to its heighth

The heighth of a ward should be *two-thirds* of the breadth -
Netley wards are 15 ft high -
- But 33 ft. from back to front.

There is no question but that, for the ward here proponed{?} you must have additional Heighth.

2. The distance between the windows is 6 or 7 feet too great for good natural ventilation - though if there were additional heighth, this would be compensated.

3. Excrescence No=3 *must* be lopped off -
4. Each of the smaller wards must have only 8 men - the number agreed to by the former Comm=n to atone for defective construction. 10 beds is inadmissible, and bring back the cubic space & average distance between the beds almost to our present heinous "Regulation Book" -
5. There is no room for more water closets in the Excrescences than exist in the original plan - Crowding, filth & foul air go together -
6. 12 ventilating shafts must be provided in the long ward, viz. one for every two beds - if it is approved.

7. Pulling down the partition=walls between wards *diminishes* ventilation. For these were provided with ventilating shafts. Now air ascends by the walls. Ventilating shafts in the ceiling away from walls do not act, therefore, so well as those in the angle between wall & ceiling.
8. Unquestionably, ~~therefore~~ the large ward could not be ventilated by ~~natural m~~ doors & windows alone -
9. Insist upon all the fire=grates being MUCH larger - for the sake of ventilation -
10. With regard to the "excavation", the amount of light is not the only objection. For this might be increased by ground glass in all the upper parts of doors opening into it.

But the disciplinary disadvantage is greater than those not used to Military Hospitals can at all estimate, viz. of the number of doors & corners communicating with the wards & with the Nurse's room - *To see at once where every body is* is a first rule - or at least to know where he is, if you do not see him. The present construction of Netley has a great advantage, in this respect. [The swing door is less objectionable]

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Signed letter, ff3, pen On last page written in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

On the Netley's

Remarks

I send 6 wet copies
of the Netley "Remarks",
with every correction
in. The only important
one is the note added,
P. 3.

Could you ask Mr.
Gladstone (or somebody)
to watch the thing
in the Ho.?

If Peel says what
you tell him, good :

we will hold our
tongues: if he does
not, could Mr.
Gladstone (or somebody)
move for these
"Remarks", *with*
your Letter to Peel,
which is necessary
as suggesting the
solution, and which
ought not to be
"private".

Unless the "Remarks"
become a public
document, we can
make no use of it,
in case Peel does
does not do what he
is bid.

And I mean to
devote my remaining
days to putting to
death Simon & the
7 Pundits. You
will see me
breaking out in

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the Daily News,

Examiner

Builder

Lancet

Medical Times

& all sorts of
unexpected places.

F Nightingale

July 10/58

Signed letter, ff2, pen 2057/F5/67

Dear Mr. Herbert

Enclosed is a
Proof of the "Regulations"
ready for the press - which,
as I mentioned in
my last note, has been
gone over by Farr,
Alexander & Sutherland.

If you thought
well to send it
to Drewry, with
a stringent order

to send it back
in two days, for
you then to have your
Commission to sit
upon it, it would
save time.

And it is
important that
the new Director
Gen=l should begin
administering with the
new Regulations &

not with the old
ones -

Yours sincerely

F Nightingale

June 21/58

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Draft of a proposed letter, ff9, pen, at least two handwritings
On back of folio not in FN's handwriting: (with comments by JS)
Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

July 9. 1858

Enclosing a Draft
Of a proposed
Letter to Genl. Peel
A Report of
Netley Committee

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dou you think
Gen=l Peel would say
in the Ho. (when the
Netley vote is brought
forward) that he
has received such
a proposal from you as
the one I enclose a
Draft of, & that
H.M. Gov=t has
accepted it?

We should then get
all we want -

Your object being,
not to fight them,
but 1. to get your foot
into Aldershot &
2. to save a few
of the poor "sequels",
If, with possession
of some of the "sequels" we
had a General Hospital
& a Medical School
at Aldershot, we
should do -

They have a grant
for Aldershot Hosp=l,
I believe, have they
not? It is in the
Estimates -
They must send you the Aldershot
plans.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

July 9/58

Practically, I think
the eventual result
would be that all
the incipient
Consumptives from

home would be sent
to Netley and all
the "sequels" from
abroad to Aldershot.
And the Director=
Genl would be the
man to determine
this which
Alexander would do
in the most sensible
& satisfactory manner.

(SH) 49 B. Sq.
July 16
1858

[not FN:] My Dear Peel

[FN:] I enclose a Copy of
Remarks we have
thought it necessary
to draw up on the
Report of the Netley
Hospital Committee -
It appeared to us to
be necessary to send
you these Remarks
because, ~~in our opinion~~
~~you and {illeg}~~
~~to }illeg}~~
~~{illeg}~~ points
(1)

at issue (SH) between
them & us are lost sight of in (FN) ~~from~~ the
Report of the Netley
Committee. The case,
as regards Netley,
appears to stand as
follows:

1. the climate
will not be suitable
for ~~certain~~ those classes of
Invalids, ~~for whom~~
(SH) require (FN) a ~~more~~ bracing (SH) climate (FN) ~~one~~
~~will be necessary~~

2. not (SH) having drawn a distinction between a
Hospital and a depot for Invalids to which the
Committee attach great importance but
to its capabilities as a Hospital
and not solely as a depot (FN) having
considered the building
at Netley with relation

~~to its accommodation~~
~~solely~~ for Invalids,
we are not called
upon to give any
opinion ~~per~~ of its
~~adaptation~~ fitness for such
a purpose.

~~But after the~~
~~favorable opinions~~
~~which have been~~
~~given, we may~~

3. both the
Commission & Committee
agree that it is not
suitable for a General

Hospital for sick,
to which a Medical
School is to be
attached & where
~~a~~ General Hospital
administration may be
(SH) practiced and (FN) learned.

4. it is understood
to be the intention
of Government to erect
a large Military
Hospital at Altershot
on a suitable plan -
One of these elements
it appears to me
that an arrangement

(SH) 2

(FN) might be framed
which would meet
all the requirements
of the case

as follows:

1. if ~~H.M.~~ the Gov=t is
satisfied (I am not]
that Netley is suited
for an Invalid Depot
let it be restricted
to that use, so far
as the local climate
is found to agree
with the cases, (SH) and let
the unused portion of it which in peace
will be very considerable be used as a
consumptive Hospital for which the Climate fits it.
(FN)2. Let the Hospital

at Aldershot be
proceeded with. We
have seen the plans
& think them, on the
whole, very good; -
with a few modifications
which we shall be
very glad to point
out, these plans can
be made suitable
for all the purposes
contemplated by the
R=l C=n.

3. let the Medical

School & its buildings
be attached to the
Aldershot Hospital -
This plan would have
the advantage of
bringing the candidates
into immediate
contact with
Regimental & Camp
duties. ~~Having we~~
~~examined into the~~
~~French Military~~
~~Medical School~~ we
should be ~~very~~ glad
to render any assistance

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(SH) in the organization
(FN) ~~with the plans~~ of such
a school.

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4. there is only
one disadvantage
and that would be
the absence from
Aldershot of cases
of chronic disease
coming from abroad.
But such cases could
as easily be sent
to Aldershot from
any port of arrival
as to Netley - And
cases might even be
sent from Netley to
Aldershot.

An additional
advantage to the sick
would accrue from
this: For the climate
of Aldershot is the
very one to suit those
cases (SH) (especially {illeg} Indian-tropical) (FN) which that
of Netley would not
suit. By such an
arrangement as the
one proposed, the whole
question would, as
it appears to us,
receive the most
satisfactory solution
~~possible~~ (SH) of which it is capable. (FN) Government

might (if satisfied,
on the point) complete
Netley as an Invalid
Depot - Aldershot
Hospital could be
made suitable for
the objects required
by the R=1 Commission,
while it would
afford accommodation
for the Invalids,
~~with~~ for whom the climate of Netley
~~did not agree~~ (SH) is
likely to prove disadvantageous.

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(FN) These are, in fact, all
the points at issue
between the Gov=t & ~~the~~
~~Public~~ — and between
The Barrack & Hospital
Commission & the Netley
Committee.

(SH) I make this proposal
for your consideration, as I
know your only object is the
furtherance of the public service
and the adaptation to the
most useful purpose of which
{illeg} found already done
at a great public out lay

and in this with
everything clear
I need not tell
you that I am
glad to give you
any assistance I
can.

Believe me
{illeg}

(FN)
Draft
of proposed
Letter to be
sent to Gen=l
Peel with a
Copy
of the Remarks
on Report of
Netley
Committee

Signed letter, ff2, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:
July 11/57. 2057/F4/67
Miss F. N.
On the Police
Returns

Dear Mr. Herbert

As to what you say
of the Police Returns, I
have to say the enclosed.
If you like me to give
it in evidence, I will.
But I think it would
be much better for Dr.
Sutherland to do so -
Because I have a kind
of nondescript reputation,
in dear John Bull's
imagination, like the
Unicorn or the Dodo

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And he does not know
whether I am a
fabulous animal or
a real ~~sound~~ Sanitary
opinion, to be consulted
as to facts.

I could give you all
the Returns, on which
the enclosed are founded.

Please send me the
Evidence from p. 241

yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

In regard to Promotion,
I send you a very curious
Diagram, which I should
like to explain.

I would come to you
tomorrow, if you have time.
July 11/57

Initialed copy of a document in FN's handwriting, undated 2057/F4/67

Copy

Wanted

1. The best India House map of India
2. The trigonometrical survey, as far
as completed
3. List of all Military Stations - to be
marked also on the maps.
4. Copies of all periodical reports of
Medical Boards in Presidencies
which have been published.
5. Copies of all published Army
(Indian) Statistical tables.
Same - Queen's troops
6. Lists of all places where there are
permanent Barracks & Hospitals
7. Access to catalogue of documents
at the India House & to all documents
there, bearing on the enquiry.

Note. The above data being obtained,
upon them might be constructed
Forms of Returns or printed questions
to be sent out to India, filled up
there & returned.

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This should (?) be the construction of
the Commission. This I have NOT sent
to Lord Stanley

Chairman -	Mr. Herbert
Sanitary -	Dr. Sutherland
	Mr. Martin
Medical -	The Director General
	A.M.D.
Engineering & Topographical -	(Indians)

Military	(Indians)
Statistical	Dr. Farr

I don't know what Mrs. Herbert
will say to me for even "evening" of
such a thing to you -

I hope you will give Gastein
time -

FN.

Copy of unsigned document in FN's handwriting, undated, ff2, pen. 2057/F4/67

Copy

1. Altho' the subject of enquiry is in India,
the enquiry itself would be best conducted
in England & extended to India if necessary.

2. The best means of contorting such an
enquiry would be by constituting a special
Commission, composed of people, conversant
with the various matters connected with
the enquiry

Sanitary
Medical
Engineering & Topographical
Military
Statistical

3. The Commission should have ample
powers of obtaining information & documents.
It should have access to all documents in the
India Ho. relating to Topography

Diseases & Mortality
among the troops
Supplies &c

of every district in India, where Military
Stations have been or are likely to be placed.
Likewise to all documents relating to Hospitals.

4. It should examine retired or acting
Medical, Engineering & Military Officers,
conversant with the stations in each of the
Presidencies. It should enquire into the
Sanitary condition of existing stations, with
a view of recommending improvements.
It should recommend improvements in
existing Stations, Barracks & Hospitals & in
the diet, drink, dress, duties & exercises

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of soldiers.

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5. It should point out the best of positions for Sanatoria & the method of using them, so as to be most conducive to the health & efficiency of the troops.

6. It should enquire into the whole question of Hill Stations, & recommend the best positions available for troops in a Military & Sanitary point of view.

7. It should, further, indicate the special provisions necessary for Field Hospital & Field Sanitary Service, suitable to the different Presidencies.

8. Also, any specialties in the organization of General & Field Hospitals to make them more suitable for Indian Service.

9. Also, the organization of Medical Boards for regulating the Medical & Sanitary service in the Presidencies.

10. The Commission must have power to extend its enquiries to India & to appoint persons for the purpose, subject to the approval of the Minister.

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Initialed document, ff5, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

20. Jan. 1858. 2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale

Netley

Gt Malvern

Jan 20/58

The plan of Netley, with its wards for 9 sick, is by far the costliest for administration, v. the following facts-

1. It is proposed to provide the Hospital with Orderlies & Nurses to conduct the Nursing, in wards of 9 sick.

2. Wards may accommodate 25 - 30 sick - & the sick be better off, on Sanitary grounds, than with 9 - We may therefore choose the larger, being guided only by the cost of the Nursing.

3. A ward of 9 sick would require
1 day Orderly
1 Night "
1 Nurse
3

(i.e. a Nurse would Nurse 3 such wards)

4. Orderlies & Nurses cannot be counted at a cost of less than £ 50 per ann. including lodging,

rations, wages & not including pension.

This, when capitalized at 3 per cent -

(33 years' purchase) would amount to

£ 1650 for each -

5. A ward of 9 sick would cost in Nursing £ 1650 X 2 1/3 = £3850 or
£ 427.15.6
per bed

6. A ward of 30 sick would cost for Nursing in perpetuity
£ 1650 X 4 = £ 6600
= £ 220 per bed

7. The cost of the two plans relatively for a Hospital of 1000 sick would stand thus

Wards with 9 beds = £ 427,775

" " 30 " = 220,000

Capitalized difference

of cost in favor of } £ 207,775

large wards

Netley has cost already Land = £ 30,000

Works = £ 89,000

£ 119,000

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It hence appears that, if works & site were both sacrificed & fresh land purchased, & wards for 30 sick built on it, the country would actually save the difference between the two sums of = £ 88,775

II.

But the best number of sick to a ward, for *Sanitary* purposes, is 25. The cost of attendance would then stand thus:

For each ward of 25 sick

3 Orderlies at £ 1650 = £ 4950

If two such wards are built in line, close to each other, with the Nurse's room between them, one Nurse could superintend

both wards or 1/2 Nurse = 825
£ 5775

Or cost for each bed 5775

25 = £ 231

Wards with 9 beds = £ 427,775

" " 25 " = £ 231,000

£ 196,775

Deduct cost of Netley {already incurred} 119,000

Saving from abandoning Netley £ 77,775

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Cost of administration per 1000	
at Netley & Aldershot	
Netley	£ 427,775
Aldershot	
pavilions with 3 super=	
imposed wards & 25 sick	
in each would require	
3 orderlies }	
1 Nurse }to each Ward	
& would cost £ 264 per bed	
in perpetuity, or per 1000 sick	
	£ 264,000
Difference in cost	£ 763,775
in favor of Aldershot}	

As there are few wards,
with 16 or 18 sick, at
Netley, some abatement
of cost would have to be
made, on this account,
as regards Netley -
 F.N.

Cost of Nursing

I will generously make Panmure
a present of the difference of 1 per
cent in cost of administration.
But he will not be much the richer.

Wards of 9 beds { 2 Orderlies }	
{ 1/3 Nurse } £ 50 per ann. each	
money at 4 per cent	
for 1000 sick	= £ 324,000
Wards of 30 beds { 3 orderlies	
{ 1 Nurse } per 1000 = £ 166,000	
Cost of Netley	119,000
Saved by abandoning	
Netley }	£ 39,000

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Signed letter, ff4, pen {black-edged paper} 2057/F4/67

30 Old Burlington St
Oct 4/58

[16:315-16]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Sutherland is
writing to you - And I
think he will give you
reasons why it is
not essential to the
progress of the business
that you should be
troubled to come up
to town *just now* - All
that is necessary can
be sent down to you -

I am very sorry
to trouble you either
with the reply to Neison
at this time.

~~{illeg-illeg}~~ Nor do I
think there is any
great hurry about it.
You can consider it
later - But Farr &
Sutherland met here
this morning. And they
concluded that two
things were necessary
1. & least important -
-that Farr should
make a Statistical
INDirect attack on
Neison's figures at the
Liverpool meeting - for
which we have furnished
him with Barrack & other data.
2. that some sort of official

reply should be made

by you, sent to the
different late Royal Commis=
ioners for their adhesion,
& a copy sent by
Balfour to the "Times"
for insertion, & another
to Owen, the President
of the British Association
Meeting at Leeds for
insertion into the Annual
Vol= of their Transactions
with Neison's paper.

I enclose what
Farr & Sutherland ~~suggest~~
~~for you to~~ for your reply - These are
merely heads & very
diffuse - If you, in
your own terse way,

could some time
write a Reply of this
kind (which Sutherland
tells me you think
is needed), it would
set the question at
rest - We would have it
put up in type -

Believe me

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Neison's paper reminds me
of Lardner's famous paper
which proved incontrovertibly
by figures that the "Great
Britain" could never cross
the Atlantic. The Bristol
people answered it by
sending her across the
Atlantic - And Neison's
paper will be answered by

your curing or at least diminishing
{written vertically in left margin of 1st folio}
Consumption in Barracks.

[end 16:316]

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Signed note, ff2, pen Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

July 10/58

Enclosing Proof

of Letter on

the Regulations

Dr. Sutherland is at
the Office. So I opened
your letter to him.
He will, I believe,
bring back with him
here the Portsmouth
Report in question (*signed*), if
Galton, as well as
Burrell, is "to the fore".
And I will imme=
diately send it to you.

I enclose the Proof

of your letter on the
Regulations, only
premising that the
War Dep. do not
seem at all inclined
to pass anything
~~which~~ because they
cannot understand
it, & that therefore
leaving them in
ignorance has not
attained the object
in view.

Yrs sinclly

F Nightingale

July 10/58

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Signed note, undated 1f, pen, black-edged paper, Written on back of folio in another handwriting: [May 1858]

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

sends {illeg} fresh {?}

Memorial of Middl{illeg}

Hospital v. Netley

Monday

Dear Mr. Herbert

I think it my duty, (as the South Africans & the Ho. of Commons say), to send you the Draft of a Memorial, which the Middlesex Hospital - who have "gone & done it again", - sent in on Saturday to Gen^l Peel anent *Netley Hospital*.

F. Nightingale

Signed letter, ff4, pen Written on the back of a folio in another handwriting:

May/58 2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale

Netley could

{illeg}

{illeg}

appointment of Dr.

Alexander {illeg}

{illeg}

30 Burlington St.

May 24/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

It is in the United Service Gazette (but as "news", not gazetted) that Smith is placed on the Retired List with £ 1200 a year & that Alexander is to be Director General.

With regard to this question of his appointment, what

would you think of
desiring (?) General Peel
to appoint Alexander
immediately, in order
to make sure of that
event, - which would
set a great many
obscene birds to flight
immediately from the
Army Medical Board,
where they have been
collecting there five
years - ~~But~~ Gen=l Peel

further to be *instructed*
(?) that you will not
be ready with all
your "Regulations" &c &c
for three months, (which
I am afraid, will be
the time necessary) &
that therefore Smith,
who cannot be turned
out neck & crop,
may hold his office
for that time, after
which Alexander &
Council will be ready
to move in bodily.

2. What would you
think of *instructing* (?)
Gen=l Peel to give you an
order upon H.M.'s
Stationary Office Spottiswood
printing upon your
own order, i.e. at
your own time? as
you are anxious to
present these things
to him within a
reasonable space of
time - and they are
not strictly what is called
"Secret" Printing. The

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instruction to Drewry
is to print *secretly*
the practice is to
print *slowly**

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3. Gen^l Peel has told
the Netley Committee to
send in their Report
to him on Thursday
to be ready for him
on Friday in the
Committee of Supply -
But they say they can't -
Babington, the oldest
of their Pundits thinks

* As the time (*three months*)
mentioned in No. 1 depends very
much upon the printing, it might
become, if you carry No. 2, six weeks.

Netley the "nicest"
thing he has seen -
both as to "site" and
construction".

I have asked Dr.
Sutherland to write
to you about this -

Believe me

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Chadwick has just been
here. He says he is very
busy about some
Manchester Sanitary
thing - he has engaged to

write for the N. British
for your Report - &
if Elwin does not
answer by Friday,
he should like to
write to him to with=
draw his Article for
the Quarterly, being
~~thus~~ much pressed for
time

F.N.

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Signed letter, ff3, pen, black-edged paper 2057/F4/67

May 21/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I scarcely know
whether it is worth
your while to look
over the enclosed
Farr's Report, in
which I have
written in pencil
all Balfour's
objections -

Balfour says that

he cannot get ready
before Saturday night
his Memorandum
for you on the subject
for you on the subject,
altho' it contains
nothing more than
this - & a few Forms,
which he wishes
to do himself -

I hope you will
then be so good as
to send them back
to us, for Farr's

consideration.

I think it is
well Balfour's objec=
tions are no worse -
He is come on
wonderfully in his
education this last
twelvemonth -

He & Tulloch
frighten one out of
one's wits with
their mysterious "It
won't do." One thinks

one is going to have
the Quadrature of the
Circle explained to
one in Sanskrit - &
to be obliged to
give in without a
struggle - And there
are only these few
innocent objections -
which Farr calls
"nice little amendments".
The real struggle will
be about the publication
of the Weekly State.
Please let me have
back *this* copy of Farr's
Report. Yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/67

Great Malvern

Aug 4/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

Thank you very much
for your letter. I sent one to
you from Alexander, addressed
to Hamburg; which I hope
you had.

As to what you say
about the Indian Sanitary enquiry,
I entirely agree as to its
difficulty, but not as to its
impossibility.

1. I think it must be
conducted in England, because
in India there are not the
men (to do it)

2. I think there are only
a few men in England who
can do it ~~with any profit~~ so as to be of any use
because much of the informa=
tion which will have to be

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obtained from India will be
erroneous - or rather it will
consist of opinions, not facts
& ~~have~~ will have to be sifted
by those who can sift.

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The Netley enquiry is most
alarming - not because we
have lost Netley by it, though
that is a great loss - but
because it shews what
ignorant or dishonest opinions
can do - & what an amount
of mistaken information is
always at Government command.

The conclusions of the
Netley Report & of almost
all Sanitary Reports, existing,
excepting yours, are like
Mrs. Nickleby's, who, when
she found that Cardinal
Wolsey's & Defoe's fathers were
butchers, supposed that
there was something in the
suet. There will be great
danger in any Indian enquiry

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of conclusions being offered to
Government entailing perhaps
an expenditure of half a million,
like Netley, founded on
something in the suet.

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3. Again, I think this enquiry
must be carried on, if under=
taken at all, in something
like the way your R. Sanitary
Commission was, altho' I
acknowledge the greater
difficulty. Because you had,
on that, some people whose
conclusions were all ready
made in their heads founded
on experience of their own,
which nothing could alter
& nothing could take away
from..

Still, had the India
Bill passed before your R.
Sanitary Commission sate you ~~it~~
would have necessarily had
to include the Indian enquiry
in it & it is only an extension &
continuation of that Commission.

4. There are, I assure you, in England people from India who have *both* "livers" & "heads". And there is an immense deal of accumulated documentary evidence at the India House which if sifted by those who are capable, would give a great deal of information not open to the objection which would attach to the information received at home from an enquiry instituted in India, which would transmit home opinions, not facts.

At the same time, this Commission if Commission there be, must have power to institute enquiries of its own in India - And the most valuable part of this information would probably be derived from Forms of Returns which it would itself construct & send out, to be returned to it filled up.

But these must be read by people who are capable of reading them.

I have just seen an instance of the reverse.

I have just seen Burrell's Notes on the S. Eastern Barracks enclosing ~~the~~ Returns filled up, Galton's Notes, who had not seen the Returns, & Sutherland's. Burrell has written his, as if he had not seen the Return - And nevertheless the ~~facts~~ readings from these will make the most important part of the South Eastern Inspections Report.

To sum up -

I think

1. that the enquiry as to Indian Sanitary things must be instituted in England & by a Commission

2. that this must consist of a few men of great experience in this way, or it had better not sit at all

3. that it must follow much the course of the former R. Sanitary Commission

4. that it must have power to institute enquiries & to issue Circulars of printed Questions to be filled up in India

I assure you that I
have not been so good
as to offer your services
to Lord Stanley - which
I am afraid you will
think I have -

But I enclose copies
of suggestions I have
made to him this day.
[I had a second letter from him saying "only
show me how we are
to set to work," & offering
& asking for "information".]

My belief is that, if
he has a Commission
with any other Chairman,
he will ~~make~~ bring together a great
mass of blunders instead

~~of~~ of information - as
the Commission for the
Indian Army is, as you
say, a blunder - You call Hawes
an "inconvenient little
dolt." But that Commiss=
will prove an
inconvenient large dolt.

Believe me, I do not
even wish, much less
hope, that you will
undertake this. I only
think Lord Stanley
had better let it alone,
if you don't.

Pray excuse, dear
Mr. Herbert, what may
seem impertinent to you
in this I did not mean
to be impertinent - & believe
me yours sincerely F. Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St.
Sept. 15/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

As I dare say you are only
going through London to one of
Your "numerous *seats*", (the expression
is a borrowed one from Mr. S.C. Hale)
I am just going to make you a
Compte Rendu - & have done

I did not come up to town
to intercept you - I did not indeed.
I came up on the 4th, because
Lord Stanley himself fixed that
time (of his being crowned head of
the Indian Council) to turn his
mind to the Sanitary matters, &
he now very naturally finds he
has too much to do, & adjourns it

- I. 1. Gen=ls Peel & Storks are gone out
out of town this morning to Plymouth
on an Expecting Expedition -
2. Your Barrack Commission is gone
to Ireland only today (Galton was
detained on B. of Trade business
till today), will do the S. of Ireland
only, & will be back in 12
days - about -

3. I enclose *their* business first

1. *Woolwich Report*

This has been corrected by themselves
& awaits your consideration -
Some of the Woolwich Estimates
have been obtained (for Ventilation
of Barrack Rooms only) & sent
in - to the amount of about £ 3000
The improvements begun. The other
not yet come in - will be about
£ 10,000 altogether, - independent
of accommodation.

2. Chatham Report

corrected as sent in. A part of the Estimates (for ventilation of Barracks & drainage of Fort Pitt only) have been obtained & sent in to the amount of about £ 5000 - some of the work begun - The Estimates altogether will be about £12000, independent of accommodation But none other of the Estimates than the above are yet to come in.

3. South Eastern Report

First Proof enclosed - not yet considered even by your Commissioners. Estimates not yet received from the Command=g R. Engineers - will be something quite enormous - it is so bad -

4. Portsmouth & Winchester Report

corrected as sent in. Estimates & all NB *Woolwich & Chatham* are the only ones for your consideration, therefore

I do not enclose

1. *Maidstone Report* - in printer's hands. Estimates not yet come in from Comm=g R. E.

2. *Manchester, Bury, Ashton Stockport, Preston, &c Report* - in printer's hands - Estimates will be very trifling- perhaps not above £3000 altogether

3. "General Orders" as to improvements, in preparation concerning 1. ventilation - size of apertures &c

2. drainage etc

3. lavatories & how to make them

4. kitchens & what to have in them -

for all Barracks -

~~The~~ Gen=ls Peel & Storks have been hard at work inspecting Barracks, (taking the bread out of your mouths, in fact) & very much to their surprise as to results.

They have been at Dover, Chatham, Portsmouth, & do Plymouth to day. They say that two millions will be required to complete the Barrack reforms, including Hospitals - But that they will get the money.

I think the danger will be (not that they will not be foreword enough but) that they will take "leaps in the dark" & do ignorant things, if you are not Dictator to them.

Mennie is consulted about every thing, & with his 25 years' traditions of the R. Engineers Dep=t, does many foolish things, besides Netley. (2)

II. About Alexander's affairs -
I hope you will see him before long
& he will then tell you himself -

1. The *Warrant* is not yet out
2. *Medical School*

Regulations

might be advantageously
inquired about -

Of the *Regulations* he has not heard a word - And you will remember that you desired Gen=l Peel to refer them to him. I don't believe they have even been looked at -
Of the *Medical School* he has -
It has been referred to him.
And he has written an excellent letter about it.

So has the *Warrant*. It was sent back to him, with "*improvements*" (?)
And he wrote a first rate letter about it. He thinks it is safe

But it is not out as I understand.

You ought to see his two letters on these two subjects.

I don't think you at all over-rated the use Alexander would be of.

He is determined to carry out the *spirit* of the R. Commission & he is doing it with great judgment.

I should think the War Dep. had never received two such letters before - They amount to a censure, without being in the least important - Certainly old Andrew never told them anything of the kind.

The letters & minutes I have seen from the ~~War~~ Officials (of Alexander's position) in the War Dep. would

do, with the alteration of a word or two, to put in "Punch". Have

you seen Punch's "Scentral Board"? {sm.caps on S of Scentral}

I wish those Regulations, though, could be *heard of*. It is like the

search after poor Franklin.

4. They have been "adding insult to injury", as the parrot said when he was made to learn English, for, after having crammed Netley down our throats, they have referred it to Alexander to organize - an unorganizable place - I think this has been done as little badly as it can be done.

III. About the Indian matter, I think it is "as well as can be expected"-

[9:68]

Since you were so very good as to say that you would undertake the matter, the chief fear has been that Lord Stanley would say his "Organization" Commission could do it. He is however convinced 1. that it has neither men nor "Instructions" to touch it at all. "The best means

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of securing the efficiency "of troops
raised for Indian service - is the
only sentence in their Instructions
which can be construed to mean
Sanitary Reform at all. And Lord
Stanley says it does *not*. I am glad
of it.

2. he is convinced that the
subject *ought* to be dealt with
& "separately" & "fully" & "urgently".
These are all his own words.
He says he cannot do any thing
directly. But I do not think
he will do anything without
consulting you - And that is the
main matter - And as he will
do no mischief, which is satis=
factory, I hope in a few weeks
he will be able to do good.

He has not "committed" himself
to any thing either way.

(3)

I am going to Malvern tonight,
because I know, if I were to stay,
I could not keep my hands off
tormenting you -

But I hope you will be so very
good as to let me know when
you come to town - I suppose
you may perhaps be "looking up"
the creatures in a fortnight's
time? Please don't deceive me.
Because it is nothing to me to
come up -

[end 9:68]

I hope you are quite well

Believe me

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{on back of last folio, not FN's hand:
Miss Nightingale
Sept. 15. 1858
Containing
Woolwich Report
Chatham Report
Portsmouth & Winchester
& South Eastern Reports etc.
Also
Inspection of Barracks
by
Genls Peel & Storks

Gt Malvern

Sept 23/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have had (not
a letter but) a volume
from Sir J. Clark
about the Army
Medical School. I
don't think there is
anything in his letter
new to you or different
from your own opinion.
And therefore I only
send you an Abstract
of it.

I think he must

exaggerate Alexander's
opposition - as we
have always found
him so very reason=
able - And I have
seen him since he
saw Sir Jas Clark.
All the rest that
Sir J. Clark says
is very true & what
we have always thought.
There can be no harm
in Sir Jas= Clark
poking Gen=l Peel, I

suppose, nor perhaps
much good.

If you wish to
suggest or alter any
thing, perhaps you
would write yourself
to tell Sir Jas= Clark
at Balmoral.

I have simply
written, saying that,
as far as I knew,
you would agree
with all his views.

Yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

{on back of last folio in another hand:

Miss Nightingale

Sept. 3. 1858

Enclosed a Letter from Sir J. Clarke about the Army Medical School}

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30 Old Burlington St
Oct 5/58

Dear Mr Herbert

I send you the Leader [16:316]
with Guy's answer to
Neison. It is good -
much what we
would have said
ourselves - if taken
not on the Statistical
but on the Sanitary
ground - It will
bring Neison out -
And there will be
a "row" - Yrs sincerely

F.N.

The Barrack Commission

are in their vanity
very angry. Because
all the Military
Newspapers attribute
your excellent system
of Ventilation to
Gen=l Peel

[end 16:316]

F.N.

{not FN's hand, written on back of folio:
Miss Nightingale Oct 5 1858
on Neison's paper on
density} of population} &
it's fallacious

30 Old Burlington St

Oct 6/48 [yes it is 48]

Dear Mr. Herbert

[16:316-17]

Neison has not
only made the mistake
you mention in your
note, viz. of estimating
the population of the
great city of Wilton
as extending over
a large area of
Salisbury Plain -
But he has confounded
together *surface* over
crowding & over crowding

in *cubic space*, which
are quite distinct
things. E.g. the Metropo=
litan Model Lodging=
houses exhibit a larger
amount of surface
over crowding than
perhaps any part of
the Metropolis - But
they have a much
larger amount of
cubic space than
the working classes
usually have - And
they are well ventilated
& otherwise rendered

healthy. Hence, in
spite of their surface
overcrowding, they are
the most healthy part
of the Metropolis -

Neison's whole
enquiry is simply
a stupidity & nothing
more - But he has
some countenance
for it in the fact
that the Reg. Gen.'s
densities of population
refer (not to inhabited
areas but) to empirical
boundaries of all
kinds - To correct

Neison thoroughly therefore,
it would be necessary
to shew that the Reg.
Gen.'s method of
estimating densities
was incorrect.

If you think it
necessary to take this
line in the Reply,
we had better consult
Farr, & get him to
give an explanation.
We have been going
into the Barrack part
of it to which you
allude - And we find

on a superficial examin=
ation

1. that the largest
surface area in Barracks
is possessed by the
Cavalry & Household
Cavalry

2. that the Infantry
are somewhat more
crowded on square
area

3. that the Guards
are most crowded
of all

As regards cubic space
we find

1. that the Cavalry

have much the largest
amount

2. that the Infantry
come next in order

3. that the Guards
have least cubic space
of all

Next, as to the
external ventilation
of Barracks, we find

1. that the Barracks
of the Cavalry

Household Cavalry

Infantry

are generally free
from surrounding

buildings - & mostly
in the open country -
thereby exposing
them to the free
action of wind

2. that the Guards
Barracks are so
constructed & situated
as to be extremely
deficient in external
ventilation -

Lastly, that the
existing ventilating
arrangements of
Barrack rooms are
very nearly equally

deficient in all arms
of the Service.

We have not as yet
accurate Statistical
data - But if you
think it necessary,
they can be obtained
from the Returns -

In regard to the
Reply, you will see
by the "Leader" sent
yesterday that Dr. Guy
has confuted Neison
generally. Perhaps you
would think it
better to wait till
we see if Neison

replies to Guy - which
he probably will -
And then Your Reply
will be the more
victorious -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Dr. Balfour has just
been here & says that
he was requested by
the Editor of the Medical
Times to write a leader
for next Saturday in
reply to Neison. He
has done so & sent
it in. From what he
says he has taken very

much the same argument
as Guy - only he has
shewn up Neison more
completely from his
better knowledge of
what the Commission
really said. I will
send it you - [It is
of course *unofficial*]

Balfour says that
the Warrant is gone
to Balmoral for signa=
ture & will be gazetted
in about 10 days -
that they have made
some alterations not
of great importance -
They have cut out the

[end 16:317]

full pay retirements -
which, as being
intended to meet
special cases, they
say should be specially
provided for when the
cases occur -

There is only one scale
of pay instead of two -
And they have extended
the period of service
of the Deputy & Insp=
Gen=l from 25 to 30
years - giving an
increase of retirements
of 2/6 *per diem* after
25 years' service.

These are the chief
alterations - And
upon the whole
Alexander is satisfied.

F.N.

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Signed letter, ff8, pen, black-edged paper, 2057/F4/67

30 O. Burlington St [16:318-19]
Oct 8/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

Surface density has
nothing to do *per se*
with disease - but
the conditions to which
density gives rise.
Distinguishing surface
density from density
in cubic space, the
surface density of
towns is not known,
in itself, to exercise
any influence whatever

upon health - But
wherever there is
surface density there
are in unimproved
towns Sanitary
defects which give
to surface density
its power of producing
disease - defective
cleansing, drainage, &c -
Even Neison assumes
(what is contrary to
fact) that, in towns
of all densities, these
defects are to the same
amount - Thus just as

the effect of overcrowding depends within limits on defective ventilation, the effect of Surface density depends on the accompanying Sanitary conditions.

No correct Vital Statistician would ever adduce surface overcrowding on overcrowding in cubic space as *per se* forming an element in his calculations -

It is consistent with experience that two-storied houses may be

so crowded as to give a higher surface density than that of five or six storied houses - Into such a comparison, the width of streets is not made to enter.

We can get out accurately the Statistics of overcrowding in the Guards - The Barrack Returns in the R. Comm= Report ~~by~~ (imperfect as they are,) shew that the overcrowding is greatest in the Guards - In cubic space - And the numbers

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of Barrack flats shews
that the density is
also greatest in surface.
The Barracks at
Chatham are only
occupied about 6
weeks by the same
men. They don't, like
the other Barracks,
enter into the system
of rotation.

The Infantry Barracks,
hitherto examined by
the Barracks Commission,
comprise the most
overcrowded in the
U.K. The average
space in the Irish

Infantry Barracks is
much larger. Until
the average is corrected
for the Irish Barracks,
we cannot get the
proportionate over
crowding for the Infantry
generally - With this
proviso, ~~they find~~ the
deficiency of accomo=
dation at 600 cubic
ft per man ~~to~~ stands
as follows:

Household Calvary +7 per ct
Infantry Barracks}
excluding Chatham}

-- 25 per cent

Foot Guards -- 26 per cent

so that, ~~even excluding~~
exclusive of

Chatham, but including
all the other worst
Barracks, (which are
the S. Eastern ones), the
Infantry are still 1
per cent better off than
the Guards - *all* the
Guards' Barracks being
taken & *not* the best
Infantry Barracks -

We are however going
to ascertain the amount
of cubic space in the
3 classes of Barracks
accurately - & will
send it you

The Warrant has been
signed at Balmoral
& will be in print
tomorrow -

The Regulations have
traveled *as far as*
Robertson (Purveyor
in Chief) at the War
Office - There they have
stuck - He "can't under=
stand them at all."
To us it sounds like
finding out where the
hitch is in the Atlantic
Telegraph = But I am
not sure that the

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bottom of the Atlantic
is not a less hopeless
place than the
bottom of the W.O.

The Diet Tables
have also stuck,
in the same manner
& at the same place.

The Council has
stuck, but *not* at
the same place - They **[end 16:319]**
will let us have the Officers
but not as Councilors.
This will not do -

They have notified
that the Medical School

Derbyshire Co Record Office
is not to be at Netley.

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One of Alexander's [9:68]
best men, Muir, has
been appointed
Sanitary Officer at
Bombay. He reports
to his Chief that
the Sanitary abominations
there are quite enough
to account f
or our
Mortality.

The same at Calcutta -

I had a note
from Lord Stanley this
morning - But not a
word about the
Commission. The wretch
is at Knowsley. How
dare he be at
Knowsley? Is he
persuading his Papa? [end 9:68]

I have seen Alexander,
who seems to hold his
ground well - The
Atlantic information
comes from him.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office

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Signed letter, ff8, pen, black-edged paper, on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

Oct. 11. 1858

Sending her

book on

Nursing

30 Old Burlington St

Oct 11/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

I send you a
thing about Nursing
which I wrote, fearing
that I might never
again be able to give
personal active help
in Military or in
Civil Nursing. It
is very imperfect -
And a Manual
about Nursing is in

an impossible
itself ~~a useless~~ thing -
But it may give
some Cautions to the
Superintendent of
Military Nurses, if
such there be, &
to her of the "Fund"
Nurses, when they
exist - in matters of
organization -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office

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Signed letter, with above, ff?, no date, black-edged paper In another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

Contagion

[16:308-09]

Army Medical Contagion

Your *Canterbury* Report
is gone in - but
none too soon -
Fever had broken
out in the Barracks -
In a very proper
Report, the Medical
Officer referred it
to the right (& very
obvious) local cause
viz. the abominable
drainage.

The Deputy Inspector,
Mouat, comes over,

& to please the Commandg
Officer, refers it to
"*Contagion*"! "The men
had caught it in the
town"!! But, with
marvellous inconsistency,
he recommended an
improvement in the
drainage.

Why so? *either* let
us have Contagion &
Cordons, -- or Local
Causes & Sanitary
improvements.

The whole matter
was referred to your
Commission -

And very sharp I
should have pulled
up Mr. *Mouat*, if I
had been Sanitary
Councilor (in the
future office).

I know that Dr.
Sutherland has told
you all this & the
Croydon business. But
could you not say
something about it

(in your own pointed
way) in your Article,
to the effect that, had
logic prevailed, Canter=
bury *Barracks*
would have put Canterbury town
under Quarantine,
& Croydon *Barracks*, would themselves have
been put under Quarant=
tine by the Croydon town -
But fortunately
common sense stepped
in, & saved us from
the effects of logic, &
from such a catastrophe

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in the *unimproved*
Scutari Hospital to
have been (proportionately)
double what it was
in the Regimental
tents of the Crimea
exposed to every kind
of want & hardship.
And this is surely
enough -

So much for the
General question -
But now that
"Anonymous" has
started this particular

point, I mean to set
to work tomorrow
with Smith's big
Blue Books &
work out (by the
process of exhaustion)
taking Smyrna, Abydos
& all of the Hospitals,
how much the Total
Deaths, now stated
to the Ho= of Commons,
exceeded month by
month *all* & *each*
of the conflicting Statistics

which Anonymous
states to be
exaggerations &
which are really
understatements
of the truth -

If you do write
a Note upon any
of these subjects
in your Article,
please let me see
it before it goes
to press. I think,
if you notice the

Guards' attack & its
result, (not forgetting
the man who died
of "old age" at 60)
this pamphlet might
form a suitable
pendant - in a
Note-

[end 16:309]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Hall has written to
Alexander to recommend
him Hall as one of H.M.'s
"Honorary Surgeons"!!

Unsigned letter, pen In another handwriting at top of the page:

Miss Nightingale

Oct 24/58

APPENDIX LXXIX

Dear Mr. Herbert

I don't know whether
you will think it wise
to look back to the old
Crimean story -

But the height of
absurdity in that
Correspondence (of
App. LXXIX of your
Report) has never
been surpassed. You
might treat it a
la Rabelais in your

Article -

What was the
practical result of all
that bulk of letters?
The sending out of
Lime Juice, which was
not distributed till
too late, & of Peat Charcoal
which was not wanted.

This was all -

What can one say -
More in condemnation
of a Department?

What was it there
for?

There is nothing in
Molière to compare with

this.

Lord Raglan was the
primary cause of Smith's
appointment - Never
perhaps was a more
fatal act committed
by a more honest
man. It cost him
his Army & his
reputation -

If you, as an
administrator, were
to touch it up, as
you well know how,
so as to extract the
ha'porth of bread out

of all that abominable
deal of suck, I think
it might do good. It
is Weston all over - [?]

The good advice,
whenever the advice
is good, always comes
a month too late.

And the kernel of
those 212 (double column)
pages is ---- what?

If you want an
Abstract, that, (which
you have seen already)
is a faithful one, Preface
& Appendices to Section I
Preface to Section III, Preface
to Section X, Part 2, in my big Vol=
Signed note, fl, pen, black-edged paper, In another handwriting on back of a
folio:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

14 Oct 1858

Sent with the
Warrant

Signed & sealed

Here comes the Warrant,
without any change
to negative it, & with
a sentence at the
beginning satisfactory
as admitting from
the Head of the State
that you were right -
It takes force, you
will see, from the
1st of this month -

Please return it
to Alexander, who has

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no copy.

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The Medical School
is NOT gone in to the
Treasury.

Storks, Hawes &
Godley are to "sit
upon" the Regulations
& Army Medical
Council after this
week - & I believe
upon the School also

F Nightingale
Oct 14/58

Signed letter, ff5, pen, black-edged paper,
on back of folio: 2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale
25. Oct. 1858.

on Neison's
Fallacy

30 O B S

Oct 25/58

[16:319-20]

1. I *am* glad you did
not answer Neison -
because now we
shall have all his
say out, & be able
to answer it in a
lump-

Neison believes
man to be solely
influenced by what
he *does*. He is quite
guiltless of all Phy=
siological, Climate, or

sanitary knowledge - was
himself a working man
& thinks work the
only element in our
lives & healths -

2. *The Pamphlet*
which Neison asks
after *is* the Pamphlet
I sent you last night.

3. *The Guards are*
about to build a
General Hospital
for the three Regiments

on the site of one of
their Regimental Hospitals
in ~~the~~ Westminster -
Nothing is settled yet.
They would be very
glad to receive
hints, *provided* they
may have all the
credit of them, (which
you have no objection
to,) & provided they
are not lectured
officially - We were
only waiting for you
to come home to

ask you to ask them
to put the plans
onto your hands -
when, if you would
send them to us,
Sutherland & I
would do our best -
They are quite incapable
of doing it themselves.
But it must not be *official*.

4. I have gone thro'
all the figures in
Smith's Blue Big
Book today. And
the result is simply

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this - (a result which
I must say has
astonished even my old
mind) -

In the 6 months
Oct/54 to Mar/55 there
are 735 Deaths -
(unaccounted for -
not included in
any of the Medical
Mortality Statistics
which have yet
been presented to
Parliament -) which

which agrees (within 2) with
what Smith says himself

Smith - regardless of
exposure, as it
seems, - has plastered
on with a trowel
upon those 6 months
thus: Oct 211

Nov 9

Dec 151

Jan 239

Feb 122

Mar 3

735

upon Scutari & Sick
Transport promiscuously

This, if calculated
into the Rate of Mortality
will raise it consi=
derably above what
Farr calculated & the
"Anonymous" complains
of.

I must say I feel
inclined to do it -
heart=sick as I
am of the subject -
if you feel inclined
to put a Note to
your Article

Yours sincerely,

F Nightingale

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Further, the "Anonymous"
has taken the Head
Roll of Burials from February which
I stated expressly to
be for Scutari *alone*,
& substituted it for
the Medical Returns
which are for Scutari
& Koulali (the most
unhealthy of all the
Hospitals) together,

See P. 362

& P 391, Table IV

Rep. R. Commiss=n

add the Koulali deaths to the Burials at Scutari
and, so far ~~therefore~~ from
the Mortality having been
over=stated it has been
under=stated by 124 Deaths

[end 16:320]

Signed letter, ff3, pen, black-edged paper, all 3 pages, 2057/F4/67
on back of folio:

Miss Nightingale

5.Nov.1858

article in

West Rev

Aldershot Statistics

Anonymous writing

Burl. St.

5/11/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

[16:320-23]

There are 73,000
letters in 32 pages of
West Rev. type - and
54 000 letters in what
you have written already
or about 24 pages of Westm Rev.
(I assure you I have
not done this by
counting like a
"learned pig") The
consequence I am very
sorry for - We do not

find any "Medical heresies", or anything which require re=con=sideration, except Mr. Chapman's space-

If we could see the whole at once, I think we should be able to consider better what must be left in & what cut out. As it is, I incline to resuming about 20 (written) pages of controversy with Neison

into 3 or 4, & curtailing the rest as little as possible - I wish we could see the second half - before suggesting any curtailment in this however.

We have got the Aldershot Statistics from Alexander. They are very favorable & (when calculated) may be inserted in this Article, we think, with good effect as an illustration. Mortality from Phthisis about 2 per 1000 only -

I have taken advantage of your condemnation of anonymous newspaper=writing to indulge in an unrestrained course of the same of a vicious nature - As it is only in the Builders however I am not incurably outrageous. I shall send you the course = [They attacked us on Contagion]

I *did* not agree with you about anonymous writing - But the Times

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has put itself so
completely in the
wrong that I think
most people will
agree with you now.
However the Times
never can give up
anonymous writing -
In a mere mercantile
speculation, which
such a paper is,
how could it?

[end]

Believe me

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Signed letter, ff5, pen, black-edged paper, all pages,
on back of folio in another handwriting: 2057/F4/67

Miss Nightingale

10.Nov.1858

"B.A." Surgeons

do not require

further exam?

presses for the

Statistical returns

Bad Plans for

Malta Hospitals

30 Old Burlington

10/11/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. I think, if you
could write all you
have to say & then
see what room Chapman
has, it would be well.
Some of the subjects
you enumerate are
so much more impor=
tant even than
ventilation - I still

think, if something
must be abridged,
it had better be the
Neison controversy -
I have written an
abrégé of some 20
of your (written)
pages from your approval,
trying to shew up his
statistical blunders
& strengthen the
statistical case for
the Army Med. Council

2. I like Brodie's
B.A. idea & yet quite
agree with what you
say - Could there not
be a supplementary
Warrant (or something)
saying that a man
who is a **B.A.** may
pass Surgeon (from
Asistant - Surgeon)
without the additional
Examination you have
(justly) exacted in your

Warrant? I think the
B.A. (General) education
quite an equivalent
to the (special) Medical
examination - Of the
20 Surgeons gazetted
today as Surgeons Majors
I am quite certain
there is not one who
is or could be a **B.A.**
But the Civil profession
is so enchanted with
the Warrant - it looks
upon it as such a

2.

prize for the Medical
profession - that there
will be little difficulty
in future of getting

B.A.s

3. I do so wish
the Statistical Forms
could be out for the
New Year - Would not
Gen=l Peel let the
Statistical Scheme
begin with Jan 1/59 -
If so, he must be
quick.

4. Malta is to have
a new General Hospital
for 500. Plans have
been granted for 300.
They are come to England
for approval - Mennie
has them in his hands.
Burrell has seen them.
He says they are atrocious.
They must be bad
indeed, if my old
Burrell says so -
It is eminently
legitimate for you to

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ask for them, because
you have recommended
a General Hospital at
Malta. Both Burrell,
Sutherland & I are
well acquainted with
the intended locality
at Malta - Would
not you ask for these
pestilential plans
to be submitted to
you?

[end 16:324]

5. Sir James Clark
was here today, hunting
about for a President=
(M.P..) for the new Medical

Council. They want to have you. I suggested Headlam, Wm Cowper, Ld. Elcho, Shaftesbury, G. Hardy. I don't want them to have you. It's nothing but a Registration Council, for the prosecution of interlopers. I think doctors are like insects, of no earthly use but to be killed - In medicine I think

3.

the State is like the Confession, doing every thing it ought not to do & nothing it ought to do. It does not prevent us from being poisoned - But it gives to certain Schools the right to poison us - I think you would have to give a great deal of time to do a very little good - as President of that Council. They want you, because they want the

"prestige" of a great man -

6. I do wish Gen=l Peel would give us some of our things now. We have not been troublesome. The Regulations have been "in" since July. Could he not give us one of our "little ones"?

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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Signed letter, ff2, pen, written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

24.Dec.1858.

on the subordinates

of the W. O.

reporting upon

the Chiefs

30 Burl St

Dec 24/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

What original

ways the War Office

has - a remark, not

new but true - If

Anything ~~could~~ were wanting to convince

one that it wants

clearing out entirely,

I think it is this -

To put a set of

subordinates to report

upon the doings of

their immediate

chiefs seems the

method of doing

business in that

Department

Thus:

Mr. Herbert

Sir R. Airey..... Belfield

Mr. Alexander Beatson

Dr. Sutherland

Mr. Croomes Milton & Robertson

are appointed subordinates

to draw up in the same

the Regulations office, are

appointed

to report

upon said

Regulations

They have adjourned

themselves

till 10th Jan

A Military Officer is
is then to be joined to
them - & they are
to report all over
again -

What does the
War Office expect
to come at by this?

Laffan is still
ill & does not
return till March.

Galton says
the Medical School
buildings will not
cost above £ 1000
& might be ready
in 2 months.

I think I have
achieved a great
victory in convincing
Balfour of the superiority
of taking the
Constantly Sick
instead of the
Admissions - He
promises (but
"promises are like
pie crust") that
he will give me
these for at least
the Bengal Stations
in *classes* of disease

Your sincerely

F. Nightingale

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Signed letter, ff5, pen, Written on back of folio in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

27. Dec. 1858

Indian Sanitary

Commission

30 Old Burlington St.

London W

Dec 27/58

Dear Mr. Herbert

On Friday I took
my courage by the
fore lock & wrote to
Lord Stanley to ask
him to come & see
me - The reason of
my doing this wild
act was that I
thought, if it failed,
it would only pass
for a foolish woman's
love of being busy,

& if it succeeded it
would succeed - I
took care to let
Lord Stanley know
when he came that
you were not particeps

He came today -
There are so many
things that both he
& I could say which
it would not be
fair upon him to
ask him to write
& which it would
not be fair upon you
to ask me to write.

Bref, he says he will
write to you *directly*
to ask you to be
Chairman & to select
your own tools.

I confine my
eloquence or my
stupidity to these
three points -

I confine my
reasons to merely
showing him an
Indian map which
I have now completed
with the mortality of
Queen's & E. I. C. troops

written under each
station - & to telling
him the practical
results which you
have given to your
first R. Sanitary
Commission -- also
recapitulating to him
what you had said
in your letter from
Gastein - the substance
of which he had
seen before -

Altho' you never
think of your own
dignity, I have a
Little which indeed is not necessary feeling that

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it should never be
compromised through
my foolishness -

Lord Stanley
says that he was
only waiting for the
end of ~~Organ~~-Organiza=
tion Commissionrs - but
says that he will
not now wait for
that. "At all events"
he added "the work
of that Commission
will be finished by
the meeting of Parl=t" -

I hear from Sir
A. Tulloch & Mr. Martin

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that the bounty "row" among the E.I.C. troops
has made a great
impression upon the
Commiss=n [the
bounty question has
~~made~~ been sent
in for decision to the
Crown lawyer] On
Jan 11 the Comm=rs
decide upon series
of resolutions
regarding whether
the Army is to be
Royal or local -
Lord Stanley it is
supposed. will carry
the day - But the

whole Report, Ld. Stanley
says will be ready
by the meeting of Parl=t.

Of course I was
very careful not to
be "spearing" impertinent
questions at Ld S.
Therefore I kept
rigidly to the matter
in hand -

By the way, I
must just tell you
that Lord S. shewed
my letters to Sir Geo.
Clerk & Sir G. Clerk
spoke of them to Martin
who told me - In
these cases, the poor

woman always goes
to the wall. It is
always supposed
it is she who has
prated - But,
curious way of
doing business as
it seems to me
for Sir G. Clerk to
tell these kinds of
things, I wish you
to know that it
is not I -
It is an immense relief
to me that Lord Stanley
has promised those
three things - In fact
it was all I wanted
Sincerely yrs F. Nightingale

Lord Stanley said
that he must speak
to Lord Derby first.
So he has not done it yet
I am afraid I am
a bad ambassador
I am too anxious.
But if Lord Stanley
will just write to you,
& put the matter
into your hands, I
shall be satisfied
& leave you to fight
your own battles -
And I promise,

as the old Prussian
General said in his
prayers, Only give
me this this once,
& I never will
pray to you again.

Please write
to me at Malvern
F.N.

Derbyshire Co Record Office

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Signed letter, ff3, pen, Upside down on bottom of last page in another handwriting:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/67

June 30. 1858

Relating to the

Correspondence

Between Farr &

Tulloch

June 30/58

I saw all the
correspondence, which
you have now in
your hands, between
Farr & Tulloch -

Both Farr & I
are anxious, for
Tulloch's sake, that
he should NOT print
his objections. They
are weak, & not

what he would have
written 5 years ago.
And, if he would
but hold his tongue,
he might have the
credit of the Report.

Farr is anxious
that you should tell
Tulloch privately
to withdraw them,
or to send them in

Derbyshire Co Record Office
privately to the
Director General, who
is with us.

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I doubt whether
even you could
move that obstinate
old square head -
(an obstinacy which
stood us in good
stead at the
Chelsea Board)

The main point

however, is that the
printing of these
objections should
not delay the
sending in of the
Report, which it
must not be
allowed to do -
F. Nightingale

Great Malvern

Aug 19/ 58

Dear Mr. Herbert

At the risk of annoying you, I
think I had better tell you how Lord
Stanley is going on - He wrote to me
thus: *Private* "Ind. Bd.

Aug 14/ 58

"How would this do? Drs. Martin,
"Sutherland, Simon, to conduct the enquiry:
"here: without Royal Commissions or
"any such pompous delays, without
"compulsory powers, but with all the
"aid we could give them in collecting
"evidence from Indian witnesses: special
"instructions to them not to produce a
"last Blue Book, but to embody in
"their Report whatever facts they thought
"worth preserving: the subjects of enquiry
"to be, health of troops in first instance
"and next, the sanitary conditions under
"which European life is possible in India:
"their report to be in size, style & subject,

"such that it might serve as a manual
"to engineers planning cantonments, to
"Officers in charge of troops & to intending
" settlers in India. Tell me if you approve
" & I will speak to the Chairs & get the
"thing in train at once".

He enclosed a long letter to himself
from Sir G. Clerk, approving of a
"Commission of enquiry", but giving all
the arguments of the "*old Indians*" to
prove that India *must* be unhealthy,
as it was from the beginning, is now
& ever shall be, world without end.

Lord Stanley concludes "I have heard
"the same things propounded by others -
"Possibly you may know whether it is
"a vulgar prejudice or a scientific truth".

Fortunately for you, I have no copy
of my answer - But unfortunately
for you I think it expedient to
recapitulate my arguments viz.
I. that from experience it may be found
that 1. it will not do merely to collect
evidence in England. Sir G. Clerk's letter

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confirms this, for, althou' it states facts
it grounds opinions on them, now known
to be untenable. Present knowledge tells
us the very unhealthiness of which he
complains might be prevented.

Before such a Commission as that
named by Lord Stanley similar statements
would be repeated without end, & the
practical result would be what every
"old Indian" will uphold that India is
essentially unhealthy. Hence

2. The Committee would have
to make personally or to direct to be
made on the spot by practical persons
enquiries to test the truth of such
allegations.

Considering the supreme importance of
the subject, it would be necessary to give
the Committee or Commission as wide Scope as possible

II. As to the constitution

1. it would not do to exclude
every element except the Medical. The
subjects of enquiry, Engineering, Military,
Sanitary & Medical must be exhausted
before the Report is drawn up. People
acquainted with only one of these subjects
would never be able to draw up either

Report, Regulations or Instructions involving
the duties of Engineers, Military & Sanitary
Officers.

Whether Committee or Commission, it
should have

1. Indian Military Officer of high rank
2. Indian Military Engineer & topographer
? Col Goodwyn or Bengal Army
or ? " Greene or " "
or ?? Capt. Wichterlony or Madras "
or ?? Lt. Col Grant - - -Bombay "
[Col. Waugh, I suppose, could not be
had for the asking.]
3. Indian Medical (Sanitary) Officer
Mr. Martin
4. Civil Sanitarian conversant with Camps.
Dr Sutherland
5. Civil (Sanitary) Engineer
Mr Rawlison
(by far our best water Engineer)
6. Statistician
Dr Farr
(There must be some one to "read"
the Statistics)

2. & MOST IMPORTANT.

There must be a Chairman over all to *direct* the enquiry, to give consistency to it & to prevent differences of opinion. He must not only have experience in this special subject, but be of such a position as will carry weight with ~~the~~ public opinion.

3. The enquiry must not be hurried & the men who undertake it will have to work at it long & hard.

To conduct the enquiry by the three men named (alone) & in the manner named by Lord Stanley would be to arrive at nothing more than an abstract of existing opinions, an aide-mémoire, or manual- very useful. But Regulations which must be followed would be much more useful. Also, Lord Stanley might be out of office before the Report or Manual was ready- And then, what influence would it have with a Council of "old Indians"? There *MUST* be a Chairman to carry weight with the country.

Also, if Lord Stanley wants an abstract of existing opinion, one of the persons he names, Mr Simon, has no opinions at all, & has had no practical experience of Army topography whatever.

The object of the enquiry should be, certainly, to obtain the practical results Lord Stanley mentions.

In order to do so, however, there must be competent Engineering assistance & evidence, because the result should not be *only* to point out positions for cantonments, but precautions to be taken I making sites more healthy. Such precautions being for the most part engineering works, they must be recommended by capable Engineers, & a manual for Engineers must be stamped with engineering authority.

But the Committee or Commission must also draft Regulations for consideration - and such Regulations involving military, engineering & medical points, it must contain all these elements.

Sir G. Clerk's letter contained the substance of the objections generally raised against India - founded on the

assumption that there is something deadly inherent in all tropical climates & that, somehow or other, disease & death must be the penalty of subduing the earth.

The discovery of the reasons for local unhealthiness is often difficult. And when people unaccustomed to such enquiries come in contact with these problems, they are very apt to take refuge in fatalism. We used to have ague here, till draining was discovered. And Sir G. clerk mentions fevers as growing in gardens in India. And so they will, till man has learnt how to use water in tropical climates.

The very last Report which proceeded from the defunct Bd of Health (by Mr. Simon) only a few days ago lays the blame of the excess of infantile mortality which, since the first Board was broken up, it has taken no means to prevent, on infection & contagion, two exploded superstitions. And it puts forward a scheme of statistics (simply trash) to prove that Sanitary precautions have been greatly over valued, that epidemics are inevitable, & that Quarantine is to be substituted for Sanitary improvements.

Mr. Simon's publications must be considered in the light of a "prospecting" expedition, as they call it in the gold countries. His work may fairly be called "scampish," in the language of the trades.

So far from blaming the "old Indians," they are a green tree compared with the dry one of our old Board of Health. But the Indian question will not be solved by them & we must do it for them.

If Ld Stanley does not like a Royal Commission, it will be more "distingué" (as Ld Castlereagh was without any orders) to have none. And it does not matter much, provided the enquiry be conducted by men specially suited for all departments of the work, by a Chairman who can give unity & precision to it, & with power to extend it to India, if found necessary.

I hope you are better-

ever yours faithfully F. Nightingale
I have heard nothing whatever of the minute-making process having been begun on your "Regulations." *That* Peel might have done just that. I wish his memory could be refreshed. He sent for Capt Galton & said he was very anxious to have the Sanitary

works of Woolwich & Chatham begun
& spend the money. Capt. Galton has
asked for parts of the estimates, in
order that the Report may be sent in
with them - the remainder to be supplied
afterwards. Capt. Galton suggested a
premium for the best cooking apparatus
for Barracks - to which Genl Peel
listened agreeably. The Barrack Co=
will have to lay down the principles.

The Barrack Co: has inspected
Manchester, Preston, Burnly & all
those Barracks. It finds some of
them on much better plans
than the new Aldershot ones.
So we have made progress backwards.

F.N.

Mrs. Herbert will say that I
give you the best possible argument
for not coming back to England,
which I acknowledge.

[envelope, stamped, Malvern Au 20 58]

Austria

Rt Honble Sidney Herbert MP

Bad Gastein

Salzburg

[in another hand] Aug 19 1858

Mss Nightingale

3r letter on India

Army Health Commn

Ld Stanley

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Fragment, needs to fit after "differing from"

Part of a signed letter, no salutation, ff6, pen
Written on the back of a folio in another handwriting:
Miss Nightingale
June 28. 1858
Relating to
The Warrant
& mistakes
made by
Milton

had been re=cast
by Milton, (about
the last person in
the world who could
know anything about
it - It was like
asking him to cut
off a leg, because he
belongs to a War
Office).

I never was in
the kitchen at the
War Office before -
and whenever I
am chief cook in

that Dep=t, I will
not do the business
in that way.

Upon this infor=
tunate Warrant
there were lengthy
minutes by cooks, 1, 2, 3,
-Acc=t Gen=l Kirby
-Ass=t Under Sec=y Godley
-Chief Clerk Roberts
smaller minutes by
-Under Sec=y Hawes
-Mil=y Sec=y Storks
et id gemus omne,-
the whole of each
differing from every

body's else, & no one
of them having the
most distant
glimmering of the
practical working
of the Warrant, as
intended by you-

The three principal
mistakes were all
~~made~~ however by
Milton - and I made
Alexander put the
original all in
again - But whether
he will carry it;
neither he nor I
shall know - And

The object of this
note is

--would you think
it well to tell Gen=l
Peel to shew you the
Warrant again before
it finally goers in
to the Treasury?

Yours sincerely

F.Nightingale

The THREE MISTAKES were
at "examinations in
Military Medicine,
Surgery & *Hygiene*"
they had substituted

for "*hygiene*" *Medical
Science*, which makes
it nonsense - & is
just the opposite of
what is meant -

2. they had
abolished the value
of Assistant Surgeon's
service and had
made to 20 years
service which was
to raise to the rank
of Surgeon Major
to be 20 years *full*
Surgeon's Service

they had made
the Surgeon of whatever
rank junior in
that relative rank
to all the relative Military
Officers - whatever
the date of Commission.

II. Alexander tells me
That the famous
Crimean Blue Book
(of Smith & Hall)
is lying all ready
in his Office. He
is anxious that you

& I should see it -
but says very properly that, without
Gen=l Peel's authority, he
has no right. If you
would write a word,
he would send it.

III. Gen=l Peel has directed
the Netley Comm=n to send
in its Report by Friday.
Phillips's *Section* is
entirely in support of
you - and this *Section*
they *will not* send in.
Also, they mean to
bring the Hospital out

of the domain of
your "Regulations" by declaring it not to
be a General Hospital
at all - Then what
is it?

I trust that Gen=l
Peel understands
that he is not to
lay the Report on the table
of the House *without*
your having first
seen it. It is so easy
to answer -

F.N.

Poor Howell is dead, who wrote
your Review for the Edinburgh.

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incomplete letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/68

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West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
April 30/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I told Sutherland your wish [9:81]
that he & Martin should immediately
draw up the paper of questions to
send out to the Indian Stations.
He will have to look at ~~the~~ any
documents, which the E.I. Ho: has
to shew, first. And, as there was
not time for you then to get them
the authority before he started
for Ireland, he put it off till he
came back.

Do not you think that it
will be adviseable for a good deal
of this preliminary work to be done
before the Commissn meets for
business? Because whereas, in

the Crimean case, we had all the experience on our side, in the Indian case, *they* will have all the experience on theirs.

It will not take long to do a good deal - If you would get ~~them~~ us access to all the information at once by asking Lord Stanley to put Dr. Sutherland & Mr. Martin (& if you thought well, Dr. Farr,) into communication with the India Ho:?

The two first ~~They~~ would then prepare the Forms of questions as soon as they ~~have~~/had abstracted the documents necessary -

Farr, I suspect, would find no Statistics but what we have already.

I. 1. Dr. Sutherland & Mr.

Martin might be asked by you at once to examine all records &c & to abstract the information already available, for you as Chairman -
- to draw up forms for local enquiries: questions for getting local information from all the Stations in India.

perhaps to ~~accompany~~/cause these forms to be accompanied by skeleton maps & plans, ~~which Dr. Sutherland could do very well.~~

2. Dr. Farr might be asked in the same way to do the same thing as to the present state of Indian Statistics - for you - {There are Reports of the Statistical Socy which he can consult {at home, for this. **[end 9:81]**

3. Mr. Martin *ditto* as to the present Sanitary state of Indian Stations & position of Indian Medical service in regard to it - (a short abstract for you) - **[9:81-82]**

It would not do to be (from want of experience) in the power of the India Council men.

II. The Commission=work will include (according to its Instructions)

Topography	Barracks
Climate	Camps
Productions	Stations
Diseases	Hospital
Localities	Sanatoria
Waters	Strategic Points
Statistics	
Enquiry into possibility of organizing a system of registration	

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- 1 Selection of healthy sites
- 3 Sanitary improvements required in existing Stations [9:82]
- 2 Enquiry into causes of sickness & mortality in unhealthy Stations [end 9:82]
 - Diet -Drinks
 - Clothing - Duties
 - Occupations of troops
 - Changes of Stations for health
- 4 Organization of an Indian Sanitary Department
 - [It is very evident that Messrs Mapleton & Logan are wholly incompetent for this - that it would never to do put the health & hospitals of the Indian Army into such hands - At home public opinion will check their stupidities - In India not - Perhaps each of the three Presidencies must have its own organization - At all events, the D.G. at home must have

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale Balfour is not to leave Chelsea Asylum - Sir R. Napier Bengal Engr as witness before Indian Commission}

West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
N.

May 6/59

[15:283-84]

Dear Mr. Herbert

The Governors (or whatever they are called) of the R. Milly Asylum held a Board today, at which H.R.H. and Staff presided, & decided that Balfour was not to be spared from dosing the little boys, "and

"they cannot therefore
"sanction the
"appointment of
"Head of the Statistical
"Branch of the Army
"Medl Dept being
"held by the Surgeon
"of this Establishment."

Probably you may
have heard from
Balfour - So I say
no more -
Had Alexander
taken his stand firmly

upon the foundation
laid (by the Report
which he signed)
for this Council,
probably all this
botheration *scompiglio*,
would not have
happened - As it is, Balfour
will neither leave the Asylum,
nor accept the other thing, cut down
as it is. Yours sincerely [end 15:284]

F. Nightingale

I am very glad, on [9:82]
the whole, that you
have Sir E. Lugard -
I wish Ld. Stanley
would give the word

to Open Sesame to
his treasures for
the beginning of ~~the~~/our
three.

The Irish inspections
terminate today.

Do you know Sir Robert Napier, Bengal
Engineers, (?) who made
the roads in the
Punjab for Sir J.
Lawrence - He is now
on his way home - is
a good Sanitarian
& will give capital
information as a
witness. [end 9:82]

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initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: May /59 Miss Nightingale Indian
Commission as to Col. Alison} 2057/F4/68

Highgate

Dear Mr. Herbert

It occurs to me, [9:82-83]

do you know Col.

Alison, late Mil. Secy

to Lord Clyde? If

we cannot have the

bird, at least the

stake the bird sat

upon may taste of it.

Col. Alison has the

credit of being a

highly educated man.

& very good Officer -

I don't know what

more we shall

get than good sense

& local knowledge

in any *Queen's*

Officer - Because

H.M. has no

Sanitary Engineers

in India at all.

poor thing! Col.

Alison was to be

at home from Italy

about this time -

I will send you

every word I can

gather about

Greathed or any body

else tomorrow - [end 9:83]

yours sincerely

F.N.

May 9/59

initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale March 2.61 as to the illicit sale of Beer by Serjeants.} 2057/F4/68

I am coming to a use
of my proper senses
as to the "Royal boy."

I think this is a
work of genius -
putting down the
Artillery porter.

Certainly poor
Sir Wm. Codrington's
letter is not.

All he says is
that it is a practice
which he has
allowed to continue

under his government.
And therefore it
must be right.

Why not turn
every Serjeant in the
Line into a beer=
Shop keeper then?
If it is right for the
Artillery, it must
be right for the Line.

But how can
a N.C. Officer
arrest a man for
riot, with the money

in his own pocket
for the drink which
made the man
riotous?

I consider H.R.H.
one of the greatest
of men - He has
"put a stop to
"so improper a
"proceeding" - which
it is.

F.N.

March 2/61

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signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

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{printed address:} 30 Old Burlington Street.
W.

April 24/61 [15:153-54]

I back Dr. Sutherland.
I have had the largest
experience of the worst
(illeg)/kind of cases - and
am not a hard=hearted
sort of Nurse - And
I consider the "extras"
in the enclosed papers
perfectly preposterous.

I am thoroughly
experienced in the
Civil Hospitals - And
the Military Diet=table

is infinitely superior,
both in variety &
capacity of nourishment,
to every Diet=table
in London - far more so,
to every one in Edinbro' -
most of all so to every
one in Paris.

I consider both the
expen=ce & the composition
of the Diets in "Left
Wing", Woolwich, as
monstrous - & calculated
to bring discredit upon

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the whole system of
liberality which has
been adopted in
British Army Hospitals.

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It is not necessary
to tell us that the
"Patients did badly"
in this "Left Wing"

F. Nightingale
The Average Cost per
Diet is in this "Wing"
nearly 19d - Speaking
from experience, I assert
that 13d covers the very
highest expence that
need be gone to
for the most fastidious
& desperate cases
as an average cost
per diet. **[end 15:154]**

F.N.

{in another hand, upside down: Miss Nightingale April 24, 1861 agrees with D.
Sutherland as to the Extravagance in the Woolwich Hospital Dietary.}

unsigned memorandum, undated 6ff, pen 2057/F4/68

OLD Woolwich Hospital

GENERAL Hosp. scheme.

All hands concur that Col. Clark
Kennedy would be the best *Governor*,
if he will accept it.

that Major Buckley is too old
& wanting in mental activity.

that, if Col. K. would accept it,
the best way would be to leave *him*
to select all the minor appointments, x
(which are all S. of S. appointments,
vide Regns.)

that, if he will not accept, the
best way would be to remit the
whole question back to the
Hospital Corps Commn, of which
Kennedy was Chairman, & to
make *them* recommend to the

x Captain of Orderlies &c &c &c Steward &c

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Secretary of State the names of the whole staff.

~~S. of S.~~ [Otherwise we know how
the thing will be and it
will be months before any
Commission is procured. Because
all the Commissions will have
to go thro' the Horse Guards]

The building is now ready.

Col. Yolland, R.E. Board of Trade,
Capt. Tyler, R.E.

are both said to be very
good men for Governors -
[But perhaps a R.E. would
not do among the R.A.s.]

The appointment is not looked
upon at all, as you expected -
i.e. as "shelving" a man -

On the contrary, the object being

to train a complete General
Hospital staff for the event of
war, a war would make the
Governor's fortune. He would be made
Bt Colonel, K.C.B. &c &c &c -

Smyrna & afterwards Scutari
made Storke's fortune -

Now Major Buckley is too
old to train for war -

Again, a R.E. w/could take
a Station afterwards & be in
no wise "shelved."

P.S. It is said that "Col. Kennedy
is so exceedingly fond of the
organizing this sort of thing
that it is not unlikely, as
he is a married man, he
might accept it.

General Hosp.
organization
Old Woolwich Hospl
Staff

{in another hand, at the side: Miss Nightingale Appointment of Governor and Staff
at Woolwich General Hospital May 1861}

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{in another hand: Miss Nightingale}
{in FN's hand:} Governors [15:308-09]
of
Hospitals.

Governors of Hospitals

Col. Wilbraham } recommended
Ass. Adj. Gen. Northern division } by
Surgeon Riach } Sir J. McNeill
Major McCrea R.A. } by Col.
Capt. Theod. Webb R.E. } Lefroy
h.p.
Lt. Col Clifford }
Ass. Q.M.G. Aldershot } by the
Col. J.C. Kennedy } D.G.
Mil. Train. }

note:

These two Dr. Gibson
wishes to propose to you.
We might as well ask
the great Storks, I am

afraid - to be our Governor
More names are
coming to you -

It will make the
difference of having
the Cape Sanatorium
well or ill governed.
If it is to be ill
governed, have a
Commandant. If well,
a Governor -

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unsigned memorandum, 7ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale July 3.1961 on Mrs. Shaw Stewart's first answer to the Proposal that she shd become Superintendent} 2057/F4/68

{printed address:} 30 Old Burlington Street.

W.

July 3/61

The ~~answer~~/course you propose

[15:157-58]

viz "that you might
"persuade her to take
"the place *till* her
"paragon is found -
"if not, that she is
"bound to produce
"a live woman to
"take her place, or
"at the least to
"suggest one" - this,
in civil & official language,
is the *only*
answer.

I am not surprised

at Mrs. Shaw Stewart's
letter - rather, at the
moderation of length
& language it puts on,
which is not customary
in the writer -

If she fails (after
such an answer as
you propose), I have
no other string to
the bow -

1. Her vision of the
Officer's widow is
purely ideal. I have,
of course, the largest
acquaintance in
wives & widows of

Officers, Medical,
Military & Ecclesiastical,
(with whom Scutari,
Constante & the Crimea
were crammed)- that
any one ever has had
or is likely to have
again. One would
have thought such
a time would have
"called out" some of
them. It is notorious
that not one of them
ever "did a thing,"
or was capable of
"doing a thing". Lady
Canning was the

laughing=stock of the
whole Army for
sending out poor
Mrs. Moore, the
widow of Col. Moore,
to "nurse the Officers."
She was well known.
~~And~~ She killed herself
by going out boating
at night with the
Officers she was sent
to nurse -

 You know that I
look forward to the
Nursing Service being
ultimately performed
by Officers' & men's
widows as Supts & as Nurses -
But it would be well

-2-

to find ~~the~~ ONE first.

2. "Three month's at St.

Thomas's" would not

prepare any woman

to be Supt. altho'

excellent as an accessory.

No Civil Hospl

service would entirely

prepare any woman

by itself. The one difference,

in the Military Hospl,

viz that the Nurse is

in charge of a large

ward full of men,

herself the only woman,

(the other attendants being

men,) necessitates changes

which the best Civil

Hospl Matron might

make the most serious

mistakes about. But a

Civil Hospl training is also necessary, of course.

3. Mrs. Shaw Stewart, as

an *inferior*, is not capable as she

supposes, of giving hints

to her Superior. I am

the only person who was

ever able to receive such from her

She has actually been

(since) obliged to leave

a Hospl, because her

Superior could not

bear her ill-timed interference -

She *must be Superior*

in the Mily Hospl

while she is training

the ideal. But the ideal

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may have Civil Hospl training too.

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I would by no means
write to HER these
remarks in my language which are
~~only~~ intended for your
information - I would
simply write to her
what you propose,
reiterating the hint
that the Female Nursing
IF it waits till the
ideal Supt is found,
will wait *for ever* -
but that the ideal
Supt may be found,
she Mrs. Shaw Stewart being once in -
[You will put this
more shortly than I.]
I mean that the

ideal Supt, even if
found, will not be
appointed by a *future*
S. of S.

*This should be
very strongly stated -
as also that you have
very sufficient knowledge
of what is to be expected
of the widows of Officers;
and that you know
of none & have never
heard of one whom
you would entrusting
with such an Office.*
{printed address:}30 Old Burlington Street.
{upside down} W.

I think I
would say this
pointedly. Because

-3-

she has no business
to be advising you
on a point you
must know better
than she -

Would you think
well to add that
~~this~~/Woolwich is a very small
beginning - (4 Nurses
and a Linen Nurse) -
As she has always
advocated small
beginnings, this would
be a point in its
favor to her -

There is some
coquetry in her letter-
And she wants to be

urged.

[She thinks it very
fine to decline being
a Supt for a Nurse.]

If she refuses again
the 2nd time, I would
trench the matter thus:

"will you come then
"as Nurse? i.e. as
"Head Nurse -with
"4 Nurses under you -
"And we will provide
"otherwise for the
"Linen. Meanwhile
"we will look out for
"the Supt while you

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are thus laying the
ground"

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P.S. I do not overlook
that she says also
"widows of *professional* x
men". "We ~~±~~/have not
~~know of~~/found one such
yet: we will
look out" -
I would
say to her -

x as well as "widows of
Officers"

[end 15:158]

unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Jul 4.61 on the
Instructions to be given to Galton for Devonport} 2057/F4/68

{printed address:} 30 Old Burlington Street.

W.

July 4/61

Lord Herbert will
remember that he
ordered Col. Kennedy's
Committee to report
on turning into
General Hospitals
Woolwich
Devonport
Portsmouth
& that these Reports
were made -

Woolwich is done
Capt. Galton could

go on with Devonport,
if some such
instruction as the
enclosed were
given him.

It appears from what Dr. Farr said this morning that the chief object he has in view in having a Weekly State, *printed* is publicity & the Weekly State being accompanied by Notes pointing out the most important results of the Weekly Statistics, as regards the health & efficiency of the troops, he expects, would direct the attention of the Commanding Officers more pointedly to the Sanitary State of his Regiment, while the Public will be kept fully informed on the Sanitary State of the Army.

[9:866]

Without giving any opinion either on one side or the other, it may be well to consider how far the Horse Guards would permit this publication. A Weekly Return is *indispensable* for the working of the Sanitary Department & *must be had*. Consequently all the Forms & Books required for this Weekly Return are indispensable

[end 9:866]

The only remaining question of importance is the one alluded to, viz. the Weekly *publication*.

The experience of the great loss to the Troops from Tropical Diseases shews the extreme importance of studying carefully the whole subject of Army Hygiene & tropical epidemics, with special reference to applying such ~~local~~ Sanitary measures as may remove the local sources of Malaria. Whether as regards Garrisons, Stations Barracks and Hospitals - upon which such epidemic outbreaks depend - and diminishing as far as practicable the circumstances of ~~personal~~ exposure which tend to augment the individual predisposition of the Men -

[end 9:867]

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Initialed letter, ff1-11, pen written on envelope:

Miss Nightingale 2057/F4/68

[8:666-68]

Dec=br 27.1860

on Sydney's

leaving the

House of Commons

note in margin on ff8

To Mrs. Herbert

Dec 27, 1860

Hampstead NW

Dec 27/60

Dearest/ I think

Your account -a very

favorable one -

Thank God for it -

and thank you for

sending it. It *is*

favourable, and

favours the idea

that the disease is

more functional

than organic, when

the albumen diminishes

with sleep, exercise

& fresh air - altho'
of course it is liable
to return with any
exhausting cause -

I am sure that
Mr. Herbert could not
have felt himself
his leaving the Ho=
of C. more than I
did [You know how
you & I have
always quarreled
on that point] and
yet I am thankful
that all that is over
& settled -

Of all exhausting causes
the Ho= of C. is the most
exhausting.

Yet I know that
Mr. Herbert will feel
without his Ho= of C.,
as I feel without
my men - now that
I have only Regulations
& not human beings
to deal with. But
it is not true in
his case.

I am quite ready
to sing an Io paeon
now to Lord de Grey,

as much as you like
- to his goodness &
his disinterestedness -
Also, I will say if
you like, that his
Minutes have always
been the only good
ones (*not* excepting

Godley's) in that
blessed War Office.
I am very sorry
to lose him.

I don't at all
undervalue his
sacrifice in being
willing to give up

Office under Mr.
Herbert, which
I am sure was
very great. But he
is quite certain to
be able to get Office
again if he likes it,
by & bye.

Altogether, I am
very thankful-

You may have
a whole wilderness
of Hawes's now, if
you like - keep them
in the park at Wilton,
if there is room for
them - though I

still think my
Netley plan the
best -
ever dearest yours

F.N.

I am not "wedded"
to Lowe. If he has
been sounded, there
is, as you say, "No
more to be said"-
But, if he has not,
he told Clough,
(his Private Secy,)
some time ago,

that he did not like
his present post
it ennuyéd him -
there was nothing to
do.

And generally I
have always heard
men say that the
Under Sec=y ship of
the War Office was
so interesting that
men would give
up more independant
places for it - if
asked.

But I will not
bother you with
another word about

that-

Will you tell
Mr. Herbert that
the Lisbon Hospital
plans, about which
he spoke to me
some time ago
from the Prince,
have come - They
want a deal of
re=arranging. But
the wards will be
the *finest in Europe*.
the proportions are
beautiful.

F.N.

Every "Man=Jack"
of my belongings is or
have been at
Embley for my
cousin Bertha's
marriage to William
Coltman, (son of the
late Judge.) You have
always been so
kindly interested
about Bertha that
I meant to have
told you of it -
especially once
when you said

to me something
"en l'air" about
her marriage -
But it was not
settled then.
And last times
I saw you, you
know why we
could not speak
of anything else but
one thing.
It is a very happy
concern, except
that they are to
live with his

mother, Lady Coltman
- always a great
mistake, I think.
People may have
the tempers of angels
as in this case -
But it never
Answers.

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West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
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May 7/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Dr. Sutherland is [9:82]
here - And he meets
Dr. Farr here tomorrow
for the purpose of
talking over together
some of the preliminary
work of the Indian
Commission - On Monday
he calls upon Mr.
Martin for the same
purpose - But the

work which could be
done between this
& Thursday, (if, as
at present arranged,
the Barrack Commissn
go to Scotland on
Thursday,) would
be very much facilitated
by having the permission
for the India Ho:

You know, of course,
that the Barrack Commissn are
planning a ten

days' Inspection in
Scotland from next
Thursday - And you,
I believe, mean to
meet them ~~our~~/yourself at
Edinburgh on the 17th.

Much of the
Indian preliminary work
cannot therefore
begin effectually,
(if this plan is
carried out,) till
Monday fortnight.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

We have been going over

the Heads of questions
to be sent out to
the Stations in India.

[end 9:82]

{in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale preliminary work of Indian Commission}

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May 10/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

All the enquiries I
have made tend only
to prove that there is
no (Indian) "Queen's
Officer" at all who will
not be worse than
useless - And if H.M.
made the condition,
She did it to embarrass.
I will send you
tomorrow all the
pros & cons. I hope

you can wait a day
longer. For I have
nothing satisfactory
yet - The answers,
such as they are,
tend to

1. Col. Alison but
merely because
old Colin is
supposed to
have a good
eye for a man
2. Brig. Greathed
but merely
because there
is nobody better
at home -

Such a beggarly array
of empty benches or
rather heads!

I hope to have some better recom=
mendations tomorrow

Farr, it appears,
has some difficulties
with Major Graham,
his chief, about
accepting to be on
the Commissn. And
he asks you to write
to Major Graham saying

you want his (Farr's)
services.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale no Indian Queen's officer fit
to be on the Commission - as to Col. Alison & Col. Greathed. Major Graham to be
written to about Dr. Farr.}

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signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale Sir John Lawrence for the Indian Commission} 2057/F4/68

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May 11/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have a promise [9:85]
of Sir John Lawrence's
answer on Friday,
(about a Queen's
Officer for the
Commissn) if you
thought it worth
waiting for. Unfor=
tunately he was from

home - when I wrote
to his friend -

Do you think
that, now at the
11th hour, you could
have him too on
the Commissn &
fence the Queen's
Officer by him, as
they have forced a
Queen's Officer upon
you -

I feel that all

these men whom
we have got (or
have lost) are such
children, rogues, or
asses by the side
of him - and he
is the founder of
anything that is
Sanitary in India.

But you will
be a better judge
of this than I.
I don't see how

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Lord Stanley or the
Queen could refuse.
Sir J. Lawrence
might -

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I ought to remind
you perhaps about
Alison of the
extremely bad
reputation as to
want of judgment
that hangs about
his family in Scotland. **[end 9:85]**

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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May 11/59
West Hill Lodge
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Dear Mr. Herbert

It's choice o'mislikins
"is all I'n got in this
"world."

I The substance of **[9:85]**
the information various
as it is, may thus be
summed up. There are
no superior Queen's
Officers in India -
therefore superior
Indian Queen's Officers
cannot be had -

Except in the late War
& those are not come
back.

I am just where
I was, after having
got all this information.

1. Col. Alison

2. Brig. Greathed.

tho' nothing favourable
or unfavourable is
to be known as to our matters about
this Officer - He can
give information
about strategic points
& positions & is a
most efficient man.

3. Sir W. Colebrooke

This man appears
to have far more
general ability &
experience than any
one else mentioned.
But he is old & his
experience is *not*
recent- He is
however a genuine
Sanitarian & a
very remarkable
man & admirable
reformer. He is an
Officer of the R.A.,
served as such in
Java & India - was

A.D.C. to Lord Hastings
in the Mahratta War
1816-7 when Cholera
first appeared -
Q.M.G. with Sir W.
K. Grant - & many
years in India -
always in tropical
climates. Governor
of N. Brunswick,
recently of Barbadoes.
He is a man of a
much higher class
of mind & character
than any one ~~else~~
we have had
recommended. **[end 9:85]**

4. [but a long way
 behind Sir Colebrooke]
 M. Genl Boileau
 (late 22nd Foot) now
 in England - great
 local experience
 in Bengal & Bombay,
 Punjab & field Service.
5. Major Gall 14th Drags.
 Though a Cavalry
 Officer, long in
 India, both in
 Bengal & Bombay,
 very active &
 able Officer
 (now in England)

Now I am come to **[9:86]**
an end.

Martin strongly
praises Col. Alison
(No 1)

Sir J. McNeill
has often told me
of Sir Colebrooke's
high character &
abilities. (No 3.) The
Senior U.S. Club
would be sufficient
address -

Every body
speaks well of
Greathed. But then

they say nothing that
would not do for a
man like Gen. Windham
just as well -

Boileau & Gall
are men a good
way lower down -

The worst of it
is that Sir W. Colebrooke
is the only man who
has been the least tried
in our line
of business - The
others may be
geniuses or
altogether wanting.

I have asked Sir
John Lawrence to
recommend (through
a common friend)
but have not yet
his answer -

What would you
think of asking Sir
E. Lugard to send you
(not one but) several
names for you to
choose amongst?

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II Laffan has at last
resigned on account
of ill health - They
will not do any
thing in the way of
change in that
Office till your
Committee has
reported - perhaps
not for a twelvemonth.
It would be well
worth while to
get Galton in
for a twelvemonth.
The office is very
troublesome against

the Barrack Commission.

- Galton might
not accept it, even
if offered to him,
because of the
B. of Trade -

 This is what
I hear from the
Whitehall people -
Of course many
things may happen
between this &
then -

III The only *definite*
& *positive* information
I have obtained
from the united
researches of Drs.
Sutherland, Farr
& Martin (relative
to beginning the
Indian Sanitary
Enquiry) is that
there is a Clerk
who has been
150 years (sic)
in the India Ho:
who will know
all about the

documents there when
we have got the entrée. **[end 9:86]**

Yours [illeg] sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale Indian Commission as to Col. Alison,
Col. Greathead, Sir W. Colebrooke, Genl Boileau, Major Gall - Laffan resigned -
suggests Galton}

signed letter, 2ff, pen

May 13/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

At the last moment **[9:87]**

Sir J. Lawrence's
answer has come -
He evidently thinks
that you might as
well "ask him to
"dance, having tied
"up his legs" - (In fact,
he says so) - as choose
a Queen's Officer.

He would choose,
he says, if he must, Col. Campbell

of the 52nd, or Col.
Orlando Felix,
who has been 18
years in India.
He does not know
Col. David Russell,
he says - He does
not like Greathed
or Alison.

He does not *highly*
extol even his
Col. Campbell - [He
knows him by
character only.] ~~He~~
but calls him "the only
officer he would name". He

puts Col. Felix, ~~however~~,
second to Campbell.

I am afraid
this kind of
information will
only offuscate you.
But if Airey or
Lugard have sent
you lists, it may
help to have
Sir J. Lawrence's
imprimatur -

in great haste

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Lawrence is of course

very careful not
to commit himself
in any general
condemnation of
the Queen's service.
He only speaks "of
these matters"
"for this purpose"

&c [end 9:87]

{in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale Indian Commission Sir J. Lawrence's
opinion of Col. Campbell, Col. Felix, Col. Greathead Col. Alison}

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Commission Ross Mangles' opinion of Col. Greathed} 2057/F4/68

Highgate

May 14/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

This is the last: **[9:87]**

vero ultimo.

Ross Mangles, a
poor judge you will
say, says Greathed
is a man of great ability

But do you know
old Martin says
that, when he was
Presidency Surgeon &

Mangles Secretary at
Calcutta, he (Mangles)
was the only person
who ever gave him
help in improving
(illeg) that sink of all
un=Sanitary abomination,
viz. our capital of
India.

Greaded is about
50 - a nephew of
Glyn, the banker -

Probably you have
decided long since.

I only report my last. **[end 9:87]**

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 3ff, pen {in another hand: Army Medical School Miss Nightingale
May 19. 59} 2057/F4/68

West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise

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May 19/59

[15:371]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Sir Jas. Clark is
in great tribulation
about the Medl Sch.
And I advised him
to write to you direct.
Enclosed is the
effusion - I have
no doubt Sir J. Clark
is a fidget - And his
preference of Panmure
over Peel & of A.
Smith over Alexander

is the oddest choice.
Still I have no
doubt, because I
hear it from Martin
too, & very venomously, that Alexander
thinks to win the
Army Medl Chairs
for his men, (as
he has done the
Council,) by working
on Genl Peel - &
that you will have
to interfere -
Alexander is really
too bad - in this -
Martin ~~he~~ says he is
quite impenetrable.

[end 15:371]

As Greathed is to [9:88]

be only ornamental,
it is a good name
to have - And Sir
E. Lugard's letter is the
letter of a man of
thought & feeling,
tho' not of a man
of the world. [I wish
he would not appeal
to Hawes.]

I shall not break
my heart about
Sir J. Lawrence. Tho'
he is a much better
Sanitarian than Lord

Stanley. What he
seems to have said
is absurd enough -
But whatever was
done in India by
him or his brother
was good Sanitary
action. However, it
does not do to have
a man of that
weight second on a
Commissn who, if
he were to go wrong,
might go & write
a Report all to
himself, which
would be awkward.

I had another
reason for wishing
Sir J. Lawrence
to become intimate
with you - But that
you can do ~~all~~ any
way, if you like.
He says that things
may ripen for
another uproar
in India - that
there are seeds &
that he cannot get
Ministers in England
to attend to him. [end 9:88]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 3ff, pen {in another hand, Nightingale Fund 1859} 2057/F4/68

Highgate
May 24/59

IN RE N. FUND

No hurry.

Believe me, I have not
been neglecting this. And,
during March & April,
in town, I saw or
corresponded with
pretty nearly all the
Hospital authorities
& female Superinten=
dents in esse or in *posse*
that could be applied
to the Fund.

I will not tell you
in writing (tho' I could
any day ~~in~~ *viva voce*)
all the pros & cons of
the different plans
I have successively
~~tried~~/tried to initiate.

The most promising;
that of the "London", qua
Hospital, & of Miss
Blackwell, M.D. *qua* Superintendent, has
fallen thro'. And I am
bound to say the
Hospital shewed itself
far more accommodating
than the lady. [She is

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going back to America.]

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Miss Erskine, who
was Supt. of the Naval
Hospital at Therapia,
I have wooed in every
way. She will not be
won to leave her own family
again. It is in vain
to try her any more -

The grasses are green -
So I will not deplore
these two & sundry
other schemes - one
of which was to tack
ourselves on to St.
John's House at King's
College Hospital. For

various reasons, that
will not do -

I have talked
over the matter at
great length with
Sir John McNeill

For some months
past, I have also
discussed it with
some of the authorities
of St. Thomas' Hospital.

The Matron of
that Hospital is the
only one of any *existing*
Hospital I ~~sh~~/could
recommend - to form a
"School of Instruction" for Nurses -

It is not the *best*

CONCEIVABLE

way of beginning. But
it seems to me the
best POSSIBLE. It will
be beginning in a
very humble way -
But at all events
it will not be
beginning with a failure
i.e. with the possibility of upsetting
a great Hospital - for
she is a *tried* Matron.

Sir John McNeill
leaves town on Saturday.
So that he will not
see you again. I have
therefore asked him
to write to you about
some business matters

relating to the
appointment of an
Executive Committee
&c - & a Secretary,
a kind of man of
business, with whom
I could communicate,
to settle all the
details with the
Hospital authorities,
which it would be
unreasonable to
expect any of the "Fund"
=Council to undertake.
I have written a
kind of Programme,
which I will shew you.
Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Highgate

[12:123-24]

May 26/59

PRIVATE

In re N. Fund

Sir J. McNeill shewed me the ~~letter~~/draft he was writing to you & which you will have today - I agree so far.

1. The proposal of a Secretary & of Mr. Clough as Secy, which originated from Sir J. McN & not from me, I think quite essential not only to the success but to the very starting of the scheme -

I don't know whether Mr. Clough would take it. But if *he* does not, I can't conceive who else would do -

I think the Secy must be the servant of the Council & not mine, & that he must be a paid

Servant -

I should therefore wish to leave £10000 to the Fund, (the income of which is now about £1344 per ann.) which would increase it to about £1700 per ann. This would provide for the pay of a Secy. And I cannot conceive that, for the first 3 or 4 years (*afterwards* a mere Clerk would do) a Secy who undertakes so troublesome a business ~~should have~~/could be found for less than £300 a year - I might easily have managed this privately between Mr. Clough & myself, (if he will act, which I don't know-) But I think, as I said before, he must be the Secy of the Council, in order

to act at the Hospital with their authority in their name,; & *not* as my friend - certainly.

2. Sir J. McNeill's little Executive Committee of three I think is quite necessary - But Mr. Clough thinks that he, Sir J. McN., must be fourth on it himself - ~~for~~/ & that, even with him at Edinbro', it will act better so than with any one else in London - Because he is almost the only man on the Council with an organizing head. Why did you name them then, you will say. And I have often asked myself why. But I have known, ~~during~~ since I named that Council, a *great many* men under the most singularly favourable circumstances for finding out organizing talents - And I could not name a

better Council now if I were to try -

As for Doctors, Civil & Military, there must be something in the smell of the medicines which induces absolute administrative incapacity. And it must be something very strong too, for they all have *opportunity* for developing administrative capacity, (almost more than any other profession) if it were but there -

The three Civil Doctors on the Council are perfect infants in this respect - And Mr. Clough expressed his perfect repugnance to bringing business before them, if they were to form alone the Executive Committee -

Dean Dawes & Col. Jebb (oh why does he call himself Sir Joshua) ~~are~~/have both great power of organization - but both are such very busy men -

F. Nightingale [end 12:124]

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand, Miss Nightingale June 26.1859. On the Army Medical School at Fort Pitt} 2057/F4/68

June 26/59

We have put a complete copy of the Army Medical School inside your own letter in the India rubber band -

We have pinned in some slips into your own letter giving rather fuller answers to the letter of June 3.

The mistake of the whole Correspondence

is referring back questions regarding the School, not to the Commission entrusted with its organization, but to the D.G.

Alexander's letter assumes for himself the very position (in reference to the Chairs) which the R. Commission guarded most carefully against any D.G. occupying.

For otherwise the School would be subordinated to the Army Med. Dep.

Longmore or Trench would do very well to fill both Chairs (Medical & Surgical)

But, as there must probably be two men to do the Hospital work, (Medical & Surgical Divisions) why not both Professors?

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 6ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Army Medical School
July 4 59} 2057/F4/68

July 4/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

About the ARMY

MEDICAL SCHOOL?

How would this do?

To have three Professors

(as once proposed) viz

1. Surgery -----*Army man*

2. Medicine-----E. INDIAN

3. Hygiene -----*Civilian*

These to form the Senate:

-then 2 Teachers

{Army men

1. Pathology {would yield

2. Chemistry {these to the

{Civilians

You see the E. Indian
service is so incomparably
superior, in point
of good men, to ours,
that it would be
an absurdity to put
their men to School
to ours - if, as
is most desirable,
you carry out your
plan of having ~~the~~
E. Indian candidates
to your School.

I am sure that,
if you had read one

half of the E. Indian
Medical Reports which
Sutherland & I have
been reading up, you
would at once say
- that Alexander
is not fit to be an
Assistant Surgeon to
these men - far less
that Alexander's men
should be their
teachers.

The *non*=sense of it
is in calling it an
Army Medical School
at all - Now, if an

E. Indian were *one*
of the Professors, it
would break down
the delusion at once.
And, if the E. Indian
candidates (& possibly
the Navy candidates)
were admitted &
passed too ~~together~~, the
true sense of the
School would
appear -

The fact is that
you must make
the school, you must
constitute the school,
you must govern the

-2-

School yourself. The
Army & the Director
General must have
nothing to do with
it - And the blind
must not be put
to teach the blind -

Alexander has
been boasting that
he has got five
prizes for the Army
in the 5 Professorships.

Now his arguments
are so easily replied
to.

1. "Parkes has had
no experience of

campaigning - *his* men
have" - But what have
they made of it? There
is not one who has
made himself capable
to teach Sanitary
campaigning or indeed
has learnt it.

2. look at all
your experience of
Barracks & Hospitals.
Why there is not an
Army Medical man
concerned with them
who ought not to
have been brought
to a Court-martial
for having them in

a state which, - bad
as the Civil Hospitals
are, - represents what
~~they~~/Civil Hospitals were 150 years
back. There is not
one of these men who
has known what ventilation
is. Is not this a
disgraceful fact?

But about the E.
Indians

I think you will
find a general
conviction among
scientific men that

Army Medical men
occupy (except in
Surgery) a rank in
the profession equal
to that of the *bassi*
chirurgi of Rome &
Naples - that the
E. Indian men occupy
the very highest
rank in the profession.
higher than the Civilians.

Bird, a man at
the E.I. Ho: (whom I
have mentioned to
you) is by no means
one of their best men,
but he would fill

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the Chair of Medicine
with about 6 times the
efficiency of any of
Alexander's men -

[He is now in London
& lecturing gratis
at St. Mary's +/Hospital]

But, if you *should*
think of having an
E. Indian Professor,
let us, please, inquire
for you whether there
are not better men
than Bird -

You see it would
be a great thing to

have a man
conversant with
Indian diseases -
as we are always
talking about our
poor "sequels" - &
to have a man
practised in teaching.

And the E. Indians
never would send
their men to your
School without
such a man being
Medl Professor. He would also
teach a certain amount of Indian Hygiene

I have been
talking over the whole

matter with Sutherland
to see what the
fruit of his cogitations
(after reading at the
India Ho:) was - And
~~his~~/this is exactly his
opinion -

The E. Indian men
would just "envoyer
promener" the whole
boutique of Alexander
& Co.

Sutherland strongly
urges that the School
should be delayed
a year rather than
make the irretrievable

mistake at first of
choosing a teacher
among the men you
wish to teach.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

~~Excuse length.~~

We don't care about the
Chemistry at all, if
you like to give that
to an Army man - Let
them burn their fingers
& blow themselves up.
So much the better

~~Martin is quite behind hand~~
compared to some of these E. Indians.

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30 Old Burlington St
July 27/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have read thro'
all your Regulations &
Sutherland part - To=
morrow we shall go
through them line by
line -

The Revise is divine.
It is just putting back
every thing "as you were".
It is, as far as in it
lies, re=establishing
what has so often all

but lost a British
Army.

All the discoveries
& conclusions which
Sir J. Graham's
Committee will make
will not display the
nature of the W.O.
half so well as these
Minutes & alterations
do -

You say Job was
not in the War Office.
No: nor Hercules either
What were *his* Labours?
Nothing at all.

The two most important points struck out, viz. 1. the appointment of a Governor to General Hospitals by the S. of S.

& 2. the recommendations in writing by the Medical Officer

will have, however, to be decided by you, with reference to the new changes, before we can do anything.

And I enclose a Memo on these points - to say why

otherwise I should not have troubled you till we had done the whole -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 29 July/59 {illeg{ 1859 Miss Nightingale on the regulations as revised by the WO Comee}

unsigned memorandum, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Memo on the Regulations

The Regulations, as amended by the Committee, are as good a representation of the state of the W.O. as one would wish to have -

We have gone over the alterations cursorily & will do so in detail -

So far as we can judge, with the exception of a few alterations, the Regulations will have to be restored nearly to their original form -

The chief point of importance they have raised is about the Governorship of a General Hospital. And their difficulty is in bringing together the two jurisdictions, viz. the Military & that of the War Office.

The necessity of a direct connection between the Governor & the War Office

is clearly shewn at P. VI of your own letter prefixed to the Regulations & which they have left entire.

They, on the other hand, conceive that the seniority of a Military Officer on a Station gives him a thorough knowledge of Hospital organization -

If their plan be carried out, it puts the Military Hospitals back to what they were at the beginning of Scutari -

At all events, the Governor *must* be appointed by the S. of S. for War. & hold his office during the pleasure of the S. of S.

The only point is to prevent any jarring in the jurisdiction of the S. of S. over the Hospital & of the Commander of the Forces over military discipline.

This we must ask you about - Because, will it not depend very much on the conclusions you come to as to the relations between the Horse Guards & the W.O.?

II. They object to the Medical Officer reporting in writing in all cases.

The number of recommendations will depend materially upon the course taken in re = organizing the *Barrack Dep.*

The Barrack Commission has arrived at the conclusion that the Barrack Dep. should be charged directly - in any Barrack Regulations, - with keeping all Barracks & Hospitals in a good Sanitary state - Were this done, the interference of the Medical Officer would be seldom called for - except as regards diet,

dress & duties -

Medical Officers' representations would then be complaints against the Barrack master, to be redressed thro' the agency of the Commandg Officer, who, of course, will be willing to see his Barracks placed in a good condition, & will refer the complaint to the Barrack master - A good Barrack system will save reporting - to a very large extent -
July 27/59

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{in another hand: July 27.59}

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: qualifications for candidates}
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30 Old Burln St.

Aug 3/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

We have read thro' your documents on the Army Medl School.

They are the most extraordinary documents that ever were issued on the subject - shewing such a total ignorance as they do of the state of Medical education at this day,

and in such direct
opposition to the views
of the Commission on
the Army Medl School
& to what they require.

In a day or two,
we will send you a
paper with the objections
to it - and a plan
for your own consideration,
with the form of a
letter to Alexander -

What Alexander
has done is this: he

has not only required
a License & Diploma,
but he has dictated
to the Schools & Colleges
upon what conditions
such certificates
should be granted.

The printed paper,
dated 1859, is a
reprint of Dr. Smith's
paper, given into the
R. Commission of 1857.
- and which Dr. Smith.
as a member of the

Medl School Commission
practically set aside.

- ~~And~~ the M.S.
memoranda are
merely aggravations
of the original sin.

They should all be
sent, according to
their own arrangement
"to a _____ Hospital
"for Mental Derangement
"for _____ months."

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

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30 O. Burlington St
Aug 10/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

We have made a [9:94]
List of Stations in
the three Presidencies
to which to send
copies of the Indian
questions -

We submitted this
List to Col. Baker
at the India Ho:
And we have just

received it back
as correct - [Col Baker
was informed what
was the object]
There are no fewer
than 166 !!! of which
there is accommodation
for *Queen's* troops
at 82
for *Company's European*
troops at 97
& for *native* at
148

About 6 are

occupied by *Queen's*
troops alone.

Will you tell us
how we should
send out the 82
copies for *Queen's*
troops?

We would rather
they should go out
thro' the *War Office*
by your ~~(illeg)~~/orders to
the *Queen's* Commanders
in the Presidencies.

Or must they go

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with the others through

the *India Ho*:? [end 9:94]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 10 August 1859 Miss Nightingale has made list of stations in India to wh. to send queries -}

signed letter, 3ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Montague Grove

Hampstead

Sept 2/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

1. we think that
it would be adviseable
to print & bind up
Alexander's "bouquet" -
But, before it is done,
we should like to
collate the "Queen's
Regulations" with the
new Regulations - in
case that there should
be any deficiencies or
discrepancies. Could

you tell them to send
us a proof of each?
The great Pan told
us, you know, to
oversee the "Queen's
Regulations" -

2. Sir C. Wood
must "pay the Doctor."
because the R.C.
has power to call
for any information
or documents. And
if they can't give
them, they must get
them. & pay the cost.

3. Ld Stanley is quite as troublesome ~~in~~/as Achilles in more matters than "sulking". But his declining is very serious - We want a man not only of great weight of position (~~this~~/which is quite essential) but a hard worker & he must have some practical knowledge of the subject. It is such an opportunity of doing a great work -

greater, I think. than the other - We will think & think & send you word -

4. I don't remember any Purveyor at Scutari who was madder than the average - I remember two or three who were rather less mad than the rest - *Tucker & Toller* are the only Purveyors I remember who were in the East, of names at all like "Turner" - [There is an ~~Asst.~~ Deputy Commissary=Genl named

"Turner"] On the whole,
I incline to think
that your correspondent
is romancing. *Jenner*,
I rather think, was
the best Purveyor out
there - But he was
in the Crimea - and
nothing very *extraordinary*.
I can't at all remember
the man in question.
I think he must only
have been a super=
numerary clerk -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 1859 Sep. 2. Miss Nightingale wishes to compare the "Queen's"
with the new Regulations & asks for a Copy}

signed letter, 3ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Hampstead

Sept 15/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

The old original "cow
& snuffers" represented
in ~~the~~ Mapleton's Netley
Committee has re=appeared
with Mapleton in the
D.G.'s Board - [I recognise
his hand in all these
papers.] They shift &
shift. They can't read
~~recognise~~ an Act when
they see it. And they

stick to old A. Smith's
predilection for a little bit of power
& try to dictate from
the A.M.D. to Bodies
far before them. They
have not the most
elementary knowledge
of what is going on
in Medical Education
now -

At the same time,
Alexander is right in
quoting against us
the first ~~two~~ pages
of the "Organization
School" Report. ~~They~~/That

does the same thing. It
~~are~~ is wrong & ought
not to be there at all.
A. Smith put it in and
Sir J. Clark modified it.
Had the new Medical Act
been in force then, you
would never have allowed
it. It is a handle for
Alexander against us
& the only principle now
is compromise - But
he fancies he is progressing
& he is retrograding.
He sees exactly where
he "has" us -

The last page of
Alexander's reply is all

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one muddle in his head -
He thinks himself a
Licensing Body.

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The real proof of a
man's competence is
not in the "School" he has
been at, not in his
"certificates of attendance"
&c at all but in *what you are*
going to exact, in his
examination -

The most provoking
part of it is the time
wasted by you in reading
our Explanations & by
us in writing them -
because there is really
no principle involved.

It is only a controversy.

To prevent further
muddle, whenever any
thing like a written
agreement is come to,
we should be glad to
go over the Scheme -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

If you send what we
have now written to
the "cow & snuffers", it
will only lead to further
controversy. The elements
for coming to an agreement
are in the last two pages,
from "To sum up." The only

other thing to be done
would be to re=Summon
the Organization Commn
with Alexander instead
of A. Smith -

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale 15 Sep. 1859}

Montague Grove
Hampstead N W
Sept 22/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

We have gone over the "Regulations",
with reference to the various alterations
that have been proposed by the D.G.
and Dr. Balfour -

The D.G. has made a few verbal
changes which we have adopted. He
has also sent two additional Forms
and five Lists, which we have also
put in.

We have consulted Dr. Farr about
Dr. Balfour's proposed alterations. The
most important of these is the substitution
of a *Weekly Return of Sick* to be
abstracted in *his* Office, instead of
yours sincerely

a series of Returns, on which the
Regimental Officer virtually made
the Abstract before sending it to
the Army Medical Dept. Balfour's
plan diminishes the work of the
Regimental Surgeon, while it increases
the work of the Statistical Office.
On this substitution, Dr. Farr remarks:
"Dr. Balfour proposes to give all the
required information and it is quite
fair to let him do his own work in
his own way for the reasons he assigns. Reg
It was found however at the trial
that the method of working by slips
proposed by us was the most
expeditious - Does not Dr. Balfour
think that his method will
involve more work & create delay?

If this should prove to be the case, he had better give the method suggested by the Statistical Commission a fair trial."

Under these circumstance, we have taken out these particular Forms (of the Commission) & put in Dr. Balfour's.

2. Next, as to the *Registration of Deaths*. The Commission proposed a Quarterly Register to be sent by the Regimental Surgeon to the Regr ~~R.~~ Genl. Dr. Balfour adopts the same Form but suggests that the D.G. should make up the Quarterly Return & send it to the Registrar-General. On this Dr. Farr makes the remark: "The Registrar General adopts this suggestion & will be glad to receive the Returns on the proposed Form.

The D.G. will have the goodness to write to the Registrar General on the subject officially."

The Statistical difficulty is therefore arranged.

We have farther made a few verbal alterations - But the most of our work has been in changing the references & pages, on account of the above alterations -

The proof is so mauled that we do not think you can possibly consider these revisions & changes till it has been in the printer's hands - And we have only sent it to you for duty's sake. Perhaps you will be so good as to order the Printer to send us the Revise as soon as possible; we should like to go over it before it goes into any other person's hands.

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Sept 22/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

We send you a corrected Proof of the Medical School plan - with the Sections arranged in proper order. At the latter end of it are the Rules for Examination before Promotion; and following these are three Classes

under which Candidates for Admission are to be arranged after their first examination. The proof contains too much or too little: \mp /to make it what it ought to be, it ought to include the D.G.'S requirements for admission to the Service. We have not yet seen the final adjustment of these.

The Requirements should stand first - next, the Constitution of the Examining Board - then should follow the three Classes (on the last page of the Proof) - after these, should come the Medical School: & last of all should follow the Rules for Examination for Promotion - This would

make it a complete
document, if you
think it adviseable
to do this. But, before
this is done, we should
know 1. what the
requirements are to be
2. what the Examining
Board is to be -
3. whether the India
Govt will send their
Candidates - As soon
as we get this information,
we could complete the
thing, if you think fit.

Yours sincerely

F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

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[15:285]

Sept 23/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

A copy of a "work"
issued by the War Office,
in July of THIS year, (!)
containing "Instructions
to Military Hospital
Cooks" has been put
into my hands -

It purports to teach
cooks how to dispose of
the materials of the
new Hospital Diets
(in the "Regulations").

it just puts back the
Hospital Cooking to where
it was at the beginning
of Scutari & the Crimean
War -

It seems to rest upon
the old exploded principle
that all the cooking
for the worst class of
cases is to be done
at three several times
a day or ~~at~~ (exclusive
of the two "teas") at *one* time.
This was exactly the
system at Scutari -
where *all* the "Extras"

were issued to the Patient
at once. And if he could
not eat them, they stood
by him cold.

This is actually laid
down as Regulation in
the "work" in question
(which is said to be
Genl Peel's own composition)
where a mixture called
Arrowroot, but which is
Starch, is to be made
all at once & "to be
eaten cold."!!

A few of Soyer's
receipts are thrust in
by way of contrast.

Would it not be better,
instead of allowing this
horrible *Pot pourri* to
go forth, to get the best
advice on the subject,
and to submit the
"work" - *plus* Soyer's
scheme of Receipts, -
plus the new Scheme
of Hospital Diets in
the "Regulations", to Mr.
Warriner, - not for him
to alter the Diets but
to tell us what to do
with them? We should be very
glad to ~~sin~~ help Warriner about the Cooking
for Weak Patients [end]
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[possibly here for fragment]

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Mr Herbert

I never "*published*" any "Report"
"on Hospital administration", much
less any "Report to Lord Panmure".

It is not to the "65 Receipts" "by
Soyer," contained in my Report to the S of S
that I take exception, but to the
"35" prepared in Mr. Robertson's
"own kitchen".

I can only say he must have had a great many bad
dinners "over & over again"
especially on the first Receipt
for Arrowroot - He does not
say whether he liked it best
hot or *cold* - which last is
recommended in the famous
"Instructions"

F.N.

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Sept 26/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

We hope this matter
(of the D.G.) may be considered
now as finally settled.

The D.G. has conceded,
but in such a way as
to leave a doubt regarding
the Schedule unsolved.
The arrangement of the
Articles is not logical.
And, by placing the
Schedule at the beginning
instead of the end,

there is still an opening
for something like a
special Course of study.
Fortunately, by a little
arrangement & a few
verbal alterations, we
have been able to adopt
almost the words of
the D.G.

Now that this is
arranged, another very
important subject
presents itself - There
is no reference in the
Schedule to the Army
Medical School - And

if it be issued in its
present form, the Public
will be left in the dark
on this matter

We have therefore
interwoven with the
Qualifications the School
attendance - the second
Examination and also
the Examination for
Promotion - so that, in
the state the Document
is now sent to you,
it contains everything
the Candidate requires
to know, except his
daily pay allowed at

Derbyshire Co Record Office
the School.

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If you approve of the
Document as it now
stands, and would
return it to us, we
should have it made
up with the Proof of
the Medical School
Organization & sent
to the Press, in order
that you might
consider the whole
together -

[Our No 4 gets over the
inconvenience of the Schedule
by using it simply as a
List of certificates of

attendance required by
Licensing Bodies.]

Your Minute wisely
leaves the No of Labours
to be determined by the
Medical Council -
Alexander says 12, which
was the compromise
agreed to.

He has left out the
specification of 100 beds
for the Studying Hospital. And
he has "recommended"
five Certificates on
subjects of General
Education, to which we
have agreed.

{in another hand: 1859 Sep. 26. Miss Nightingale on the Qualifications for
Candidates for the Army Medical School}

Taken in connection
with the Medical School
scheme, the Requirements,
as we have re=arranged
them, & the Schedule
for the use to which
we have put it, will
answer the intended
purpose -

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 7ff, pen {in another hand: Oct/59 Miss Nightingale urges Mr.
Herbert to insist upon the India House furnishing the information it possesses.}
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Hampstead N W
October 7/59

[9:96-98]

In re India House.

Dear Mr. Herbert

If you would write a short
and tempestuous note to Sir C. Wood,
after the manner of the D. of Wellington
in Spain to Mr. Filder, and say
that our supplies *must* come, (whether
there be any or not,) or he ~~would~~/will be
hung, - our supplies *would* come.

The thing is after this wise:
If the India House puts its washing
out, every thing is well & punctually
done - What washing it does at
home is not done at all.

Mr. Prinsep has sent back
our last Form, with much absurd

and ignorant Commentary of his own upon it - and has written a note to Dr. Farr, which I have, as also the Form, saying that the Indian Commission must seek for its information in India.

Now we *know* that this is not true. The information *is* in the India Ho: And the only question is how to get it out.

The Office throws all kinds of obstacles in the way - And for the sake of saving a few clerks at a few pounds a week, (for a limited time) - the results of the Returns made for years with great labor & at great cost are not to be given to the Commission.

Mr. Hornidge (of the India Ho:)

is entirely on our side.

The information is in the India House - *in Col. Baker's Department*. Dr. Farr has seen the Rolls there himself - And it would be a mere waste of time & labor to send to India for them. Our Forms ask merely for information, which the Rolls supply. To say they do not - is merely a "put=off."

The India Ho: has not answered your letter - which they have had in the Mily Dep. for 3 months - so I am informed.

The only course is for you to write again, I am afraid, & ask them to supply the information which the Commission requires.

Two or three "writers", (or more if necessary), must be employed to do the work, under the supervision of Mr. Hornidge; with whom Dr. Farr would consult.

I should consider it an honor, if I might be allowed to pay (thro' you) these "writers".

The India Dep. will not do our work as Establishment work, for they have as much as they can do of their ordinary routine work.

But a note from you to Sir C. Wood will bring Mr. Prinsep to his senses.

Surely it is of some importance to get at the results of their past experience; and to put them in the

way of profiting by future observations in India.

The whole "fencing" is a mere matter of work & of a few good clerks for a short time; to pay whom, if you would allow me to put £100 in your hands, I should be delighted.

Sir C. Wood is as sharp as a needle. But he does not know anything at all about our work. And the comments of Prinsep & Co: pass muster with him, & dispose fatally of questions of the utmost importance, by simply putting them on the shelf.

Mr Prinsep was happily (for us) married this week; and

is now out of the way, which is happier still. **[end 9:98]**

Mr. Hornidge (our friend) is at the India Ho: now -

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: 1859 Oct 7 Miss Nightingale Suggests putting the Adjutant General & a first-rate Barrack Master on the "Regulations" Commission when re=appointed} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

Oct 7/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

The "Regulations"
Commission, on its
re=appointment, will
have to take into
consideration changes
in two sets of
Regulations at least
- the "Queen's" & the
"Barrack". Would

you not think
well to put on
the Adjutant=Genl,
and a first=rate
Barrack Master?

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

It would save, do
you not think,
much contest
with the Horse Gds.

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

Oct 8/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

To "do homage to the unusual
"excitement in the War Office", we
hereby return not only what you have
asked for but more than you
asked for.

We return a Corrected Proof
of the "Qualifications", in the form to
be issued to Candidates.

2. we send you a corrected
Proof of the "Medical School" plan
with the "Qualifications" prefixed:
as we think the whole procedure
from candidature to promotion

was what you wished to be in one document.

3. we see no objection to printing the Qualification in the "Regulations", should you think fit. But, at the same time, the Rules for Examination on Promotion, P. 3, of the "Qualifications" are the only portion of the Document which interest a man acting under the "Regulations" & who may be supposed to have passed all the dangers of Pages 1 and 2. The Rules for Promotion, however, might very well be printed as an Appendix to the "Regulations".

4. Would it not be advisable to print the "Warrant" in the "Regulations"

Appendix? If so, would you send us a copy?

We shall be able to return you the "Regulations", finally completed, on Monday.

We should like to have Proofs of the "Organization Medical School" & also of the "Requirements."

I have put your name where I think it ought to be. But I can take it out. [It is on the last page of the "Organization"; which is a kind of Warrant. The "Qualifications" are a mere Office Form.] Please to read over I, P. 1, in the

"Organization", with reference to the *Indian* Medical Officers & Engineers. May this go?

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: 1859) Oct 8 Miss Nightingale sends a corrected Proof of Qualifications & of Medical School. suggests the printing of the "Warrant" in the Regulations Appendix & asks for a Copy.}

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Hampstead N W
Oct 19/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I find from Circular
No 464 that "J.R. Godley",
"in accordance with the
"recommendation of the
"R. Commission," which
appoints *Governors* to
organize all General
Hospitals & be
responsible for all
their stores, ~~appoints~~ buildings

therefore "directs" that
"the charge of all
"buildings, grounds &
"stores" in "General
Hospitals" ~~sh~~ "be
transferred" to the
"Purveyor of the District."

[Are the Governors
gone to bed? without
even putting the
"Principal Medical
Officers", in charge?]

Practically the Purveyors
seem to have gained a
great step by being
raised into skeleton
Governors by "J.R. Godley".

Circular No 464 contains
only 23 Purveyor's Regulations,
by which the functions
of Purveyor & Barrack=
master, (two co=ordinate
authorities in General
Hospitals now) are all trans=
ferred to Purveyor -
which is certainly better

than having the two
at open war, or the
one extinct, as the
Barrack master was
at Scutari.

"Trifling repairs of
a pressing or urgent
nature" are also
provided for. [What
is a "trifling" repair
of an "urgent" nature?]

Capt. Belfield, in
his Minute on the
Corfu case, treated
this Circular as one

for converting Garrison
into General Hospitals.
And at first sight
it bears this construction.
But, inasmuch as
it is not so, it is
questionable whether
Beatson, Principal
Medical Officer at
Corfu, would have
any power of
distributing the sick,
irrespective of
Regiments, throughout

all the wards, in
order to equalize the
cubic space - a thing
so urgently required
that Col. Lefroy
tried to force it
upon Dr. Beatson of
his own authority -
and all the Minutes
make mention of its
necessity.

It appears to me
that Beatson was right;
& that Lefroy & Bel=
field are wrong. For
the forthcoming Regulations

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(only) provide that the
discipline which such
intermingling of the sick
requires shall be
executed by the Governor.
And at Corfu there
is no Governor.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

The Minute of Beatson
& the "Board of Officers"
at Corfu is in fact a petition
for erecting Corfu
Garrison Hospital
into a "General Hospital"
{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Oct 19. 59. on Purveyors' Duties & the state
of Corfu Hospital}

signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Oct 27 1859 Drs
Rutherford Cooper-Anderson fit for China as Sanitary Officers.} 2057/F4/68

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Oct 27/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I knew Dr. Rutherford
well in the Crimea &
liked him much. He
is an honest man, of
good ordinary intelligence,
& considerable honour;
(an article little known
in the Army but
much prized in Civil
Life). He is a very

good Surgeon - As for
Sanitary knowledge,
Alexander might
just as well appoint
Mapleton or any
other Surgeon; or any
N.C. Officer, for that
matter -

I have asked
Sutherland about
him, but he does
not remember him
at all -

[Rutherford was a
2nd Cl. Staff Surgeon when
I knew him, not a
Regimental Officer at
all.]

The only man in
the Army who is
unmistakeably possessed
of great Sanitary
talents is Cooper.
He is master of his
art - both in practice

& in theory. The only
caution he wants is,
not to set other people
against his good things.
But as to knowledge,
there is no one in
the Army fit to hold
a candle to him -
In this we S. & I, both agree
& we are quite dis=
interested, because he
went against us
about Netley -

After Cooper, but a
long way after him,
comes Anderson, (Arthur)
once P.M.O. at Balaclava,
a D.I.G. now I believe.
He is in China too
or was - perhaps in
India now - He is a
very conciliatory man;
a man of considerable
power, but with
just the contrary
fault to Cooper, who
is too violent, while

Anderson is too humble.

Had I been Alexander,
I should have named
Cooper to be Sanitary
Officer to China &
Anderson as his
remplaçant. ~~These~~/Those
~~m~~ ought to be very
serious reasons which
make Alexander
set aside these two
men on such a hazardous
public duty as this-
Dr. Sutherland & I both
agree in this =

II. Moorhead, the
Indian Medical Professor,
is come home & is at
Scarbro'; to be heard of
at the India Ho:

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

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Hampstead N W
Oct 29/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

The Queries for the **[9:98]**
Queen's troops in India
have arrived (after
a very difficult
voyage through the
Strand) at the W.O.
in Whitehall Gardens.

Dr. Sutherland will
go there, make them

up into packets &
send them to the
W.O. in Pall Mall,
as soon as you have
given the necessary
instructions for
their being forwarded
to India, filled up
& returned to you -

Shall we write you a Circular
something like the
enclosed for the

three Officers Commanding
in the three Presidencies? **[end 9:98]**

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{notes in another hand. upside down}

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signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale 2nd November 1859 Dr. Burrell's opinion of Lawson's letter on the Newcastle Case & Yellow Fever generally} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

2 Nov/59

Thanks very much for
Sir Gomm, who is very
interesting. We have
kept his Statistics but
return his letter, with
a comment upon it,
suggested by Lawson's
pamphlet & by poor
old Burrell, who has
sent us a very long
& interesting letter
upon ~~it~~/Lawson, which I am

afraid you would not
read. So I only send
you the juice.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Oct. 29- 5th Novber 1859 on the E. Indian queries} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

5 Nov/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

No orders have **[9:98-99]**
come from Pallmall to
Whitehall yet anent
the Indian Queries -
tho' Whitehall has
sent to Pallmall
every day for them/same.

If the utmost
dispatch is made,
I believe there is

reason to hope, with
a continuance of the
present favourable
weather, that the Queries
may reach Pallmall
in two months from
Whitehall.

They have only
been five months
in passing through
the India House -
not much more
than they would have
required to go to

India and back -
a circumstance
which inspires me
with the most
cheerful anticipations.

I have made
out a List of some
16 W. Indian Stations,
but do not send
it, for fear of
overpowering their/W.O.'s
administrative
abilities, till the
E. Indian ones are
gone - yours sincerely **[end 9:99]**

F. Nightingale

Hampstead N W

8 Nov/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Both the Medical
papers have got hold
of your Army Medl
Sch. Scheme & reproduced
it *in extenso* this week,
save the Programmes;
the one paper without
comment, the other
with the most unqua=
lified praise; "admirable"

&c "it would be difficult
to suggest any improve=
ment" &c & threatening
a longer Article of
praise "next week" -

It is very regrettable
that they should have
got hold of it before
it was issued in a
final "authorized" form
by you; because, while
laying particular
(laudatory) stress upon
its "having a distinct
& independent existence"

"under" you, they both
omit the clause about
the *Indian* Medical
Service & both
reproduce the clause
about the Senate
being composed of
the Professors & *the*
D.G.

Now, if you think
you are likely to
decide upon making
Martin a "Senator",
in order to drag the
Indians into the "*Qualifi=*

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cations", as well as the School, would it not
be very desirable *not*
to let the Medical
papers discuss it
without so very
important
an addition
being known? They are
queer tempers & don't like to ~~turn~~/come back
upon themselves -

I have had so
much to do with
this *confounded*
profession that I am
"particular" glad that
these papers (which
had made some very
stupid remarks upon
this School) are now

come to their senses -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I am told that the
article in the U.S.
Gazette, "whose" *dulness*
"is shocking to me",
is by Mouat - who
was termed, not
elegantly but truly,
in the Crimea,
Hall's "lick=spittle".

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale 8th Novr 1859 on the opinions of the Medical
Press on the Army Medical School.}

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{in another hand: Docket} Hampstead N W
10 Nov/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I have a "melancholy [9:99]
satisfaction" in congratulating you on the fact
that there is an Office
in this Govt worse
organized than that
which you have
undertaken to reform.
And this is the great
India House -

The great house

has a head, (so they
say,) but no hands -
And Sir C. Wood had
much better have
accepted our proposal
than have done what
he has done, which
is nothing.

We asked for no
work from the over-
worked magnates,
which we knew we
should not get,
but the appointment

of two good clerks,
selected by Mr. Hornidge
(the Head of the Statistical
Dept) & paid by us -
The men should have
been set to work the
next day & the work
would have been done
by this time -

As it is, nothing
has been done &
nothing ever will be
done - as there is
no organization of
labor in that House,

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such as Sir C. Wood
might see any day
in Yorkshire.

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The fault lies with
Sir G. Clerk, not
with Sir C. Wood.
That worthy Scot has
no capacity for business,
as I believe Sir C.
Wood knows full well.
And the inaction
presided over by that
man is general.

What we want
now is for

~~for~~ Sir C. Wood to
give prompt &
peremptory orders -
i.e. orders that shall
be obeyed for
carrying out our work
Or - let him say that
they cannot (or will
not) do it. And
we are quite ready
with a plan of
operations of our own.
- independent of
them - & Clerks of
our own -

It is a cruel waste
of time - And we
might have been half
through the business
of the Commission by
now -

Mr Hornidge was
to speak yesterday
to Sir C. Wood's Secy
about it. But I
despair of anything
being done -

II - (This is another
matter - the materials
for which Mr. Prinsep
also said did not
exist at the India Ho:
- but they do)

The *Forms* for the
STATIONAL Returns are
now ready & will be
sent to Mr. Hornidge
to be filled up - [end 9:99]

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

If Ld Stanley declined the [9:99]
Commission, because he knew
of this state of things & it
bothered him, I rather admire

the man's *canniness*

One mystery I will
tell ~~fr~~/gratis - The Queen's
Minister, responsible
to the H. of C., is not master
at the E.I. Ho. - Sir G.
Clerk is the Minister
for India -

Let the wise man
profit by this notice. [end 9:99]

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Nov 10. 59. on the state of the India House}

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Nov. 10. 1859. on Dr.
Rutherford's appointment} {in another hand: Docket} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W
Nov 10/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

There is no help for
Dr. Rutherford! that is
clear - Neither I nor
Sutherland know Dr.
Thomson, of the 58th,
except by reputation -
Unless the 58th is going
out, we neither of us
think it worth while
to *send* him - only for

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Alexander to appoint, as
second, somebody who *is* out
or is going out - For
Thomson is said not to be a ~~not~~
luminary, any more
than Rutherford.

NB. I should
exactly re-echo the
words of Alexander
about the one I know;
viz. that he is "an excellent
Officer, with tact &
judgment" - But all

that does not make a
Sanitary Officer -

However he is a
man of good general
ability - and we
could name no one
better.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

The amended Queen's
& Barrack Regulations
are gone to the Printer's.

signed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale 14th Novr 1859
on the Queries for the Indian Troops & Dr. Moorhead's address} 2057/F4/68

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14 Nov/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Morehead's the
Indian Professor's, address is:

Dr. Morehead
at Dr. McLennan's

53 Upper Harley St.

Martin's title is
"Physician to the Council
of India".

The India House accepts [9:100]

with transport *your*
clerks & your

paying them - [end 9:100]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Hampstead N W
18 Nov/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Even the offer of [9:102]
12/ a day (the price
of the two clerks) has
failed to move the
great house of India
to any exertion.

On Monday Dr.
Sutherland went there
& made the above

handsome proposal
viva voce - It
was accepted viva
voce - And he
was requested to
write it down
(the Indians could
not believe in
the magnificent
sum of 12/)
& address it to
Sir G. Clerk, which

he did.

Farr went there
himself yesterday
to set his two clerks
to work, who are
ready & waiting
- but was told
that Sir G. Clerk
had given no
authority.

These people
must be ordered

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forthwith to supply
the information -
in their own way,
if not in ours.

Our two men
were to be employed
exclusively on the
Military Returns
(otherwise called
Muster=Rolls)

Other two Clerks
will be required
exclusively for the
Medical Returns.

Let them supply
all or two or none -
We will supply
none or two or all
& pay for all, just
as they like.

But such
stiff necked Israelites
were never to be
found in the
wilderness as in
the India Ho: **[end 9:102]**

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale 18 Novbr. 59 on the Clerks at the India House}

signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale 29th Novbr 59. on my
Army Memo:} 2057/F4/68

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29 Nov/59

Thank you very much
for letting me see
it.

It is a most
statesman=like paper
& shews what you
are -

It is monstrous
that, in times of trouble,
the foreigner, who is

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not allowed to recruit
men in England
should be able to
recruit machines
of war, which are
now of so much
more importance -

 This is the
cleverest charlatan
the world has ever
seen -

 A man of the
"Institut", (which
always calls him

"the rascal,") writes to
me about him ~~which~~/whereof
the enclosed is a
scrap -

 F. Nightingale

{enclosed letter from Paris about conditions there}

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

Dec 28/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

 In order to carry out
the new Regulation that
soldiers' sick wives &
children are to be
treated & *dieted* in
Hospital, *where there*
is Hospital accomm=
dation for them, I have been
collecting the numbers
of "constantly sick" ~~from~~
who will require accommodation

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the different Stations
thro' the Barrack
Commission -

As you will see
the results in their
General Report, and
as you will be "strongly
advised" to give the
order to put up huts
for the women's temporary
accommodation, till
permanent Hospital
accommodation can
be provided, I am

not going to trouble you
about that now -

But at *Devonport*
the numbers are so
startling that - do
you think you would
at *once* give the order,
which is all that is
required, to put up
two ordinary Barrack
huts (or at least *one*)
- they hold twelve -
in the enceinte, i.e.
within discipline; ~~where~~

there is said to be
plenty of room for two
huts & more? It
would be simply the
cost of labor in putting
them up - the huts mate=
rials being there - And the "wives"
are then brought within the Regulation.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

The case is so pressing
that the Devonport Army
Surgeon wrote to me for
private relief for them,
without in the least
knowing that the thing
was going to be done generally.

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Decbr 28.59. Urges the immediate Erection of
2. Huts for the wives of the Soldiers at Devonport where the sickness & mortality
are too terrible to "wait".

initialed letter, 3ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Jany 28.60 Paget's
opinion of the new Army Medical School.} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead N W

Jan 28/60

[15:287-88]

Dearest

I am overjoyed to
hear that you are
going to Wilton for
Sunday - And I shall
stay & celebrate the
occasion here.

Will you say to
him

1. that Alexander is
obviously quite wrong
about the "Serjeant
Major at Fort Pitt"

tho' the tone of Taylor's
letter is very unbecoming
- but, confidentially,
had I been Taylor, I
should have been
just as furious -
The idea of preferring
the stores to the
Lunatics - when, too,
it is better not to say
how many are the
(unprevented) suicides
in our Army Hospitals.

I am afraid the
transaction also

shews how *hugger=mugger*
are the ways of going
on still at that
D.G.'s Office - these
matters of administra=
tion Mr. Herbert
specially put into
a special branch -
And now, here is
Logan, as *Senior*
in rank merely,
administering them
during Alexander's
absence, when they
are not in his
branch at all!

2. that in a letter I
have just had from
Paget (the Surgeon
& E.I. Co. Examiner)
(about Civil Hospital
Statistics,) he
establishes, as to
the Army, two
important points
(1) that he is well
satisfied with the
class of men who
now come forward
to be examined
for Medical (Army)
Commissions

(2) that they very
much want
farther schooling
& (3) he concludes
with saying that,
when the Army
Medical *School*
is established, there
will not be such
another Public
Service in the
world for efficiency
as our Army
Medical Service.

This is the more

important as coming
from *Paget*, ~~as he~~
~~is~~ a "St. Bartholomew's"
man. ever yours

F.N.

I was so ashamed
not to be able to
~~come~~ get up
on Sunday to see
Mr. Herbert - But
I *let him come*
for the ride's sake

[end 15:288]

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signed letter, 5ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale April 14.60 on the arrangement of the new Hospital at the Cape
.} 2057/F4/68

30 Burln St.

London W

April 14/60

no answer

Dear Mr. Herbert

You are going to
have a Sanitarium
at the Cape for the
"sick & wounded" from
China & India of
from 600 to 1000
beds - with a
regular transport
service from India
& China to the Cape.

About half will be
serious cases - And
the D.G. says it
will be "a second
Scutari" (he does not
mean in disorder
but in importance.)

The D.G. intends
to bring forward
the proposal at a
W.O. Meeting on
Monday, (?) - present
the C. in C. - for
organizing this General

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Hospital (or Sanitarium)
upon the new
"Regulations", *qua*
Governor, *qua* Nurses
&c &c

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Of all this, you
will say, you need
not inform me.

My point is this:
the D.G. does not
seem to clearly to
understand, (even
with his "Regulations"
before him,) that
the appointment of
the Governor is in
the hands of the S.
of S., (vide Page 40,)
- also of the Sup. Genl
of Nurses, (vide P.
47.)

He says that,
since the promulgation
of the "Regulations",
the C.IN C. has
appointed a Governor
to the Yarmouth Hospital,

-2-

"who has done
exceedingly *ill*."

The D.G./~~He~~ is anxious
for the introduction
of Female Nurses
& is looking about
for ~~them~~/some, as if *he*
were Matron, as
well as D.G.

[Mrs. Shaw Stewart
is now in England,
serving at King's
College Hospital. I

have no doubt she
would accept a
temporary appointment
at the Cape - And
I think her much
better suited for
such foreign service
than for home. It
would also not
compromise you to
anything further]

But this is a
point of minor
importance -

P.S. -3-

Hospital Huts for
600 are to be sent
out from home to
the Cape - And I
should be rather glad,
(Mr. Herbert volente)
to have my "finger in
the pie" of their
structural arrangements.

Galton is in France
till Tuesday.

All my information
comes through Sir G.
Grey (Cape)

We have put up
the D.G. to reading
his own "Regulations".

My object in now
troubling you (among
so many greater
troubles) is that the
Cape is a place
where it is essential,
in Sir G. Grey's estimation,
to organize a really
efficient General
Hospital, because

1. it is so far from home that constant reference cannot be made to home.

2. every thing has to be organized there

3. it is likely to be a large & permanent establishment, from the fineness of the climate & other reasons.

[How I should like to be going out to have the doing of the female part of it!]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand; Miss Nightingale April 30. 60. on the case of Dr. Becher} 2057/F4/68

30 O. B. St.

April 30/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

You wished to have some Memo of Alexander's intentions with regard to Dr. Becher -

I enclose a letter of Lord Belper's (with his permission) to the governess of his children, who is Dr.

Becher's sister.

It contains a clear statement of Becher's case -

The only question is as to the Diploma. He will be registered & will therefore comply with the Act which requires Army Doctors to be registered. His *Tübingen* qualifications are sufficient for all practical purposes.

Alexander intended
to date his services
6 years back, which is
6 years of life - This
should be done -

If it cannot be
done without a Diploma,
Becher would get
one at once. But it
is quite unnecessary
to exact it, so far as
the security of the Service
is concerned.

Would you be good
enough ~~as~~ to let me

have Lord Belper's
letter back, as I mean
to make use of it
with the Medical
Council?

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

The Bechers are a family
of extraordinary talent
from Württemberg. And
Miss B., the governess,
is an instance of my
theory, contrary to all
the "Women's Rights" folk,
that a really educated
woman can command *any*
salary.

{the letter mentioned follows}
P.S.

Sir James Clark
says there will be
no difficulty in
"registering" Becher.
But there may be
some delay till the
next Council sits.

He earnestly
hopes Becher may
be sent out by next
mail - & the Commission
be sent after him -
which must wait for
the Registration.

FN, unsigned memorandum, 3ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale May 1860 on Dr. Becher's Appointment & Services} 2057/F4/68

Dr. Emil Becher

Pathologist at Scutari
& in China -
(whose maps of
Hong Kong & Sanitary
Report of Victoria
Mr. Herbert saw
here -)

On going to the A. Ml. Dep.
to learn Mr. Herbert's
decision on his case,
he was told by one of
the Junior Officers that
Mr. Herbert had decided
that he was to be
admitted to the Service,

provided the Director=Genl
were satisfied with his
qualifications - viz. a
degree, diploma and
examination.

Believing ~~that J. M~~
that Mr. Herbert's
decision has been
mis=interpreted to
mean that, after five
years' of great services
to this country, (in
Acting Assistant Surgeon's
rank,) during which
he shewed talents
which were profited
by ~~t~~ in the whole

Department, in which
it is acknowledged
that there is not a
single man to match
him - (no Army Medl
Officer ~~has~~/having produced
either any Sanitary
report to compare
with his on Hong Kong)
- I can hardly suppose
that it can be meant
that Dr. Becher is
merely to receive
permission to enter
the Dept., as one of
the common public,
by the same door

that any other of the
common public may
enter (without permission)
who have neither
served the country
nor proved their
talent in long service.

Dr. Becher would
rather go out at once
to China in his original
capacity as Acting Asst
Surgeon than remain
here till July & have
all his service counted
for nothing.

Can anything further
be done in his case?

The conclusion of
Dr. Becher's whole matter
is this:

he would wish, *either*
way, i.e. whether he is
to go to *China* or to
Chatham, some *written*
security that his past
service will be counted.

Otherwise he doubts
about entering our
Service.

May 8/60

signed letter, 8 ff, pen 2057/F4/68

30 Old Burlington St
London W

Sept 3/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

On the 1st I had a letter
from the Professors of the A.M. School
- quite desperate.

The authority for the "Instrument
Money" had not (then) come.

Ten of the Students had
arrived. They stared at
the bare walls & at the absence
of all arrangements for their
work (in the new buildings) &
concluded "the School was a
hoax."

It is most unfortunate
for the first impression must
have a serious effect upon the

Were a letter to appear in the "Lancet" from one of these young men, stating the simple facts of the case, it would do more to damage the School, & to turn public opinion against it, than would take years to redeem.

Whatever haste is now made, the beginning must be under great disadvantages.

You will observe the information applies, not merely to the absence of the Instruments, but ~~to~~/of the fittings.

It is really too much.

Altho' this School is but a small matter, it is just a type & a climax of the working of the whole Office. And it is well it has happened - For "dirty rags shew which way the wind blows".

Unless something is done, the School will be (what the "Dy News" truly says Sir Jas: Graham's Report is) a "disgraceful failure".

The estimates for the fittings of ~~for~~ the "practical rooms" & for the "Instruments" were sent in early in April. [The whole sum was a mere trifle]-

1. Sir J. Burgoyne's minute, that the "authority of the Treasury had been received" for the former was dated August 17!!!

Col. Williams says it will take two months to put them up. Capt. Galton says he can do it in one - And

the School must open on Oct. 2.
2. After you had left London, on
August 21, I found that nothing
at all had been done about the
"authority for the Instrument Money"
-- that it had been sent to the
Tower(!), where the answer was
that they had no "instruments",
- to Woolwich (!!) where the answer
was that they had only guns,
-- to the D.G.'s Office, where it
had lain for months &c &c &c

I asked Capt. Galton to hunt it up & to take
it to Mr. Drewry (Sir B. Hawes's
absence is a God=send - at
least Mr. Drewry does *something*)
& authorize it upon the
"Sanitary vote". which Mr.
Drewry did, stipulating that
you were to know nothing about

it. (what a way of doing things!!!) A week then elapsed,
which was the time it took
for it to go to Sir E. Lugard's
Office, (as I understood) -

Certain it is that, yesterday
the Professors had not yet
received the "authority", altho'
they twice went to Mr. Milton
about it, learning what was
going on - at Mr. Drewry's.

The School *must open* on
October 2. (for the whole number
of young men.)

People talk of my "terrible
& unprecedented experience
of the inefficiency" in the Crimea
-I say my "terrible &

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extraordinary experience of
the inefficiency" in the W. Office
during the last 4/four years -
No one would believe it
who had not seen it.

The intentions of the
Secretary of State are no
more carried out than
if he were at Timbuctoo -

The 1. slowness
2. inefficiency
3. extravagance in
administration
4. want of unity
are beyond all belief.
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Private I have been thinking a
great deal about Hawes's
successor -

But, as Asst Under Secy,
I do believe that Galton is
your man: In an Office like
the W.O., which has to deal
with innumerable *practical*
scientific questions, it is
essential that there should be
some one to hold in check
the Departmental opinions.
The S. of S. cannot, in many
cases, even hear an opposite
opinion. Galton is a soldier, a first-rate R.E., and has, above
all things, had more than
three years' training in these
matters. The Under Secretary

is (and probably must be)
personally unacquainted with
these matters, and his decision,
however good a business man
he might be, would be mere
hap-hazard.

If Galton would accept
such a tiresome & laborious
office, he would do ~~it~~/the *Assistant=Under=Secyship* well -
And the only man fit to
succeed him is Major Gordon,
(now at Constantinople)

2. You told me that you
were thinking of having Col:
Simmons home - I have always
heard that he was the only
man fit for Col: St. George's
place ~~at~~/on the *Select Committee*,
if you put St. G. elsewhere.

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Sep.3.1860 on the delays in the Medical
School}

signed letter, black-edged paper, 2 ff, pen 2057/F4/68

30 Old Burlington St

May 26/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

This is only to say **[9:103]**
that I had a
message from Lord
Stanley (we are
not on "speaking
terms"!) to the
effect that he
would be very
glad to know if
you had time

to attend to the
Indian Sanitary
Commission -
whether you had
Meetings now
& how it was
going on - &
that he would
be very glad
to offer himself
as Chairman
(!) if you found
you had no

time to do it
yourself -

I have not
answered this -
Perhaps it was
only a compli=
mentary message,
in the same way
as "the weather"
& "your health" -

Don't trouble
yourself to answer
this -

But I thought

it my duty to
tell you that
that queer
individual
had laid
himself open
to an offer -

[end 9:103]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale May 26.1860 on Ld Stanley's having at last
volunteered to take the Chairmanship of the Indian Sanitary Commission}

I have enquired into
Dr. Becher's alleged
neglect of his patients
on board the "Caduceus"
coming home from Hong=
Kong.

He was put in
charge of 93 sick, of
whom 40 severe &
9 dying cases. [These
died before they reached
Sincapore-]

He was unable to
stand from Fever &

was the only Medical
Officer on board.

He had, besides,
soldiers' wives &
children under his
care - Accusation {in a box}

1. The nine dead
were not reported
officially, as they
ought to have been,
by him.

2. Also, the soldiers'
wives complained to
the Captain's wife,
that they were
neglected -

This seems the
sum of the accusation.

If Becher was to
blame for accepting
"charge", some one
was much more to
blame for putting a
sick man in charge,
& in such a charge.

Dr. Taylor of Chatham,
said "they packed
off all their sick &
dying with Dr. Becher."

Three Orderlies
were all he had
for 93 sick.

No preserved
vegetables were sent,
tho' they were entered

on the List, as having
been sent on board.

Dr. Becher's earnest
wish is still "to be
sent back to China",
"his service to be counted."

But, if this should
be contrary to the
Commander-in-Chiefs
wish (C. in C. be
hanged!) this is me,
not Becher

Dr. Becher is
perfectly willing to
go to Chatham to

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serve there, as a
Probationer, till
next Examination
(July.)

We, your petitioners,
only humbly pray
that he should be
gazetted, *ante=dating*
his Commission five
years back - *if* he
passes .

This is but just
to one to whose great
services we can all
bear witness.

And, without

some reliable
assurance of this sort,
he would not wish
to enter the Service.

For, certainly, if
there came a new
Secretary of State,
who "knew not Joseph",
"Joseph" would not
get his five years
of life accounted
to him.

May 8/60

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Dr. Becher earnestly hopes that, if the story of the voyage is to weigh against him, (altho' merely as an unfavourable impression,) ~~that~~ the accusation may be brought against him openly & officially, so that he may be able to bring forward evidence on the other side & defend himself -

This, I think, would be but fair.

No "Confidential Reports!"

Private

Capt. Galton says that there is a man in the Office (I suppose he means Mapleton) who maligns Becher out of pure opposition - and that the story ~~abo~~/against him/Becher was collected by him.

Certainly I never saw a man whose attention to his Patients was more widely known and acknowledged. At Scutari he used to do the work of half the other "*fellows*" as they said for them.

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4ff, Woolwich, 17 September, 1860 letter from three Artillery Surgeons complaining that they are to be compelled to purchase new Surgical Instruments at their own cost} 2057/F4/68

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Sep. 2. 1860. enclosing the Memo: of the Artillery Surgeons compelled to purchase new Surgical Instruments at their own cost} 2057/F4/68

Hampstead NW

Sept 22/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

You will wonder
what all this is
about. There is
"insurrection in the
Camp." And 15
old "fogies", with families, Surgeons=
=Major & Surgeons
of the R.A., are
in open revolt
about their stupid
costly

instruments.

They wrote to
Mr. Headlam, who
is out of England,
I believe.

These papers
were sent to me -
And, to save you
trouble, I have
made an Abstract
of the real rules
of the case -

I think it is
a grievance -

The tone of their

letter to Mr. Headlam
is ugly, but you
will not mind
that - If you think
right to interfere,
you will of course,
write to the D.G.
(or other Official)
direct & not
through me - or
with any reference
to me

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I am sorry you must come
back so soon.

initialed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Decber 5.60
mentions Ld Stanley's wish to serve on the Indian Sanitary Commission}
2057/F4/68; another letter, different content, of same date to EH 43396 f89

Dec 5/60

Dearest **[9:104]**

Lord Stanley

volunteers to say
that his University
Comm. work is done,
and, if asked by
Mr. Herbert to
take the Presidency
of the Indian
Sanitary Commn,
concerning the

progress of which
he has been making
enquiry, he would,
(I suppose) "think
about it."

Lord Stanley

is quite beyond
my comprehension.
And I would
not even have
conveyed this
message (which
is the "third

time of asking"
from Ld S.) to
Mr. Herbert - had
it not been that
the present
necessity to
relieve him
from as much
work as possible
makes any
loop=hole right
to speak about,
at least -

[end 9:104]

ever your F.

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: May/59 Miss Nightingale Sir R. Vivian's
opinion of Col David Russell - Indian Commission} 2057/F4/68

West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise N
May 13/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I wish that Sir John **[9:86]**

Lawrence would answer,
which he was to do
today, but he has
not yet -

Thro' Sir R. Vivian
who, whatever his
prejudices, is as honest
& anti jobbing as
Lawrence himself,
I have tried to get

opinions on the *general*
merits of ~~some of~~ the
Queen's Officers (who
have been named) from
some of the old Indian
Officers at the India
Ho. One & all agree
that Greathed is fit
for nothing - I tell
this for what it is
worth - I know not -
[I have heard Lord
W. Paulet & other

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Officers of high standing
in the Crimea, without
as much judgement
as your little Mary,
say the same thing
of Storks, & others
who certainly had
some (i.e. judgment)]

~~The~~ The man most

highly spoken of by
Sir Rob. Vivian & Co:
~~others~~ is
Col. David Russell CB.
Inspecting Field Officer
Recruiting Dept.
Horse Guards

long in India - in
command of a Regt;
& a very good (Queen's)
Officer - [It may be
that his name will
turn up on Airey's or some
body else's recommen=
dation.] **[end 9:86]**

The Scotch
Inspections began
yesterday.

Sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Please thank Mrs. Herbert
very much for her letter.

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2057/F4/68 signed letter, 8ff, pen

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{in another hand: Miss Nightingale, 1 Jan. 1859. Indian Sany Comm.}

Gt Malvern

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Dear Mr. Herbert

I think, with you,
that you must use
Lord Stanley's proposal;
when it comes, as a
lever to get the
Regulations & the
Council. But there
will be much
preliminary work
to do in preparing
the ground for your

Indian enquiry. I
should, if I were
you, accept first,
when Lord Stanley
writes, & then put
in the lever. If Ld
S. understands
that you must &
will have the Army
matters settled
before you move,
he will then give
Genl. Peel a little
shove -

But, as the

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Regulations & Council
will go on moving
thro' the War Office,
till they have a
Corporal of Sappers
& Miners, a Hospital
Serjeant, & a
Purveyor's Clerk
sitting upon you,
with an Apothecary's
boy in the chair, -
- I bet you a penny
that the Indian
enquiry is all done,
which will take

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at least three years
(interim Reports, &
interim action
having been set a
going in the mean
time) *before the*
other - Genl Peel
can't manage his
subordinates &
Lord Stanley can -

2. With regard
to the Commissioners -
Lord Stanley asked
whether the former
Commission, *minus*
Andrew Smith, would

do. I left it to you
to answer that
question - My
impression being
that, except
Alexander &
Sutherland, you
found them heavy
in hand.

What would you
think of having
those two again -
(Alexander for his
own instruction -)
3. Martin, who is

necessary for his
Indian knowledge -

4. Farr, without whom
the Statistics would
be with difficulty
done - as he has
Clerks - & Tulloch
& Balfour have not
an idea of doing
figures, except with
their own pens -
Does it not seem
to you essential to
have one Indian
Military Engineer?

& one Indian Military
Officer? If desirable
to have members
of the Indian Council,
Sir Proby Cautley
might do for the
first & Sir Richard
Vivian for the second.
But, Ld Stanley
volunteered to say
that there was not
one member on the
Council who knew
anything about
Sanitary things or
how to spell the word,

& specially instanced
Sir P. Cautley as
prominent in ignorance.
In this, Ld S. differs
from Mr. Martin,
who gives them rather
a good character.

I did not press,
for I did not feel
sure of what you
might think about
having a member of the Council on.

Col. Goodwyn,
Bengal Engineers, now
at home, bears a
very high character.
Lt. Col Waugh, Bengal
Engineers, Surveyor=

General of India,
now in India, is
I suppose, the first
Topographer in Europe
[That is Irish] Would
you think it well
to make enquiries
about these men?
[It might be as
impossible to let
Col. Waugh as Lord
Canning come home - That
I don't know]-

With regard to
Balfour as Secretary.
It might be difficult

to find a better man.
To have a man who
knows ~~much~~/more of India
would have advantages
& also disadvantages.
He would be prejudiced.
Balfour is not a little
in that line too, however.
His great value lay
in having materials
in his possession of
so much value, of
which he did not
know the value before.
[There would not
be this for India.]

I think it would be
worth while to see
what they have got
at the India House
that would do as a
Secretary, tho' very
likely to return to
Balfour -

I should like to
know whether you
decide for or against
a man of the Indian
Council to be on
the Commission.

NB Lord Stanley

told me that Lord
Canning insisted upon
large masses of troops
as necessary at
Allahabad - and
objected to having them
at Dagshai, Kupowlie,
&c, our hill stations -
Now it so happens
that Allahabad
stands highest but one of all
our Stations in
Mortality - ~~125~~/115 per
1000 - To decide
what can be done
to make unhealthy
stations healthy

will be the aim of
your Commission.
It does not require
Tulloch to tell us
that troops will be
healthy, if removed
to healthy Stations -
But, if it be necessary
for our holding of
India to have
numbers at a
place with a loss
of 11-1/2 per cent - can
you conceive our holding
India at such a
price?

3. Lord Tweeddale's
tables are interesting -
But that is all -
they give the clue to
a case to be enquired
into. His own note,
as shewing the advance
in good principles
of Military economy
is far more interesting-
Tho' he did the thing,
I don't believe he
would have written
that note a year ago.
You have not
laboured in vain.

I have an old note
from Lord Rokeby,
using, in the matter
of day=rooms, exactly
the self=same words
Lord Tweeddale
reproaches the
Governor General &
C. in Chief with
using - qua Barracks.

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Do you know John
Stuart Mill? a
most intelligent

but very odd man,
now at liberty. He
did the foreign
relations at the
India House - Sir
Geo. Clark the others.
Perhaps this would
prevent his being
useful as a
Commissioner in the
way you want -
What the Times
said of him was
quite unfair.

Wiltshire 2057/F4/68 signed letter, 6ff, pen

Gt Malvern

Jan 4/59

[15:277-78]

Dear Mr. Herbert

Hawes is really
too bad about the
Medical Council - &
what is worse, I am
afraid that Alexan-
der is giving way.

He is so good an
administrator that
he does not see
the value of organi=

zation - or has
forgotten it -

As there are
striking & original
views ~~now~~ of English
history now to be
found only in the
Prayer book, in
Burke's Peerage &
in Mrs. Shaw Stewart
- so there are striking
& original ways of
doing business, now

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only to be found in
the War Office -

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To strike a blow
at these ways of
doing business in
one direction was
quite as much the
object of your
"Instructions" to the
Med. Council, as to
organize the Medl
Dir. Genl's Office.

This I am not
surprised at

Alexander not
seeing.

For the R. Commn,
after attaching so
much value to the
Sanitary & Statistical
elements, to allow
them to be put second,
would be literally
for its right hand
not to know what
its left hand doeth.
The Medical Councillor
I would gladly leave

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to work his own way,
were it not that
there is a "Professional
Assistant" now &
must be - And he
may as well be
organized too -

That the War Office
does not like the
"Instruction" I can
well believe. They
are in opposition
to all its ways -

I hear that
Mapleton is virtually

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now "Professional
Assistant". This
will not do.

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Without your
"Instructions" to the
Council there had
better be no Council.
And without the
quinquennial
appointments. there
can be no indepen=
dence -

As, after all the
ransacking, *only*

one Sanitary & one
Statistical man has
been found - but
five or six *Medical*
members have been
named, it will
not do to give
the former lower
pay than the latter.

If Hawes likes
to call it a board,
that does not signify.
But without the
Instructions, the

{in another hand: 4 Jan 1859}
Department would
have no strength,
nor the D.G. any
aid in specialties.
Rather than Hawes's
plan, let Alexander
go on as he is, ~~don't~~/do not
~~however~~ you think so?
The "Westminster"
Article reads very
well - don't you
think so? There
are two or three

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misprints - In
describing the 8
Depts of Genl Hospls,
you had put "and
none to nurse" - It
is printed "and
one to nurse." I
think there is no
other which signifies.
But the Revise (in
which ~~these~~/ey all are),
should have been
corrected -

I see you have nailed
your colors to the
mast in the Initials.

It is gratifying to
see Mr. Gladstone
has been snubbing
the Church in Zante.
As Milton's devil
laughed & made
faces to himself,
as soon as out of
Eden, so I think
Mr. Gladstone must

have done - May he
come home with
the 7 Islands in a
neat bracelet on
his wrist for
Britannia!

The "Morning Star",
a penny paper, has
being going against
us. This is too bad.
I believe its circula=
tion is very large -
I must go out
with the hounds

again. Have you
seen one *in green*?
I sent one to Belgrave
Sq. in that coat.

I was not at all
the worse for the
journey, thank you.
But I have not
been up since I came - [end 15:278]
So you may hear I
was -

Did you think of
a Queen's Officer for
the Indian Commission?
sincerely yours F. Nightingale.

signed letter, 4ff, pen

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Jan. 29 1859 Statistical Commission suggests
Sanitary Engineering Lectures for Cadets & that Galton be the future head of the
Barrack Depart.}

Gt Malvern
Jan 29/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I can hear nothing
about the Indian
Organization Commissn,
except that it is to
have two contending
Reports, (as you
anticipated), i.e. as far as
regards the description
of troops to be employed -
Probably you may
know more -

The great Actuaries

have taken us up,
which is the more
pleasing, as the
Great Actuary, had
put us down, which
was distressing. Here
is their "Post Magazine"
[The Article was not,
I know, written by Farr]

I invite Mrs.
Herbert's attention
to ~~the~~ a new view of
the object of the
Institution of Infancy;
vide next Article -

"the life duration of
"tender babies (such
a word!) is the most
"delicate test" - Saturn
as an Analytical
Chemist with two
"tender babies" in a
glass tube!

Sutherland told
me, you wished to
know "whether the
Daily News Sanitary
articles came from
Malvern" - I did not
write them - but I
supplied the materials,

& wrote the heads, on
condition the writer
should not mention
it to the Editor - The
name of the writer
I hardly dare mention
in your presence - You
will see by some
blunders, innocent
& non-innocent,
that the subject is
a new one - There are
to be three more - (not blunders but)
Articles - The Medical times
has two Articles, one
on your Article, one
on your Commission -

Since the Gunpowder
plot is come out of
the Prayerbook, I feel
ready to put it under
the War Office.

I hear that Alexander
is dispirited & irritable
& is writing to you -

One used to think
that good might be
done to the War Office
from without - But
now it seems evident
that it is *all bureau*,
corrupt to the core -
that your Commission

raised only a morsel
of its shroud - &
that it must
have *its own* Minister
to reform it root
& branch - & make
the dry bones live.
Nothing short of
this, it seems, will
do it any good - Certainly
Genl Peel will not.

I wish there
could be some system
set on foot to have

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Sanitary Engineering
lectures for the
Engineer Cadets. And
I wish that Galton
might be future
Head of the Barrack
Department, vice Laffan.

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Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Farr & I are doing
a system of uniform
Hospital Statistics
for the world, to be
proposed at the
Statistical Congress

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next time, after
which we mean
to introduce it in
the Universe, Saturn
excluded, because
I don't approve his
system about babies.

F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen {in another hand: Miss Nightingale Feb 10. 1859 "Where
are the Regulations?"} 2057/F4/68

Gt Malvern

Feb 10/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Would you not
think well to ask
Genl Peel where the
"Regulations" are?
It is said they have
passed the Purveyor's
Clerks' Committee at
the War Office (wonderful celerity
if they have!) They
must then be nearly

ready by this time -
And you ought to
see what has
been doing on them
by the Purveyors' Clerks
& Co.

Alexander says
that, on his appoint=
ment as D.G., Sir
H. Storks said to
him, "No Council,
remember!" Considering

Storks signed the
Report, if this is not
dishonest, what is
it? - Perhaps then
Storks' departure
may lessen the
opposition - But,
whatever they
choose to call (or
not call) the Council,
we must have the
Instructions.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen

{in another hand: 12 April 1859 F. Nightingale Indian matters 1859} 2057/F4/68

30 Old Burlington St
London W
April 12/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

I am afraid you [9:78]
will think me over
busy. But you cannot
think how that Indian
business has lain at
my heart - After you
were gone, I wrote to
Lord Stanley (quite
tame, believe me: but
I repeated what he
had said last Dec.ber

without preamble)

And this is his answer:

the oddest thing of all,

I think - Don't destroy

it, please. *J'y tiens* - et

pour cause. [end 9:78]

I understand

Balfour has accepted

the Statistical with

£300 a year *plus* the

Asylum - which he

keeps - But I only

heard this second=

hand -

Will you be so good

[8:660]

as to tell your Nurse,

or whomsoever you may

please, to write to me,

when Mrs. Herbert's

seventh is arrived? [end 8:660]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I hope "the clergy" will

forgive you - You have

a great deal of

"Xtianity" to fall back

upon.

unsigned letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

April 18/59

30 O. Burlington St

Dear Mr. Herbert

I cannot think

how I could be so

careless, if I did

not tell you that

your packet of

Army Medical School

was received here

on Friday last -

that I looked it

all through - & sent

it by a messenger within

three hours to the
War Office - having
added the three
copies - addressed
to Genl Peel -

Unless his private
Secretaries minute
each other in descending
gradation down to
the porter's boy,
before he sees any
thing, I cannot
conceive how he has

not seen it.

I have heard [9:79]
nothing from Lord
Stanley - whom however
I gratified (not with
the sight but) with
the substance of
your note. I was
rather in hopes
that he would have
written to you. I did
not expect to hear
from him. Because,
I think, he is angry
(notwithstanding his

mansuetude) - which
doesn't signify, as, if
he will but do this
one thing, I am very
sure never to want
anything from him
again - Lord Stanley
is a kind of Robinson
Crusoe of humanity
{upside down} ~~Dear Sir John Would~~
He has no fellow=
creatures. He never

communicated with
anybody, nor anybody
with him on any
subject that I ever
heard of. He is a
species *in himself* -
& will be described,
as such, by any
future Cuvier.

Genus...Homo

Species - Lord Stanley [end 9:79]

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Yours sincerely
{signature cut off}

signed letter, 4ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Mrs. Howitt's
West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise N.
April 20/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

Enclosed I send, **[9:79]**

I the List of Commissioners,

II Heads for the
Instructions, to
which I hope
you will add
a great deal - **[end 9:79]**
And pray don't
let him settle

the Instructions
finally, without
referring them
again back to
you -

III A List of a few **[9:79]**

of the "documents
"which we want,
"if they can be
"obtained from
"the India Ho:"

IV A List of good
witnesses, which
you *don't* want

now - Only perhaps

Ld S. will say

there are none

to be had - [end 9:79]

I will write

tomorrow, if anything

more occurs to me -

And for this I

keep Ld S.'s letter

till tomorrow, when

I will send it you.

[You could not

make use of this

Commission, could you?

to get anything more

out of Peel ~~about~~/towards

our Army Medical

Council, or ~~Regulations~~

getting out the

Regulations, of which

we have heard nothing.]

With regard to

these Instructions,

I am sure a great

deal more will

occur to you - So let

them be as ample

as possible - pray -

yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

It occurred to me, [9:79]

what should you

think of Col. Sir W.

Russell, M.P., for the

"Queen's man"? Probably

you know him - But,

if not, he is a man

of about poor

Stafford's calibre -

with zeal & generosity,

without sense or

judgment, but

without Stafford's
tendency to gross
exaggeration - He
has enthusiasm,
a quality something
scarce on your
Commissn. He would
follow you & not
be obstinate. He
has Indian experience now.
And I suppose it
is rather a good thing

to have a M.P., is
it not? He is a
Cavalry Officer, which
is a bad thing.
I knew him in
the Crimea. For an
Army man, he is
wonderfully "go ahead",
& would astonish
the old Indians out
of their ruts. **[end 9:79]**

F. Nightingale
April 28/59 Turn Over

Brigadier Greathed, **[9:80]**
the man of the won=
derful march from
Delhi to Agra (?)
is come home - He
is a first-rate soldier
& a good Indian
name - Would he
do? It is sometimes
better to begin on a
"table rase", like
this Russell or
Greaded. They have
no prejudices. **[end 9:80]**

nothing to do with it, (considering
the men who have been
selected for his Councillors,)
farther than finding Medical
Officers for the service]

- III. There will be four sources of
evidence
1. existing documents & maps
 2. witnesses
 3. inquiries by forms of questions
to be filled up & returned
with ~~&~~ skeleton maps & plans
 4. evidence taken on the spot.
- The Report, drawn up from
these, will be complete in
itself and a book of reference
for all future Military
Engineering & Medical
operations.
Forms, tables, diagrams, maps,
(especially disease maps &
physical geography maps)
recommendations, plans for
improving old & constructing
new stations will make it

(what it should be) a practical
Manual for our occupation of India.

{in another hand: Ap./59 Miss Nightingale Indian Commission - Preliminary work -
& Commission work -}

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signed letter, 4ff, pen {in another hand; Ap/59 Miss Nightingale, Indian Commission as to Sir E. Lugard, Sir J. Burgoyne. Col. Kennedy, Genl Tremeneere, Lord Gough, Sir W. Russell, Col. Greathed}

West Hill Lodge

Highgate Rise

N.

April 28/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

For a "Queen's Officer" [9:80]
on the Indian Sanitary
Commn it is much
easier to say whom
not to have than
whom to have - But:

1. Sir E. Lugard - to educate?
able & honest -
not independent -
(but what Army
man is?) with
Indian experience.
2. Sir J. Burgoyne - a
faithful friend of
the Sanitary cause,
his rank would
help - not a
wise man - no
Indian experience
3. Col. Kennedy. Ass. Q.M.G.
at Aldershot -
very highly thought
of by all good
Army men - has
Indian experience.

It is true the man
ought to be an Engineer
But no Queen's Engineer
has been in India till
the War -

And *all* these men
know just this of
India to recommend
& no more. "If you
want to make the
soldier healthy in
India, take him
out of it."

Therefore you will
have to educate
your man any how,
& I had rather
educate Sir E. Lugard. [end 9:80]

I am sorry the
Military part of the
team musters so
strong. But you will

drive it.

If you could look
over the Queen's
Officers who gave
evidence before the
"Indian Colonization
Committee" & the
"Army Indian Re=
Organization" Commissn
(if the last be out)
there might be one
with common sense -
Major=Genl Tremenhoe's
evidence was good. He has
great experience -
But he is E.I.C. I think

If you thought well
to write to Airey for
a List of Officers
who knew the Stations
well in India, ~~I~~/we
could get this list
sifted for you (privately)
in London - But
the fact is the men
are all alike.

Do you know old
Gough? [I like him.]
His name would be
unexceptionable - he
is a rough creature
but good -

[I wish we had Sir
Colin. He is such a
shrewd man of sense.]

This is all I have
to suggest. Sir J. Mc
Neill's opinion of
Lugard is high.

I have a great
deal to say about
the preliminaries -
anent the questions
to be sent out to
the Indian Stations,
as you suggested -

which I will do
tomorrow please -

Thank you so much [8:660]
for your news about
Mrs. Herbert & the
little thing. It
was like you to
write yourself &
so much - [end 8:660]

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

The Irish inspection [15:283]
is begun. They come
back on Saturday
week - [end]

Highgate
April 29/59

Dear Mr. Herbert

If your mind has **[9:80]**
inclined to have Sir E.
Lugard, I conceive it
will be the best. After
making every enquiry,
I don't see anyone who
will do as well -

He has been 24
years in India - an
Adj. Gen. there - has
great local knowledge - is
unenergetic - honest
& fair. In what little

official intercourse
Galton has had with
him about your
Barrack matters -
he has been sensible.
That he is a Horse
Guards "organ" there
is no doubt. But
the Commission will
always be called
"one-sided" by its
enemies, if there is
no such "organ" - Your **[end 9:80]**
first Sanitary Commissn
would not have

been one=half so
effective, if A. Smith
had not been holding
forth on it -

 If Lugard is unfair,
which however he will
not be, it will set
public opinion against
his side.

 He has great
experience both in
& off the field - And
if he can be made
to concur, his concur=
rence will be more
valuable than that

of any man like Sir
W. Russell &c -

 I have ascertained **[9:81]**
that no *Royal* Engineer
or Artillery Officer
ever went to India
before the war &
that none has as
yet returned - **[end 9:81]**

 yours sincerely

 F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Ap/59 Miss Nightingale Indian Commission Sir E. Lugard
no Royal Artillery or Engineer officer was
in India before the War.}

- Chairman Mr. Herbert
1. Medical Member *Mr. Alexander*
 2. Statistical "*Dr. Farr*
 3. Sanitary {Indian *Mr. Martin*
 4. {General *Dr. Sutherland*
 5. Military Indian
 (Queen's) & Indian *Sir R. Vivian*
 Councillor
 6. Engineer Indian *Sir Proby Cautley*
 Indian Council OR *Col. Waugh*
 {Surveyor General
 {of India -IF to be had
 OR *Col. Baker*
 {Mily Secy
 {India Ho:
 [Last said to be the
 best - Could you find out?]

NB

John Stuart Mill

you thought of once.
But I think you
considered him too
much identified
with the "old" for a
Commissioner.

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Engineer & Medical Officers
who will give good evidence

Bengal Army

ENGINEERS -

In India Col. Boileau
Lt. Col. Waugh Surv. Genl
Major Ommanny
Capt. C.B. Young
Lieut. J.M. Innes
" R. De Bourbel
At Home Col. H. Goodwyn
" G.T. Greene

MEDICAL

In India Surgeon Grant
A.S. Norman Chevers
Surg. John McClelland
" H.M. McPherson
A.S. Macnamara
" Marcus Hill
At Home Surgeon Dempster
" K. Mackinnon
Dr. Julius Jeffreys

Madras Army

ENGINEERS

In India Col. Cotton
Major Lawford
Capt. Collyer
Lt. Col. Atkinson
At Home Capt. Ouchterlony
" Harsley
" Hitchins

MEDICAL

In India Duncan McPherson
Director General
Surgeon E.G. Balfour
" Maclean
A.S. Waring
" Francis Day
At Home Surgeon Key
" Geddes
" R. Wight

ENGINEERS

In India Col. Scott
Major Crawford
Capt. Marriott
" Ballard
At Home Lt. Col. C.N. Grant
" H.B. Turner
Major Wingate
" John Hill

MEDICAL

In India Surgeon Gibson
" Collier
" Morehead
" Arnott
At Home " McLennan
" Glen
" Stovell

{in another hand: Mr. Neison Col. Sykes}

Manner of Enquiry

- 1 Examination of
Documents in
possession of the
India Ho:
regarding the
health of troops
& Stations
2. Parole evidence
from persons
on leave in
England,
acquainted
with Stations
3. Obtaining all
Maps
plans &c
which throw light
on the subject
4. Issuing printed
lists of questions
to all Stations
in India

These Documents
will ~~(illeg)~~ be wanted from
the India House

1. The best India Ho.
map of India.
2. Trigonometrical
Survey, as far as
completed.
3. List of all Military
Stations to be
marked also on
the maps.
4. Copies of all published
periodical reports
of Medical Boards
in Presidencies.
5. Copies of all
published Army
Indian Statistical
tables.

Same, Queen's troops.

6. Lists of all
places where are
permanent Barracks
& Hospitals {in another hand:

including

sanatoria.}

7. Access to
catalogue of
documents at
India Ho:, & to
all documents
there bearing on
the enquiry.
{in another hand: [I]
documents wanted
from India Ho

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To ask Lord Stanley
for a general power
of examining all
documents respecting
health of Army
in India Ho:

Should Sir John
McNeill be on the
Commission?

Don't be limited
~~as~~ to any time
for finishing
the Enquiry.

{in another hand: Ap/59 Miss Nightingale Indian Commission

1. List of Commissioners
2. Heads for Instructions
3. Documents wanted
4. List of Witnesses}

signed letter, 2ff, pen 2057/F4/68

Hampstead NW
Oct 18/60

[15:383-84]

Dear Mr. Herbert

The recalcitrant
Artillery Surgeons
are still raging
about their instruments.

I think I have
heard you say that
it was an error of
administration.

Would it do to
put it right in
this way? -

As

As a certain number
of Medical Officers
of the R.A. have
already given up
the Government
Surgical instruments
and purchased others,
it would not do to
return the instruments
in any form - But
you might retain
the instruments given
back, and purchase
for Government use
those which have
been bought by the

R.A. Officers to
replace these - the
Officers retaining
them as long as
they are in the
Service & surrendering
them to the Government
when they retire -

As regards the
men who have not
yet given up their
instruments, may
these not retain
them till they
retire?

All new comers to

comply with the
new Regulations
and purchase their
own instruments.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Oct 18 1860 on the case of the Artillery Surgeons}

In re Surgical Instruments

1. The Army Med. Reg.,
both old & new, take
it for granted that
Assistt Surgeons except
those of Cavalry, have
no need of instruments

The old Ordnance
Reg., on the contrary
supplied instruments
to Assist. Surgeons,
to be afterwards kept
up by themselves.

Thus there was a
difference in the services.

2. The Army Med. Reg.,
both old & new, require
every Surgeon of whatever
designation to provide
a set of instruments,
according to scale.
But both state that
certain instruments
are to be given to
the Surgeon by the
W.O.

The number so
given is greater
under the new than
under the old Reg.

In the Ordnance,
on the contrary, there
was no such rule.
The instruments
once given to the
Ass. Surgeon were
only to be kept up
by the Surgeon, as
above said.

3. Since the amalgamation
of the two Services,
the Ordnance has
unquestionably come
under the new
Med. Reg.

4. The only point
is one of Office
administration.
Should the Ordnance
men have been

when the said cases were
presented to them,

called on to deliver
up ~~& purchase~~ cases
engraved by authority
with their own names,
& purchase, as they
have been, at the
cost of £15 or
£20 per man?

5. Undoubtedly
the new law is better
than the old. Because
it ensures uniformity
in the instruments.
But it would have
been better to let
the old "fogies" retire
out with their old
instruments, rather
than have raised
all this opposition.

6. There is no
hardship in applying
the law to the Line.
But there is a hardship
in applying it to the

Ordnance. It is
tantamount to a fine.

If the W.O. makes
similar requirements
in other branches of
the Service, again,
there is no hardship.

But if this is an
exceptional case, it
might be well to
limit the new law
to new comers into
the Artillery.

The D.G.'s answer
that there are greater
advantages under the
Warrant is no answer.

Because all Depts.
benefit by these advantages.

The Artillery men
only are fined.

[end 15:384]

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{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Oct 24. 60. 2057/F4/68

Hampstead NW

[15:293]

Oct 24/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

There are rats
in the W.O. - also a
cat -

There are 17
months' minutes to
apply for 6d a week
for her -

40 minutes say
that she ought to
live on rats -

Other minutes

that she ought to
have milk - but
that 6d a week
is too much -

Others again ask
what she is to live
upon in the mean
time -

I am very
anxious to know
what is your
decision - whether
you have given
any, as yet -

whether you think
five pence, three farthings
would be too much?

I incline to
five pence, halfpenny.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

This is fact - not fiction.
But I would not
be a W.O. cat, even
for a very great deal.

[end]

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signed letter, 5ff, pen

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Hampstead NW
Nov 3/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

*With regard to
General Hospitals.*

Certainly, it is of
the utmost importance,
as you say, to organize
these in the *Camps*.

I only mentioned
Woolwich Cape of G.H.
Portsmouth Fermoy
Plymouth Dublin

&c
because these could

be done at once -

And every day's
delay is so much
in the balance *against*
the success of the
scheme, because,
for it to work, it
should be two years
at least begun, before
you go out of office.

But Aldershot
is undoubtedly the
best place of all
for a General Hospital.
Because it would give
the additional practice

of carrying out General
Hospital arrangements
during field Operations
- of collecting and
removing sick in
Ambulances - &c seeing
the whole machinery
of Field General Hospls.
Aldershot is the only
camp large enough
to do this properly.
And the constant
succession of Officers
through it is an
additional advantage.

But there is no
Hospital at present

there which will do.

The one planned
(but not executed)
would do with a few
improvements. Or
a Hut Hospital
might be put up
which would answer
temporarily or for
a beginning.

Sooner or later
Aldershot must be
the great General Hospl.

Shorncliffe would
do much less well.
The Hospital is very

-2-

inconvenient - ought
to be removed
altogether - has no
administrative rooms
& no place to build
any.

If one model
General Hospital is
to be tried, certainly
Shorncliffe is not
the place -

But poor Alexander
wanted Genl Peel
to try thirteen, and
gave in the names.

And I believe he
was right - i.e. as
to organizing several
immediately.

If you determined
upon Shorncliffe as
one, it ought to be
examined with special
reference to the
required additions
and organization.

The wards are
very small - for 7
only, I think.

Your "Regulations"
regard all agglomerated
Hospitals as to be
organized as "General
Hospitals" - but not
all under a Governor.

If the expence
of having a Colonel
to each General Hospital
as Governor is feared,
let the P.M.O. be
Governor in such a
Hospital as Shorncliffe
~~with~~/which has from 200 to 250
Patients only.

He is so, in fact,

at present, as to all
administrative &
directing functions,
but *not* as to any
~~of the~~ supply functions.
The Pr. Med. Off. and
Purveyor are in fact
twin Governors now.

[There would be
an average of 1500
Patients at Aldershot]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I understand that Dr.
Gibson is so convinced
of the impossibility
of going on as we are

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now, that he is
anxious that you
should appoint
"Capts. of Orderlies"
over *districts*, even
where there are
no General Hospls.

And I should
think that the
discharged (good)
Serjeants=Majors
(Stewards) of the
late Medl Staff Corps,
(I could give you
names of such)
would make the

best Capts of Orderlies,
(if a Commission
were given them)
whether ~~F.N.~~ for
districts or
Genl Hospitals.

F.N.

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Nov. 3. 1860. General Hospitals}

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{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Nov. 10. 1860. on the refusal of the Treasury
to grant a Military Female Hospital}

Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Nov 10/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

I think the
Treasury papers, in
re Female Hospitals,
are very easily
answered.

Would you be
so good as to get
for us, from the
Purveyor in Chief,
the enclosed

information? He, I
know, possesses it.
And it would
enable us to give
the answer to the
Treasury, in case
you wished to
urge the thing.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

N.B. Gentlemen
of the Treasury
don't seem to
know that, altho'

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you may take a bed
in a Civil Hospital
by the year, (vide
papers,) you must
not send "Lying=
in" cases to it ("*promiscuous*")
which constitute
half the whole
of the cases, at
least, in Soldiers'
Wives Hospitals -
And there are very
few of those murderous
Institutions, called
"Lying=in Hospitals",
in England, thank God!

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initialed letter, 6ff, pen

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Dec 8.60. on Major Gordon's capabilities -
Sidney's Health.

Hampstead NW
Dec 8/60

Dear Mr. Herbert

Major Gordon's leave
extends for one month
more. He has £1200
to £1600 a year at
Constantinople - And
I believe there is some
doubt as to whether
he would accept ~~an~~ lower paid
appointment at home.
But *I* think he would

I hope you will
not judge too hardly
of yourself from
these Doctors' opinions.
Doctors get to consider
diseases as *accidents*
(to organs). Nothing
can be more false -
It is true that you
cannot mend your
broken leg by rest only
or by fresh air, absence
of anxiety &c. But
it is *not* true that

[8:664-65]

you cannot, (sometimes)
absolutely mend a
~~broken~~ damaged organ,
almost always
keep it comfortably
going for many,
many years by
giving Nature fair
play - The presence
of a large amount
of albumen is no
test in itself of anything
but that Nature
is getting rid of
something which

ought not to be
there. Help her by
trying not to make
any more - I know
a very active
intellectual London
man, ~~of~~/now 65, whose
albuminous symptoms were
accompanied by
one, the most
advanced of all,
which you have
never had, but who
by sleeping in the
country &c &c &c
has given himself

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15 years' good life
& may have 15
more -

I am not going
to bore you with a
Medical lecture -

But I do hope
you won't have
any vain ideas
that you can be
spared out of the
W.O. You said
yourself that there
was no one to take
your place - And

according to common
sense.

I don't believe
there is anything in
your Constitution
which makes it
evident that disease
is getting the upper
hand. On the contrary.

It would be
well worth your while
if you could give
yourself a month's
complete rest now -
Also no rushing about.

If you could be
relieved of a great deal
of the detail of the
W.O. ~~But~~/and the re=
organization *ought* to
do this - it would be well.

Did you ever think
of Robt. Lowe for your
Parly Under Secy?
Greatly as he is
disliked, I never
heard anything but
praise of him from
his own subordinates,
(i.e. the best of them)
both at the Bd of Trade

Derbyshire Co Record Office
& Privy Council. I
have heard them
speak of his fearless
administrative
ability with admiration.

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For myself, I once
applied to him to
remove a great &
long standing abuse
at the Chelsea Hosp;,
which I was able
to prove - And he
removed it - And
that is more than
can be said of any
body at the W.O.

It would be an

ill wind, this, which
had blown some good,
if, among the changes
could be that of
ousting Hawes -
Forgive anything which seems
like impertinence

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

I am not sorry that
B. Jones & Williams
agreed - in order to
determine on a line
of action - ~~but~~/not in order
to believe the case
hopeless.

Note

French Returns

One must read
such papers as these
(about the French
Army) to know what
you have done for
the British. In the
last two years we
have shot some
two hundred years
ahead of them.

I wish Lord Derby
(or somebody) would
say so in Parliament.
March 7/61 F.N.

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Liverpool Record Office, paper copies, handwritten, some with typed copies, some typed copies with no handwritten original, indicated 610 RAT; with 4 typed copies of originals at the University of Wales Bangor; typed copies of Rathbone letters at end;

typed copy of letter 13 June 1898 in University of Liverpool **[6:578]**

610 RAT 1/1 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy fl

Hampstead N.W.

Sept 26/64

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I must plead my usual excuse for not having thanked you before for your beautiful ferns & flowers & grasses.

I do not think you need be troubled about not having all the accommodation x Miss Jones thinks desirable. She herself informed me of it: but her chief trouble was X Workhouse Infy=

[6:247]

that she was giving you "annoyance & trouble," & lest you should not understand that there was really no item in the Memo: which the Governor had not settled with her, none which she had proposed-

As for the Probationers, they will be better off than the Nurses (not Head Nurses) in the large majority of London

Hospitals were in my time;
or I daresay are still.

You are very good to
relieve my mind as to:
the expenditure
you are undertaking. I
assure you it weighed
upon me very heavily:
because I thought we
had led you into a
higher sum than
you had
at first proposed -
I could not help telling
Sir John Lawrence (in
my letter of today's mail)

of what was going to be
done at Liverpool Work:
house. I am sure it
would give him so much
pleasure - He deplores
the state of the destitute
Hindoos at Calcutta -
But really the state of
London Workhouse Sick,
as I remember them,
was such that it is
not for us to raise our
hands against Calcutta.
Now Liverpool is going
to raise her hands
against us all -
[page cut off]

[end 6:247]

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

July 4~~2~~/66

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I reproach myself
that, in the hurry of the
last few days, I have
not answered yours
of June 28.

The Committee (of 3)
have taken a step
in the right direction -
in placing themselves
directly in communication
with both Governor
& Supt=

But they must not

cease to attempt the
obtaining of a
separate position for
the Supt=

Until this is done,
nothing real has
been done.

All the London
Workhouse enquiries
have centred on
two points: --

1. bad Nurses

2. worse Governors.

The Nurses did not

know how to nurse -
the Governors ~~did~~
made bad nursing
worse by their
interference.

Substitute good Nurses,
& leave the worse
Governors over the good
Nurses And there will only
be added a new
element of failure
& discord.

We do not have the
Medical officers'
medicines & treatment

under the Masters
of Workhouses.
The far more important,
delicate & constant
element of Nursing
should still less
be left under the
Masters of Workhouses.

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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610 RAT 1/3 signed letter, 12ff, pen

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[6:266-68]

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*
July 4/66

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Please consider this
as part of my letter of
yesterday; which I was
obliged to send off in
an unfinished state
(in reply to yours of the 28th)

Indeed you can't
think what a crisis
I feel this to be in
the Liverpool Workhouse
Nursing - nor how
anxiously I wish to put
shortly & seriously what
I want to say - as the

result of all my experience
viz.--that it is *quite*
impossible to have a
Training School, (to have
Probationers,) under the
present system or where
any interference whatever
of the Governor is possible
--that it is merely
running to *certain* failure.

If the Governor chooses,
or thinks it right, to
interfere with the
Probationers - or with
the Supt= about them she

should have the power
of saying to him: - You
must bring this before
the Committee (of three) -
And they, if they think
well, must bring it
before me -

It is absolute destruction
for the Governor to be
"intriguing" among the
Probationers, as he
does. [I can use no
other word but
"intriguing". Of course
I don't mean it in
an immoral sense.]

It is absolute, (not destruction,

but making the whole
thing a) profane burlesque
for the Governor to
govern by a mixture
of cajolery, flattery &
insult addressed to
the Supt=. about her
Nursing & Probationers.
He has nothing to do
with them, or it, in that
sense.

It is absolutely impossible
to go on in that way.
The Supt= is not *their*
Supt=. The Probationers
are not *her* Probationers.
It is all confusion &

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ruin. How she can get
on for a single day
passes my comprehension
It is a government
divided against itself.
It is pure destruction
~~— against~~ of any training
or moral discipline
the Probationers can
get - & which is the
sole object of their
being there.

If the Governor is the
Training=Matron, let
it be said so. And
let *her* resign-

The Supt= should, on her

part, if diets are ill=
cooked, if she can't
get the Patients' clothes,
or hot water, if &c &c &c, complain
to the Committee, not
to the Governor-

in short, unless the
Supt= can be the
Committee's officer
& not the Governor's-
I wish to say, as
strongly as I can put
the words, it is *quite*
impossible to have a
Nursing Staff or a Training School at
Liverpool Workhouse
at all.

[I would go farther & say

that, suppose two or three
Head Nurses, of high,
vicious tempers, were
to come in, they might
upset the Supt's= whole
authority in a week.
They have nothing to
do but to go to the
Governor. *She* has
no authority, no
position. *She*
not their Supt=.

And then what
becomes of the Nursing?]

I feel that this involves
the whole future not
only of Nursing in
Liverpool Workhouse,
but in all other
Workhouses.

I have entered more
into coarse detail in
this letter than in any
previous one. Because
I feel that none but
a woman, & a woman
who has gone through
the same kind of thing,
(for herself & for others), as I have,
for many years x-
x [&c Miss Jones has not

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{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*
the least idea of it--
she thinks she can
go on as it is]

can tell men:-- the
absolute necessity
of giving a proper
position to the
Matron, on the
obvious ground that,
unless this is done,
it is *impossible* for
you to do anything
really important.

You have progressed
gradually to obtaining
a better position for
the "nursing idea"--

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thro' your munificence

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But no position, so far
as I know, has been
gained for the Matron
& Nurses.

Even SINCE the Committee
was appointed, the
Governor has gone on
"TRAINING" [underlined 3 times] the Probationers,
just the same as
before in the way described.

[Indeed I don't know that
he is to be blamed.
It has been left to
be supposed that it
is his duty. And
that is *his* way of
fulfilling his duty.]

But under these
circumstances, I have
no hesitation in
saying that, judging
from my life's
experience,

I feel defeat so certain
that, in order to save
the cause elsewhere,
I should, if my opinion
were asked, advise
the adoption of one
of two final
alternatives: --

1. To place Miss Jones
in direct communication
with the Committee
for the remainder of
the time she is to
be in charge -
or, like the Medical
Officers, in direct
communication
with the Poor Law
Board - So that
the Governor should
have no power to
interfere with her.

Or 2.

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2. that Miss Jones
should resign,
stating ~~illeg. reas?~~ the
reasons.

I write as strongly as
I can - because the
evils which we
have both of us
known of from the
beginning are
happening every day.

And now is the time,
once for all, to put
an end to them.

[If they can't be put an
end to, I can only
say: - the position
is an *impossible*
one. And, as for
training, it is out
of the question.]

Personally, I am living
in constant fear of
the result. Because,
if allowed to go on,
the present system
is certain to involve
the whole Nursing
reform in the
greatest difficulties.

Altho' Mr. Villiers is
"out", (which is a great
loss to us,) something
might still be done
in London to bring
the matter to an issue.
I would do anything
I can in this way -
But I do not like
to interfere, unless
we can act in concert.
You may believe how
strongly I feel that
it is *now or never*,
by my making time
to write at this moment.
(When I have more to do
than ever I had in all my
life.)

N.B. Whether the
training of ex=paupers
Nurses could have
succeeded anyhow, I
am not competent
to say. I only know
that it *must* have
failed in the way it
was tried.
Their Supt= was not
their Supt=.
She had no real power,
no real authority over
them.
The Governor was their
Supt=.
And now, they are

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doing just the same
thing about the
Probationers. And
it is as *certain* to
fail, (unless you get
a class of angels, x)
~~not th~~ as the ex=pauper
trial was certain to
fail.

It can't be otherwise
It is an impossible
position.

The Committee can make
no real improvement,
while the Governor is
able to interfere with the
{"interfere with" written over something illeg.}
Probationers as he does.

X *not* the *most* "superior" class of women
would do

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have no time to re=
write this letter, which
yet I feel I must
send. Because I feel
it is now or never.

It is *strictly* CONFIDENTIAL [und 3 times]
& must be *for yourself*
ALONE.

I need scarcely tell
you that Miss Jones
would disapprove it
very much -
that she wishes to go on
any way --
that she never thinks
of resigning -
that she never "tells me
everything" - or indeed

much of any kind -

& that she does not
wish me to "speak for
her."

~~But~~ My letter is much longer
than I could have
wished. But I have
felt that, while I
kept to *generalia*, I
failed to impress you
with my strong conviction
of certain failure, if things go on thus.

And, tho' I feel the
incautiousness & imprudence
of this letter (which
would horrify Miss
Jones) - & I would not
write it to any one but
you - it must go.

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The whole tendency of
the project of
Workhouse reform
goes now to this: --
to separate the paupers
from the sick poor.

The better a man for the Governor
of a Workhouse, the
worse for the Governor
of an Infirmary.

And the Workhouse
Governor must have
nothing to do with
the Workhouse Infirmary.

The waste - the deceits
which pauper Nurses

& pauper Patients
practise upon a
Workhouse & its
Governor, are such
that, even from
the side of economy,
what is said above
is true. The really sick
do *not* recover, the Malingerers
return again & again to the Workhouse.
Ever, dear Mr. Rathbone,
Yours most truly &
gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I have written this
quite early in the morning
before London was awake.
FN.

[end 6:268]

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Sunday Night

April 14/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have read over
your first 4 sheets - &
think it perfectly good
& admirable. I hope &
believe it will do good.
The subject is an enormous
one & one most urgent.
And you will deserve
the world's gratitude if
you can bring attention
to bear upon it.

I hear from all
sides of the great change
to which you refer - viz.
that the great Millowners

no longer know their men.

About 35 years since,
a cousin of my father's
in Derbyshire, since
dead, was apparently
intimate with all his
Mill men & women.

Now Waller, Cubitt's
successor, does not
know, even by name,
his Head Bricklayer -
who had been with
Cubitt 20 years -

I think your comments
most wise & fruitful
of suggestion.

2. I forwarded your
letter to Hy Bonham
Carter, to whom I had
already written (& spoken
to Sir H Verney) about
your generous scheme
for our taking the
Liverpool Workh: Infy=
(as we do King's Coll Hospl
& St. Thomas') - only for
training at your
expence for 3 years
for Workhouse Infies=
in Lancashire.

Hy Bonham Carter
seems inclined to wish
Mrs Wardroper to pay
a visit to Miss A. Jones
on this subject - to consider
together the possibilities.

I have not mentioned

it to either yet.

Indeed, I do not know what view Miss A. Jones takes about the matter. I will, please, write to you more at length about this.

3. I have also written, (quite confidentially), to Mrs. Wardroper, to know what she would think of Miss Florence Lees - who is a gentlewoman & has been 7 months in training with us - as a temporary Assistant to Miss Agnes Jones, *in case* the latter would take her.

[added April 2004]
I have not written to Miss A. Jones yet, not quite knowing how to break ground at present-or what you may have mentioned to her.

1000 thanks for your gorgeous ferns-

Believe me
ever yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Monday. [add date]
Since I wrote this, I have received the rest of your valuable pamphlet. I will read it & let you know. Indeed I cannot tell you how much to the purpose I think it. or how

thankful we ought to be to you, I feel, for it.

F.N.

April 17/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have read over the
rest of your little book
And I can't tell you
how much I like it.
I only hope & believe
that people will
glean many principles
out of it.

It does not appear
to me to want "flesh &
blood" as you say
Macmillan puts it.

Perhaps I am inclined
to think, from experience,
that it is always better
to present to people, -
whether it is to
Government, to an
Institution or an
individual, - not a
scheme but a principle.
Because they can find
objections to ANY
scheme whatsoever -
But there is a chance

that, if you present to
them a principle,
they may think - not
what objections there
are to this? but - how
can it be worked out? -

[It is always easy
to do the fuller thing
afterwards.]

Now, I think *you have*
done this.

And it will be always
easy to re-publish
with fuller illustrations,
details, notes.

[Perhaps I might even be
able to help you to do
this.]

But as far as my
experience goes, I
think it is better to
begin with an
anatomy, as the
great painters did,
& clothe it afterwards.
In the same day arrived
by the Australian mail
for me from the

April 67

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

Dear Mr. Rathbone

After carefully re-reading
your "Social Duties", it seems
to me that it is the first
broaching of an enormous
subject, which you will
have to extend.

I don't think, as
Macmillan says, it "wants
"flesh & blood".

And I don't think,
as I thought at first,
that to re-publish it
with Notes & Illustrations
is all that is wanted.

It is like a First
Chapter on Geology -

It is complete in itself -
But, to give the whole
Treatise on Geology, it will
require - not Notes &
Illustrations to the
First (Introductory)
Chapter - but a
Second, Third, Fourth,
&c. &c. Chapter.
You will have to develop
each of the immense
subjects you have
touched upon - but
from your own point
of view- not from
ours

As for illustrations, an
enquiry into the Jews'
Charities would form
a very interesting one -
A poor Jew is a (real)
brother to a rich Jew -
A poor Christian is an
offence to a rich Christian.

That is the difference .

Dr. Cumming's system &
organization of Charity
in London would form
another illustration. There,
everybody knows everybody,
thus preventing the mutual
ignorance of disunited
charities {written over charity} which you
describe so well. But,

of course, in so very small
a sphere as Dr.
Cumming's Scotch Church,
this is comparatively
easy.

Practically,
the Poor Law question has
half the maze & fog
which it has been
wrapped in taken away
from it by separating entirely
from it the (Workhouse)

SICKNESS. And you were
quite right in making
that (viz. sickness) a central question,
which indeed it is, or
rather almost a
solution-- of the Poor Law difficulty in your practical
works in Liverpool.

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This might be made into a
Chapter in itself.
The Sanitary or Preventive
question might be
made into another.
There are sick streets as
well as sick people -
& to an experienced eye
the expression of
Countenance of a sick
street is much the
same everywhere, whether
in Bombay, Valetta
London or Sydney.
One would have thought
that, in a new country,
like Australia, people
might have had food

which ought to be the
nucleus of it, however.)
I hope that your "Social
Duties" may lead the
way to this as well
as to other reforms.

Believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

May 15/67

[6:276-78]

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

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I fully enter into your
difficulties - (& also into
those of Miss Jones).

The enclosed letter I think
greatly improved by the
modification at the end.

As you know, I think the
{pencil:} only solution of this question
(which I acknowledge
with you, is the greatest
difficulty you have had
yet) is ONLY: --

temporizing &
an arrangement {pencil to end of insertion:} (as you
have proposed) ~~one~~ I feared that ~~the~~ your
letter (at least the first

part of it) {pencil:} might otherwise ~~will~~ {struck out in pencil} only lead
Miss A. Jones to commit
herself - She will say: if
she can't conscientiously
admit R.C.s, she
can't conscientiously
admit R.C.s....And
then something about
idol=worshippers-----
The question has not yet
arisen. Whenever the
question does arise,
she will commit
herself & resign, I fear.
If you press her now,
she will commit herself
& resign now, I fear.

As you know, I think,
in the great work she is
doing now in the
Liverpool Workhouse,
(thanks to you), the
Nursing point, tho'
a very important, is
only a subsidiary
point. *She has to*
organize the whole
thing. {emphasis may be in pencil}

This being the case,
I dread, beyond anything,
weakening her hands -
which is what bringing
the question now to a
point would do.

I dread beyond anything

making her resign now
by compelling her to
think she ought conscientiously to
answer your letter
(which I fear may
bring her to bay,)
instead of letting her
carry the reform *as*
far as she can.

[In the Crimean War, I
felt that the Nursing
point, tho' a most
important one, was
only a subsidiary one.
I had to organize the
whole thing. The War
Hospitals were only
Workhouse Hospitals in
an exaggerated form.
Therefore I enter so

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much both into your
work & Miss A. Jones's]
You know I can't but enter
into her view in one
way - No *permanent* Training
{insertion and emphasis in pencil}
Staff could be a mixed
one. But *Probationers* {pencil:} to be trained
(for other staffs) might
be mixed. St. John's
House could not (&
would not) take R.C.
Sisters & Nurses.
But they take R. C.
Probationers (Midwives)
for us. So does St.
Thomas'.
I don't quite agree with

you that the difficulty
lies--just whether you
shall send R.C.
Probationers, like
school-children, into
another room, while
giving religious instruction.
The difficulty lies - for
I myself have had
R.C. Nurses (& even
Nuns) under me -
is this: -- priests *will*
tell them to do some=
thing you have told
them not to do - you
will never find it
out except by your
own personal vigilance

and then {emphasis in pencil} you hardly know what to do .

[It has happened to me to find a ward momentarily abandoned by its R.C.

Nurse - to hunt her up - & to find her in an officers's room -

"What are you doing there?"-- Oh! the priest made me come to be present while he was administering the Sacraments to the sick officers.

This particular thing would not happen to you - but similar things might.

The same woman went & converted one of the

St. John's House Nurses.

The same difficulty did not occur to me with the Nuns {emphasis may be in pencil} - who were perfectly faithful to me. And perhaps no one has done so much as I in improving Nun=nursing.

But what those Nuns went through in their fidelity to me, no one knows but God & myself. The priests refused one the Sacraments when she was dying. I dragged them thro' by main force & by

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resuming always
perfect amity with
the priests.]

All this I have never
told to any one. And
it is sacred between
you & me.

To resume what I feel: --
the longer you can put
off mooting the
question of R. C.
probationers, the better.
I see no difficulty
in *training* such, --
and we do train
them. But Miss A.
Jones has done (&

is doing) so great a
work (under you) --
and her views are so
decided that we
must, I fear,
contemplate the
possibility that she
may resign, if
pressed to decide
the point.

If it is possible to
temporize till the
question is absolutely
raised, & then to
deal with it, it
would be better.

[Whenever I see her,
I will talk it over.]

{pencil:} To explain: --
To temporize, if possible,
would be ~~all~~ the best
policy.

E.g. in the event of
any R. C. probationers
presenting themselves,
could it be stated
that, in the present
phase of the Workhouse
Nursing question, &
until it is firmly
established, it would
be better not to
introduce any new
element at all --
for fear of the whole
movement being
imperilled, if not wrecked.

[The experience of myself
& of many wiser
than myself, has
been that the priestly
influence if introduced once into any
compound body of
Nurses, must end
in one of two things,
either in eliminating
the R.C. element
on account of
interference of the
priests - or in
breaking up the
whole system on
account of the
impracticability of

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the two elements
working together.
The head of a body
of secular Nurses
requires to be as
supreme in all
Nursing matters as
is the religious head
of a R. C. {pencil:} or Anglican order.
We are never sure
that our secular
R.C. nurses may
not be taken away
from express duties
of one kind to
duties of another kind
(for which the Superintendts=
is never asked her
consent).

[I would add that
the anecdotes I
have related above
never happened in
the Hospitals where
I had my Head Quarters.
They happened where
the priests were
not so much afraid of my Assistant
Superintendts as
they were of me.
And they were
discovered only by
my unexpected
visits.
I feel as Miss A. Jones
says: -- if only the Govnor=

~~be~~ is {correction in pencil} as afraid of my
Assistant as he is of
me?]

It is *not* so much
the mixture of
religious elements
we have to fear -

It is: - *the Constant*
tendency of priests
to interfere on
religious grounds
with *purely secular*
work which
every Supt= who has
acted, as I have,
over mixed bodies,
will tell you is
what we have to fear.

I entirely believe
that a way will be
found out of the
difficulty in {"in" written over another illeg. word} the
end. But it will
be found by temporization
& arrangement.
And if it is only possible
to temporize till
the question is forced
upon you, so much
the better.

[I am always anxious
to take the side
of the R.C. rate-
payers. Still you &
I know that, for

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every £ they pay, they
receive back £2
from the Rates.
However, that is not the
Question]
{pencil:} with them
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{added in pencil}
You know best whether the
question is upon you
already.
All I can say is:- if it can
be put off, put it off --
if you can avoid
raising it, do so.
If you can't, then I think
your letter to Miss Jones
is as *good* as it can be.

610 RAT 1/8 signed letter, 5ff, pen & pencil, typed copy ff26-28 **[5:258-59]**

June 22/67
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.
{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*
Dear Mr. Rathbone
I had not a moment
yesterday to thank you
for so kindly sending
me your "Social Duties."
I had been anxiously
looking out for them &
had even ordered Macmillan's
Magazine to give away
(for I am no great
Magazine reader) - but
found, to my great
disgust, in the June No=,
no Social Duties.
I believe that this

volume combined with
your practical work, will make
an era in English
Charities. and I am
sure I care, more than
for anything that I do
care for, that your
example may be followed
in London & all over
Great Britain.

In London, charity is an
amusement, just like
horse-racing.

There is no feeling of duty, no
idea of business about it.
Good people often abstain
from it, because they

think it increases the
evil it is meant to cure.
people of business, because
they think the money
does not reach the objects
it is intended to benefit.
Otherwise, money, by itself
money, would never be
wanting in London.

If you could make, by your
example & precept, people
give their work, their
systematized work & habits
of business, as well as
their money, - the large
unpenetrated masses of
vice & misery which
now disgrace London
& our great towns would
at least be broken up,
if not swept away entirely.
What extraordinary powers

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of organization (for a bad
purpose) have lately been
revealed by the disclosures
of the Trades' Unions' &
Sheffield Unions' Commissions?
The power of organization
seems all to have descended
into the artizan class.
Why cannot Englishmen of
the upper, the educated, the
business class, shew the
same power of organization
in their "social duties"? --
Ritualism is an amusement,
just like charity, just
like horse=racings. And
why can't people, (a man
like Mr. Hubbard, for
instance,) do like you,
instead of spending sums

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untold in founding Ritualistic
churches? -
The mass of children, growing
up to crime, in London -
to take only one instance -
is hitherto quite untouched
-- tho' a few hundreds are
rescued here & there.
I was amused by the
observation of a very
enlightened man, a
Frenchman, (which he has
since put in print,) on
a point which struck
him with astonishment,
but which we are too much used to for it to
surprise us. He said: -
-how is it that you allow
yourselves to be taxed

for these Workhouses for the
people to go into, while
you organize private
Charities to save the
people from going into
these *Workhouses*? -
Had I had your book then,
I should have put it
into his hand.
In reply to your question, I
am quite sure I could
distribute 20 copies of
your Essay (off=hand)
with advantage - not
only in England, but in
our Colonies. I grieve
to see the same state of
things, as with us arising
for instance, in N. South Wales.

If you will kindly send
me, as you propose, say
a dozen copies, I think
I ought to find the rest
myself.

{the next 11 lines are enclosed by a square bracket on the left}

I rejoice to hear that your
District Nursing is likely
to be imitated in the East
of London. You know
I never shall think that
we have done any thing
in London, till we have
nursed not only all the
Hospitals & all the
Workhouses, but have
divided London into
convenient districts for
Nursing the sick poor at
home, including
Midwifery Nursing,--
including the supply of

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Sick Comforts - & taking the
Convalescent into the country
to recover - as you have
done at Liverpool.

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I rejoice to think that there
is likely to be asserted at
Liverpool a principle
which will work so
immensely for good as
that you mention about
a Country Hospital.

I sincerely hope & trust [9:958]
that, even beyond the sphere
of ~~the~~ our Christian religion,
your example will spread
& take root. Lately
I have had from
Parsee merchants in Bombay

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a desire expressed that
I should found a
Training School for Nurses
there. As the Government
has been in correspondence
with me for founding
such Training Schools in
India, I must of course,
be careful, that such
efforts should work into
one another, not clash
with each other - also,
not to speak of them
prematurely. I only
mention this (privately),
because I do think
a better era in Charity
may be inaugurated by
your book & most of all by
your work - Believe me
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 9:958]

July 9/67

35 South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

As you positively
desire it I write to say
that I could distribute
nearly as many copies
of your "Social Duties"
as there are people
who are, or who think
themselves, gifted with
a power of organization.

I have received one
or two very encouraging
answers from people
who had already done a good deal & who
are glad to be taught
to "look up" what they

have done.

[I take for granted
that you have sent a
copy to Sir John McNeill]

I have also sent a
few copies to America
& Australia. & to
London clergy who have
done anything in the
way of organizing.

I should like to bring
it before the Bishop
of London, who has
some (& thinks he has
much more than his,)
share of the power of
organization.

In the copies that you
were so kind as to
send me from
Macmillan, there was
not your little printed
letter. in haste

Believe me
ever yours sincerely,

Florence Nightingale

If you are so good as to
send me more copies,
do not send me more
than a dozen or twenty -
Because I think people
ought to buy for themselves.
And indeed one of the
people who answers me
says that he shall make
as many as possible get the
book.

610 RAT 1/10 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[6:281]**

Jan 22/68

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have felt so very
much for you & for Mrs.
Rathbone at the loss of
your dear child.

It is hard to say at
such times: The Lord gave
& the Lord hath taken away
--blessed be the name of the
Lord.

The Lord hath need of this
floweret wild - as the
German hymn says -
Do you know the other German

hymn telling the story of a little, precocious

darling child,

like yours, said to

have really happened,

that, when it was ill,

at night, it said, what

music was that? - And

the mother said, there

was none. And it

whispered:

The angels call me with their

songs

good night, my mother dear -

--and so died.

But I will not take up

your time. Pity those

who have no children to

lose! or to mourn -

I am glad you think

there must be a "clean

sweep" of the Workhouse

officials.

I hope, after all that

Liverpool Workhouse

will come out a Model

Workhouse by degrees.

It is far more likely

to do so by the laying

bare of abuses than

by whitening the sepulchre.

ever yours affectely &

gratefully

F. Nightingale

I trust that Mrs. Rathbone is

pretty well - And you too-

And your children - But

the dear little place

which is for ever empty

is not filled up by these -

tho' these are not less dear

but more so. -

FN.

Feb 8/68
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I know how heavy
has been your loss - a loss heavy
not only for his family
& friends & his own
immense circle of duties
but for England & the world.

And yet I am not
going to write to you about
this but about our dear
Agnes Jones. Three or four
days ago, I had a note
from her (rather a long
one for her) saying that
she was "resting in bed"
but that "Dr. Gee said she

"only wanted rest", that I
was "not to be
anxious" about her,
as she "was not ill"
[I put off answering her letter
partly because I thought
it better to leave her a
few days' peace, as my
letters# to her must always
be full of her troubles.]-
I heard nothing more till
last night, when I was
told (in a round=about
way) that she had "Fever" -
that she "had a day and
a night nurse"- that you
& Dr. Gee had been with
her, I supposed for the
purpose of removing her
if that had been possible -

I should have telegraphed
to you for news, but that
I did not like troubling
you, with such a heavy
burden on your own heart &
shoulders.

I know that you will
do everything for her
that is most kind & of
the greatest service - &
that, if she can recover,
she will have the best
chance in your hands.

I write merely to ask
you opinion of her state.

I think I will write a
line to Dr. Gee too.

But, if you could spare
me a word, I shall be
truly grateful to you.

I shall not write to Agnes
Jones herself, till I know
whether she is in a
condition to receive
letters without injury.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I will send to Mrs. Wardroper
(who is ill herself) for
news of Agnes Jones - every day
- in order to save Miss Jones' attendants
useless writing.

F.N.

Feb 20/68

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

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

Dear Mr. Rathbone

For *her*, it is well. For
us, it is terrible.

But our darling had
a very happy life. Though
no one knows but God &
myself what she went
through.

Both things are possible.

I regret nothing, believe
me. She thanked me
over & over again for
having persuaded her to
go to Liverpool Workhouse.
I am sure she was
happier there than
ever she was in her life.

She has all along told me
of your great
kindness, of Dr.

Gee's, of every one's.

Her last years made
her only the more fit
for God.

It has been a noble
life - & she has had
a death to be envied.

I regret nothing, except
that I reproach myself -
I think I ought to have
said this last year that,
if she would not go away
for 2 or 3 weeks, I would
come down myself to
fetch her. You know
what she always said -

that the new Governor must
come - that the Assistant
must come - that she
must take over the
Female Hospital - before
she could have a holiday.
All things were settled
from the first, we know,
by God, of His good
pleasure & not of His
"wrath."

I know that you have done
everything for her that
love & skill & money
could do - that you
~~made~~ created her work & did
everything for it. And
that is what *she* cared
about.

Let us say: - All is well.

I am sure, if she could
speak, she would say: -
you have been her greatest
benefactor on earth.

But the thing is now,
how to continue her work.

I am in full consultation
with Mrs. Wardroper &
Mr. Whitfield as to your
questions - & will let
you know the moment
we come to any opinion.

Of course our opinion
will be for you alone.

Most unfortunately
Mrs. Wardroper, who has
been ill for weeks, has
had a relapse since Monday

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[It is not dangerous, I trust & believe. But it is very tedious & painful.]

It was a miserable comfort to me, during Agnes Jones' illness, to hear one of these dry London officials here say: that hers was one of the most valuable lives in England.

I feel for the Nurses, so very much - I don't think they are unreasonable. I never knew any one, like Agnes Jones - & never shall again. I never knew any one who had the same power as she

had to *carry them with* her under difficult circumstances.

We must all of us do all in our power to calm & encourage them. I trust & hope in God who will take care of His own work that they will all stay & do their best for His sake & for her sake who lived & died for Him & for this His work.

In many important ways, the work is now easier, owing to the new Governor, owing to the Sub=Committee &c &c.

I will write to the Nurses, as you desire, in a day or two.

About your Obituary Notices,
I think, with you, that *She*
would not have liked it.
She was very humble -
But I dare say, with you,
that it would please &
encourage her poorer
followers -

I therefore took counsel.
We sent, as I telegraphed to
you, your Notice in your
own words - (and in your
own words I think it
should appear in the
Liverpool papers -) for
the Daily Telegraph, the
paper most read by
the best lower classes --
& slightly altered, for the
Times & Daily News -
& a little more altered
for the Pall Mall Gazette

(which makes a mock
at every thing)
the whole - not to be put in the
Obituary - but inserted
without being headed as
"Advertisements" -
the whole sent to your
London house.

I hope that you will not
think I have exceeded
my instructions.
We have done our best. [I did
not much like the mention
of my name -]

In case I should not be able
to give you Mrs. Wardroper's
opinion before post time,
I write this letter. But I

will write farther -

God bless you -
ever yours, in sorrow but in
gratitude & hope

F. Nightingale

{same printed address upside down in lower left corner.}

March 27/68

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

{at left; not FN's hand: *see page 2}

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I do not feel that I can
do what you ask me about
obtaining a consent to the
Tenerani statue being put up
to her memory.

When I try, the whole
thing rises before me - the
awful character of the
sacrifice they have made
to God's work.

They can only say:
we gave her for God's work.
God keeps her memory. She
is with God.

If you say;- we
want a statue to keep
her memory for us -
they could not but answer,

that is for you to decide -
not for her mother & sister-
-don't ask us.

People who can make
such a sacrifice in
such a heavenly way as
they have are not
those who will care for
Memorials.

If it is to be done, it
must be done without
asking their leave.

If they had been people
to have given it, they
would not have been
people capable of making
that awful sacrifice.

They ought not to have been asked.

They have refused; and rightly.

Their refusal is final, so far as they are concerned unless the Bp of Derry could make them think otherwise.

But their refusal still leaves you to act in the matter, exactly as you may generously think fit.

The Statue need not be in memory of *her* but in memory of her *services*. In this case the family would have nothing to do with it.

Suppose, for instance, you were to put up the statue:-

"To commemorate the services & early death (or: the public service & early death)

of Agnes E. Jones
first Lady Supt. of the
N. Nurses
in Liverpool Workhouse
Hospitals

this statue is placed"

"Feb. 19 1868."

they could no more forbid it than I could.

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

{written across main text in centre third of back sheet:

The proposed Monument's inscription
may be FN later in life; in another hand}

610 RAT 1/14 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen no date

some other Hospital before
coming to Liverpool,-) I feel, [6:309]
now & always, that, with
a view to her due authority
with her Nurses, it is
desirable that she should
stay long enough at St.
Thomas' to learn the reason
of the routine as well
as the routine itself.
For this purpose, if the
Miss Smyths could be induced
to stay so long, it would
be very desirable that
Miss Freeman should stay
from 2 to 3 months at least
at St. Thomas'- (as was done

by Miss Merryweather &c &c)
{written interlineally here and between next two lines:
About Miss Freeman; not FN's hand}
Unfortunately, as you
know, Miss Freeman cannot
be released from her present employment till
7 May.

I am sure that all will
agree that it is very
important for her health
& prospect of usefulness
that there should be no
undue hurry in her
course previous to coming
to Liverpool.

Pray believe me
dear Mr. Rathbone
ever your faithful friend & servt
Florence Nightingale

typed copy May 13/69 f37, no handwritten

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610 RAT 1/15 signed letter, 7ff, pen, on larger paper, typed copy ff38-40

{printed address:}

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

April 20/70

[6:304-05]

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

[other hand Miss Nightingale

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Miss Jones' Memoir]

I will remind you of one or two little things which you might, if you thought fit, urge on the Bishop of Derry. & which he cannot know, except thro' you-

One is: that much of the Memoir is false, as representing what Agnes Jones *did*- & in direct contradiction to letters written by her in confidence to me a day or two after the same dates in her Diary. Much of that Diary was written under feelings of oppressive ill health, of morbid discouragement, of misunderstanding thro' her deafness- & also of momentary petulance of which she would have been the first to accuse herself. A day or two after, she writes to me in quite a different (& practical) tone.

Is it fair to her to represent her thus? The other is: the total ignorance of her family of anything but a very small clique which in their opinion the world moves round.

The Bishop can hardly recognize to what a degree this falsifies the Memoir.

[E.g. a comparatively small thing - & which I give only as an illustration, because of course this identical matter does not come into the Memoir. One of them wrote to me that it was what she said of me to her friends in Dublin which made the Govt= send me to the Crimea.]

It is Mrs. Higinbotham's dreadful ignorance of the way the real great world's affairs are managed which makes the Memoir so offensive. & so little of a true representation of Agnes -

{The following 4 lines written interlineally in small script}

She wrote to me, if you remember, that *every body* (!) knew what Agnes *had done* - & that therefore the absence of any account of this in the Memoir was of

no consequence!! This is exactly an illustration of what we mean.

I will also remind you of a very curious passage in Mrs. H.'s letters to me, throwing all the responsibility for making the Memoir decent for the public on the Bishop of Derry. She stated, almost in so many words, that she did not think

it incumbent upon herself to avoid that which might be offensive to sensible people or indiscreet, *because* the Bp of Derry would see it & take it out -

From all the circumstances, you will see that the materials do not exist for a life of Agnes Jones, other than a sketch -

I do not say like my sketch of her in "Una", because that is a most imperfect sketch -

but still, if there are not the materials

from her letters or diary to make a good *religious* memoir, like that of, e.g. Hedley

Vicars, if there are not the materials in her family's knowledge (of her life), to

make a real Memoir of what she *did*,

such as that of Pastor Fliedner' of Kaiserswerth or of Mrs. Fry - a truer idea of her would

be put before the world by a Sketch

done by a hand like the Bp of Derry's

than by all that wishy-washy morbid

tawdry stuff I ~~read~~ saw in M. S.; gossippy twaddle
or indiscreet.

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I should not have recognized Agnes Jones from it.

But perhaps even the Bishop of Derry hardly knows how different all that is from the real work of an Institution, from the real work of such a woman as Agnes Jones did.

[To my mind, it was little less twaddle than all ~~that~~ which came out on the unfortunate Laurin v. Starr nunnery case. And by this she will be judged!]

A year's delay would certainly be a clear gain, if nothing more can be obtained [Has Mrs. Higinbotham been home to consult the papers which she said she could not remove from thence in order to fill up her Memoir?]

I feel that I can only remind you of what we have both thought & leave it for your consideration whether you can urge it plainly on the Bishop -

ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

I was so worn out with business that I hid myself (from my Creditors) during Easter. This the cause of my delay.

610 RAT 1/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, typed copy ff41-42

{printed address:}

35 South Street, May 17/70
Park Lane,
W.

{top left corner; diagonally:} PRIVATE [3 underlines]
Dear Mr. Rathbone

[13:614-15]

Possibly you may be expecting to hear from me about Miss Lees with regard to the vacancy at Lpool Workh:-

I am so very sorry to hear of your difficulty there. It is always on my mind - If there is any body we ought to help with any resources we have, it is you. And it is a grievous affliction to me that we can do nothing to help-

About Miss Lees: -

She has completely set her heart
upon a certain Department
of Nursing (which must be
a secret for the present)- &
never left me any rest till
I got her admission to live
& learn in the Military &
Civil Hospitals of France - a
very difficult thing to do, &
she is the first English Protestant
but one who has done what
she is doing- To the best of
my knowledge, she is in there now.
But where at this moment I

do not know - as she is a
most irregular correspondent
- and I am a worse.

I doubt her leaving her training
to come over for the Workhouse.
I doubt her accepting it,
either temporarily or altogether-
I doubt her mother consenting-
But there is even a stronger
doubt in my mind-.

I do not feel that I could
conscientiously take the responsibility
of recommending a person - however
high an opinion I had of her-,
to the Sup=cy "of such a large &
"complicated machine as
"the Liverpool Workhouse," who
had had *no previous experience*
in superintending- unless she

went, as Agnes Jones did, (& as
Miss Torrance has gone to the
St. Pancras' Highgate Infirmary)
with a considerable body of
Nurses, known to her, trained
with her, almost chosen by her.
[And Miss Torrance reminds me
that I said to her when
discussing "St.:P.'s" for her, "ah
"my dear soul, if the Infirmary
"were IN the Workhouse, as
"elsewhere, I never could
"have had the courage to
"recommend you to take it".]
I feel therefore that all that
I could do, with regard to
Miss Lees would be, if you wish
it, 1. to find out where she is-
2. to put you in communication
with her- ever yours truly
F. Nightingale
{signature is horizontally cut
so bottom half missing}

[end 13:615]

610 RAT 1/17 signed letter, 3ff, pencil, typed copy ff43-44

{printed address:}

35 South Street, May 26/70
Park Lane,
W.

[13:615-16]

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I will not repeat what
you know--how grieved I am
for the Lpool Workh difficulties
--but answer your question
about *Miss Lees*:

I think I told you that
she was, to the best of my
knowledge, in the French
Military Hospitals. She
came over to see me at
Christmas - She has written
to me once since - I should

direct to her

{Miss Florence Lees
{à l'Hôpital Militaire
{du Val de Grâce
{ Paris

& ask for it to be forwarded.

= If you write to an old
Crimean friend of mine

{ A Monsieur
{ Monsieur Michel Lévy
{Directeur du Val de Grâce
{ Val de Grâce
Paris

It might be safer, (asking
him - what you as a man
of business - think best,--
whether to forward a letter,
to her, or to tell you
where she is-)

= There is one other way - to
write to

Mrs. Lees }
The Lindens }

St. Leonard's on Sea }

& ask her to forward a letter
to her daughter, or tell you where
she is -

To this last there is the objection
that Mrs. Lees disapproves
of the whole concern - of

Liverpool Workhouse in
particular - & of me in
General - (tho' she rather
softened towards me, when
she saw how much pains
I took to lodge her
daughter respectably at Paris)-
I wish I could give you
more certain hints - But
I do not even feel sure
whether Mrs. Lees always
knows where her daughter is.
[There was some idea of Miss
Lees going to the Naval
Hospitals at Brest. But
I do not *think* she is there yet.]

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{printed address:}

35 South Street, May 26/70

Park Lane,

W.

You must not tell Miss
Lees that I urge her
to take the Lpool Workh:-
For indeed I cannot.
But I will not weary you
with repeating what I
have said before.

God bless you -
ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

God save the Lpool Workh:-

[end 13:616]

610 RAT 1/18 pencil, signed letter, 2ff, pencil, typed copy ff45-47 [6:320]

{printed address:}

35 South Street, June 25/70

Park Lane,

W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I cannot tell you what
a relief & consolation it is
to me that you have found
some one likely to suit for
Lpool Workh:-

God grant that she may
prove all that is desirable!.

For the rest of your kind
letter, many thanks- I will
not now trouble you
farther, the less as I

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most fervently hope & trust
that present arrangements
will succeed - & be permanent
[I entirely concur with Mr. Cropper in this: that
Workhouse Nursing is
somewhat different from
Hospital Nursing - Agnes
Jones always said that a
great deal devolved upon
her which *in a Hospital*
is settled by House Surgeon,
Dresser or Clinical Clerk
in charge - as the case may be

& not by the Matron or
Superintendent or "Sister"
in charge-]

God bless you & prosper
all your ways-
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

610 RAT 1/19 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil {on black-edged paper}

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

March 31/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone

You must not think that
it is not always my
greatest pleasure to be
called upon to do ever
so little for you who
have done ever so much
for us {written over "me"}.

And I am much more
troubled than you can be
to think that yours of the
14th= has been unanswered
so long: It enclosed the

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Boston people
wh: I return: & your request
for a list of Books on
Nursing.

The books mentioned in the
note to the Report of the
"Nightingale Fund", sent
herewith, are those
bearing on the subject.

[Could you tell me: this is
for me, F.N.;--
where to get copies of your

"Organization of Nursing in
a large Town"?

Longmans declare it to
be out of print-
I have long since given away
my last copy-
& I am continually asked
for it.

How valuable would it be
if you would now *reprint*
it with your present
experience of its
Liverpool Working for
9 years!]

I would add to the
Boston List

Handbook for Nurses
by Z. Veitch

Manual for Hospital Nurses
by Domville

(both published by Churchill
New Burlington St.
London

2/6 each)

Also:

Miss F. Lees'

Handbook for Hospital Sisters
publd by Isbister: Ludgate Hill
London 5/.

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Mr. Hy Bonham Carter will
send you some of the
back Reports of the "N.F."
-& also a Reprint of my paper
in the Blue Book (Report
on Metropolitan Workhouses)
"on Method of training Nurses
for the Sick Poor."
He will also send
"Notes on Hospitals" &
"Notes on Lying-in Institutions"
as a gift from the Council
of the "N. Fund".

Miss Stephen's "*Service of the Poor*"-
Macmillan 1871 - might be
also mentioned.

Now: I must apologize indeed
for my delay in answering:
Yours was put into my hand
just as I was coming down
here. Embley - Romsey -
to my poor mother - [We
have to remove her from
her home of 56 years-]
I lost 2 homes in 3
weeks by death: my dear
Father's & Mrs. Bracebridge's.

Added to this, business:
India business: Nurse= business:
has pressed upon me more
heavily than usual lately-

And I am sure your
kindness will excuse me.

Let me not close this
without thanking you again
for the ever-recurring proof
of your kindness, and {written over illeg.} subject
of my gratitude: the
beautiful flowering Plants-

And pray believe me
dear Mr. Rathbone
ever yours gratefully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale

[I date from London: where I
have to return almost
immediately].
F.N.

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610 RAT 1/20 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {on black-edged paper}, typed copy f48

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*

Embley

Romsey

April 25/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have just received a
letter from

Miss Florence Lees -

She gives her address
care of Messrs. Brown, Brothers & Co.
59 Wall Street

New York

U.S.

& asks me "for work" in
"September next".

[I refer you to my last

to you about her.]

A thousand thanks for
12 copies of your
"Organization of Nursing" &c
received:

(in haste to catch the
morning post)

Yours ever sincerely

& gratefully

Florence Nightingale

610 RAT 1/21 signed draft of Letter, 13ff, pen & pencil, some pages black- edged paper, folios very mixed up--I've followed #s which are not FN's hand and tried to make it make sense; have had to use earlier transcript for missing folios; not all folios seen for checking, typed copy ff49-57

"Nurses for the Sick Poor" AT HOME. [35 South St.

[13:727-29]

["at home" underlined 6 times] Park Lane W.

Wm Rathbone Esq. MP.

[1]

June 16/74

{further dating throughout letter not FN's hand}

Dear Mr. Rathbone: In compliance with your desire:

[[Do we not all most earnestly wish that

{FN's wavy square bracket at left; here to bottom}

something should come out of all this for

London DISTRICT Nursing?

But, to do anything, we must first know what we are about, what *has* been done, what we wish to do, what *can* be done: & the best means of doing it: & the best *practicable*

[black-edged paper] [wavy square bracket at left; next 4 lines] means of doing it.

As far as can be seen from the Society's printed papers, the simplest data for all these enquiries are not yet in their possession:

~~And the most practical step that I have heard of them taking was: their consulting~~
{illeg. FN? me?}

~~But of the results of this~~ {illeg./struck out for 2 lines}

[wavy square bracket at left; whole page]

1. Your own conclusion is not only the wisest but as appears to me the sole course that they can pursue.

Namely: that the only practical way of bringing this question before the Public is: a. carefully to put together a concise *statement of what has already been done* in this line:

b. then to invite ~~various~~ representatives of the

[black-edged] [wavy square bracket at left; whole page] [4 in another hand]

various workers in this direction to

confer as to the best means of

bringing their experience to bear upon

the *common* object:

c. possibly of uniting several *existing bodies*

in one Association:

So far from not thinking this a grand enough
object, you & I at least shall agree that,
if they never got farther than a. they
would have done London a great, an

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inestimable service.

[wavy square bracket at left; except last line

The densest ignorance prevails as to the
amount of *District Nursing*: ["Nursing for the
Sick Poor", ~~as they call~~ "*at home*" no doubt
they mean:] in London

Some say it is *nil*: they themselves appear
to believe it so: [tho' they give us not the
slightest information on the subject: if they
have any themselves:] Some say there is too
much: some, too little.

You yourself have been told that "London"

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[wavy line down left side] [black-edged paper]

is over District nursed. Other experienced men have said that
except where some Sisterhoods work and several Benevolent
Societies (some Nonconformists xx) who employ one or two or three *untrained*
nurses, there is *no* District Nursing in London, worthy of the name.

Let us make a guess. Should you not be surprised to find that there were a
score employed (in *all* the Metropolis) of really
trained, qualified women,

xx This is mentioned, because, of course, these would not
conform to "*ecclesiastical*
boundaries".

[black-edged]

in really nursing the sick poor at home? But is not the very first thing to do to clear up this point for any Society with the proposed object of this one?

[two lines crossed out and illegible]

There are no doubt Nurses employed by District Visiting Societies and Sisterhoods. You, I am certain, would suggest

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~~suggest /make them do it; that the Charity~~

Organization Society be invited to

obtain information

*as to the Number of Trained Nurses
employed*

*and by whom and of untrained Nurses
in every parish.*

Let them give us the *result of such information*
(as referred to in a.)

~~Therefore they propose "Relationship" to us?~~

[black-edged paper] 3 [16 June in another hand]

Let one or two ~~of these~~ associate themselves
to provide a *Record of information*.

Might not the "*Health Association* help?

2. With respect to farther steps:

-are there not very great difficulties in London
as regards local jealousies - the clergy, the
Medical men, the existing District Societies?
Would not their opposition be at once aroused
in many parts by a *central ex cathedra*

interference or even advice?

The *Charity Organization* does good in affording *means of inter communication* among *districts*: & also has promoted *more united work within districts*. This is available: Would another *Central Association* be useful for the particular purpose? Might it not do harm?

It is however premature to discuss this: Since one must *know one's ground* before one can proceed to *lay it*.

~~And as far as informing us {illeg.}
the Committee appears to have taken no means
of knowing their ground: previous to
rushing before London {illeg. in? with?} a Public Meeting~~

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[11 another hand]

It is impossible to exaggerate the need there is of *District Nursing* for the sick poor in *London* It is far more important than any Hospital Nursing:

[text here fixed in Liverpool]

I have been penetrated with this all my life: but if possible 14 years of experience have only confirmed my conviction of the way in which alone it can be done:
Namely by putting *each Hospital* (Where alone Nurses can be trained) into a state fit to become a Training School: and our main object at St.

Thomas' has been to train Nurses to undertake

Hospitals with this view:

that *local organizations* should then be formed who should either from a Hospital a centre of their own *train Nurses* for the sick poor at home: or take them ready trained from such a Hospital: such organisation giving that *local superintendence* which Nurses nursing the sick poor *at home* most of all local & which to be *effectual* must be *local*
What possible *Superintendence* could be given from a Centre in such a place as *London*?

Are not the *essentials* of *Superintendence* to know the needs, & the means of supplying them, better than the people to be *superintended* do themselves?

to keep the *Local Superintts*= up to their work, these do the *Nurses*?

And if *Superintendce*= were given from a *Centre* in such a place as *London* in such a work as this would it not be as likely as not to drag down the *local* work? instead of raising it? What can a *Centre* know of the needs of *Local* Districts in such a metropolis as *London*? Will not the danger always be that *Nursing* will degenerate into mere *giving*? too.

5a And will not this danger be much increased

by a *General Society* as a *Centre*: ~~especially if the men whom [illeg] I see~~

I know a case where half the *District Nurses* have degenerated into mere *givers*: *Givers* of money, wine, food & bedding: never put a hand to the *NURSING*. And -- the poor like it better And this in spite of a very efficient *Central Superintendence*.

Will not the thing to be aimed at be: that by degrees (as we did with our *Midwifery Nurses*) the poor shall pay or almost pay their *District Nurse*?

Will not this again be hindered rather than aided by a *Central Power*?

I only mention these things as a few data out of many: to be judged

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No institution

in its sane mind would profess to *train Nurses* for the poor at their own *homes* Without

giving the *Probationers* under training, (*in addition* to the *HOSPITAL* course,) several

months of *teaching* by the *sick bed-sides* of

the poor at *home*: under *proper Superintendence*. This is quite essential, both as a matter of *experience* for the *nurse*, & as a means of *testing*

N.B. For the above plan it is probable that the Association would be able to procure

1 *Trained Supt*-

and 2 or 3 *Head Nurses*

if needed in remodelling the *Hospital* selected to make it a *Training Institution*.

But if they have the promise, from any Institution or Institutions, of a number of "*qualified Nurses*" to begin *District Nursing* at once, do not you & I know that these women will be *untrained, unskilled, useless & ignorant: adventuresses* who come for the pay: NOT *trained women* who sell good work for good pay.

[Note. Is it not probable that a greater benefit would be conferred on the poor by providing, in the *first* instance, *trained Midwifery Nurses*?]

{illeg. 9?} If Lady Augusta Stanley had not {illeg.} objected, one would have thought that the poor Committee had better first have combined wit{h} the new plan for a Nurses' Home in connection with *Westminster Hospl=*. *have carried out the Lpool scheme for that part of Westminster wh: is adjacent & this without the aid of any Central Association*

{10}. It seems premature to touch upon the relation of Nurses for the *Rich Sick* & Nurses for the *poor sick*.
- Sir R. Alcock calls the proposed Nursing scheme in connection with *Westm: Hosp:* only nursing "*in private fam*

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Many Institutions have found ~~it~~ one great difficulty of retaining *trained Nurses* in any Association or specified line of work: ~~is~~ the temptation which th{e} more profitable & more independent employment Nursing the Rich affords -

It is believed that *Liverpool & St. Thomas'* have n{ot} met with this difficulty-

But I have been told expressly by one of the largest *Nursing Institutions*, & one mentioned in the '*St. Joh{n of Jerusalem*' Report: & by very many smaller ones country & town: that all their Nurses were virtu{ally} taken up in nursing the *Rich*: & that practicall{y} they did little or no Nursing among the *poor* at {all.}

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Is there not always a difficulty, most felt by the be{st?}
Supts=, in combining the two objects of providing Nurse{s}
for the *Rich* & for the *Poor*: a different character
woman & a (to some extent) different preparation
being required?

At *Liverpool* they ~~select~~ divide, after training & after TESTIN{G}
those for the *Rich*, those for the *poor*, & those fo{r}
Hospitals, into 3 ~~Classes~~ sets, I believe - And this seems
a sensible way.

But it is necessary sometimes to re-temper Nurses for
Rich by passing them thro' the *Hospital* again
[We at St. Thomas' &c are Solely for the *poor*: i.e. {for?}
Hospitals & *Infirmaries*]

{text seems to be missing on both sides of page}
[We intend before undertaking to train for Hom{e}
{Nu}rsing among the *poor* to provide the essential
{ing}redient of adding a course of teaching Nursing at the home bed-sid{e}
{Have?} the '*St. John of J.*' Commee= any idea of the necessity of providing this?
{illeg.}]

The question of providing a system of Registration
& certificates & THE ESSENTIAL OBJECTIONS to it
has been fully discussed by me with Dr. Acland

The Memo= speaks of such a "Register" for
trained Nurses" - [trained WHERE? by WHOM CERTIFIED?]
- but entirely omits mention of any means by which it
can be done. We earnestly deprecate any (GENERAL) plan of the kind
xx It may be added that whereas it is an essential part of good Hospital
Nursing not to waste the Nurses' strength & hands in cleaning, scouring,
washing &c: it is
an essential part of Home Poor Nursing that she should be able to do (or
(help with in)
all of these things.

12. The defective condition of *Workhouse Infirmaries*
is altogether ignored as well as the field afforded
by them for a basis of operations.

13. May we not state that there is at present very
considerable difficulty in obtaining properly qualified
Candidates willing to be trained as Nurses?
Would not women qualified to become Nurses among
the poor AT THEIR OWN HOMES be in some respects
more difficult to find than those intended to work
in *Hospitals*?

They would require more SUPERVISION: & be under
far less: they would be exposed to temptations of a

[19 in another hand]

different kind:

--the means of testing their capability & trustworthiness
for such work while under training would be less
How could any Central Association of the kind proposed

afford the *proper machinery* for "*selecting*" women for their "*aptitude*".--- except, as you say, as *Agents* to *hear of* women, & let women *hear or* the means of *training*?

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14. Should they not begin by an *Example* of wh{at} can be done in one locality?

-Will it not spread itself by degrees?

{ou}ght not A *Central Society*, later be of some use for assisting poorer districts?

When an evil has arisen, it will be time enou{gh} will it not?, to devise means for the cure?

-Should not *local effort* precede *Central Inspectio{n?}*

Must not the *right person* for a *Lady General* first prove herself fitted by a small beginning
[another hand 21]

-for which *is* a grand *Association* wanted?

And, when largely extended, will it not probably {be?} far too much for one person?

{A}t any rate *begin at the bottom* - would not you & not at the top.

Otherwise: will not all tumble down?

16.

Supervision of *Home Nursing* among the poor is so desperately needed *because the poor themse{lves}* are their own enemies.

Instances have been known of frightful *Surgical* disease where the *District Nurse* has neither *dressed the case* nor *changed the bed linen* hersel{f} and the poor have liked her all the better: She bringing all sorts of gifts: including sheets.

17. Lastly: please let me repeat most

emphatically (in answer to your kind proposal that I CANNOT accept any kind of *Office*, actua{l} or nominal in connection with this *Associatio{n}*. It {w}ould be wrong: it would be a *fraud* on my part.

{I} have a little more to do each day than can be d{one} in the 24 hours -

{A}nd I am wholly unfitted- by imprisonment to one fl{oor}?? from illness- from doing *locally* what of all th{ings} requires *local* knowledge & presence & *enquiry* - most -or from anything but wishing well -- which I do wi{th my} whole heart, mind & soul -- to any such object as {?}

Pray believe me, dear Mr. Rathbone, ever yours
faithfully & gratefully Florence Nightingale

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610 RAT 1/22 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil on black-edged paper, typed copy
f58 {written across page with fold at top}

Miss Lees

35 South St.
Park Lane W
July 12/74

[13:734]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am extremely concerned about your
trouble in this matter.

I enclose a letter of hers to me.
If I were you, I would take her at her
word viz. "*formally request her to act
as Secy=.*"

I would not say that you do so upon
seeing a letter from her: that would not
be wise: but should she again
decline, I will quote her own letter to her
- for which purpose please return it.
I think it of even more importance to herself
than to the work that she should do
this thing. And in my letter to her I
told her so: & a good deal besides.
If ever her great cleverness is to be turned into
solid sense & work, It must be now.

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

I agree with Miss Lees that the District
Nurse needs a higher training than
the Hospital Nurse: the Distt. Nurse
has to stand much more alone

F.N.

She was to return to *St. Leonard's* yesterday.

[end 13:734]

610 RAT 1/23 Incomplete letter, 2ff, pen and pencil

[diagonal] *Private*
 {District } Norwood
 {Nursing } June 12/75
 {London }
 {Association}

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I make haste to thank **[13:743-44]**
you for telling me what is
going on: (upon which
I will not send you any
lucubrations of mine *to day*):
& to answer your two questions:
Don't take "*Mrs. Shaw Stewart*":
(as a Lady Member): yes: I "know" her.
She was with me in the
Crimea: She was afterwards
Supt= of the Army Nurses:
She has extraordinary good
work in her: but a perfect
incapacity of working with
any one: she was compelled

to resign by the W.O.
But I feel almost certain that
it is *not she* who is meant:
but "*Mrs. Stuart Wortley*":
Whom I know only by reputation:
& if MR. WIGRAM answers for
her, I should think her a safe
person enough: I mean, as to
backing him up & his views:
2.// I think an "Executive Commee=
of 12 (say)," provided you
name 2 & *Mr. Wigram* 2,
& these 4 are 4 "of 6" to name
the "remaining ~~the~~ members",
tolerably safe.

But for work is not
an "Exec: Comm": better of 7
than of "12": & of 5 than
of 7?

[rest of letter in pencil]

I always think that, in a SMALL Commee-, he who *knows & works* 'carries it' but in a LARGER Commee. he who *talks & does not know* 'carries it':

may we not learn valuable lessons from the London School Board? the *Board*, including the 2 ladies, of 30 members, did nothing but talk - & drive poor Lord Lawrence mad: the ladies contributing a great deal more than one fifteenth to that result.

but the small Exec: Commees= of 3 & 5 & 7,--consisting of the very *same* people,--*including* the ladies,--for the Several branches, did most valuable work on these, *especially* the ladies.

I think your "Ex. Comm: of 12" will ~~throw out~~ thus constitute its small Commees= for different branches of the work: & certainly 'ladies' have as much to do with Nursing as with the Education of girls: &, if they know ANY thing, might do valuable work on some Branch Commee= [There are, however, Ladies on the *Council* who would utterly wreck any Exec: Commee=]

This is my view: but I would much rather trust yours.

After all, so much depends upon the *Secretary*- If you can find a Secretary who would really master the thing & have *time* to work it, he is the most important Exec Comm: [What I have found in my

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610 RAT 1/24 signed letter, 1f, pen, typed copy f63

Address
35 South St. Park Lane
July 6/75 W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think it better, after consideration, to
send you this rather odd note of Lady
Burdett Coutts: & to ask you whether
you would wish to proceed further: & what,
if anything, you would wish me to reply
to her: Please return me her note:

& believe me most sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

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610 RAT 1/25 signed letter, 3ff, pen, larger paper, typed copy ff65-66

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 28/78

Dear Mr. Rathbone

[12:134-35]

I come to trouble the patron of
Nursing:

May I venture to apply to you for leave
to nominate you as one of the Trustees
of the so-called 'Nightingale Fund'?

Its original Trustees were: Sidney Herbert,
Lord Ellesmere, Mr. Bracebridge, Ld Monteagle,
& Ld Houghton- I have survived
them all, except Ld Houghton:
& Mr. Edward Marjoribanks, subsequently
appointed, is about to resign.

It becomes necessary to appoint three
new Trustees to act with Lord Houghton.

It would give me such great pleasure
if you, as the tutelary spirit, would act:
tho', knowing how far too busy you are already,
I should scarcely have presumed upon your
kindness to propose to you to undertake
the office were the duties likely to
bring any serious call upon your much
occupied time: but these (the Trustees' duties)
do not go beyond the holding & investment

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of the Trust funds: & no change in the
latter is to be called for in all probability
unless it be occasional sales of Stock
which may hereafter be required by the
Council to meet the objects of the Trust.

The Trustees are a distinct body from the
Council, in whom the administration of the
Trust is vested: And the Council have
full powers of dealing with both capital
& income of the Fund for the objects
of the Trust.

Should you desire further information as
to the nature of the Trust, the Secretary,
(my cousin, Henry Bonham Carter,) will
be glad to call upon you, and would,
if you wish it, send you copies of the
Deeds of Trust for perusal.

I should feel a good deal ashamed of
myself for troubling you, dear
Mr. Rathbone, but that it seems
as if trespassing upon such kindness
as yours does not constitute a trespass
& pray believe me
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:135]

Wm Rathbone, M.P.

610 RAT 1/26 signed letter, 2ff, pen on black-edged paper, typed copy ff67-68

"Lady" to take charge "for 18} Lea Hurst
Months" of part of the *Liverpool*} Cromford: Derby
"District Nursing:" } Sept. 12/78
Dear Mr. Rathbone

[13:762-63]

We owe you too much for us to make
not the best possible effort to supply your
wants. But I cannot find any lady of
our own training worth recommending to you
for the above who is now at liberty.

But a Miss Williams who is now staying here
has mentioned to me a *Miss Darcy* who
might suit the purpose. [Miss Williams

I have known intimately for 7 years:

she was trained by us:- was Assistant
Supt. at Edinburgh Infy= for some years:
-then Matron at St. Mary's Hospl=, London,
where she is now. She is certainly
one of the ablest of our people: & I have
always kept up a more than usually
close acquaintance with her.]

Miss Williams had, for a short time, at
St. Mary's- to fill a vacancy as 'Sister'-
this *Miss Darcy* who has been 5
years 'Sister' at Winchester Hospital (&

trained there) - Miss W. says that Miss
Darcy is one of the most thorough 'Sisters'
she ever knew: with health & energy
à toute épreuve: & a peculiar talent
for making Nurses work & making them
loyal to her: With great power of order
& management. [Miss Darcy spends
her *holidays!!* in taking Situations to fill
temporary Sisters' vacancies at different Hospitals
in order to learn different systems!].
She leaves Winchester *this* month permanently.
Miss Williams would take her herself

immediately as Night Supt=. if she
had that post to offer her now. And
I should snatch at her for either that
or a Hospital 'Sistership' from what
Miss Williams has told me of her.
Of course we neither of us know what she
would be in DISTRICT Nursing:
But I thought you might like to hear of her;
She is, I think, 42 years of age.

ever yours sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale [end]

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610 RAT 1/27 incomplete letter, 1 f, pencil

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Pray excuse delay & this
pencil scrawl.

I trust you have had a
Good & refreshing holiday
& with my poor blessings
& prayers unexpressed
believe me
ever yours gratefully &
faithfully

Florence Nightingale

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Univ of Wales Bangor 37618, typed copy Oct 2/82 ff73-75

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610 RAT 1/28 signed letter, 2ff, pen. black-edged paper

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 24/84

Dear Mr. Rathbone

How much do I
always give you joy
of your unfailing springs
of good-

[13:565]

As far as I understand
Mrs. Hobson's letter
(returned), they at
Constantinople want
? "two" Nurses for
Nursing of *paying* Patients,
tho' she does not exactly
say so, with *Some* District

Nursing, IF - - - - -

I think, as you say, these Nurses must be "ladies", & that "£30 a year" is scarcely enough, or "12/6 a week "when not employed", for board.

Can they be "directly "under the orders of the "Committee", who probably know nothing about the conditions of Nursing, without Stipulations being made for them? At all events must not one of them be head, with a somewhat higher

salary [top of text cut off to end of line] than the other?

I think Mrs. Craven, as you say, would be the right person to apply to- & she would also advise about conditions.

But how to keep up efficiency without supervision?

I earnestly hope that Mrs. Rathbone has been restored by the Riviera - & that you are

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well. Good speed-

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[end]

Sir Harry Verney has
had a hard fight- thank
you for asking. On Monday
again the Doctors were
desponding. But yesterday
& this morning he was
making real progress--

I can never thank you
enough for the beautiful
flowering plants which
continue coming- which
I enjoy with the warmest
gratitude but with much
scruple - God bless you.
ever yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale
{most of signature cut off}

610 RAT 1/29 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy f81

Oct. 13/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I had again to thank you
for your great goodness in
sending me beautiful flowering
plants another year, added
to the many on which I have
enjoyed your gracious kindness.

On July 25 I stopped the
plants, for I was going out
of London to my Sister who
is now, alas!, a great Invalid.
It was not for want of
gratitude that I did not
write to express such poor
thanks as I could offer for

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such great & continuous kindness
which I feel I have taxed
too much - but from
illness & over-pressure-
And then it came too near
the time of my return last
month. Since I returned,
the man has called twice;
but I would not take in his
plants. For indeed,
dear Mr. Rathbone, it is
too much. I have disappointed
all the Doctors by living;
and I could not take

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advantage of your goodness
by preying upon you for
life.

My gratitude - but - what do I
say? - God's blessing is
yours for ever for what
you have done for Hospital
Nursing, Workhouse Nursing,
District Nursing. No one
has given it such an
impulse as you. When
I think of what these were
30 years ago, & what they
are now - - - what progress
God has given during these
30 years! Much, much

remains to be done; but I
believe that, tho' I shall
not see it, far greater
progress will be given
during the next 30 years,
especially perhaps in
Workhouse Nursing - and,
I trust, in Military Nursing,
which is now the lowest,
instead of the best.
May God bless & prosper you
I do not say, for He has
& He will

typed copy March 26/87 f82

610 RAT 1/30 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.

May 7/87

Dear Mr. Rathbone

How can we thank you
enough for your Address at
the Meeting of the Ne. Home
at St. Thomas'?

How can we thank you at
all for all your labours for
the Nursing cause?

They are beyond thanks-
God bless you-
ever yours gratefully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale

610 RAT 1/31 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, typed copy f83

June 4/87

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Thank you, dear Mr. Rathbone,
for your kind note about

"Woman"- I find that such
a communication as Miss
Rosalind Paget asks for
involves me in so much
correspondence from other people
that, with even more than
the reluctance I always feel
in declining the least request
from you to whom we are so
immensely indebted, I am
obliged to decline -

Yes, indeed, I am

[13:86]

grieved to the heart that
St. Bartholomew's did
not take Miss Gibson.
They have made a strange
mistake, which will do
much harm to the Nursing
cause, in their choice-

Fare you very well.

God bless you

yours ever gratefully
F. Nightingale

[end]

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Aug. 7/87
{on printed paper; "gothic" print;
on angle at left top: Telegraph,
"Steeple" Claydon, Bucks.;
address at right: Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.}

Dear Mr. Rathbone
I received your kind note
by 2nd post yesterday
(Saturday) afternoon - &
am very sorry for the
inconvenience which I fear
I have caused you by
detaining your paper so
long. I hope to return
it to you with the
smallest possible delay
Pray forgive me & believe
me ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

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610 RAT 1/33 copy of letter 7 ff, not FN hand but sounds like her, 1 folio done, typescript, typed copy Nov 5/87, see pencil letter of same date 47755 f26; this is in Mary Stocks 69, but dated Nov 6 1887.

Confidential Nov 5/87

[13:794-96]

Dear Mr Rathbone

I recd a visit from Sir J
Paget yesty afternoon [I did not know till
he told me that the comtee of Advice consisted
solely of him, Sir R Alcock & the D of Wesmr
I am very glad of this)
The scheme of which they decided the bare
outline on Thursday has gone in to the Queen!!
Thro the D of W to Sir H Ponsonby) She is
to decide & then remit it back to the Com of Advice
if approved in its outline, for them to work
it out in its parts. Sir J. Paget told me
(you will kindly observe that I, being sup
posed to know nothing of the matter must
not be quoted) that the outline consisted
merely of a plan for dis nurses to be spread
all over the country to affiliate any of
the existing Dis Nurses Associations that
chose to from L'pool, Bloomsbury &c &c
& including midwifery nurses.
Sir J Paget entirely repudiated the idea of "1000
nurse" of beginning otherwise then slowly &
thoroughly

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10 South St.

Nov 30/87

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Your letter just received- Many
thanks. I hasten to obey- But
in doing so, I shall echo your words.

No doubt about accepting;
But the D. of W. who is at once their
Chairman & yours would of
course wish for *conditions*, on both
sides, of acceptance. These cannot
be laid down at an hour's notice.
He should wish to be consulted on
those conditions, at least as important
to the Queen's Fund as to you.

The words "*take over & work*"
he would scarcely accept as your
Chairman without asking some
questions - [opposite views have been
entertained by ~~the~~ other two members of
his Committee} on what this should mean.]
of advice}

[13:799-800]

These *he* can answer as Chairman
of the Committee of Advice

1. Are you to retain your local
self-Government?

They can scarcely suppose themselves
better able to "work" the Association
than the (now experienced) "Association"
is.

What is the Governing body to be?
i.e. their Executive Committee?

[You will remember that one of the
"three" (Commee= of Advice) strongly insisted
upon local self-government being
preserved.]

2. Whether the Queen's money &
influence will increase, not
supersede, ~~your~~ your Subscriptions
will depend on the 'careful work'
done, & on enlisting the public,
& the localities, in interest in the
local District Institutions: which
will be your branches.

3. Is the offer to "take over & work" meant to include other District Associations ~~everywhere~~ which are "disposed to accept the offer"?

How then is the *standard of work* of *Bloomsbury* to be kept up?

The danger is, of course, levelling down instead of levelling up to the highest standard-

Or is it intended that a sort of centralization should take place, with Bloomsbury as the centre, inspecting all other Institutions (Consenting to incorporation), & re-training Nurses who fall short of the standard?

How is a friendly rivalry & co-operation then to be 'kept up'? & local publics to be interested in local Institutions? And how again is the standard of work of Bloomsbury to be

kept up?

These questions are in the essence of the "offer" you have to "accept or otherwise", & could not be supposed to be asked out of curiosity, but because you should know ^{WHAT} the "offer" is.

"Approval" is all that can to day be given, *Subject to suggested arrangement*. i.e. accept generally in outline with general conditions in outline, & fill up details afterwards, in concert with your Chairman, the Duke
F.N.

God speed the work!

I do not know *what* the "outline of the proposal" was, "talked over" by "you" & 'Mr. Craven' "Last August".

(see p. 2)

~~Throw~~ Throw upon them, the Committee
of Advice, to "suggest"
"Arrangements" to 'keep up the
'standard' &c &c Which you
can "approve".

rather than you 'make conditions'
which they are to approve

FN

Might I hear from you?

[end 13:800]

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{across top;} to be kept till Mr. Rathbone's

arrival

W. Rathbone Esq M.P.

23 Bloomsbury Square

F.N.

30/11/87

610 RAT 1/35 incomplete letter, 7ff, pen & pencil. [fixed at Liverpool 2004],
typed copy ff102-07

10 South St. W. Private

& Confidential Dec 3/87

[13:803-05]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am as it were knocked down by this letter of Sir R.A.'s
to which your own is the only answer. viz. that it is
"not possible to attempt all this at once"- that you
must "establish first the M & N. as a Centre"
"perhaps employ Liverpool to train &c" & "step by step
"work out an organisation".

You are not men to sell your philanthropies for
a slice of the "Queen's Bounty"- You might negotiate
a sale in a few days. It will take weeks even
to ~~give~~ make him a *scheme*- then years to work it out.
Otherwise the only result will be the ruin of the best
of the existing organisations

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Sir R. Alcock's letter does not give you information
enough to answer-

Disencumbered of phrases, it ~~must~~ is a proposal only
to make District Nursing good & universal
under the Queen's name-

And you are to propose at a day's notice a
ready cut & dried scheme to do this vast work

You would perhaps wish to notice in the few details
that ARE given some omissions:

"1" Would you not put in: -first a month's test
BEFORE the "Hospital training" or before engaging
whether the Probationer would take at all to District
Nursing- This would help him to realize
that you cannot get 'a thousand District Nurses'
out of the Hospital 'unemployed' in a year-
[Sir Jas Paget apprehended this at once]
3 mos in a Maternity Hospital to make them
competent to take charge of poor women *after* the
confinement." This is just what most if not all
Maternity" Hospls= do *not* teach.

Mrs. Craven taught it.

"2/" - "4/" - top of sheet 2

? *all* entire co-operation! & united action! of *all* existing
Associations & Institutions throughout &c ? *all*

"linking together" top of sheet 2.

E London Probably they must - they cannot help themselves since

the Queen's daughter is President, "incorporate" or

"affiliate" or whatever it is called, E. London

How can E. London & Bloomsbury be "linked together"?

Either one must rise or the other must fall; & I am afraid

the latter is more likely

If you "link together" a butterfly & a mole, you do not
make a bird-

Is E. London to "train Nurses" for the "Queen's bounty?"
"Edinburgh"

Sir J.P. spoke to me about this- And I made
enquiries at the fountainhead.

[Chapter "on Snakes in Iceland". There are no snakes in Iceland.

There is no District Nursing Association in Edinburgh. Some
of the Churches have a District Nurse or two. Tho' some of the
Nurses furnished have been excellent, they have resigned, probably
for want of such an organization as Bloomsbury or Lpool. And it has

not been successful.

I have not seen Mr. Craven's letter or your "Resolution,"
& am writing somewhat in the dark.

I do not understand now whether Bloomsbury is to be
the Central Institution, with inspecting & re-training
powers-

Or whether they are going to make "similar enquiries",
as would seem by top of p. 2 (2), separate offers &
proffers to "all" the different Nursing District Assns
as to you & to Bloomsbury.

As Dean Stanley once said in Convocation, "you
cannot make *out of 50 white rabbits one black horse*"

Pray make *your* terms about Liverpool
& make them strong.

"3/." "voluntary superintendence"

"medical comforts & nourishment"

You, I believe hold fast to the District HOMES-
When there were only isolated Nurses of the "servant"
"class", living in lodgings or at home, local Lady Supts=
were absolutely essential.

I think I have understood you that you would
not recommend them now to other large towns
where each District Home has its own trained Supt.

-Where there are too many local charities already,
& you do not want another charity, another agent,
but that the trained Supt= should know to what
agency (e.g. parish, under Doctor's order, clergy, Socy
District Visitors &c &c) to apply for necessary things-
Also: perhaps you would think it doubtful that
the District Nurses now should not be a separate
body, as it makes them restless to be interchangeable
to be able to ask to be sent back to Hospital.

Training. Mrs. Craven presses that some Nurses
of the lower or Middle class should be trained at
Bloomsbury, taking perhaps another house - thinking
it bad that all Supts- should be trained at one
Institution, all Nurses (of a lower class) at
another

Still "3/" "moderate salaries:" improvement on
"bare maintenance plus decorations."

Otherwise there is a vast deal of Sir R. Alcock in Sir
R. Alcock's letter -

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Still "3/" ?Bloomsbury

"Central Institution undertaking to provide them"

You ~~They~~ the Central Instn- Bloomsbury have too few already - ~~They are~~
are quite unable to provide all that ~~their~~ your branches ask for
The "Queen's Bounty" will not create District Nurses
by a cheque.

This is not by any means to represent the thing as
desperate. It is merely to say how wise
your letter is - slow beginning - working out.

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"5/" There come the "3 millions" of *qy pence*?
again.

[I cannot help feeling a little surprised that his two colleagues
should have let Sir R. A. write this letter. which does not
give you information enough to answer. A Prusso-German
friend of ours, formerly Private Secretary to an Imperial
person, then First Secretary to a great Embassy, has been had
over to Japan without other instructions apparently than
that he is to 'do Court' there in Japan, & teach *them*
to 'do Court'.

Without instructions, without information, on the
vaguest of outlines, Sir R. A. is asking you to 'do'
District Nursing all over England &c & teach ~~them~~
him to do District Nursing all over England &c

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I was exceedingly sorry that Bonham Carter was not at home for the Bloomsbury Special Commtee and exceedingly rejoiced that you were-

He will be back from America, please God, on Monday week, Dec 12-

They cannot buy Bloomsbury between this & then Will he not be in time to ~~help~~ support you with the negotiations?

Rocks ahead

I do feel a feminine dread: if Sir R. A. is to be Chairman of the new "Central Administration Commee" will not you the experienced administrators of this work who ought to be the ones put on the Committee find it very difficult to work with him? You have worked out first principles

out of your experience - he has only diplomatic phrases & a great desire to make a show. But he is very fearful of making a failure-

And herein lies safety. He is more likely to listen to "working out step by step an organisation" as you say.

I feel how useless & little to the point is this letter except as corroborating & illustrating your answer, which

[to consult your "colleagues confidentially as to its questions concerning" yourselves]

"not possible to attempt all this (in Sir R. A.'s letter) at once

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"to establish first the M. & N. as a centre

"perhaps employ Lpool to train some district Nurses
of the servant class

"& step by step work out an organisation

"to be well advanced in our plans before we go to
public for funds

"suggest some general rules on which Lpool & perhaps
one or two established Assns= could be affiliated as an
experiment

[You perhaps might do this at once; but we could
not do it in an hour]

You may well hope *not* to have any of the St. Katharines
on the Executive Commee=

Decorations "to suggest that that should wait" till you
saw how to arrange to give fairly decorations to those working
under many masters spread all over &c

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"Inspection--how is that to be managed?

--"dispersed Nurses will have to be inspected if the
"centre is to be in any way responsible for keeping up
"the standard".

[end 13:805]

610 RAT 1/36 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy ff108-09

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Q.V.J.I.N. May 13/89

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

[13:809]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Your four valuable documents

I have most carefully read &
pondered, namely

--Sir R. Alcock's "Note" on

"Dublin Nursing Assocns="

--Your Memo= on this "Note"

--Mr. Bonham Carter's letter to
you of May 1

--your Memo= on that letter

As you are so good as
to wish me to say something,
I can only say what you do
not wish me to say that
your boundless generosity is

so deeply felt in regard to this
your scheme, ~~including~~ meaning the
District Nursing plan of
Superintendent & Nurses
drawn from the three
Institutions--

& it is so well understood how
desirable it is for the sake
of Ireland now to
take advantage of it
that one can only bid you
God speed amidst difficulties
which are enormous, but
which, as you so justly say,
are opportunities for who

knows how to profit by them

Under the circumstances
it may well be that there
is no alternative- And I
need hardly assure you that
our best wishes are yours
that it may succeed in the
highest sense- Let every
one concerned endeavour to
work out your proposals in
the same spirit as yourself;
And that *will* be success.

I would say: we pray God
that it may succeed. But we
know already that He wishes

wishes the greatest good to
this Nursing of His sick poor,
even more than we can.

In Him therefore who inspires
you we put our trust.

May He give many more years
of you to this kingdom

ever yours gratefully & truly

Florence Nightingale

I always send you my gratitude
in my heart for all your
kindness to me. May I add
this now in ink?

F.N.

[end]

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610 RAT 1/37 signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy f110

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August 6/89

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square, W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

[13:810]

I thank you very much for
letting me see these beautiful
documents, for beautiful they
are to my mind. And I
only trust that you will
be able to carry through the
Queen's imitation of your work,
notwithstanding provoking
delays & some indifference.

I hope too that you will
be able to get away soon,
for you have indeed had a
harassing year. But you have
accomplished much -

Miss Jennings seems likely to
be a great help to me. I like
her so much. Thank you
a thousand times. But you
will answer what I asked -

I too shall be going out of
London shortly.

Let me thank you too once
more for what I am always
thanking you for in my heart
among your innumerable benefits
- the beautiful Flowering plants.

May God's choicest
blessings be yours -

ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

It was really distressing not
to get the post of Warden
for Mr. Craven. It would
have simplified & made easy
so many things - And the loss
of it endangers our possession
both of Mr. & Mrs. Craven, I
fear??

But we can only thank God
that we have you.

610 RAT 1/38 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, typed copy f111

Aug 14/89

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

How can I thank you for
your generous kindness? I
feel myself preying upon you
- I do not like to prey -
And you will not let me
decline.

My deepest gratitude
is yours- Not only for Miss
Jennings who seems a most
capable person- but for
all that you are doing
every day for the Nursing
cause. And also for

the beautiful flowering plants,
which I have now stopped,
as I am going away so
soon- I feel compunction
as I well may, as well as
gratitude, for your continued
kindness in this delightful
item.

May all your goodness
& wise schemes prosper,
& the blessings you give
to others return tenfold
upon yourself, 'full

'measure, pressed down' -
is the fervent wish of
yours ever gratefully
Florence Nightingale

610 RAT 1/39 signed letter, 2ff, pen

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square, W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

How can I ever delay an
hour answering your great
kindness? But I never delay
a minute saying & wishing
God speed to all your good
works.

Yes, please; be so good as
to send me "the papers showing"
your "progress so far, after the
"first Meeting of the Council
"of the Institution on ~~Monday~~
"Tuesday": as you kindly propose
I am ashamed to tell you in
what a dilapidated condition
I am: my head will not

bear being read to - & my
eyes will not bear to read
to myself - & of course
as age increases, so does
work. But I am ashamed
to say such a thing to
yourself busy with the good
works, alike public & private,
which God so blesses-

I hope to answer your
further question, tho' very
imperfectly; in a day or
two.

I am so sorry for the
death of that "good young
fellow"-

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I know not how to
thank you for the
beautiful flowering plants
which your goodness still
anew supplies me with.
Your "charity never faileth"

With shame & sorrow I
confess that I have been
able to do so little for
you, while you do
everything for us.

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

22/2/90

610 RAT 1/40 signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil typed copy ff113-14

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[13:818]

"Addition to
pamphlet proposed"

10, South Street, April 28/90

Grosvenor Square. W. {printed address:}

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have two letters of yours, one
of April 19, /containing Proof, one received on Saturday
night to thank you for. I am
very glad of Macmillan's
proposal, for your sake & that
of the work.

I hope to send you the
Proof of my "Introduction"
revised by to night or
to morrow morning early.

You will not fag too
much, I trust, the next few
months.

In the meantime, as you
were kind enough to send
me a copy of the Maternity
"Addition to Pamphlet proposed"

& ask me to criticize it,
may I say that the feeling
I have about it is: that
the writer ignores that
Lying-in Institutions do NOT
train in *Maternity* practice.
- that there is much in
the "Addition" that is good,
without any reference in it
to the absence of the
proper means of instruction,
which is touched upon
but only in a few sentences
in my Introduction.
Is there no danger that
more harm than good will

be done by the Addition
if going forth in its
present shape?
I may possibly add a few
words (confidential) to these
when I send my revised
Proof.

But I have too many
delays to apologize for
to delay these few lines,
asked for by your kindness.

Success to all your work-
I am afraid you have had
tiresome doings in Ireland.

Your beautiful flowering
plants are the light of my
room - ever gratefully yours
F. Nightingale

{same printed address, upside down, lower left centred.}

{top left corner; diagonally:} *Confidential*

BURN

2 *Maternity "Additions
to proposed pamphlet*

Confidentially to you I
will mention, (tho' I do not find
much to add to my yesterday's
note), that, in getting Probationers
of our own into what are
called the best of the Lying-in
Training Hospitals, I have done
what this "Addition" suggests;
p. 4, viz. written "Stating
"the points of training", they
should "pay special attention
"to". And most kindly
were they attended to.

At the same time, as we
Nurses have a common
language & a common feeling
(or ought to have it,) they
expressly told me, that afterwards they

[2 folios added April 2004 at Liverpool]

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could not make their
Midwives *in* training do it
in *Hospital*: much less in
the Lying-in Patient's OWN
HOME, after training.

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I feel myself but too sadly
justified in saying that the
writer ignores that Lying-in

Institutions do *not* train in
Maternity practice.

[end]

P. 6 "Three *midwifery* months" the
writer thinks "devoted to
"Midwifery *alone*" makes
a trained Midwife!!

The only "abnormal" case
a 3 month's Trained Midwife
at one of the very best
Lying-in Institutions, certified
& going abroad where
there was no Doctor within
miles & miles, was in the
Obstetric Ward of a General
London Hospital. [pencil] How
can it be in many cases
otherwise?

610 RAT 1/41 signed letter, 2ff, pencil typed copy f115

March/99
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

[13:574-75]

It seems to me that
I have not written to
you for a long while
-you, our greatest
benefactor- How many
owe their lives to you!
How many bless the
day that gave you
to the world!

Some indeed are

falling around us

now "Like leaves in
"wintry weather"-

But, thank God,
nothing can be less like
leaves. Every one is
taken up by God for
a splendid future of
work in His Service.

We have lost Sir
Douglas Galton. He

is a great loss. But
there were none
like you- And God
has given you to us
for eighty years-
And pray God, He
may give us you
yet for years.

[end]

I was so sorry not
to be able to see you
when you were so

good as to call
when you were last
in London-

ever yours gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Thank you again &
again for the
beautiful flowering
plants that come
from you every week
F.N.

3 August 1864

I suppose one will get over the prison-like feeling of having to obtain leave for every going out of the building and having a register kept of the hours of one's departure and return. How childish it seems to mind this....Have I not again and again asked myself, should I ever be able to meet the dreariness, the loneliness, the difficulties, the jealousies, the restraints, the disappointments, the isolation. In my own strength--no never. Yet when I look back and see how God has helped me, how in the darkest moment, something has come sent by a most loving Father, a little word, a letter, flowers, a something which has cheered me and told me not only of the human love but of that bountiful, heavenly Friend who knew this weak child's need and answered....May no fear of man hinder me in His work.

I am so glad I have been to the workhouse. In every way I can now more realize my future position and the difficulties of it. But I have as never before a kind of consciousness of power to bring a little sunshine to those poor creatures, as if I could, with God's blessing, be an instrument of making a little ray of hope and comfort sometimes enter....

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

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F.N.

610 RAT 1/42 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, typed copy ff117-18

April 30/1900

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

It is quite impossible
for me to thank you
enough for the paper
--no, not if I were to
write it a hundred
thousand times- you
have been so kind as
to send me- of which
I have read every
word- or rather had
every word read to me
that pertained to our

[13:575]

subject- & shall have
it all read over again
to me to-morrow--
It is admirable &
surpassing in interest.

I shall write again
to-morrow, if I may
Who shall say that
our times are not as
exciting & full of
interest as the best
times of the Republic
of Rome.

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

W. Rathbone Esq

610 RAT 1/43 signed fragment of letter, 1f, pen

{printed address, upside down, lower left corner:}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{no date. from script, I'd say not later than early to mid 1880s}

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I trust to see you soon
some afternoon. As you
so kindly offer it. I am
rather full this week, &
you I dare say are fuller.

Your beautiful flower-
plants have resumed
their benevolent course.

Pray believe me
ever gratefully yours

F. Nightingale

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610 RAT 1/44 fragment, 2ff, not FN hand

June 13th

about *organising District* nursing for the
sick poor in *London*: as you have done
in *Liverpool*:

Is there any advantage in a *Central Society*
beyond a certain power of getting money-
in so vast a place as London?

Is there any *administrative* advantage?
& are there not very serious objections-
which are avoided by *local* organisation

Is it not "putting the cart before the horse"?
Presenting to the public a *map of the work*
to be done "yes: most useful: if as a *sermon*
as it were: but not as a plan to be worked
out. Would not that be doing the very
reverse of what you so wisely did at
Liverpool? At such a place as *Liverpool*
the advantage is: that there is an "esprit
de corps" or rather "de ville": the leading
men know each other: or perhaps rather
one man can lead; the place is not too large
for a general superintendence.

610 RAT 2/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil, on black-edged paper, typed copy

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
March 7/74

My dear Miss Merryweather

[13:531]

I hope that my answer
about Mrs. Rhodes told
what was wanted.

Now I am venturing to
trouble you again:

We are asked to send a
Canadian lady, whom
we have had with us
since last spring, to Canada
with 4 Trained Nurses (who
probably will be ladies)
to undertake a Hospital &

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Training School for Nurses.

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We are obliged to answer
immediately about Salaries,
which we are desired to
propose.

Could you be so very good
as to tell me what the
salaries were of

Lady Supt=

Head Nurses

Whom Mr. Rathbone sent to

New York &

Albany-

& what the other money=stipula=
tions?

I am so afraid that I am
giving you unnecessary
trouble by this:

for I seem to think that
one at least of these
Nursing parties went
not from you but from
the Workhouse Hospital.

If so, would you be so
very kind as to pass on
this note to Mr. Rathbone,
or Mr. Cropper, or the
Lady Supt= of the Workhouse
Hospital: & ask the proper
authority to be so good as

to answer my troublesome
question?

With many apologies

& in great haste

pray believe me

dear Miss Merryweather

yours sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

[end]

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2/2 Rathbone with FN comments on it date of 26th July 1887 or 1889,
embossed House of Commons stationery
typed copy

WR: 18 Princes Gardens
London SW
26th July 1887

[13:785-87]

Dear Miss Nightingale,

I am very sorry to have missed you but it is not detailed information that I want but your judgment, and suggestions, on anything I might write either to my friend to whom I alluded in my letter of Saturday or to the duke of Westminster, who, I now find, is one of the Trustees and who, I am rather surprised, did not mention the matter to me-

I am rather inclined to give my friend some memorandum and also to write more fully perhaps to the Duke of Westminster.

(2)

I fancy they will want it to be some central Institution, probably under charter of Incorporation for promoting form a centre Nursing the Poor in different parts of the country-

Now I cannot but think that they could not do better than absorb and carry out the original idea of the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association. The work done by that

(3)

Association is thoroughly good of its kind; and it is spreading steadily and holding its ground wherever it spreads. The cause of that success I believe to be the high ideal of nursing and of the qualifications required by nurses for the Poor with which the Association set out

FN:

Has the success of the M. & N. Assocn been uniform? has it always held its ground? E.g. it failed at Greenwich & Portsmouth (so far)- Nevertheless the *principles* of its action proved to be sound by experience and it Would ~~it not~~ be a great mistake to attempt to establish any new organisation for the purpose of promoting Nursing among the poor & not to make use of the Association with such modifications as may be found expedient

The cases where it has not been successful have been, it is believed, owing to the want of efficient Nurses to act as Pioneers-Nurses having some of the qualifications requisite for Superintendence, viz.

- tact & discretion in dealing with the Doctors & supporters
- & the Nurses under them
- business habits
- & of course & essentially thoroughness in Nursing so as to keep up the standard*

Must not a high standard *grow up* by the influence of individuals whom alas! We scarcely know how to attract?

[pencil] * These qualifications will not be acquired by being assistant supts in a Hospital-will they?-

[pen resumes same page]

P. (4)

Is a larger house required at present for the M. & N. Assn? Was not one mistake to begin with, the attempt to do too much at first-to hold out prospects which could not be carried out

- (1) for want of trained & qualified Nurses
- (2) for want of local support from the Public.

The first want exists in full force so far as District Nursing is concerned.

The second has outrun the supply of trained Nurses, & especially of Superintendents or Pioneer Nurses. But temporary aid is required in starting the District nursing locally.

WR: (4)

It seems to me that possibly the best suggestion would be a "Queen's College for Nursing Incorporated by Royal Charter", building, or still better, purchasing, in London a larger house than we have to serve as a Central Home and for other purposes of the institution.

FN: It is most important to obtain a grant of money for District Nursing. But one hardly sees how "incorporating" the Central Home (whether a good house is "built" or "purchased") by "Royal Charter", & calling it a "Queen's College" will increase the ~~number~~ quantity of good candidates, or improve the quality the bad, so making it a real "Central" Training School & supply for the whole kingdom

What really prevents its growth is a want of *suitable* candidates, (besides want of money) Might not the quality of these still further deteriorate with the *éclat* of a Royal Charter?

Should we ever forget that the moral training of Nurses-unlike that of "Queen's College" in general-especially of Nurses who lead so independent a life as that among the poor-is of all things the *most* important - the keeping up a high ideal of their being *moral* (missionary) Nurses among the poor homes & families as well as among the poor Patients

Will the R. Charter provide for this in any way?

The great peculiarity of these trained Nurses is that of substituting, for alms-giving, the putting the *home* in good healthy order--the teaching the family how to keep it in such ~~good~~ order-how to help nurse /nursing the home: the family/ -the knowing how to reach *sanitary authorities* to do what individuals cannot do for themselves [& if help & comforts & necessities are really wanting the going to *local charities* for them] but above all the de-pauperizing of the family by teaching them self help & healthy ways & habits-besides of course the very best-skilled Sick Nursing at the poor people's own homes.

[Has this deteriorated?

Have the Supts kept up the standard?]

How are these things to be maintained or developed by the R Charter or Queen's College?

WR: (5)

Training from that institution as a centre first in London Hospitals for at least a year, and, afterwards, for three months, six months, a year, or more from the College in District nursing taking nothing but ladies: because, not only do ladies do District Nursing in an exceptionally good manner, but, trained as they would thus be, they would naturally spread themselves over the country as superintendents of nursing in local hospitals and among the Poor throughout the Kingdom

[FN pencil:] Would you not suggest merely to assist the objects of the M & N N Assn in providing Nurses for the poor at their own Homes?

WR: (6)

I consider (and of this I think we have some experience now) that it is a very valuable addition for Hospital Superintendents to the training of a London Hospital to go (under the Metropolitan and National Nursing Association) in the Homes of the Poor to nurse with less perfect appliances.

(7)

Again I think it would be very valuable if the Queen's College maintained in two or more hospitals, of which at least one should be a Workhouse Hospital, Assistant Superintendents each for 2 years as I have done, in order to train them to take the position of Superintendents when wanted; and I should choose our very best lady nurses for this work and insist upon the most thorough training and superior qualifications as the best mode of keeping up the standard of Nursing throughout the Kingdom from the queen's College as the centre.

▼ FN: (8)

Is it not extraordinarily difficult to adjudge pensions for "exceptionally superior services"? And does it not lead to Nurses clamouring for War Service, & seeking éclat?

[The St Katharine's Pensions have apparently done no good & some harm. do War Medals.

The St. K.'s scheme has been altogether futile so far as promoting good Nursing-that is practically "pensions for superior services." And it has done harm by its invidious application] Yet might not the money be turned to account in connection with pensions? be a nucleus for a large scheme, receiving the contributions of Nurses themselves?

But this is a different idea from that already taken up-viz. Nursing the poor.

As a practical objection would not the expence be too great of granting pensions, in addition to the difficulty of selecting, for "superior services"?

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WR: (8) [FN comment above is opposite this]
I think it would be well also that
they should appropriate a certain small
portion of income for pensions for long,
devoted, and exceptionally superior services
in nursing.

These were the general ideas which occurred
to me; and I have written them on one
side only of the sheets of folio paper, leaving
also space at the bottoms of each page written
on, in order that you may, with less trouble,
put your notes on the other side or at the
foot, with any suggestions and remarks you
may have to make-

Do not hesitate to condemn the whole or any
part of these ideas if you think them injudicious.
It seems to me on this, or some similar plan,
the Queen's College of Nursing might be the Mother
House of District Nursing as your School at St Thomas's
is of Hospital Nursing. Pray excuse my

thus troubling you

Of course the Queen's
money would not do all
this but our Insts & their
money a "Royal Scheme" like
this would draw-ought to
do this.

Yr ffully
W. Rathbone

FN: We cordially agree with Mr Rathbone that
the money would be well bestowed
in promoting the objects of the M. & N.
N. Assocn
especially in aiding to supply its
defects
P.T.O.

No doubt objections will be made to
this scheme (first part) on the ground
that it puts too much into the hands
of the M. & N. N. Assoc & does not mark
the fund in its application as coming
distinctly from the Jubilee Fund.

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[also a doc Sir Rutherford Alcock. Came Oct 20/87

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Rat 2/3 notes Oct 20/87 re Sir R. Alcock [not input but probably FN's]

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Box 3/10

FN pencil note, centred

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of

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daughter of Colonel Jones of Fahan &c

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in Workhouses

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on Feb 19 (?) 1868

aged 34 (?)

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fight against sin & wretchedness

with the prayer that when the Master came

He might be able to say

"She hath done what she could"-

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then, at the bottom]

This monument, the type of her hope to

come, is erected by

~~William Rathbone~~

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35 South Street, Oct 23/68
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have received Mr. Worthington's
plans & report, will carefully examine
them & write to you in a day or two.

At present, as I see from your note
that you are to have your conversation
with Miss Freeman on Saturday or Sunday,
I write merely about that:-the Workhouse
Nursing.

[Nothing will induce Mrs. Wardroper
to give her leave to your letting Miss Freeman
know that I have sent you Miss Freeman's
letter to Mrs. Wardroper. And I think
Mrs. Wardroper is right. The same
objection applies to myself. But I don't
see that it is necessary for you to do so
in order to open the Conversation. Miss
Freeman represents herself as *bursting*
to speak to you. She is a perfectly
straightforward & out:spoken person-
And, more than all, as the original idea

of organizing a Workhouse Infirmary Nursing constitution was entirely your own - & the working it out much more your own than ours, I think it would be simply prejudicial to the work if foreign oars, like Mrs. Wardroper's & mine, were now to appear to be thrust in, because Miss Freeman & the Workhouse authorities seem now not to be carrying out your original idea.]

What strikes me as the way in which things are tending is this: -

and I feel how very necessary it is to proceed with caution:-

Miss Freeman says that a Workhouse Hospital or Infirmary is ~~so~~ entirely different in its organization to a General Hospital or Infirmary-mainly, according to her, from its dependence upon Workhouse Officers,- from these Workhouse Officers doing

the work- from the Sick part of the Workhouse being merely an integral part, or a dependency of the Workhouse.

Now this is the very thing which it was sought to prevent-to entirely alter.

[Miss Freeman draws among other conclusions, this: - that ~~a~~W an Assistant Supt= is unnecessary. Her reasoning really leads much more to the conclusion that a Superintendent- is unnecessary - indeed, if what she says were logically carried out, a Supt- would be not only unnecessary but impossible - for the interference from the Workhouse side would be such that her situation would become impracticable- & all your benevolent scheme would fall to the ground.]

It is from this point of view that matters have to be considered - And I do not see at all that it is a matter which Mrs. Wardroper or I are competent to decide; it is a matter solely for you. All we can do is to offer suggestions & experience - if asked.

You must determine whether your Workhouse Hospital is to be organized on the plan of the best Civil Hospitals, *mutatis mutandis*, - or whether the old Workhouse idea, which you have sacrificed so much to convert into a totally different one, is to be reverted to under an improved form & a better Governor.

In the latter case, there is certainly an advantage in having no Supt- of Nurses, but only a Matron.

Things are marching very quickly in London now. The largest parishes are ~~all~~

building /or planning Infirmaries in the country- on the best Pavilion principles- and the worst of them,

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(So far as at present appears,) will have a building on such healthy principles as that no London Hospital, except new St. Thomas', can compare with it. In ~~all~~ such the administration, totally separated from the Workhouse administration, is to be reformed ~~in~~ according to the best principles- There is to be a Steward's Department, a Medical Department, a Nursing Department, directly responsible to the Head or Governing Committee. To have Nurses responsible to a Matron, to a Supt= of Nurses, to a Governor, all at once, appears to be subversive of all discipline.

Whenever you separate your Hospital from the Workhouse something of the same kind will have to be done. If the administration is to be improved, it must be made special- i.e. special as regards no interference from the Workhouse,

which has really nothing to do with the Hospital-

Special as regards the Nurse, who is Now placed under 3 heads in place of one - [Under the present Regulations really efficient Hospital Nursing appears impracticable i.e. the interference will be such that all permanent independent organization, so it seems, will be impracticable-]

Under so very able & excellent a man as the present Governor, things may appear to, may really work very well- better far than they did under dear Agnes & the old Governor. But the Hospital is not a Hospital- it is merely a branch of a very ably conducted Workhouse.

I come now to the last, tho' by no means the least, error which they appear on the brink of committing- And this is: - the total ignoring of what was one of the main objects

of your original scheme, viz. The founding a School for sending out Nursing Staffs to other Workhouses. How a Staff is to be sent out without a Supt= at its head we cannot conceive. This which was the worst feature of Workhouse Nursing, viz. the having one or two or three paid Nurses, without any head or organization of their own to support & govern them, is now not even thought of, not even in London- in ~~all~~ the *reformed* schemes - actual or prospective.

I look upon the decision that Miss Freeman presses for as to an Assistant Supt= being necessary or not, tho' important, as one of quite minor importance to the fundamental question:-- is the Hospital administration to be a dependency of the Workhouse or not?--

I think I had perhaps better send you a letter I have received this morning from Miss Freeman, in order that you may judge whether I judge the situation rightly or not. I can only judge from a distance. Enquiry on the spot is necessary. I alas enclose the Regulations she encloses to me- Please look, e.g. At para: 10, page 15.

I shall not answer Miss Freeman till after your interview with her & nor till after your opinion has been received by me. For indeed it is useless-

Please not to let her know that you have seen any of her letters. Indeed, believe me, it is much better that the verdict should come from you alone, whichever way it is. Were it to come as the {the balance of page in very tiny script} result of an /assumed appeal, real or apparent, from Mrs. Wardroper or me, it would be in great haste very disastrous.

ever yours sincerely,

Florence Nightingale

{printed address, upside down:}

Any information that 35 South Street,
I have about what Park Lane,
London Workhouses W.
are going to do shall

be at your service - But *this* too it is better to keep PRIVATE at present- as one Vestry has protested against its own Bd. Of Guardians, the best in {written up right margin:} London, already. F.N.

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35 South Street, May 23/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I will only just say now, -in
answer to your kind note,-
that I doubt the possibility
of the Highgate Infirmary
taking in "20 Nurses as
Probationers" at present- &
that I should be very sorry
for Miss Torrance who,
after all, has been there
but 18 months- & who has
only completed her Nursing
Staff & her full number of
Patients in October last,
(when the Infirmary first
passed under the "Central London")

being burthened with such an
additional number at once -
We consented last month to
try a tiny Training - School
for Workhouse Nurses under
her - only 6 - (there was no
more accommodation but
for 6)- we paying certain
expences- the "Board" the rest.

Do not think I am trying to be
discouraging - quite the reverse.

Mr. Wyatt is the very best
person in the whole world
for you to discuss it with.
And he appreciates Miss

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Torrance, as she deserves.

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But *let me write to you*
again.

I have not a moment now to
think of your proposal-
I have only just received
your note-

Let me accept your kind
proposal "not to send in
the suggestion" till we have
had time to consider & make
"suggestions."

You cannot think how
strong is my love & admiration
for Miss Torrance - who is
almost a second Agnes Jones-

Overworked already, she
must not be hurried.
But it is *not* from *her*
that any objection to undertaking
more training will come.
With your plan I have of
course the warmest sympathy

In great haste
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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6/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen. {on black-edged paper} [6:453]

WORKHOUSE NURSES

35 South Street, May 24/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

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Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think that, in my hurry of yesterday, I may have led you to believe that the "Central London Sick Asylum District" had already consented to bear their share of the expences of training a very small number of Workhouse Nurses (for London Workhouses) at the Highgate Infy=, under Miss Torrance.

This is not the case - All that has yet passed is: that we have proposed terms to assist in maintaining 6 Probationers which Mr. Wyatt pronounces reasonable.

But there are difficulties-

Mr. Wyatt

88 Regent's Park Road N.W.
Is the person to discuss best the whole matter with you - [He was the excellent Chairman of the St. Pancras Board.]

This is only a P. S. to my yesterday's note- not an answer to you -

ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

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Workhouse Nurse=Training

As to establishing a Govt. Training Sch: for Workh: Nurses

35 South Street, May 30/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am glad indeed that you have seen Mr. Wyatt, & that he will put down something in black & white about his views.

Of course ~~//~~ I look upon the ~~subject~~ question as a most important one, involving the whole future of Pauper Sick welfare: -- whether you can {double line down left margin for next 6 lines} induce the P. L. Board to take up {circled:} the subject {circled:} of Nurse=training. {circled:} 2 It is one I constantly receive letters upon from *Union Medical Officers, entire strangers to me* shewing that they are awakening, just as much as Hospital Doctors & Military Doctors, to ~~the~~ one essential condition of *curing* their sick - viz. having skilled Nurses.]]

I have just received one, with a Report, from the Medical Officer of a large Union Workhouse

I return you Mr. Cropper's & Mr. Hagger's letters, both able & suggestive.

And I will just dot [jot?] down a few notes now--from the Nurse=training side, not from the P. L. side on these letters -- not at all as being *final* Notes - which I reserve to myself yet but merely as comments on these letters.

(1). As to the *advantage* of Govt= doing it at all.
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[[The example would as coming from authority
do good. Recommendations from the P. L. Board
to employ trained Nurses or to raise salaries
with a view to obtaining trained Nurses would
of course come with more effect.

The position & *status* of the Nurses socially might
be improved, as Mr. Hagger says, by the indirect
character of importance acquired by connection
with the Govt=

Means might be obtained for building accommodation
for Probationers & for improving the salary &
therefore qualifications of Matron (Supt=) & Doctor.]]

Disadvantages

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Difficulty of altering all Govt= regulations
to meet changes of circumstance & times -
alterations which wd. be likely to be frequent
in a new system-

Dependence for success on the matron--
& incompetency of any Governt= Departmt= as a
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Court of Appeal from her - especially with
regard to *dismissals* & to some extent admissions.

(2.) As to *Liverpool Workho*: Infirmary
Does it afford proper means of training? -
As to *Highgate* -

May not the N. Fund do more easily *at first*
what is required?

(3.) Assuming that it is desirable to apply to
the P. L. Board, then I think our experience
shews that

- a. Boards of Guardians will not pay for
the training
- b. that the Probationers *must* NOT be
selected by the Boards of Guardians,
but solely by the Principal of the
Training School

c. that objections are not as a rule
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made by Employers to this course,--
they being *ready to appoint Nurses who*
are recommended to them

d. As to the expence: -

Govt= ought to provide additional accommodation for & maintain & pay as many Probationers as cannot be usefully employed in the actual work of the wards - e.g. at Highgate there are about

20 Nurses &

20 Assistant Nurses.

Probably it would be worth while for the Board to be at the expence of the keep of say 6 to 8 supernumeraries for their own purposes- (according in fact to the arrangement we proposed to them & to that wh. Mr. Cropper mentions as in force at Liverpool)

If the No= of Pupils is to be increased, the whole expence of the additional number would fall on the Govt=, as the whole does on us at St. Thomas'.

[Undoubtedly at St. Thomas' the number of the Hospital staff is diminished in consequence of the use they make of our Probationers -- & hence their willingness to build Quarters for us.]

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At present I doubt whether Highgate is capable of training "20 Probationers" having regard to the No= of Patients in the Wards- Certainly it is not, having regard to the capabilities of the Staff.

[We agreed that 6 was quite enough for Miss Torrance to begin with- And there is every reason to adhere to this, which was /determined *not only* by that being the extent of available accommodation.]

There are certain points on which we *must* consult Miss Torrance farther before expressing any opinion - especially as to how far the duties of "*Ward Assistants*" (at Highgate) are compatible with the position of Probationer learning to become a full-blown Nurse.

[Men, especially Poor Law men, often think you have nothing to do but to promote the best of your Assistant Nurses - which is much as if you were to choose your butler among your stable-boys - or your housekeeper among your kitchen maids]

The "*Assistants*" at Highgate do scrubbing &

cleaning & fetching to a considerable extent,
I believe.

[Our Probationers do *not* at St. Thomas'.]

If *they* do *not*, or if this work can be made not
incompatible with learning the duties of Nurse,
the "Ward Assistants" might be treated as
Probationers (or a portion of them) -- & by
arrangement the numbers available for
drafting off be largely increased...

It wd. not answer to the Training Institution to allow
this, except on receiving a *quid pro quo*, such as
aid in wages, &c

[Miss Torrance has already promoted one or two
"Ward Assistants" - But it scarcely follows
that, as a system, it would be right to
treat all, or many, of this class as Probationers.
But we must have farther information.]

[[e. {circled:} b /Miss N opinion is The object of the Schools should be limited to supplying those larger Infirmaries which require a complete Staff, (Supt= & Nurses.) This is quite enough for the Schools to undertake.

The smaller Infirmaries which are nursed by only one, two, three or four Nurses will gradually be supplied by women who have acquired their training & *longer experience* in the larger Workhouses - & who wish for "a change".]]

[Many women prefer a smaller Hospital & the greater importance in some cases which their position in it gives them. And the smaller Infirmaries can afford to give & do I believe often give higher wages.

Women so placed are subject to but *little supervision* & ought to be of *more standing & experience* than Probationers *who have had a year or even two years' training as assistant Nurses* -

To send out the latter, *except as part of a Staff under a competent head,* is simply throwing away the cost incurred//

by the school-

P. S. No doubt, so far as expence is the difficulty with Bds of Guardians, this is in favour of a Govt= plan-

No definite conclusions or direct answer are given here- I reserve these - as you see.

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Small notes on Mr. Hagger's & Mr. Cropper's notes

1. There is no occasion to have a "Staff of Nurses ready at any time". That is impossible.
Hospitals are not taken ill like private Patients at a moment's notice.
They must give a year's notice that they want a Staff of Nurses - as they do to us.
2. Boards of Guardians must give up practically "right of selection"- tho' not in name - Or the whole thing will fail -
But we do not find them unwilling.
3. Mr. Cropper is perfectly right in saying that no Nurses could "take charge without a really "good Supt=."

But they must look to training *Supts=* as well

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as Nurses -

I should make this a sine qua non with the
P. L. Board.

4. I cannot think that Workhouses which require only one or at most 2 Supg= Nurses should ever take Probationers of only one or even 2 years' training -

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Just the persons who have least experience are thereby placed where they have least supervision & most responsibility.

This will never succeed, as a general rule -

Persons of tried experience & capacity from

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~~in~~ a Workhouse ~~nursed by~~ trained Staff under a trained

Supt= -- & *who deserve promotion* -- should be

the persons selected for these (*single*) posts.

[The case is so different from that of training

School Masters & Mistresses -

These are to go out alone -

~~But~~ *ONE* can undertake a School. but

not an Infirmary, unless she has proved

capacity -

In the school, children only are undertaken

& generally only day=schooling -

In the Infirmary, adult *men* & women

Patients come under the Supg= Nurse for

all day & night - She the only person to maintain

current discipline.

Masters & mistresses are generally the

pets of the clergyman /& his wife- probably also of

the Parish "Lady" & daughters - & have

seldom to contend with a hostile or

indifferent or conceited & domineering or

ignorant Board -

All these things are *reversed* in the

case of the Supg= Nurse - solitary &

without the advantages probably of

position & education as she is.

5. I feel entirely with Messrs Cropper & Hagger that Boards of Guardians will, in general, prefer "advertising"-

And, if they "advertise", they always prefer the Nurse not above the "average"-

6. [[Practically, the difficulty will be immense of letting Boards of Guardians send their own women to be trained *at the P.L.'s cost*
- a. Women so chosen will seldom or never be "above the average"-
 - b. They will generally be persons whom Boards of Guardians wish to make a "provision" for -e.g. their own widows.
 - c. There will be a constant well of dissatisfaction boiling up against the unfortunate Training Matron for dismissing (for incompetency or worse) such Probationers - And the P. L. Board has no Department the least competent to deal, as a Court of Appeal, with such cases -
- [Unless we steadily upheld our Training Matrons in such matters, they would be 'nowhere'.]]]

You must not take the Liverpool Board as a criterion- They are gentlemen-.

So are the Highgate Board - ("Central London Asylum" Bd=)
These are the exceptions- not the rule - Both these Boards are {in printing not writing:} reformers -

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Especially I should *deprecate* receiving Nurses *already*
appointed in Workhouse Infirmaries "to give them a
training"- Such undertakings abound in almost insuperable
difficulties- You will understand this.

[Would that "the fundamental qualification
"looked for in a candidate for a" Nurse's
"office" were that she shd- have been trained",
I say with Mr. Hagger
Whose letter is very important.]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think I had better submit these unsatisfactory
jottings to you just as they are
reserving some more considered conclusions
both from Mr. H. Bonham Carter & from me -
Yrs ever gratefully & sincerely
F Nightingale

Your kind note received
about Agnes Jones
I will answer it.

6/5 signed letter, 7 ff, pen

[6:458-60]

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WORKH: HOSPL= NURSES

35 South Street, June 15/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am very sorry to have been so long
in answering finally yours on this subject-
the more so as I am afraid you will
think my answer when it comes little
satisfactory.

I have consulted ~~with~~ upon our possibilities
at the Highgate Infy= - & with our Secretary,
Mr. H. Bonham Carter - & taken the utmost
pains to arrive at a right conclusion.

You kindly tell me "not to trouble" myself
"to comment." And indeed I have no time or
strength for argument (which, besides, never
convinces any one -)- I will therefore ask you
to have the goodness to take for granted that
I have used every means to ascertain our
means, together with the experience &
convictions of those who must work the plan,
if at all.

You know me well enough & my intense
anxiety for the success of your Nurse=training

schemes - & especially for the extension of
Trained Nursing in the Workhouse Hospitals

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of the large towns of England - & throughout
the country - - - to know that I should
put no spoke in the wheel of your sending
your letter to Mr. Stansfeld- even if I
could. But this is: -- *provided* you
do not quote me as the authority for your
plan-

I should prefer that you should refer only

to my printed & published paper in the small

Blue Book /"Report on Cubic Space of Metropolitan Workhouses". 1867. (paper by
F.N. on "providing, training & organizing Nurses for Sick poor" in it p. 64)
(which was of course written "by order")

if you refer to me at all as evidence
of my views-

I am sure that you will understand this -

if it were only for the following reason:--

if when your letter is gone in, the P.L.B.
apply for our opinion,- on having applied
to the Highgate Board, Sir S. Waterlow or Mr.

Wyatt applies for our opinion,- we can only
repeat the conclusions we have arrived
at- And we shall APPEAR to be
opposing your first move. Now there is
scarcely anything which could *now* happen
in my painful life that would give me
more pain than this would do.

I am afraid that I must therefore beg you to strike out
the passages in your Draft which seem
to give the impress of my being the "backer"
of the letter- [They are crossed thro' in pencil-]
That at p. 11 does not moreover convey the
meaning I intended to convey. And that at
p. 12 implies what is not exactly the fact,
as far as we are concerned- [I think I
mentioned to you what we are doing ourselves
at Highgate, & that we were satisfied
that it would be unwise to attempt any thing
on a larger scale *at first*.
Probably you will say (with truth) that any

action of the P. L. B. would hardly be
matured for another year - but then
the words "letting slip" & "which now exists"
become scarcely of literal accuracy do they?]

At p. 2, if you wish to retain the quotation from
me, which I should prefer omitted, the word
"constantly" must at all events be left out.
Some of these letters are "Confidential" - [I think
I marked mine to you as "Private".] And I
could not undertake either to put names or
letters into the P.L.B.'s hands, if called for--
except one or two printed ones - still less

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to be the correspondent between the P.L.B.
& Union Medl= Officers-

The Para:, crossed thro', top of P. 9, is not exactly, either correct. [Not the "Nurses", but the "Ward Assistants" do "part of the scrubbing"-] - And when I mentioned this to you, I did not mean it to be brought before the P.L.B.

Last Para:- bottom of page 10, is contrary to all our experience which strengthens every year.
i.e. selection & dismissal must rest *virtually* with the female chief, whatever she is called. And the Local Committee, whatever it is called, must, in *these* matters, be only the "backer" of the female chief, if *she* is worthy of her post at all.

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The Supt. must, of course, herself be responsible to the constituted Hospital authorities - But no good ever came of the constituted authorities placing themselves in the office which they have ~~sanctioned or~~ appointed her to fill. It is fatal to discipline among the Nurses-

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II. Query - as far as London is concerned? - - -

is there not danger of the plan failing *under Government* unless as part of a larger scheme under a Superintendent= Genl=, as "suggested" (in the Blue Book paper)

It might go on for a time, e.g. so long at Highgate as Miss Torrance was there with Mr. Wyatt to back her

But what does Mr. Wyatt, even Sir S. Waterlow, say as to their Board?-- that they neither know nor care anything about the Nursing-- Hence the difficulty anticipated to our small scheme.

Supposing Miss Torrance fall, ~~when~~ as Agnes Jones did, where will they find any one else at present?-- The time may come when there will be a larger number of competent women, but so long as success must depend upon one or two persons, failure is imminent-- And failure would only throw back the general progress of improvement which exists.

This is not however to discourage you. I would not discourage you if I could. But I must state what comes within my own knowledge, as the P. L. B. might call upon us later to state it- & we cd= then only repeat the above

III.

If the P. L. B. take the matter up, we shall be able to discuss with them how far the plan is feasible *as regards Highgate*; &, if at all feasible, be able to *enter into details*.

We cannot agree as to these with the (Lpool) Authorities whose letters you enclose-- And, though *details*, they embody principles *on which success depends*.

IV. May I repeat that I think, if you wish to quote me, it would be on the whole more to the point if you simply say in your letter to Mr. Stansfeld that you presume (or something to that effect) that Mr. S. had read my "Suggestions" &c.

I will return your /other letter this evening--
ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

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Liverpool Record Office 6/5a is to Rathbone Whit Sunday 1871 from 80 Regent's Park Road, from illeg Cottlay? re Goschen, sick, nurses

Liverpool Record Office 6/6 incomplete letter, pencil 3ff [perhaps cont'd letter of 6/7 although same date as 6/7

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 {Mr. Hagger } *W. Rathbone Esq M.P.*
 {Mr. Cropper} *For your own eye alone*

June 16/71 7. a.m.

Do these letters appear convincing to you?
{the words "these letters" are the base of an arrow head pointing to the names in curly brackets}

Mr. Hagger x x x

1. does this agree with is former opinion (in which we
 all concurred) that Guardians prefer advertising - &
 in doing so always take the woman *not* above
 the average?
2. !! argument that "they can put them *at once into Office*
 is not the whole question hinged on getting assistance from
 P. L. B. by having Nurses TRAINED?
 He probably means that if they wished to job, they, have
 the means of doing so by 'putting into office'- but they don't--

∴ they won't job by nominating Probationers'-
Is not the whole experience we have of Guardians in
London against thus 'begging the question'?-
[Is not /"ALL" the risk of disgrace & failure" absolutely a
nothing?- 1. it is the "risk of inefficiency, of those
qualities or want of qualities which are so difficult
to define except under the head of "general
"unsuitableness" which constitute the real "risk"- not
"disgrace"- But 2. I am sorry to say that we have experience
(where there was real "disgrace") where the persons
who sent the Candidate not only upheld her but
got up a most painful "Confidential" & wholly illegitimate
enquiry against the Training Matron - actually using
"PRIVATE" false accusations against her -
And in this our evidence varies toto caelo from Mr. Hagger's -
The one thing our experience leads us to deprecate is
this: - taking women *previously appointed* to train-
It is almost impossible to alledge anything short of "disgrace"
to cause their appointments to be cancelled - And even with
"disgrace", the appointers will often uphold their Candidate
against the Training-Matron-

So *both* fall into 'Condemnation'.

3. x x

Does Mr. Hagger know "what" London "Boards of
"Guardians" are?-

Would not Mr. Wyatt retort on Mr. Hagger the self-same
words- that *he* has no "intimate knowledge" of them?

- - - is it needful for us to give our experience, our "intimate knowledge", when, for the last 6 years, Reports, Parliamenta{ry} enquiries, even the daily press, have revealed a state of jobbery & corruption & inefficiency - which no instances I could give would much heighten or worsen? --

{printed address; on side at left:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,

W.

Only recall the whole history of St. Pancras'-
which, Mr. Wyatt being driven out, is almost as
bad now as before - But there are, alas!, other as
flagrant instances.

II. Mr. Cropper

!!-"District Nurses"- Do you concur in Mr. C.'s reason - viz. that the *inferior* ones may be used "as D. Nurses"?- The *very best* women-- ought not they? - *ought* {illeg.} to be allotted for "District" Nursing when the supervision is & cannot but be of the smallest- A woman who will do very well in a Hospital where proper female authority keeps her in order or in private Nursing where people accustomed to have their own

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way, keep her in more than order
often does very badly or fails completely "As District Nurse"
where there is no one really to look after her -

BUT THEN NOBODY KNOWS IT!

"There's the rub" - that there *is* no "rub"-
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Park Lane,
W.

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{top left corner; diagonally:} *Private*
& Confidential

{Govt- Training Sch: for Workh:

{NURSES

35 South Street, June 16/71
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I was interrupted about
3 times in every page of my
letter to you yesterday-

Still I thought it better
to send my letter & your Draft
rather than keep you waiting
another day - as ~~the~~ my defect
was in writing a bad letter
not in previous thought &
enquiry-

I joyfully avail myself
of your kind thought for me
in sparing myself "comment"
& argument -

I return your letters - & have
put down a few pencil queries
for yourself - on matters of fact
which I, as a woman, should
hardly be justified to women,
in not calling your *own* attention
to.

But these are *for your own eye*
alone.

I think-like you-one should
always have the 'courage of one's
opinions- Still, had I known
/that my letter to you, (which I think
I marked "Private",) was to be
shown or quoted to Vestry officials,
or P. L. B. officers, I should have
put things, which to *you* I spoke

baldly out, in a very
different manner-

I scarcely know that I have
anything to add to my
yesterday's letter-

[In the small Blue Book, p. 68,
(paper by me referred to, yesterday)
I have mentioned the "Supt=" at
"King's Coll: Hosp:" as a proper
person "to undertake Workhouse Nurse=Training".
Since then the Nursing has
changed hands- And a '*not*'
wd= better describe the state of
the case- [-another melancholy
proof, by the way,-were any wanted,-
how entirely these schemes
depend on the competency of
one or two persons *at present*
for success.]

God bless you & speed
you in this way -
ever yrs sincerely
Florence Nightingale

notes 16 June 1874 re hospitals and workhouses

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6/19h is a note by Eliza Crudy with a FN comment on it "what is "taking notice of"? Is she a Consulting Surgeon? And more

6/4 is FN to Rathbone May 30/71

6/4a letter of Cropper to Rathbone, re PLB and contd Wednesday

6/4b copy of letter of J.W. Cropper 22 May 1871 from Dingle Bank in response to his and

6/4c also from Cropper

6/4d 22 May 1871 to Rathbone from Wilkie

6/4e 23 May 1871 Hagger to Rathbone

6/4f 23 May 1871 copy of Hagger to Rathbone presumably

6/32 undated

letter Whit Sunday 1871 from illeg 88 Regent's Park Road re sick poor

6/33 copy of letter of Thomas Worthington to FN from Manchester, Rathbone has sent him her letter to him of 27th Oct and his reply, re her remarks on pen and ink sketches; results of inspection of Vincennes and Bournemouth conval insts

54 John Dalton St., Manchester Nov 2nd 1868

Dear Madam; detailed discussion, re not passing through wards to day room, and reducing number of beds in each room to not more than 6, the max number suggested in your previous letter; re site. Re superintendence and maintaining proper discipline in the day rooms of first importance, (evidently FN gave detailed advice) re her objection to the baths..."I feel a more than ordinary responsibility in this work and am anxious that it should be so arranged as to meet as completely as possible one of the great deficiencies of our social organization."

As you kindly took a warm interest in the Chorlton Hospital I shall venture in the course of a day or two to send you a tracing of our wards at the Prestwich Workhouse now nearly completed and which in some respects I think an improvement on Chorlton.

6/34 Florence Lees letter to Rathbone from Verdon House, Blackheath SE July 3rd 1874, to breakfast on Tuesday and meet the gentlemen, re National Nursing Assoc, secretary

6/35 F Lees to Rathbone July 8 1874, not to accept hon sec of the N N Assoc, does not reside in London

6/36 copy of Rathbone letter to Lee dismay at her note

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notes, Central Library, Record Office, Wm Brown Sq; copies not permitted of FN book Hq 091.5 Nig which has a letter and Ms of Notes on the Health of Hospitals, presented by FN to the Free Library of Liverpool; Helena Smart, concerned about the binding; possible to get scanned at £40/page, no microfilming available, suggest scanning upstairs possible for £50 total

30 Old Burlington St
London W

Sept 13/59

[16:76]

Dear Sir

I was happy to accede to the request conveyed to me by Lord Shaftesbury that the MS to which you refer in your most kind letter of August 22, should be placed at the disposal of the Council. If any

value attaches to the written copy, I shall be very glad that it shall remain in the Free Library of Liverpool—a town to which I, of all others, owe the most grateful admiration, as out of her has come, as I have always considered, Sanitary salvation to the Army of the Crimea & to all

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England, more or less-

I venture to send
the published copy
of the same M S.
and two others on
the same subject,
hoping that you
will do me the honor
to add them to the
same Free Library.

I regret that my
increasing ill health
has delayed so long
my grateful reply
to your kind letter

[end]

And I remain

dear Sir

your obliged & obedt

Florence Nightingale

Wm Preston Esq

Mayor

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[13:586-90]

34 South St

Park Lane

London W

August 28/65

Dear Sir

Before replying to your kind
letter of August 18, I waited till
I should have seen, as you desired,
your reply to Mr. Rathbone.

But I should certainly have
acknowledged your of the 18th before,
if I had not been in considerable
suffering & very much occupied.

Let me first say that I never
would have forwarded Mr. Rathbone's
letter to you, had I thought it would
have given you one moment's pain.
I, of all others, who have had to
encounter the same difficulties which
you have, should be about the last
person to do such a thing.

But we are all of us in a state of
G. Carr Esq

anxiety for the success of your great experiment - for upon its success or failure depend greater results than upon any other social reform at present on trial - And perhaps we are fidgetty.

At first I regretted extremely having been the means of forwarding Mr. Rathbone's letter to you but on consideration I believe it was perhaps better that all those who are so much interested in your work should have heard your own view stated fully & completely, as you have stated it.

Let me also say how truly I rejoice & how heartily I congratulate you that you are able to say (of your experiment) "completely successful so far." [Scarcely anything on this side the grave could have given me so much pleasure - And

I have to thank you for it.]
Will you kindly bear with me while I allude to a few points which have suggested themselves from your letters - more especially as you mention our experience in Civil & Military Hospitals.

[N.B. There is more similarity between a Workhouse and a Military Hospital than at first appears - Each is under a Governor - With two exceptions, recently made for two large General Hospitals, the Military Governor has hitherto been the Commanding Officer of the Station, so that he has had under his charge both sick & well - But, in all instances whatsoever, a Military Hospital, whether in peace or in war,

is under a Commandant, [by whatever name called.

Also, a soldier cannot be turned out of Hospital - and he knows he cannot. In this the Patient more closely resembles the pauper than the inmate of a Civil Hospital. He knows perfectly well that he is there, as it were, upon his own right, & not on charity.

Also, there is a much closer relation between the Nursing Staff of a Military Hospital - (Nurses & *Orderlies* it consists of -) & your own at the Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary than between the Nursing Staff of a Military and ~~of~~ that of a Civil Hospital.

I might multiply instances.]

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You have so to speak three separate works going on at once: -

1. Nursing under a Superintendent of trained Nurses
2. The training of Probationer Nurses under a Superintendent
3. Training of paupers to act as Nurses, under a Superintendent.

May I try to keep these various objects distinctly in view in dealing with the question?

It is quite certain that, as all of these works are being carried out within the walls of the vast establishment, over which you are placed as Head & for which you are responsible, the Governing authority must rest with you.

This I have always stated, - as in your case, so in that of the Military Hospitals, both in war

and at peace - and always most strongly. Nothing has occurred to alter that opinion. And indeed your authority has not once been called in question.

The only difficulty is one which has constantly occurred elsewhere - and that is, in what manner to allow the Superintendent to exercise the power of superintendence inferred in her name & office, without infringing the Governor's authority.

The question, in as far as regards your Workhouse experiment in Liverpool, is really not the least of those important questions which you have to solve. It is a question which will raise itself in every workhouse before long - (though

we shall have few *or no* Governors like yourself - & few Superintendents like Miss Jones) - and it must be faced - if good is to be lasting. And it can only be solved by experience.

Before going farther, allow me to recur to the fact that, in the few months you have been engaged in laying the foundations of your work, it has been "successful, so far." It is developing itself. You are working a quiet but effectual change in Ward=nursing under your Superintendent & Nurses.

The least satisfactory result hitherto has apparently been that obtained from training Probationers, and especially paupers, as Ward Nurses. [We have great difficulties in obtaining sufficiently good material out of which to form Nurses - Your

problem is greater than ours, and your difficulties are greater than ours in Civil Hospitals. They more resemble those of Military Hospitals. During war, it is well known that the very scum of the earth, those best known to the Police, enlist as Hospital Orderlies. It is better now, owing to the immense pains taken by the authorities in forming the new Hospital Orderly Corps -

But it is not this which is so much our subject just now, as the relative positions of Governor & Superintendent, & the training of Nurses.]

Perhaps the best way of shewing you what we have been doing, or rather aiming at doing, will be to send you a copy of a private document

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drawn up by me at the request of the Government of India, which request was: - to shew them what, in our opinion, should be the steps taken for providing Nurses over their vast Empire. I scarcely expect that you will have leisure to look at it - but, if you even glance at it, you will see that difficulties similar to yours require to be met in India.

Please return me the paper, as it is private & not official.

In Appendix II, you will find the Regulations under which we have introduced trained Female Nursing into the Army. You will see how we have endeavoured to solve the difficulty of leaving the Superintendent sufficient power over her Nurses without interfering with the Governor.

Her power, you will see, is not absolute
neither is the power of the Governor
absolute. In either case, there is
an appeal against dismissal to the
Superintendent-General of Nurses -
and in the case of Superintendents to the Secretary of State for War -
There could be no such Officer in
Workhouses as "Supt=Genl; and the real point
at issue is, how to find a similar
check in Workhouses, so that the
service may be rendered systematic
and efficient - and yet that no
injustice should be done either
to Nurse or Service, either by
Superintendent or Governor.

This, as I have said, is a problem
which you will have to solve -
and no one who knows you can
have anything but the strongest
confidence that your great practical
experience & your determination to
succeed will enable you to solve
the difficulty for us.

As regards the selection & discipline of Probationers: - ~~the~~/our regulations are in the paper I send - We have found them answer in our Training Institutions in London. They may not do with you; but I have no doubt you will be able to arrive at the same result by some equally appropriate method.

[I might add that ~~the~~/your Nursing Staff is not at present, tho' we hope it may ultimately be, "supported by a compulsory tax" with you, but "by a voluntary subscription" - so to speak - in this approximating more nearly to a Civil Hospital than our Military Hospitals do - Our soldiers know perfectly well that their Institutions are supported by the country - And they consider even more than paupers do, that they have a right to them - for a "Hospital stoppage", as it is called, is stopped out of their pay.]

With regard to the Training of Pauper Nurses: - this is the point of greatest difficulty; & yet it must be met & solved if we are to succeed.

[The Poor Law authorities, with whom I have communicated much lately on the general subject, appear to consider that the most hopeful material for training is to be found among the elder girls in Union Schools. At the same time, they admit ~~the~~/our great difficulty: - that these girls can be placed out in situations at a much earlier age than they could possibly be taken on trial in Hospitals, (& apprenticed, if found suitable). In London, I made some enquiry, at the request of the Poor Law authorities - And I found that a charitable Institution was willing to take a limited number & train them in such Nursing duties

as their age admitted of, until they were old enough to be admitted as Probationer Nurses into the Hospital, nursed by the said Institution.

Of course, the difficulty was: - will the Guardians pay? - (as this Institution was unable to saddle itself with a fresh charge, & do it entirely gratuitously It is certain that, if such a scheme could be successfully carried out, a large number of women would be trained to a good bread-winning life.]

As regards training of pauper=women there will, of course, be greater difficulty. I feel, as strongly as you can put it, their low moral qualifications. I know that you think even more keenly than we do that women of known, bad, dirty, drunken, dishonest or general immoral habits should never be

selected for training. Indeed, even if such women could be trained, they could never be recommended for employment by you, as you could never be sure of them. Hence the importance of knowing the character & antecedents of such women before training them.

Old women or women in the decline of life are also unfit subjects for training. [We have limited ourselves to certain ages, as you will see.]

Might I ask you, if you ever have a moment's leisure, kindly to consider the whole subject, now that it has been raised - and perhaps, if you have time, to communicate with me about it?

Our objects are the same, viz. to provide safe & suitable attendance for the sick poor, whether in Hospital

in the Workhouse, or at home. And

I have no fears but that, with singleness of aim & the accumulation of practical experience, we shall succeed in our work -

In any case, - however much I may desire to help in any way I can, even ~~however~~ the humblest, - I am the last person ever to wish to see a Governor's authority undermined in the very least degree - But I do not see how it can be so -

Pray believe me, dear Sir,
(with many apologies for this long letter)

Your very faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Would you kindly shew this letter to Mr. Rathbone, as I have (perhaps unfortunately) been mixed up in the

discussion - and I am unable, from ill-health & business, to write so fully to all as I should wish.

F.N.

[end 13:590]

LRO Rathbone **610** LRO Rathbone 610 6/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South St. July 2/73

[13:506-08]

Park Lane w.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am deeply grateful that your work is extending itself to America with so much prospect of success.

I entirely concur in all that you recommend in your letter to Mr. Moore.

That the two Institutions, ("Charity" & "Bellevue") must be independent of each other -

- that the Female Head must have charge of all Female

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a *sine qua non*.

They sent me and I have
read the printed Reports
{o}f the State Charities Aid Association
(o)f the Visiting Commee for Bellevue Hospl
of the Commee on Hospitals.

I was surprised to see my
'private' letter to Dr. Gull Wylie
printed in the last *in extenso* ,
containing as it did references to
personal matters

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(not £68) for "Bellevue"
with the accessories -
[And I have taken a note of
these.] Or is it for "Bellevue"
£68?

- I return the whole of your
corresponde. I wish you
God speed with all my might
& am ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

[Let me thank you
& not in a *Postscript* of my
heart

your continued kindness
anent the beautiful flowering plants.]

But I would urge the
importance of some general
remarks I have made there
(- & which I need not trouble
you by repeating here -)
on what is essential to the
discipline of the Nursing Staff.
And, having regard to the
necessity for individual
responsibility in the one
female Head, I cannot
but the more strongly feel
that it would in no way
answer to make
"Charity" Staff in any sense
dependent upon the Supt
of "Bellevue".

[About Dr. Gull Wylie's Report
I will only add, to you,
that, as you well know, Dr.
G.W.'s account of what
has been & is being done here
in the way of Nursing generally
greatly magnifies the results.]
I had a letter from Mrs.
Hobson some time
since about a Supt,
which I did not answer -
for it did not appear to call
for any answer.

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About the "2 NURSES" FOR "BELLEVUE"
- I am afraid that *Miss*
Mary Jones has no Nurses
now - but I would by all
means apply - for the chance -
You know her new Address:
39 Kensington Square
W.

About St. Thomas': -

In answer to your question,
I am afraid that we have
none to spare -

We have had a great
drain made on us by
Edinburgh Infirmary -

And we can less & less
spare women except as
members of a complete Staff
under our own Trained
Supts.

The 2 "Bellevue" posts would
be rather difficult to fill.

- They must not be gentlewomen -
- They must be real, skilled,
experienced *Training=Nurses*.

Such will rarely go out
to be under a Supt not their own.
Indeed I never would

send out *one year's Probationers*
except as forming part of
a ~~complete~~/*compact* Staff.

I consider that it takes a
full year - *after* the
year's training - for a
Nurse to settle down into
efficiency.

She has to learn to manage
her Patients as well as
her Nursing -

- to learn neither to be bustling
nor overwhelmed when
there is a press of work -
nor careless when there is
not -

[But indeed of this latter danger
there is now little fear
in Hospitals.]

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/9 signed letter, 2ff, pencil black-edged

Boston: Supt of Nurses 35 South St. **[13:509-10]**
Park Lane W.
May 25/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have delayed answering your kind letter of
May 14 because I wished to ascertain what
our St. Thomas' prospects were: & to consult
Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Hy Bonham Carter

These would be quite willing to receive "two
"carefully selected ladies from Boston - into our

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"Training School - upon the same conditions as

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"other special Probationers - it being clearly
"understood that they would be prepared
"to abide by all the Regulations - (barring
"of course the Obligation)"

if it should be desired *hereafter* -

But at this moment there are an
unusual number of "Special Probationers waiting,
~~to~~ whom Mrs. Wardroper has more or less
engaged us to admit: & who seem unusually
desirable. We are afraid to say that we

can admit 2 Boston ladies, should they
wish to come in during the next term:
because we shall be so full that some
one else must be disappointed, who besides
believes her Admission to be promised.

Of these Admissions we might possibly be able to
recommend one for Boston should ~~they~~/Boston be
inclined to wait a year: or we have
even now a lady who has finished about
half her training, who might prove recommend=
=able

in another 6 months.

You see we have nothing definite to offer at
once: & I am rather ashamed of writing
so very 'conditional' an answer -

Let me thank you most unconditionally for
your great kindness: in sending me more lovely
flowering plants: & pray believe me (in haste)

-very definitely
ever yours gratefully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/10 signed letter, 9ff, pencil black-edged

"Nurses for the Sick Poor" 35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 13/74

[13:723-24]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I will submit a few considerations to you,
in answer to your kind note: sure that your
greater administrative experience will tell me
whether I am wrong -

And as I should be very sorry not to
see you again, (even while feeling that I can be
of little use,) - & thank you for many kindnesses,
I could gladly, if you still wished it, see you
for half an hour at 2.30 on *Monday* as
you propose.

I think not only that you can be of the
greatest use to these people: but that
without you they will infallibly do harm
& not good.

I agree with you as to their plan being too
vague &c. but I think I am more
penetrated than you are with their
utter unbusiness - like=ness, with their

ignorance of what has been done: including
an absolute ignorance (Doctor & all) of what a "*Trained*"
or "*qualified*" Nurse is: *how to find her,*
how to make her, or how to manage her:
but with a very competent knowledge of
how not to find her: & generally
with their want of *practical* capacity
how to set about an object -

[I have been deluged with their papers:
& have had at different times voluminous
corresponde with several of them - All,

Doctor & all, have yet to learn what *is* a
Nurse.]

Without you, there is no *salvation* for them -
OF COURSE one wishes (not well but) the
best, the very *best* to such an object -

[[I entirely agree with you that "in laying
"down from the first a carefully formed
"scheme & working it out step by step,"
but from a SMALL BEGINNING, all "success"

must arise.]]

2. Yes: I know the *Westr Hospl* scheme - Sir R. Alcock wrote the letter in the "Times" signed by the Duke of Westminster: & did it merely because Christine Nilson had offered them a Concert - He knows nothing of any real plan, as the *workers* told me.
{When Westminster Hospl ~~was~~/shall be organized so as to be fit for a Training School, (which it certainly is not at present,) under the two Miss Merryweathers, we had intended to pay for the *training* of DISTRICT Sick Nurses as a part of their work & ours: (as we do at St. Thomas' for *Hospl* nurses.)] Sir R. Alcock's

very vague letter ~~merely~~/only speaks of "*private*"

Nursing, as you will have observed -

I merely mention this - because you allude to it.

3. About *organizing District Nursing* for the Sick poor in *London*: as you have so nobly done at *Liverpool*:

Is there any advantage in a *Central Society* beyond a certain power of getting money - in so vast a place as *London*?

Is there any *administrative* advantage? And are there not very serious objections - which are avoided by *local* organization?

Is it not "putting the cart before the horse"?

4. "Presenting to the public a *map of the work* to be done" Yes: most useful: if ~~it~~ as a *Sermon* as it were:

but not as a plan to be worked out -

Would not that be doing the very reverse of what you so wisely did at *Liverpool*?

4a.

At such a place as *Liverpool* the advantage is: that there is an '*esprit de corps*', or rather '*de ville*': the leading men know each other: or perhaps rather one man can lead: the place is not too large for a *general superintendence*

emanating from a *centre*: & influencing local
superintendencies: & providing them with means

Is there anything of the sort in *London*?

is there not the very reverse of these conditions?

is there any *part* of London of the size of Liverpool

or indeed of any size where *any* common

'esprit' rules?

do the Clergy combine in their Schools for any

X practical purpose except to prevent others

from teaching better?

what fulcrum is there for any Organization to

compare with your Nursing Organization at Liverpool?

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E.g.

- 5 c Imagine a *Central Power* - ~~{illeg illeg
illeg illeg illeg illeg}~~ controlling & directing
our operations at St. Thomas': or those at
Westminster? Is it not as certain as
anything can be that they would *drag down*
the standard of *training* instead of raising it?
the *inexperienced* controlling & "superintending"
the experienced?
- 5 d E. g. again
would not the only result of our furnishing ~~{illeg}~~
a *Central Institution* with TRAINED NURSES

be: that *they* would be dragged down *to the level*
of the rest? I have asked several experienced men this:
 { & they were all of this opinion.

6. Suppose the *Central Society* started:
I take for granted that they would get *money*
I feel sure that many, who knew little or
nothing of the difficulties of the subject, would
give:
 they are started then with money and
a *plan*:
 [just what you have always so wisely said
is: 'putting the cart before the horse':]
 they have no *Nurses*: not one:
Soon they are obliged to show something in return for
their *money*:
 by this time they have found the difficulty
~~which experienced people like yourself could
have told them before hand of getting Nurses:~~
 at the end of a year they have perhaps
nothing to shew but e.g. the *Westminster* plan:
 they advertise for *Nurses*: they get together a quantity
of useless ignorant women (as has always been done in
time of War) - not one of the *Society* knowing

what a 'trained' or qualified Nurse is:
And so the last state is worse than the first
(for they have dragged down the whole *standard of Nursing*

Did not you, in your most successful
experiment, do the very reverse of all this?
6 a. ~~{illeg illeg illeg illeg illeg illeg illeg
illeg St. illeg Hospital illeg illeg (illeg Miss
Mary Jones' time.)}~~

Why cannot they train *District Nurses* at
(say) *Charing Cross Hospital*? & make a beginning there?
nursing the *Strand district*?

[that would be beginning with a 'horse' to draw their
'cart']

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6 b N.B. The way they set about their work was this:
they sent round a Circular of Questions to
all the Training Schools.

Of these, two thirds had not been in existence
a year & two thirds had *not a Trained Nurse*
among them -

7. "For want of a suggestive plan much of
"willing assistance is never given."

True: but the plan may be *locally* organized
Must it not be *locally* organized?

'The plan & "map of work"' - - is it not good
only as a thing *to be done gradually by local means*?

7a. I cannot but think that the smaller place -
Liverpool, has enormous advantages over
London for many reasons besides
those referred to above -

{in the margin beside this following paragraph:}
{illeg Mr. Whitaker ?}

[N.B. There is no influence of any *single* man
in *London* or of any *Society* or *combination* of
men not even of the Cabinet or House of
Commons: in a *LOCAL* sense: to be
compared with *yours at Liverpool*]

7 b *Sir E. Lechmere's* proclivities about the "Order
of "St. John of Jerusalem" are well known & much
laughed at by sensible London men -

Such might unite with him in spite of
his "Order": or they might give money in the
general ignorance which reigns about Nursing.

But it would be a decided hindrance to
sensible men *co-operating*: this, the "Order"
nonsense.

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[The tremendous failure of the *Johanniter*
in the Franco-Prussian War has much increased
this feeling.]

These are the things which occur to me: & which
I try to submit to you for your greater wisdom
& experience: excuse my ragged criticism
ragged in writing, *not* in *thought* -
If I had more time, I could have submitted it to
you more connectedly
[I will return your printed paper on Monday.]

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P.S.

I am overwhelmed with business -
Such a revolution in our favour (*Indian Irrigation*)
as Lord Salisbury nailing his colours to the mast
in the House of Lords on Tuesday
I had never dared to hope
I trust that you mean to vote our "forty millions"
in the Ho: of Commons -

Pray believe me
dear Mr. Rathbone
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

3. [It is a great strain upon the energy of people, so overworked as you & I are, & without an oz. of spare strength to fall back upon, as is my case but I hope not yours: to waste any part of it in (not doing our *positive* work, but) in the *negative* tho' much more exhausting task of preventing as we believe a false step.

But if must be must:
and I go on to ~~do~~/try what you ask because you ask it:]

IS NOT THE FUNDAMENTAL DEFECT running through

the whole of the Observations of the Printed Memda:,

Reports, papers &c of this 'St. John of Jerusalem' Committee that they *entirely* ignore the *difficulties of providing Trained Nurses?*

Does not the 'report' of the committee shew an utter ignorance not only of what has been done hitherto to provide the *means of training* - but also - & *yet more* - of the *organization* &c necessary to establish a *School* &c to *train* skilled *Nurses* fitted for the object?

The N. Fund School has now been established 14 years: & has not yet found itself in a position to supply the demand for *Trained Nurses for Hospitals & Infirmarys* [The N.F. is *solely*, for the "Sick Poor"]

Besides St. Thomas'', - - there are King's Coll: & Charing X (which afford training to *St. John's House*): & University Coll: (to *All Saints*): & these Hospitals afford instruction & training of a more or less systematic, tho' far from perfect kind.

Something has been done at Middlesex: & recently in connection with the *Brit: Nursing Assn*, at the Royal Free: a beginning is about to be made under difficult

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circumstances at *Westminster Hosp*: under Miss
Merryweather:

but can it be said that, at any of the 3 last mentioned,
anything like an *organized* system of *instruction &*
training is as yet afforded?

St. Bartholomew's, Guy's, the London - - - do these afford any
real means of *training* at all?

[N.B. It has always been our idea, in the N. Fund,
that it should eventually afford the means of
training Nurses to be employed among the "Sick Poor"
at *their own HOMES*

that this object was the *final & paramount* object to be attained.

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but we considered - & certainly have been entirely borne
out by all experience -

that the way to attain this object was to begin at the
fountain-head:

to reform the *Nursing system* of *Hospitals*
where alone *Nurses* could be *trained*

& that, until that end was sufficiently attained,
so that every *Hospital & Workhouse Infirmary*
or, at any rate, most large *Hospitals*,
had brought themselves into the position of

(1) having a *trained & Skilled Staff* with proper
organization for their own *Nursing*: & then

(2) of being able to *train others*:

it would be premature & almost useless
to attempt the next step of training *Nurses*
for service among the Poor at their *own Homes*.]

Are there not a considerable number of so called

Training Institutions & Homes:

- a list of which is contained in the Committee's Report -
- but the greater part of wh: have no pretence
at all to the name of *Training Institutions*?

And does not the fact of a Series of Questions
having been addressed to *all* without discrimination,
- with a view to elicit facts & information usefully
bearing on the subject -

shew the Committee's want of knowledge of the
existing state of things? of the ground they have
to *know before* they can lay it out?

~~The~~ experience of the *real Training Institutions* already existing: what does it show?

Does it not show

(1) that they do not afford the means of providing *Nurses for the Sick poor* in any considerable numbers, if at all in an efficient way:

& that therefore on that ground alone the

beginning ought to be made upon a *small scale*?

(2)

that the proposal of the printed Memo to "select women, & get them trained at the various London Hospitals is quite impracticable:
& will result in utter failure?

(3)

that any *Central authority* or Committee would be quite incompetent to "select" the proper women for training: [they might be *agents*, as you suggested, especially in country towns, to make known the thing to ~~illeg~~/good country young women, & to make *them* known to the London & other *Training Institutions* with great advantage]

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(4) that the *means of training* are not to be found in this *hap-hazard* way proposed?

4. Should not the plan adopted in *Liverpool* be taken (with modifications) as a Model to begin upon?

[No reference is made to *this* in the Memo or Report or any of the printed papers of the Socy.

If they had lived in Noah's time after the Deluge could they have begun more *table rase*?]

Let the Committee give us a *sketch* of the *Liverpool* plan

[have they been even down to inspect it?] xx

- a Training Institution

attached to a Hospital

which undertakes to provide Nurses

especially for Service among the Sick poor

at their own Homes

- the town mapped out into Nursing Districts

- ? a local Committee in each District, guaranteeing salary
to Nurse?

Note

xx tho' the *Liverpool Training School*, is mentioned as one of the places to wh: the Comm: sent questions: actually *no account* of this the most successful experiment in Europe is given.]

- a Supt (Matron of Training Institution)? & Assistant

selecting, training, supervising Nurses

& inspecting their work

- a District Lady Visitor ~~or Supt~~ under her

~~? selecting cases~~

& generally watching over District

~~& assisting Nurses~~

to each District a Local Lady Supt

responsible for finding Medical Comforts:

? selecting cases:

in communication with ? District Committee, Medical

Officers & persons locally interested

assisting & directing Nurse

In *Liverpool* is not the sphere of work such

that the Supt (with the General Visiting Lady)

can know & supervise all the Nurses -

She has moreover herself had them all under her,

while training

the Managers are all known to each other

& to the inhabitants generally

there is a certain community of action & mutual confidence

But with all this it is stated (by Managers themselves)
is it not?

that many/some of the Nurses are inefficient

- that they are insufficiently overlooked
- that every thing depends upon what the District *Local Lady Supt* is -
~~that~~ where she does not know what *Nursing* is: ~~that~~
the *Nurse* degenerates into a mere *doler-out* of the
Charitable relief provided by the *local Supt* & others
that some Managers would in consequence prefer the
Elberfeld system: where the *Nurse* is sent as one
of the *means* of relief: not as *giving* the relief
that the *General Supt* sometimes does "more harm than good
"by interfering":
& sometimes "comes into collision" with the best *Local*
Lady Supts.

Are not these difficulties
certain to be *greatly*
aggravated the wider the sphere of action
the more numerous the *Nurses* under *one Head*
the greater the separation
& the less intimate the knowledge between the
Central Ctee & the *District Workers*?
[how many *Local Lady Supts* do you suppose we shall find
in London who do "know what *Nursing* is": who are
capable of raising the *Nursing* above mere *alms=giving*?
in a few *Sisterhoods*, yes:
where there are *men's committees*, no: except where one of
the men happens to be Secretary of a real *Training Institution*]
5. Does a *CENTRAL ASSOCIATION* for *London* afford
any advantages in an *administrative* point of view?
does it not afford many grave sources of
weakness?
Is not the only useful purpose which a
Central Association may eventually serve
to collect *money* from a wider sphere?
And would not this be a positive cause of danger
at the outset? except as you propose they ~~refusing~~/refuse
to accept any money *till* they can provide the
Nurses?

But - ~~Even so~~, had they not better see FIRST
whether & how soon they CAN provide the
Nurses?

6. So far as the work is concerned,
does any given District require aid from a
Central source?
is it not eminently a local work, requiring
local effort & local supervision from beginning
to end?
Must not the work from the difficulty of
obtaining Trained Nurses & Trained Supervision

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begin from small beginnings:
& advance step by step even within any given
district? much more among 3 millions
of people?
Having started a Central Association, is there not
at once great pressure to do something that will
make a show - to attempt much more than
means exist of carrying on efficiently -
- to employ ill-selected, inefficient instruments
- ignorant & untried Nurses - inexperienced &
unpractical Superintendts--& the result - for a time
bad work: & then failure?

7. May we not add that - given the
organization & the Nurses - the proper application
of the Nurse's services for the real benefit of the
sick poor is not so simple as the Commtee seem
to think?
Have they consulted you about this?
To benefit the poor in the highest degree ~~it~~/should not
the calling of Nurse ~~should~~ be such that trained Nurses
should be able eventually to gain an independent livelihood
by working among the poor so that the demand
may of itself create the supply?
Will not charitable aid, unless judiciously applied, in
the long run defeat this object as it has done
to some extent with regard to Medical attendance?
Should not the endeavour be
- to provide Trained Nurses
- to start them by sufficient aid in the first
instance under such restrictions as will ensure
their services to the poor:
- & at the same time draw from the poor who
employ them something towards their support?

-gradually as the real value of the Nurses
becomes known to lend to this: that the
poor who employ them may *contribute* a
considerable, if not wholly adequate amount
of remuneration?

To arrive at anything like this *result* - would not
much discretion & *local knowledge* & very careful
supervision on the part of the Managers be
required?

would not the sense of *responsibility* be much, in a huge place like *London*
weakened by dependence upon a *Central support* -

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& the tendency of the Nurse to rely upon the
Association & not upon her own efforts
be thereby greatly increased?

It would be like uniting *60 Liverpools* under *one Head or Governing Body*:

& saying:

we will manage *these 60* by the *Management* which did *for ONE*?

8. If the promoters of a *Central Association* want
to do something at once:

would not by far the best thing they can do
be: *to convert some existing Hospital or Infirmary*
into an efficient *Training Institution* for Nurses
to be employed among the sick poor at their
own homes?

Are there not several *Hospitals* largely dependent upon voluntary contributions - and according to their own accounts in a chronic state of insolvency -

- say *the London*, or *St. Mary's*, or *Westminster*, or *Middlesex* -

[but ~~or perhaps~~ a *WORKHOUSE Infirmary* would

best afford the field: or one field:]

- could not an *Association* be found in conjunction with & part of the governing body of the *Hospital* -

[- i.e. widen the composition of the governing body & the objects of the Institution so as to include the *Training Institution*]

introduce the reforms necessary to establish a proper *Training Institution*: consulting of course the experience of others:

- appeal to the Public for funds to support the *Training Institution*: & thus add to the Funds of the Hospital a sufficient sum say to defray the whole or part of the cost of the *Nursing Staff*

- this to be the inducement to the Hospital Governors to join in the movement

-but let there be but one Governing body for the whole.

-then after having established your *School* & trained your Nurses offer to provide Nurses ~~for~~ any local *Association*, that may establish itself with a proper organization, for supplying *District Nurses* for the poor at their own Homes:

-beginning as an experiment with the neighbour=
hood of the *Hospital* itself under the direction of the *Supt*: and let this be the adjunct of the *School* for giving the absolutely essential experience xx in *Home Nursing*: & also a model for others to follow.

xx N.B. It need scarcely be shown that no Institution

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/12 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil black-edged

"Nurses for the Sick Poor"

AT HOME
35 South St.

Dear Mr. Rathbone Park Lane

After I had sent you my W.
far too long letter, it occurred 17/6/74
to me that a point, which you & I equally
think of importance, had not been made
clear, altho' (much too) lengthily mentioned by me.

It is this:

These people, while pointing out that there is

*no Institution for nursing the sick poor, (AT HOME
they mean, I suppose:) depend upon
Institutions for sending them at once
a sufficient supply of Nurses for
nursing the sick poor at home -
Was there ever such a non-sequitur?*

*-Even had we trained Nurses ad libitum
to give, away, like bottles on a Druggist's shelf,
instead of just the reverse:*

we should reply - (and I am sure all

HONEST Institutions would:)

we must select among our best Nurses:

& give them a *supplementary course of*
instructions & experience - & of testing -
by the poor bed side at home: ==

{the following 3 lines have vertical lines drawn through them}
which you by your own shewing have

shown not to exist:

& which we have at present no

organization to give:

before we should dare to ~~recommend~~/supply
you with *District Nurses for the poor* at

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But things are worse than this: for we have to create NURSES.

N.B. [F.N. for her part believes: as to *moral*

qualities: that the *highest* class of woman -

- higher than the women for *Hospital* Nursing -

- much higher than women for *Rich* Nursing

is required for *DISTRICT Nursing* -]

And some people hold this so strongly that

{religious}

they say none but 'Sisters' {ladies } can do it.
(in which F.N. does not agree.)]

Forgive me this Codicil:

it was necessary to point out that these people

- affirm

~~state~~ a non-existence

- look to this non-existence for supply

& suggest no other means of supply.

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F.N./P. Turn over

P.S.

It is well known that large Institutions do not turn
out fit servants for small & especially for
poor families.

Why?

Because large Institutions have all sorts of
mechanical contrivances to save personal labour:

- large cooking ranges
- washing by steam &c &c &c

I know no place where this very obvious principle
applies so much as in large Hospitals:
& even, tho' to a lesser degree, in Workhouse Infirmaryes:

where every kind of Surgical & Medical appliance
is furnished ready to hand -

We always gave our Midwifery Nurses
a course by the poor HOME lying-in woman's
bed side

We should do the same with the Hospital Nurse:

to fit her for Home Nursing of the poor where no

yrs sincerely kind of appliance

F.N. is to be had.

N.B.

The Nurses for the sick poor at home do not exist:

the 'St. John of J.' say they do not: but

they suggest no way of causing them to exist: except a
Public Meeting and a Committee

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/13 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Liverpool & 35 South St.
Ladies Park Lane W.
June 27/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone
I try to answer your letter, because you [13:654-55]
bid me answer, before Monday.
How I wish that I could offer you any
more efficient suggestions!
1. With regard to Miss Lees:
I can only say: have her if you can.
I have scarcely one more eager wish on

earth at this moment that that
she should be settled; & very soon: as
Head of a Hospital Training=School: practically to
carry out what she advises & writes.
And I know of no one who has had such
training & such gifts conferred upon her
for such a post -
[If she puts off going into actual harness much
longer, it may be too late to put it on at all.]
At the same time I think that her true calling
would be: to found a Training School
in the busiest *London General Hospital*
where there are the most severe cases,
accidents & operations: where there is a large
Professional and Medical School: & where she can
show us how to train nurses & "Training=
=Nurses" to the highest pitch of perfection.
[I think this would suit her better than a
Workhouse Infirmary: (our London 'Sick
Asylums' send the Operations to St. Thomas':)
- or than superintending District Nurses: ~~tho'~~
which requires, does it not? something of the Missionary superadded to the
Matron:
but, should St. John of J. employ her in the way

above mentioned, District Nurse=training &

District Nursing might most easily ~~be~~ & well
be attached to the same Hospital under her.]

2. After reading & re-reading your letter,

I cannot feel that we could recommend
Miss Pringle to do what you want. Her
peculiar & great qualifications are scarcely
suited to the work you describe.

But as you are aware she is engaged

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till Christmas at Edinburgh:

and if by that time you have not
found such a lady as will suit ~~you~~/your work,
the questions can again be reconsidered.

We will not offer her any engagement,
(& she will not take any but what we offer,)
without previously referring to you: or
without informing her of your Liverpool
proposal. [She is so truly sensible that I

should not hesitate to sound her at once
about Liverpool but that I believe it
would rather have the contrary effect to that of
forwarding your wishes.

3.I enclose a letter from Miss Myles: of course
you know these two ladies: a great deal
better than I: herself & sister.

Is it possible that with some months'
initiation from Miss Merryweather they
might undertake the post?

x Do you think that by far the
safest plan would be: to instal some
lady ~~who~~/{having previously had some connection with
Liverpool Nursing Work) after ~~the~~ your
present Lady Supt had *put herself into the way*?

This has always been my idea.

4.And also: that one of the ladies ~~now~~ first
under consideration might ~~do~~/drive better
than any one else: but might also
upset the coach - And that neither of those
first mentioned, tho' of the most opposite
characters, is at all ~~likely~~/certain to carry out a
plan, (while improving upon it,) laid down for ~~them~~/her
{last line is cut off}

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I hope that Thursday's Meeting at Willis',
& Friday's Meeting at your house, tho'
you do not mention them, did much
good & no harm.

And pray believe me
dear Mr. Rathbone
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Wm Rathbone Esq MP.

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/14 initialed letter, 1f, pencil black-edged

in haste not to keep your 29/6/74
Messenger

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I had written the enclosed ~~note~~
before your kind ~~let~~ note came.

I have no knowledge of the Miss Myles
to say that they are not "dangerously inefficient"
- I entirely agree with you about the "severe
professional ideal" - yrs gratefully

F.N.

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/15 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Private 35 South St
Park Lane W

Miss Lees July 6/74

[13:733-34]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think that it would be the 'making'
of Miss Lees if she could be the Secretary
of the Sub-Comm: for this year: & then
become Lady Supt to a Training Hospital
&c in London for ~~them~~ the Association.

In zeal, ability, thorough knowledge
she would make a first rate Secretary:

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We do not know how far she may have the
tact necessary - especially with women on
the Committee

The very great advantage in having her
services would be to conduct an enquiry
into the present means of training:
the very great danger being, as you are aware,
that such an enquiry will prove abortive,
unless taken up by some one who
understands the matter:

And she is *the only person who does* -

The enquiry must of course be made
in the spirit of finding out capabilities
- & not only of criticizing & pointing out
defects.

But no Medical men & hardly any
ladies really know the essential necessity
of organization & trained female Supe in
training. [One great lady on the Assn
evidently is going to urge the merely
sending women to be trained at any
Hospital, organized or not, which will

take them in]

We entirely agree with you that the Sub
Committee should endeavour to impress
the need of a Training *Hospital* with
requisite adjuncts -

leaving the discussion of scheme
for employment of Nurses -
registration of Nurses -
pensions &c
to the *future*

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Liverpool

Letter to Mr. Gibbon

35 South St

Park Lane W

July 12/74

[13:265]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

It is so important not to commit you
without a *reasonable* certainty that I
took farther advice upon this.

We think that, if you write upon your own
standing point, you can of course write
what you think best, but that, if you

have it endorsed by us, we could not quite certify what you here write to Mr. Gibbon. We are most gratefully anxious to do what we can for you & Liverpool: we think that you may arrange with Mr. Gibbon & your Committee: but we can only say that we will do our best, but can at present not ensure either Miss Pringle's or Miss Williams' acceptance

That Miss Williams should take it I believe that I wish - (unless you can find something/body better with more connection with Liverpool) almost more than you do yourself.

But she has shown a strong desire to remain in company with Miss Pringle: And as to Miss Pringle the more I think of it the more I believe that she neither could not would run alone in your Liverpool post.

We are of course strongly bound to the Edinburgh Committee who have stood by us manfully in ~~the~~ what seemed

at first almost insuperable difficulties.

In answer to a former question of yours: I do not think that it would further the cause your going to Edinbro' & seeing Miss P. & Miss W.

You may depend upon me that I am as anxious as you are that your work at Liverpool should have the very best head that can be found -
in haste ever yrs gratefully

F. Nightingale

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/17 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Natl Nursing Assn 35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 12/74
6 a.m.

[13:735]

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I have received your long & kind letter:
& since that Mr. Guyton's Map & some
valuable information from him.

Miss Lees had engaged herself to come
here to-day to stay till Monday, when she
goes to H. Bonham Carter's: then perhaps to
return here -

I can better answer your letter when
I have had some talk with her.
I cannot express my feeling of the importance
of the work you are doing.

I am quite sure that it is the first real
knowledge that I or any one has had
as to whether London is not nursed at all:
or as some have said over-nursed.

Till people know the ABC of this question,
no systematic work of any importance can be
done.

With regard to Miss Lees, I have said for years to
her what is the principle of your letter:

barring your munificent proposal which of
course I did not know.

I said it again to her in writing at great
length last week.

I still think that with her great abilities &
thorough training no one would work
like her if once started.

But I think her very much deteriorated by
her platform=ing tour in America: {as I told her
{plainly she
{would be -

And in another year I think it would be too
late.

I will write more definitely as to your noble

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proposal after I have seen her.

I am must pressed by Indian work which
they tell me must be ready by the New
Year.

A thousand thanks for the flowering plants -
I am quite ashamed of your continuing your
bounty. (in haste)

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

I should think it an immense honour, if I
were Miss Lees, to initiate such a work as
you have laid the first real ~~sleepers~~/machinery {in another hand} in

London.

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May I add two things: perhaps better said
before I see Miss Lees -

is it not of the utmost importance that she
should herself see some of the *District Nurses*
at work? What *they* call a Trained Nurse
may be very different from what we call a Trained
Nurse. At all events, she should see. [And
if the Nursing is very bad, nothing is so likely to
raise her enthusiasm to make it better].

Please let me ask:

is it necessary at the present stage to decide that
she is to be the person to take charge of the Hospital
in nubibus? Let her show at least that she

can do this work (of *enquiring* & reporting *thoroughly*)
which she has undertaken.

is it not of the utmost importance that the
preliminary work should be *patiently* & thoroughly
done? i.e. by *personal* inspection which a *man* cannot do, & observation.

If she is fit for
the further work, it is more likely to arise out
of this than in any other way.

But come how it may, the opportunity will
have to be taken advantage of with tact &
discretion - opposition encountered - compromises
made for the sake of making a beginning.

And she has as yet done little or nothing

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"in evidence" to prove her possession of the qualities requisite for such a position -

Is it possible to be yet discussing "an offer to the Committee" of the nature you mention, "either contingent upon her accepting the post" or otherwise?

But I see no harm in my speaking of your plan to her as an object to be attained & worked up to.

[I doubt whether any considerable London Hospital would be willing to put her in authority upon her present "testimonials".

A poor one might, if she were backed by a large sum of money.

But then the money (if it is to be had) would be for the District Nursing & Training: & not for the Hospital].

This is how it strikes me at present.

F.N.

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/18 incomplete letter, 4ff, pencil [13:739-40]

Liverpool District Nursing

35 South St.

April 5/75

Dear Mr. Rathbone

(1) I return with many thanks Miss Howarth's letter which you were so good as to leave with me:

I ask permission to keep the *District Nurses'* papers (which are very instructive) a little longer, as I meant to return them to you with a few deductions: which I have not yet had power to write out.

[Indeed I have been so ill that much of my corresponde remains even unopened: a thing which has

not happened to me since 1855.]

(2) I re-inclose the printed *Statistical Table*:

it is the most important document I have seen
at all relating to the subject of *District Nursing*.

[Of course you put this into the hands of Miss
Lees when she made her Liverpool visitings]

It is also most important read in connection
with the Distt Nurses' papers.

Its revelations are extraordinary; & by me quite
unexpected.

Please return me this Table: & AS MANY

MORE AS YOU CAN SEND ME - *please send me*

I do not see that it can be of much use
to Mr. Greg: this in answer to your question:
except as showing

1. the *extreme severity of the cases*
nursed by the District Nurses

2. the inevitable consequence: viz. that you
might employ 10 times the number of NURSING

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Nurses REALLY TO NURSE - & that the

cases would find almost more than that with full NURSING
occupation (besides any other women you

might employ for *cooking & relieving* -

The Dist Nurses' own papers show that
while these women are most valuable &
indispensable, they are far more of *cooks*, -
relieving & other Officers for relief, - letter writers,
District Visitors &c &c than *Nurses*: do you

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not think so?)

I confess myself completely at a loss
to understand a letter which I have
seen of Miss Lees

in which she says that she has become
convinced that there is *not enough* to
do

for Distt Nurses, when cases have
been removed to Hospital &c !!!

Your printed sheet shows exactly the
contrary -

It shows ENOUGH TO DO *to employ fully a large
Staff of HOSPITAL TRAINED NURSES - TO NURSE (& alone
to nurse) in Districts, - a larger Staff than
we had any conception of.*

Only think what the cases must be
when after weeding them into Hospital
& Workhouse the *Death-rate* is
153 per 1000!

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/19 signed letter, 6ff, pen & pencil **[13:740-42]**

Draft Report of the M.N. Assn: {District}

{Nursing } 35 South St.

Park Lane W.

April 19/75

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think it better to send this whole packet
to you, (instead of to Mr. Percy Greg: as I was
desired).

You are the real founder & Pioneer of District
Nursing: to you we owe an immense debt
of gratitude for this. And nothing ought
to go into the Draft Report but what you
approve: altho' you are generously & magnanimously
desirous to stand aloof: as to passing judgment.

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I send then the copy of *Draft Report*
(which was sent me) with notes on margin,
& 3 Riders in H. Bonham Carter's hand,
~~founded~~/to carry out 5½ sheets of Notes, (which
perhaps I ought also to enclose:

Perhaps you will return me these last
some time.] I have no time to copy them]

H.B.C. will supply something additional
Please supply Dr. Trench's Table: Report Lpool 1873
(mentioned in *Rider A. p. 16*) for insertion in *Appendix*
if you approve -

I should also *print in Appendix your New Form for Registering*
CASES: registry is so very important.

Liverpool District Nurses

I also return in another Envelope
the whole of the *Liverpool Dist Nurses'* papers
(*'states'*) which you were so kind as to leave
with me for remarks; with remarks as you desired.
& 4 sheets of Abstract:

I am very sorry that I have not time to make
a summary: but, if you will return me
the whole, I will. I do not like now
to keep them any longer; really interesting
& instructive documents as they are -

The impression they leave upon one is

1. that of *good women*: = most *valuable & essential*
2. in *some instances* that they do
everything except nurse: what they do being *indis=*

=pensible -

[Please, look particularly at 13 & 17]

Forgive me this very rough scrawl:
& very rough remarks
You have your Meeting on Friday for the N.N. I must
not delay any longer: in great haste

Believe me to be
Yours ever truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I also return *Mrs. Farrell's letter* }
with some remarks, as you desired }

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Nurse 1 B x 40 Cases

visits 24, 27, & 30 cases a day:

This must be the merest "visiting" indeed,
with smallest admixture of *Nursing*
but the "one Case dressed"

A "giver out of Meat"

& Relief Giver to all but two

Nurse 2 x 24 5 daily dressings

3 days a week "cooking days"

2 "general visiting days"

seeing to the "wants of the poor" ? sick

giving bedding

baby clothes

how much is flannel singlets & shirts to poor men going

Nurse's work? into Hospl

Central Relief & Ladies' Charity notes

& notes for Dispensing Doctors

sees to Parish Relief for poor widows &

aged poor ? sick

Nurse 5 x

3 cooking days a week till 1 p.m.

4 Cases daily (2 poulticing

2 bedmaking

2 days sees ALL her Patients

"has to be where she can" gets Central Relief

"My "good Ladies give money".

lends Bedding & sees that it is returned

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Nurse 13 x 34 Patients
" 17 x 42 (8 daily
twice a week 26 2 or 3 times a week
daily food given out 9-10 a.m.
cooks 3 days a week
13 "great part of her time taken up" in obtaining Parish relief
17 in procuring notes for Central R. Society " " Admission to Hospitals
admissions into Convalescent Instns (providing linen for these
" Dispensary
sending for Ministers " writing letters for them
at Patient's request " acknowledging P.O. orders weekly from Charitable Clients
" finding employment for recovered
& for their friends
"not coming under head of Nursing"
{She may well say this]

Nurse 16 x 1 morning with Lady Supt
1 afternoon paying Bills & ordering things
lends & enters Linen
Sees Doctors about Patients to Infy or Workh: &c
& goes with the Patients
makes one Patient's bed
visits & rejects unsuitable Patients

Nurse 14 x 22 Cases visits "nearly all" 3 days ~~& days~~/a week
dresses 8 daily

how many cooks 3 days a week 1 baby to wash
can she nurse? goes to Supt one day

{1 day makes up accts withdls
{2 days sees Drs for worse
Nurse 4 x 21 cooks for all 3 days a week {cases & visits "all the others

"very bad confinement case with inflammation
? peritonitis

2 hours daily very bad Scarlet Fever case !!!!
has "to attend Parish Board"} 1 Paralysis makes bed for 2 Debility
takes up her time. } 1 very bad leg
1 Abscess sees Dr. for "very bad
Inflammation case"

Derbyshire Co Record Office 682
Nurse 7 x 58 Cases 10 cases daily
cooks for 56

{Wednesday

{Monday visits 26 nourishment to all 2 dressings
Tues 10 daily

Thurs 20

Friday 10 milk to 46
B. Tea 10 or 40
Rice Milk 40

meets Parish Doctor

goes to Parish Office to get relief

supplies Air Pillow

prepares Patients for Convalescent Home

how is it possible to visit "10 worst cases daily"
"in edition to &c &c" & do any real Nursing to any of
the 10?

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/20 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[13:749]**

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Feb 23/76

I am sure that you will be pleased to find what
a good start Miss Lees has made in initiating,
herself, into District work the Nurses.

[Our people (from St. Thomas') say that 6
weeks with her is worth to them a year's training -
she knows so exactly what to do in each wretched
case; & how to do it: & how to show them how to do it]

Miss Lees feels, as we all do - & who so much
as I? - that we owe this first-rate start
in a great undertaking entirely to you.

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She is very far from well: overworked & worried
& needs a holiday very much, which she is
very unwilling to take

We want her to go for a few days next week
to the sea NOT to her home: & then to take a good fortnight's
holiday (I prescribe Boulogne or Dieppe)
the first fortnight in April.

This last she is especially recalcitrant against:
because she believes that you wish to send a
lady to her at the end of March for a fortnight
to see the working of the District Nursing:
& she feels, as is indeed the case, that your
wishes ought to be sacred to her.

Could your lady come to her after Easter
instead of before? say April 17 or 18.

If you think well, this would give Miss Lees
her fortnight's holiday: but I am sure
no one but you could persuade her -

Pray believe me, dear Mr. Rathbone
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
1000 thanks for the } Florence Nightingale
flowering plants: you }
are too good to me }

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/21 signed letter, 2ff, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane. W

Dear Mr. Rathbone Feb 21/77

I am ashamed both that you should
have had the trouble of writing to me:
& that I should have been so long in
answering you -

I wrote to you, knowing that it
was 'bad' of me to write, when you
must be just starting from Liverpool.

And I am very grateful to you for
the 50 copies of your Speech to the Working men=

which are most useful.

So far as I remember, the rest of my note was merely a deeply felt tribute to your honoured Father, called forth by the unveiling of his Statue.

& a short Abstract of Miss Lees' work & of her Probationers with us at St. Thomas'. & her one from our Highgate Infy: for I always look upon her work as your doing.

If I can be of any use to you about the new Manchester Workhouse Infirmary, I am, how gladly, at your service - But I think your advice much better than mine.

[13:658]

Is not your "Miss Baker" Matron of Leeds Infirmary? I have had a letter from a Mrs. Dawson, Lady Supt of "Leeds Trained Nurses' Institution ", asking for advice about London training She had much better train at Leeds' Infirmary.

[end]

The "diameter", inside, of the zinc basin "where the flowers stand," of the "basket flower stand" which you were so good as to give me is 16½ inches.

But I do really hope that you are not planning one of your too generous inventions.

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office 685
LRO Rathbone **610** 6/22 signed letter, 4ff, pen, also in 47755 f3, neater,

"St. Katharine's Order for Nurses"
{printed address:} 10 South Street,
Park Lane. W.
June 13/79

Dear Mr. Rathbone

In answer to your note,
the results of this measure
must be disastrous for Nurses
must they not?

It does not reward long
service in old Nurses: it
does not promote training
for young Nurses; It does
not encourage real Nursing
work. It may be said
to do almost the reverse of
all these things.

1. Had the reward of good service
been the object might it not
have given the annuity to a
~~limited~~/selected number of "recommended"
trained Nurses, who after 15
or 12

or 20 years good hard service (I
could name one of 19 yrs.)
at various posts abroad & at
home are *still in* the work
"recommended" by their
respective authorities.

2. Or, had the promotion of good
training been the object,
might not such have been
put within the reach of
poor Institutions? There
are such which have Nurses
of excellent character but
which are too poor to have
them properly trained. They
send them to some Hospital
for 3 months to come ~~in~~ into the Wards in the
morning after everything is done.

& to leave the Wards in the afternoon before anything/evening treatment is begun, & where of course they learn nothing.

Could not something of the nature of 'Scholarships' be founded for such?

[We have no room for more Probationers: it is not for want of money that we do not take ~~such~~/more; more than at present.]

3.

Had the extension of trained Nursing among the poor sick at home - by far the most pressing want - been the object why could not Hospitals have been called upon to recommend suitable Nurses -

& out of the number so recommended a certain number been allowed to volunteer for *District Nursing* for 3 years: in East London:

each to receive £50 a year & the District Home £50 a year for her: from the St. Rathbone Fund -

Two or more District Homes in the East End might thus have received a most considerable contribution of the very best kind - (a system calling "for payment & effort," as you say being promoted)

And the very best kind of hard Nursing work wd have been essentially promoted & honour done to it: by its being made a kind of reward.

[This wd have been free from the objection you mention of being connected with the "M. & N. N. Assn": because the Nurses would have come direct from the Hospitals.]

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But what is the present scheme?

It gives a Nurse £50 a year on condition that she shall go to nurse "a poor or other person" at the Queen's command at a moment's notice.

Either this is nominal: that is, a sham: [and what a lesson to teach a Nurse, to give her £50 for a sham!]

Or it makes Hospital Nursing impossible.

For how can a Ward Head Nurse, Surgical or Medical, leave the Ward she is in charge of to go & nurse a "poor or other person" at any notice short of a month. [Our Ward 'Sisters' must give 3 months' notice to] leave]

Either the Hospital authorities must "recommend" to St.

Katherine only Nurses *not* fit for any of their responsible posts. Or they must pay the Queen £50 a year to let their Nurses alone.

I think the Lord Chancellor has paid St. Katherine a very poor compliment.

Should not I get out of my grave to prevent such a thing happening to St. Thomas?

Then the scheme of rewarding *individuals* while taking so very few individuals into account (only of two or three Hospitals) is: like giving a Doctor's Diploma because he belongs to a particular Hospital.

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that I found, which is, I believe, not peculiar to me, my eyes so dazzled by reading & revising & interlining my last Secretary's type-writing, & my head so tried, that it was really less fatigue sometimes to write my letters myself.]

I will thankfully see *Miss Jennings*

- I think that was the lady you kindly offered
- on "Wednesday" at 11.

Believe me ever yours gratefully & sincerely

F. Nightingale

I hope I did not make you late on Saturday. You were so kind.

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/24 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private 10 South St. Park Lane W
August 1/89

I have again, as ever dear

Mr. Rathbone, to thank you
for your extreme kindness
to me & my work -

So engaged am I ~~on~~
to-day "Thursday" & "Saturday" when
you so kindly offer me
Miss Jennings that I am
afraid I could not spare
the strength to dictate.

But I shall be thankful to
have her on Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday, next week, & on=

=ward

perhaps for some days,
appointing these -
from 11 till 1 - perhaps
keeping her till 2.

But, dear & generous
Mr. Rathbone, it would be
impossible for me to ask
for her, & thus prey upon
you, unless you will kindly
tell me what remuneration
I ought to give her.

Preying upon you it is
always, whatever happens.

~~==~~You have done indeed
a good year's work for
the Q.V.J. Inst. & are
on the high road, I believe,
to a greater success than
any one could have
conceived possible in so
prickly a matter -

I will return your two
printed Mema, which
touch me to the heart,
to-day or to-morrow -

ever yours truly &
gratefully

F. Nightingale

A page would not hold

the apologies I owe you
for sending this note
only this morning.

F.N.

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/25 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil black-edged

Registration of Nurses
Board of Trade } Feb. 24/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am exceedingly obliged
to you for your great
kindness in writing to me
about this troublesome
business.

Mr. Bonham Carter will
not be at the Meeting at
St. Thomas' on the 27th.
He was to go yesterday
to Eastbourne for his
health.

We hope that your
Parly duties will not
prevent you from going

to this Meeting - And if
you go & as you kindly
wish it, I would ask
you to say something
like the following on the other page for
me: you will put it
so much better than I -
Do you think you will
be able to go to the
Meeting?

I am interrupted

{written lengthwise on the page}
that you know generally that I, F.N., do not think
that a system of Registration such as
proposed is for the benefit of the Nurses

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

I do feel like you that
it is a sorry business
& has taken ~~on~~ such a
personal & party spirited
aspect (this for *Nursing* of
all things in the world!)
as to be made to look
like "rival schemes
"quarrelling" -

Mr. Burdett who has
not been taught to see
the beauty of truth is
as a friend our most
dangerous enemy.

We do not like his

scheme, nor any scheme
to be authorized by the Hospitals
e.g. the difficulty will
remain how to take off
the name of a Nurse
proved unworthy - If it is
~~only~~ omitted, the Nurse will
enquire why? ~~tc~~

The danger is, as you say,
that Princess Christian is
said to be using pressure
- that the Board of Trade
may prefer Princesses to
Training Schools -
that we have Mr. Burdett
on our side.
that it is almost impossible
to explain to the *non-Hospital*
public how the scheme
will injure alike Nurses
& the people who want good
Nurses - by putting the
Register between the public
& the Training Schools - &
between the Nurses & their
Alma Mater -

But you know all this

& a great deal more
better than I -

I must give you joy of
your Liverpool new Infirmary
I was sorry to hear Miss
Stains was ill.

But I will not take up
your precious time -
ever yours sincerely &
gratefully

Florence Nightingale

{seven lines scribbled over follow}

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/26 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Private Registration of Nurses
Board of Trade }
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Feb. 25/91

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Pray forgive me for
writing again in answer
to your kind letter.

I understand that
Mr. Burdett is bent
upon bringing forward
his scheme of a "Directory"
for Nurses at the Meeting
on Friday at St. Thomas'.

Mr. Wainwright, the
Treasurer, is wisely bent
on restricting the Meeting
to considering the proposed

application to the Brit. Nurses'
Assocn to the Board of Trade

The *best* that can be
hoped from Mr. Burdett on Friday
is, we are told, a "suggestion"
that a "Committee of the
"representatives of the
"Training Schools should
"be formed to consider
"this Directory proposal
"on its merits".

I trust that the
Schools will be firm
in maintaining their
freedom -

Otherwise what you
prophecy will but too
certainly happen.

We shall want you very
much at the Meeting -

ever sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office 694
LRO Rathbone **610** 6/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Feb. 26/91
{printed address:} ~~10, South Street,~~
~~Park Lane. W.~~

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Good speed to the
Meeting at S. Thomas' -
And may they all
vigorously uphold
the plain *principles*
which you will
advocate - and in
which, as you know,
I thoroughly concur
with all my mind
& experience, as
essential to the

progress of Nursing
to good, to better,
to best -

And may every Nurse
of us all feel:
not exactly: "there's
"nothing gained while
"aught remains" to be
gained:

but certainly:
all is lost if we
don't make constant
progress the key-
-note of ~~(British Nurses)~~
~~(or)~~ trained Nursing.

- if we allow our present
stage to be stereotyped
Pray accept
the good wishes of the
Nurses' faithful servant
& yours
Florence Nightingale

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/28 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil black-edged

Private S. Thomas' Meeting}
Feb 26/91
10 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

You are more than
kind in taking so much
trouble.

In compliance with your
desire, I would suggest,
~~but~~ something like the
following, instead of
Para. 2., p. 2,
but subject of course entirely
to your judgment.

2 You cannot select the good from the inferior
Nurses by (any test or) system of examination
~~(whatever, ex (gy except indeed by the current
tests, examinations & observations of their
superintendents)~~ Whatever brought them to
consider their intellectual training as anything
but a means to make their obedience more
intelligent, their practical training more
important, & their future progress in efficiency
by the bedside more secure/certain "would only"
down to "colleagues" 4. But most of all &
first of all must their moral qualifications
be made to stand per-eminent in estimation

& this even

by any *intellectual or theoretical qualifications*

All this can only be secured by the current
supervision, tests or examinations which
they receive in their Training School or Hospital
- not by an examination from a foreign
body like this - Indeed those who came off
best in such would probably be the ready
~~minds~~/ & forward not the best Nurses

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LRO Rathbone **610** 6/29 signed letter, 2ff, pencil black-edged

Meeting last Friday March 1/91
at *S. Thomas'*.

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

Dear Mr. Rathbone

We are infinitely indebted
to you for the success of
Friday's Meeting, including
the D. of Westminster's protest
which answers some of the
objections ~~to~~/against us of those
who think they must "stand
"by the daughter of the Sovereign"

[There is so much of
cross-purpose in this world:
it behoves us not to make them
cross-er, but to hold , with love
to each other, as you do, to the
one great purpose which I do

believe inspires us all.]

I have no doubt that we
shall be still more
indebted to you for your
conversation with Sir Michael
Hicks Beach tomorrow
night in the House - for
after all that is the
important thing-to move
the Heads.

[We cannot expect to move
general public opinion much,
(other than Hospital public)
And I believe the "Times"
has ~~had~~/given no notice of the
Friday's Meeting, which is a

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pity - the more so as
on Friday morning it put
in a laudatory notice of
the Brit. Nurses' Assn project
of Register.]

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Sir Harry Verney is keenly
interested against Registration
& very anxious to be of use.
He asks me whether he
shall write a private note
to Sir M. Hicks Beach,
whom I suppose he knew
in the House. I don't like
either preventing him or
forwarding him ~~in this~~ (for
fear the point should be
missed) in this.

But, if you would & could
add to your other great
kindnesses & occupations,
a brief note to me of
what will have passed
between you & Sir M.H. Beach
tomorrow night - together
with, if you think Sir Harry
should write, *what* you
think he should write -
I should indeed be more
grateful than ever -

ever yours most truly

F. Nightingale

Excuse scrawl

Derbyshire Co Record Office 698
LRO Rathbone **610** 6/30 signed letter, 2ff, pencil black-edged

9/3/91
{printed address:} 10 South Street,
Private Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I send you what you ask
But if you are going to
give "copies" of it, would
you not modify what you
say about "ignorant female
"Doctors" p.2 -
You will kindly remember
that it was not I who
said this - I was revising,
as you told me, a
passage for you to speak
in your speech.

Also I think I would say,
instead of "40 years hence,"

p. 2 -
30 years hence or 20 or
30. This too was not
intended for me to say
publicly.

Also: I think there is
too much about me.

Confidential

We have not reached
the great ~~Doctors~~ "Medical opinions"
(Doctors) whom Sir M.
Hicks Beach wishes to
pit against Acland,
Paget & Dyce Duckworth

Could you reach Sir
Andrew Clark? He is
not for the Brit Nurses'
Assocn -

ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

Derbyshire Co Record Office 699
LRO Rathbone **610** 6/31 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Monday June 13/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

You very kindly asked
me yesterday whether I had
anything to ask you. Yes,
I have; but you were in a
hurry then -

[6:578]

I wanted to ask you -
You who are such an
authority in these things -
about your

District Nurses
or

Sanitary *Missioners*

[but we must not use the
last word in London]

We are on the very
threshold of training here
e.g. in teaching mothers
how to feed infants *under two*
Their general answer is:

"oh they have what we have"
And it is but too true -

Doctors say that a
digestion under two, if
spoilt, never recovers itself
thro' life - And we have
sad testimony to this -

Do your *District Nurses*
teach (or your Midwifery
Nurses)
how to feed *young* children?

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It is incredible what is
given to quite young
children by the tenderest
mothers -

I am afraid you are
going away tomorrow -
And also I have an
engagement - but if you
are not going, I think
I could put off mine.

Thanking you again
& again for all the good
you do us, ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end 6:578]

LRO Rathbone **610** 6/32 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

Dear Mr. Rathbone
I am obliged to write
rather in haste -
I enclose a note to yourself
as you wish it: for
you to *alter*, as you
please - I think
"British Nurses" is
personal - & should be
~~left out~~/exchanged for "trained Nursing"
But I should INFINITELY
prefer, if you *must*
have a note, that this,
or any part of it
should come in as a
sequitur to your quoting

me at the end of your
first Para:

My note, & my address
are not to be given to
any reporter, please -
of any kind -

And I do so dread
being the head or tail
of any party, or a rival
to any one -

Make me as innocent
as you can -

It is against my
judgment to write a
note to be read out -
& appear - perhaps
separately - in a
newspaper.

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Private

I may add that I have
had occasion to look
over with one of our
most experienced Matrons,
the "Articles of Association"
of the B.N.A. -

and - I forget whom I
am quoting - 'Sir, you
do not know the strength
of the expressions I
am keeping back' -

F.N.

Forty years hence when
so much progress has been
made that this time is looked
back upon as the time of *bad*
Nursing, the Registration might do.

Derbyshire Co Record Office
Liverpool typed copies

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34 Regent Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.
May 26, 1865.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

God bless you for all your kindness to me. You have given me a most precious gift of help in need. Your beautiful flowers, so perfect a group, with this beautiful table and basket so complete, delight my eyes. And you must not judge of my delight by my delay in answering. After all, the good old words, "Thank you" but express what we mean when we say we don't know how to thank and bid God bless you.

But, you must not, you must not indeed, trouble yourself, especially not the lady, whom I guess to be Mrs. Paget, to go on replenishing this beautiful thing. It is still quite fresh.

Ever yours gratefully,
F. Nightingale

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34, South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.
July 21, 1860

My dear Sir,

I have read with intense interest your Hand-book. I regret that I have been so busy, and my strength so over taxed, that I have only now been able to do so. (Although as the whole country has been busy, this does not so much matter). But, once taken up, I could not lay it down till I had read it through in two sittings. And then I read it through again. I have studied all the rules and forms with the greatest profit and interest to myself; as indicating a master hand in securing that unity, yet independence of action, that personal responsibility and development of a great and wide charity like this.

I admire how its permanence is wisely provided for by giving as much *local* responsibility as possible in lieu of tying it up in the hands of the original founders or Central Society, by interesting as many persons as possible leaving them free to act in their own way, while keeping up all necessary uniformity.

You ask me to write a few remarks by way of preface. I have some difficulty in doing this because I am cited as authority for some part of the principles.

A report on such a subject as the "Training of Nurses" to supply "lack of service" towards the poor, afflicted and dying, should of itself command attention, simply on its own merits. But if any arguments were required on its behalf, surely in this practical age, the best argument is the success which has attended the efforts made in Liverpool. These most satisfactory

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results, though not greater than you deserve, are greater than even the most sanguine hopes could have foreseen. Nowhere, that I know of, are the difficulties of organising a system for nursing the sick in their own homes likely to be greater than have been there encountered, and so far overcome. There is a dense and rapidly increasing population drawn from all quarters, most of them of that lower class which has to change its home in order to be able to live. There have been hitherto strong Religious partisanship, a very great amount of sickness; (as is testified by the extent of local Medical charities), a lamentably high death-rate, especially among children, always the readiest victims to want of good nursing in sickness, and, together with all this, much inevitable poverty, and ignorance among the poor as to the proper management of their sick at home; (this we find everywhere, but nowhere else perhaps so much) often want of every appliance and nursing care which should surround the sick bed; and great though remediable as a consequence. It is the old story, often told, but this Report opens a new chapter of it. It gives us hope for a better state of things.

An Institution for Training nurses in connection with the Infirmary, has been built and organised. This is a matter of necessity, because all who wish to nurse efficiently must learn how to nurse *in a Hospital*. Nursing, especially that most important of all its branches, nursing the sick poor at home is no amateur work. To do it as it ought to be done requires knowledge, self abnegation, and, as is so well said here, direct obedience to and activity under the Highest of all Masters, and from the highest of all motives. It is an essential part of the

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daily service of the Christian Church. It has never been really otherwise. It has proved itself superior to all religious divisions, and is destined by God's blessing, to supply an agency, the great value of which, in our densely populated towns, has been unaccountably overlooked until within these few years.

Nothing indeed can afford a stronger argument for the local support of the Liverpool agency than the simple fact of its past success, while at the same time, the example should be followed among other large populations, and *will be*. It is a comparatively indifferent matter under what organization a system of home nursing of the poor is carried out. It may be done, and well done, by districts, as in Liverpool; or by parishioners in parishes; or by members of Christian churches. The great thing is *that it be done*, and done well. And to those who want to know how such work can be successfully carried out, in conformity with our English feeling for freedom of action, I would urgently recommend a careful study of this Report.

I need scarcely say, therefore, how earnestly I press for the publishing of this account of the work, as being a pioneer rather than model for similar Institutions all over our country. The work in Liverpool requires greater extension and more support, before all the fruits of it ripen. But so far as it has gone, it has proved its own future possibility by its past success, and promises to be one of the most important agencies for coping with human misery which the present day has put forth. Let us all wish it Godspeed.

No words of mine are wanted to call attention to the subsidiary benefits to the poor involved in this great work.

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They are not new. But they are not so widely put into practice in our country as they should be - e.g. D.2. p. ~~b.~~/65 5. the sending of the convalescent poor to the sea-side is a kind of relief, of which it is impossible to calculate. the benefit, no more than its result in diminishing pauperism. Every large town in the kingdom ought to have its Convalescent Institution for the poor by the sea-side, or in the country. For the rich the good of a change of air, nay even its necessity, is never doubted. It is ten times more necessary for the poor.

Again, p.77.V - last paragraph: -

It is most essential to direct the attention of educated women, district visitors, even of Ministers of Religion - in all places - to this, viz. what power is given to them by local Acts to prevent disease by enforcing sanitary improvements. It is singular how lamentably ignorant educated persons are on this point. But many have often themselves deplored, as I can bear witness, this their ignorance.

V. also p. 84. Lines 8, 9 and 10 from the top.

pp. 85 last paragraph to end of

p. 86 top.

These alone, if these were the only benefits, show the wisdom and efficiency of incorporating in an organisation the assistance of local authorities and securing the willing co-operation of charitable volunteers.

I don't need to say these efforts are new and original. But I mean that it is most satisfactory to find the Lady Superintendents and nurses exercising certain powers and influence in sanitary matters, such as obtaining the cleansing - and lime-washing of

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unhealthy houses and places. It is a wise addition to their duties. It improves the domestic habits of the poor. It protects their health. It prevents diseases. It gives the nurses more time to attend the sick. Similar sanitary duties should always be associated with nursing. (But, even now,, "Sanitary" has become almost a cant word of which we are tired. Few educated persons, even philanthropists, are practically acquainted with our Health Acts, so as to call in their help in time of need).

Again. p.86. - last two paragraphs.

What a merciful suggestion is that of supplying good food, properly cooked from Workmen's Dining Rooms, to poor patients recovering from sickness. In preventing relapses, so often incurred by returning too soon to work, put off too long, it is a means only second to change of air, and to be employed after it in most cases.

I have taken only a few instances out of your appendix of collateral good arising from this work. I cannot better end my letter (preface) than by quoting from your "Address to the Nurses", words which I would take to myself and address to all engaged in this great work.

" If you feel, that you are members of a family, you will be ever desirous that the character of that family should be as high as possible, that it should be a credit to belong to it; that no act or word of yours should bring shame upon it, but on the contrary, each of you will strive by the gentleness, quietness modesty and truthfulness

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of your conduct, by constantly increasing proficiency in your profession, and by the thoroughness and conscientiousness of your work, continually to raise the character of the School and of all belong to it, higher and higher"

" . . . There is no pride so mean, so contemptible as that which makes a person above her work. There is nothing really mean, or degrading, or unclean, which our duty calls us to do, but if ever pride leads us to leave part of our duty or work undone, or ill done, then indeed, we are degraded." 1.

P.S. Would you look at "From...to Patients" p. 80. (which is admirable) and think whether something might not be added to it?

Also at p. 84 "query"

If you make up your mind to publish any letter, or any part of it, I should like to have both this your book back and my M.S. letter if you please.

F.N.

1. Extract from address to Nurses on the New Year, 1864.

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35, South Street,
Park Lane.
W.
May 13, 1869.

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I was unwilling to trouble you till the time came, when, as I hope, you are leaving London for Whitsuntide.

I have now had all the statistical information, which seems available, about your District Nursing, and have had all the slips abstracted and reduced at the Registrar General's Office. I send you a copy of the Aggregate sheet which may be kept at Liverpool, if you please, as I had it made on purpose for you. (I have another).

You will see that the Death rate is 14 per cent. And it does not appear (from the slips) that the highest mortality comes from aged infirmity, but from the productive period of life. This fact is alarming and ought not to be considered as final. If you think we can obtain any more light upon it, pray have it sent to me. It would be as well to obtain the corresponding facts from the Liverpool Dispensary books, (which could probably be furnished by the House Surgeons).

1. The total number of cases attended by the paid Medical Officers at the patients' own homes for the two years, 1867 and 1868.
2. The deaths among these home cases for the same two years.

Mr. Langton has sent me a number of Liverpool Dispensary Reports, but they do not give the necessary information.

Ever yours sincerely,

F. Nightingale

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BOSTON - (2 letters returned)

35, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Sept. 2, 1874.

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I am shocked at myself for having been so long answering this question - We have no one to recommend. But one can always find time to write a "Yes" though not a "No". And if you know how I have been occupied! I did, however, consult with both Mrs. Wardroper and Mr. Henry Bonham Carter as to whether we had anyone to recommend. And we were all obliged to come to the conclusion that we had not. This arises chiefly from my insisting gradually more and more upon our carrying out what I have always considered as desirable - viz: that we should recommend no lady as Training Superintendent who has not had, not only her year's training, not only experience as Ward Sister, but also experience as Assistant Supt. in one of our Hospitals.

The lady who Mrs. Wardroper had thought of for Boston is now going to gain such experience as Assistant to one of our Superintendents. I am very sorry that we cannot help you this year, owing to what you will think is my obstinacy.

I have again to thank you for your great kindness, which lend such a charm to my life, in sending me the flowering plants. I left London this day week to take charge of my poor widowed mother at Sir Harry Verney's during the Verneys' absence from home.

Pray believe me, dear Mr. Rathbone,
Ever yours sincerely and gratefully,
Florence Nightingale

Miss Lees

The Crown Princess of Germany, who has great influence over her,

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is as strongly impressed as we are, with the vital importance to F. Lees herself of setting to work at once.

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35, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Jan. 24, 1877.

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I was so delighted with your address to the working men at Liverpool on Jan. 9 that, though short of time and strength, I made an M.S. abstract of it for the men on my dear father's place at Lea in Derbyshire. There there is no poverty but that of drink. I have seen nothing for a long time so calculated to do good. I venture to trouble you with the question *Where is it to be had when published?*. Perhaps you will kindly let someone tell me.

Your Miss Perssé is a splendid worker. She is doing great work with Miss Lees, and, I rejoice to think, will be in your Liverpool District work.

The new Holloway Nursing Home is open under Miss Less, whom I saw yesterday; she is *nursing hard*. (This is all owing to you).

Ever yours sincerely and gratefully,
Florence Nightingale.

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typed copy of unsigned, incomplete letter, f69

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September 5, 1881.

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I have so many things to thank you for, I know not how to begin.

Your beautiful flowering plants I have enjoyed all the year, but with many regretful thoughts of what a burthen I am on your kindness. On August 20 I desired the nurseryman not to send any more, as I was leaving London the next week. I have rejoiced in your kindness and revered your generosity so many years that I would fain ask you - (not to cease your kindness or generosity, for that would be causing nursing progress to cease) - but to discontinue this particular token of it.

I have to thank you for your kind letter about Mrs. Wardroper and her "assistant". I am afraid there are doubts whether she will take your most valuable advice. But no stone will be left unturned on our side, as far as we can do this "gingerly" and turn our "stones" smoothly. She, poor woman, has had a sharp attack of illness, and is now going away for a much needed rest. And she and I have not been able to have much conversation on any point which troubles her.

I am not sorry that Miss Hutchins, now at Manchester, has been wise enough to decline your splendid offer of putting her to be trained as District Home Supt. for which she has, in truth, no adaptability I know her, and I find in my private notes - "would be nowhere in District Nursing".

I will not forget to obey your kind behest "before November" to give you my notes about the training and especially the lying-in training at Liverpool Parish Infirmary. (I have it all written down in pencil. so that what accuracy it has, it will keep).

f70, typed copy of University of Wales 37616

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typed copy of signed letter, f82

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10, South Street,
Park Lane.
W.
March 26, 1887.

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I don't know how to thank you for your kind letter. I am so glad to hear from you again. I trust that you and Mrs. Rathbone are well.

It would be presumptuous of me to "approve" and yet more to disapprove your letter on behalf of Miss Gibson. Would it not be much better that you should send it direct to Miss Gibson.? Any criticism of its contents would be unfair upon her, and perhaps, I may say, inappropriate, seeing that the testimonial is from you, who have the fullest right to give it, and not from me, who have little. I need scarcely say that I have the highest opinion of Miss Gibson, but I hardly feel that the circumstances of the case warrant my departing from the rule I have been obliged to follow not to write testimonials.

How deeply I wish success to your Parish Infirmary Nursing I can never say; or how much I regret that Miss Gibson thinks herself compelled to seek a higher salary elsewhere. She has done great good in it. May your new Royal Infirmary reward all your labours too. I heard with delight that it was shortly to be begun. How immense is the improvement you have effected in Hospital, Infirmary, Nursing and District Nursing. May God bless you for it! And He *will* bless you.

Ever yours most gratefully and most truly
Florence Nightingale.

I return your letter to Miss Gibson.

ff93-95, 20 October, 1887, unsigned letter from Mr. Rathbone to FN, re Sir Rutherford Alcock's plan about nurses and their remuneration, rewards etc.

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typed copy of signed letter, f116

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10, South Street,
Park Lane.
26 March 1900.

[12:574]

Dear Mr. Rathbone,

I shall be delighted to see you on *Tuesday at 5* - if convenient to you. I am sorry that this is the only time I have free this week.

I always hope for news of the Nursing Service from you. Liverpool is its stronghold. I cannot help regretting the present rage for certificates and badges. The certificate does not make the Nurse, nor does the badge distinguish her as to excellence.

Some of our best Nurses are without either. Some of our best could not pass an examination with credit, while some of our worst could gain the most creditable place.

[end 12:574]

Ever yours,
Florence Nightingale.

typed copy of initialed letter fragment, f119

f119 {archivist: probably written on November 30, 1887}

.... throw upon them, the Committee of Advice, to suggest arrangements", to "keep up the standard" etc., etc., which you can "approve", rather than you make conditions which *they* are to approve.

F.N.

Might I hear from you?

typed copy of letter fragment, f120

f120 {archivist: No date or address}

.... I trust to see you some afternoon, as you so kindly offer it. I am rather full this week, but you, I daresay, are fuller.

Your beautiful flowering plants have resumed their benevolent course.

Pray believe me,
Ever gratefully yours,
Florence Nightingale.

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letter, paper copy sent from Liverpool University, from Liverpool Record Office,
typed copy 45801 f210

March 25/69.

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

Sir,

The Lying-Department
at Liverpool Workhouse
has achieved under your
auspices a very enviable
notoriety from its absence
of Puerperal Diseases.

Miss Freeman has been
so kind as to send me
its Statistics for 1868.

She will ask you if it
would be possible for you
to give me - not detailed
statistics but merely
Barnes Eq

1. the total Number of
Deliveries for 1867.
2. the total Deaths among
Puerperal women
and the causes
for the same year.

It would be most important
if you could give me
the same data for a
few years farther back
as e.g. for 1863

1864

1865

1866.

But I scarcely need say
that if you could give
them me for the last ten
years, for which 10 years

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I have procured them from
many places, (most
disastrous in their Statistics,
unlike yours) that this
would be more important
still.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your faithful serv't

Florence Nightingale

- Barnes Esq.

note, f212v, pencil {upside down}

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There they worked me to death
in January to ~~de~~ write this
on April Fool's Day
Catch me doing their work
again.

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signed letter, 3ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/1, copy, Wellcome 8997/43

30 Old Burlington St [15:265]
May 17/57

Dear Lord Stanley

I dare not venture
to keep the Draft Report,
which you so kindly
sent me, longer, when
it may be wanted by
you this week -

It is a most able
paper, comprising every
point - More than it
suggests could hardly
be done at present -
with safety, - I mean as

regard abolition of
Purchase for the lower
ranks. But I hope
the poor Majors will
come in for selection -

I heard with dismay
last night the résumé
of Lord Grey's evidence.
It seemed to resolve itself
into three principles
1. Selection is bad, because
you can't select
2. "As you were" -
3. Abuses must be im=
mortal, because founded
in the feeling of the nation

The first would put
an end to all selection
in any service, Civil or
other. Besides, public
opinion in the Army
itself decides pretty
correctly on the merits of
Officers - If I, with my
superficial knowledge of
the Crimean Army,
could give you a tolerably
correct idea of the fitness
of General & Commanding
Officers there for command,
is it credible that the

Commander = in = Chief
could not arrive at a
just judgment, generally?

2. & 3. bear against
all Reforms whatever.

I agree as to the
doubtful value of
competitive examination -
The qualities which you
really want, viz. self-control,
self-reliance, habits of
accurate thought, integrity
& what you generally
call trustworthiness
are not decided by
competitive examination,

which test little else
than the memory. And
the tendency of the Civil
Service examinations, as
to consolidating the
Govt in a Bureaucracy,
to which it seems
inclining, ought to be
watched with some
anxiety. A recruiting service
is what we want.

Believe me

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
The Regimental System

touches so nearly all
that concerns the
Sanitary & Moral
reform of the Army -
its existence, as at
present, would so
materially prevent
any measure to remedy
our colossal calamity
that I must be excused
for taking a great
interest in what does
not strictly concern me.

F.N.

[end]

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signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/2 black-edged paper

30 Old Burlington St

May 28/60

Dear Lord Stanley [9:104]

My sister told me
that you had
enquired after the
"Indian Sanitary
Commission."

It has had but
four or five sittings
in all - *none*
since the Session
began - Mr. Herbert

has not had time.

Still time has
not been lost -
For pointed sets
of Queries & Forms
of Return have
been sent out to
every Presidency, to
each Station, to
Commanding, -
Medical, & Engineer
Officers, *in each* -

The reduction of
the answers & of
the (filled=up) Forms
will take a
considerable time,
when all have
been received -
And, in *this*
Sanitary Commission,
the viva=voce
Examinations are
intended more
as cross=examinations

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upon the written
Returns, - in this
case, the most
important.

But when Mr.
Herbert will have
time to do anything
in this matter is
quite uncertain.

Pardon me if I
have taken your
enquiry "au pied de
la letter". It may
have been made merely
in the course of conversation. [end 9:104]
Faithfully yrs F. Nightingale

incomplete letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/3 black-edged
paper

Hampstead N. W.

Sept 4/62

Dear Lord Stanley

Possibly you may [9:117]
remember more
possibly you have
forgotten than you,
as Chairman of the
"Indian Sanitary
Commission", desired
me to do the enclosed.

As you have been
in India, I would
rather submit it
to you first, for any

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corrections or suggestions
that you will kindly
make on the margin,
before sending ~~in~~/it in
to the Commissn

It is only a Proof.

We have finished
the Abstracts of the
Statistical Reports,
of the three
Presidencies - and
illustrated them
with wood cuts.

[end 9:117]

Bengal & Bombay

incomplete letter, 3ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/4 black-edged
paper

Private Hampstead NW

Sept 10, 1862

Dear Lord Stanley,

I am very glad
that you have time
to take the trouble
of looking over my
"evidence".

There is one
painful point, under
"Soldier's Wives", (about
Lock Hospls & "Police
Regulation",) which
I am very anxious
about.

I have the strongest

conviction, founded
not upon sentimental
theory but upon minute
Statistical enquiry,
abroad & at home,
that these are useless,
(even were they not
immoral,) in preventing
disease, their sole
object.

Even in France,
where they are ~~most~~
carried out with
most stringency,
there is absolutely
no evidence that

they do prevent
disease.

Lately, a strong
effort was made
in our War Office,
to introduce the
"French System" among
our camps & garrisons
at home. And, at
the request of the
W.O., I drew up the
enclosed paper. I
am told (by Lord
de Grey) that it
produced some
impression there in

the direction which
I desired. And I
venture to send it
you, only begging that
you will be so good
as to return it to me.

With my late dear [9:118]
master, I had many
discussions on this
point, becoming as
it is unfortunately
too important. But
it is obvious that I
can scarcely hope to
press it on any man
as I could ~~to~~/on him.

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those terms.

It was then so
improbable (perhaps
the most improbable
thing that could
happen) that, of
Sidney Herbert & me,
I should be the
survivor, that no
record remains, as
far as I am aware,
of this transaction,
which was done
verbally through me,
in the spring of 1859.
(-immediately before
Sidney Herbert, who

was then to be Chairman
of this Commission,
took office.)

This is my only
excuse for bringing
it before you, which
would otherwise
be a singular
interference on my
part. But a word
in your note makes
me think that you
are unacquainted
with it - altho' I
know it was Sidney
Herbert's intention
to communicate
it to you - [The

[end 9:118]

signed letter, 6ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/5 marked original
returned to Lord Derby, black-edged paper

Private

Hampstead, NW
Sept. 17, '62

[15:355-56]

Dear Lord Stanley

1. about Dr. Farr
no rate of remuneration
was mentioned. The
understanding was -
when Lord Herbert
proposed thro' me
that Dr. Farr should
act on the Commission
that he should do
the actuarial work
& be paid a fee for
it.

[The same arrangement

was made when
Dr. Farr served on
Lord Herbert's Sub=
Commission for
reforming our Army
Statistical service
& he was paid for it]

Lord Herbert
told me that he had
communicated to you
the arrangement by
which Dr. Sutherland
was to act & be paid
as Secretary to the
Indian Sanitary
Commission - with

Mr. Baker as Assistant.

The work of both
Dr. Farr & Dr. Sutherland
is of course much more
arduous than that
performed by the
unpaid Commissioners.

Indeed I am aware
that the expence of
printing has already
been great. And not
to add my mite of
cost, I have arranged
with Mr. Baker for
myself to pay for the
wood cutting & printing

of my paper.

I may perhaps add
that I have myself
done the whole of
Dr. Sutherland's clerical
work, & a good deal
of the other for him.
As it would have
been *absolutely*
impossible for it to
be accomplished
without going to the
Treasury for clerical
assistance, of which
we have had none -

It is therefore the

less impertinent of me,
I hope, to measure

the work which the
Treasury must pay for.

2. I trust that a
great deal may be
done to prevent your
Report, when completed
from being "shelved".

Lord Herbert set
on foot four Sub=
Commissions, the moment
his Report was out,
- one for reforming
Barracks & Hospls,
which is still at
work - one for
organizing the Army
Medl School at Chatham

- one for re-organizing
the Statistics - one for
reforming the Army
Medl Dept & writing
a Code of Regulations,
the results of all of which, as
you are aware, are
now the active rules
at the War Office.

Three other Commissions
were subsequently
formed - one for
re-organizing the
Purveyor's Dept,
which it did -
another the Hospital

Staff Corps, which it
did - another for
reforming the system
of Barrack Works,
which is still sitting.

Many other
Administrative reforms
were made in
consequence - also.

A great deal
~~also~~/too was done in
giving publicity to
the Report, in the
"Times" & other papers,
& in the Reviews,
(as you are aware.
For you were kind

enough to offer to
write an Article in
the "Westminster" I
believe, when you
were yourself called
to office.)

Also we reprinted
the Diagrams of
Army Mortality, with
their story attached,
& these were sent
to every Commanding
& Medical Officers
in the Army.

[end 15:356]

I am not in the least
inferring that these are
instances for the Indian

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Commission to follow.
Probably your course
of proceeding will
have to be quite
different. Probably
a Consultative Board
with an administrative
head will have to be
organized for each
Presidency.

But in the matter
of publicity, the mere
sending a copy of the
Abstracts of Stational
Reports to each Station
will stir them up
to do something. They

will be read with
avidity *there*; however
much or however
little we may read
about India in England.

==3. I am glad you
have faith in Sir. G.
Lewis. For I have
none. [And you
probably see a
different side of
him from what I
do.] He is the worst
Sec. of S. I have ever
seen. And I have

served under five.
His learning & his
ignorance; his hurries
& his delays are
alike against us.
In one short year
he has let down ~~to~~
the War Office to the
~~same~~ level from
which Sidney Herbert
was 5 years dragging
it up. And this
simply by letting
the agencies work,
against which
Lord Herbert's official
life was one continual

struggle. He has not
his equal for cramming
a subject well for
the House of C. on
Monday. But then
he has not his equal
for forgetting it all
on Tuesday, & acting
quite differently in
(illeg) the War Office - &
on Saturday, if there
is a "third course"
open, for adopting
that course with the
Horse Guards. As far
as he is concerned,
there is neither unity
nor distinct responsibility (in each

Dept) nor direct communication with him,
nor promptitude of
action, nor economy
in administration in
the War Office now.
He is not head of
his own Office.

He will, it is true,
"not be appalled by
the length of a Report."
But he will not see
~~his~~ its portée. And
well if he is not
correcting his "Astronomy",
or his Latin "Hey diddle
diddle," under the
most important
papers on the W.O.
table.

Yet he is an
honourable man.

You must excuse me
for not answering
your question about
Dr. Farr immediately.
There are days & days
when I am unable
to ~~do anything~~, write at all. And
now you will think
I have written too
much.

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

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undated, initialed fragment, 1f, pen

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meant to profit by
your kind exhortation
not to print & to
woodcut my paper
at my own expence.
If I choose to enliven
my paper by an
ornamental border
of soldiers occupying
their minds with
catching vermin, you
would not have me
to that, at this
country's expence -
Besides, *figure* woodcuts
are dear.

F.N.

signed letter, 3ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/6 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

Nov 21/62

Dear Lord Stanley

~~The~~/My paper, which [9:120]
you have already
seen, is done.

But it occurred
to me that it
would be more
conformable to
discipline, if I were
to submit it to you,
in its state of
"final Revise", (in case

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you might have
something to object,) before I have it
struck off & sent
to your Commission
officially

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

The enclosed might
interest you as enumerating the
results which Lord
Herbert gave to his
1st Commission (Sanitary)

It was drawn up
at the request of one
of the present Govt.

Please put it in
the fire, when done
with.

[end 9:120]

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/7 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Nov 26/62

Dear Lord Stanley

I sent this morning
my Indian paper to
you "officially"(!) And
I will send copies
to the members of the
Commission.

[9:121-22]

But, when the
Commission is closed,
its real work will
begin. (Is that Irish?)
You will not rest

the chance of Sanitary
reform in India
on the recommendations
of a Report alone.

[The very last Indian
document I have seen,
viz. a Report from
the "Sanitary Commission"
of the Punjab, (just
arrived here,) actually
states that the best
possible arrangement
for India is one, to
which we know, in
this country, are due

severe outbreaks of
Cholera - one which
killed poor Lord Raglan
in the Crimea - one
which we consider to
be one of the greatest
Sanitary defects in
India]

This only confirms
what all the Reports
have grievously
impressed upon me -
viz. that, altho' there
is a certain out-cry
against bad Sanitary
conditions, nobody
seems to know what

they are - still less
how to deal with
them.

This was clearly seen
when the Report of
the Royal Commission
on the Sanitary State
of the ~~Indian~~/British Army
(by Sidney Herbert)
was under discussion.
And it was determined,
as you know, that
practical work
should succeed the
declarations of principles.

The result has

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been that the Army
at home is now healthier
than the Civil
population, instead
of its mortality
being double.

[I venture to
inclose you two
Diagrams which I
had made to
illustrate this - (the
first was published
in the above Report)
I mean to publish
these now, with: -
This is how he found

the Army. This is how
he left it.

I will therefore
beg you to return
me these Diagrams,
as I have no other
copies]

May you live to
see the Indian Army
restored in the same
way by your exertions.
Would it not be
possible to select
a Commission,
consisting of experienced

practical people,
& let them guide
the movement for a
while, until it could
go on itself. They
could select agents
in this country; & so
enable the local
Presidential Commissions
to obtain men
conversant with the
details of works.
And they could advice
on all subjects
connected with the
welfare of the Army

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as well as with the
sanitary improvement
of towns.

I think a good
working Commission
might be got together
without difficulty.

[end 9:122]

Believe me

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

A thing which is hardly
worth mentioning but
that Dr. Sutherland
fancies you wrote to

him {printed address, upside down:} 32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

about it. I never

signed letter, 2ff, pen {on the left page, Nightingale Miss Nov/62 sent them back.}
Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/8 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

Nov 28/62

Dear Lord Stanley

I am sorry to be
troublesome - Just
5 min. after I sent
you those Diagrams
on Army Mortality
the day before yesterday,
the printers sent me
the proof of my
paper on Lord
Herbert's Sanitary

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Administration for
which they (diagrams) are
intended.

If you can lay
your hands upon
them, would you
kindly send them
me back? I
would not have
troubled you with
them, had I known
that the printers
who have kept me

waiting 5 months,
would have been so
quick at last

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

undated letter, India Office Westminster from John Lawrence to FN about Barracks
{illeg October? 15, 1862, about the just arrived Sanitary Report

Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/9 black-edged paper

signed letter, 2ff, pen
4 Cleveland Row
St. James St.
S.W.
March 3/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I am afraid you [9:126]
will be surprised
tho' not so much
surprised as I am
at my asking to
see you.

You will easily
guess that it is on
a point connected
with your Indian
Sanitary Report.

[end 9:126]

Could you find

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an hour soon which
you could appoint
to see me.

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/10 black-edged paper

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

Private April 16/63 [9:128]

Dear Lord Stanley
Forgive me for
addressing you again
about your Indian
Sanitary Report.

Sir John Lawrence
wrote to me a few
days ago about these
matters; among other
things saying that
there are now
"Barracks in India
"for full 25000 men
"under consideration",

& that "many are
urgently required" -
He says hopefully,
after wishing that
I could "get to know"
when your Report
will be out, "so that
"what changes are
"necessary may be
"at once adopted",
that it, the Report,
will have the greatest
influence -

I was honestly

unwilling to put
myself forward to
urge & trouble you.
But, when another
letter comes from Sir
J. Lawrence, I cannot
do otherwise, can I?

Should you think
well to expedite
the work by calling
in all the copies
of the Report sent
to the members of
the Commission,
so that a Revise
might be made,
in which either

all their views are
represented, or their
objections met?

If you thought
well to send the
copies to me here,
we would set
about it at once -

If Lord de Grey
could be Sir G. Lewis'
successor, he, though
not a very able
man, would be the
making of us in
carrying out *administrative*
(Sanitary) reforms for the
men - Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

[end 9:128]

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signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/11 black-edged paper

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

April 22/63

Dear Lord Stanley

A remarkably
stupid advertisement
has been appearing
in the "Times", asking
everybody to send in
plans for a Civil
Hospital at Bombay,
without giving any
information, such as
would enable any
living being to make
a plan - & "topping

up" with stating that
the local authorities,
+ the Railway
authorities, were to
be judges of excellence.

The whole thing
was so absurd, &
it was besides such
a re-enacting in
India of what we
have given up here,
that I made an
effort to prevent
mischief, as far as
I could.

I am told that
Sir Charles Wood will
consult you about it,
which I was very
glad to hear.

Some time ago, we
recommended Mr.
T.W. Wyatt as
architect for a Civil
Hospital at Malta.
And he produced,
with our aid, one
of the very best
plans in existence.

Would you think
well to put the

matter into his
hands? He has shewn
great ability - Any
help we could give
him would be
willingly given, for
the good of helping.

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/12 black-edged paper

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

April 27/63

Dear Lord Stanley

It is of great
importance, as you say,
to get out the Report
as soon as possible.
But we have never
yet received the
copies sent out,
so as to put every
thing into a consistent
shape. As it was
sent to you, the Report

[9:128]

was an arrangement
only of the matter,
requiring very
careful consideration
to see that it was,
after all, logically
accurate. The
references have also
all to be revised,
& fresh references
(to facts) put in -
There are two or
three days' work

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of mere editing
to do.

If you will send
all the papers, we
will return a copy
to you with the
corrections in M.S.,
together with all
the copies thus
returned from the
Members. You will
then be able to
judge of the whole. [end 9:128]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 8ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/13 black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

Private May 18/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I was much [9:432-34]
distressed to hear
the unpractical views,
taken by some of
the members of the
India Sanitary
Commission on Saturday
(at the Meeting).

And I trust you
will excuse my re=
writing to you on
this score -

I am afraid there

is great danger of the
Indian enquiry
arriving at no
practical result.

I urged the necessity
of using home experience
in dealing with India
Sanitary questions,
because, from the
evidence & from the
reports (from Indian
Stations), it was obvious
that there was no
hope of any practical

reform springing up
from India.

It is quite necessary
that there should be
local Commissions in
India to carry out
the works there. But
it is as certain as
experience can make
it that those
Commissions, constituted,
as they must be, out
of the best available
material, will not,
of themselves, arrive
at a good practical
solution of the

multifarious questions
they will have to
deal with.

Were it practicable
to pick out a
sufficient number
of able men in
England, & send
them out to form
these Commissions,
there would be a
fair hope of success.
But we know well
what the probabilities
are of this being
practicable. You
would hardly be able

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to get men for money
to undertake the
work - i.e. men
thoroughly up to the
Sanitary question in
all its bearings.

If then you stop
with the recommendation
of "India Presidency
Commissions", your
report will amount
to this: -

"This is how bad the
things are in India.
They have grown up
into their present
state under the

guidance of such
amount of practical
ability & intelligence
as was obtainable
in that country.

We recommend you
to form Commissions
out of the same
material; & to go
on as before. It is
true that great
practical advances
have been made
in Sanitary works
at home. And the
result has been
a reduction of the

Army Death rate to
one half. But it is
not necessary to
make use of this
practical experience
in India."

Yet we are interfering
in Ceylon at this
moment. e.g.

On what principle
can be justified the
introduction of home
experience in Ceylon
& keeping it out of
India? Their diseases
are the same - the
causes the same -

the troops the same -
& the measures
required would be
the same.

The formation of
a Home Commission
was urged, because
you thought, (when
you were so good
as to see me on
this subject) that
the I.O. would not
like to have to do
with the W.O. But
if the I.O. does not
object,{printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.
there is S.W.

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no other reason why
the W.O. should not
help with its own
Commission.

Unless some such
arrangement can be
come to, it really
matters very little
practically whether
the Report is issued
or not. It will
only be a nine
days' wonder, as
the first Army
Report was. That
Report did nothing
of itself. All the

real practical work
which has led to
the great reduction
of Army Mortality
has been done by
persons determined
to carry out the
principles laid down
in it, who would
not be turned aside
by any obstacles, &
who, from long
previous experience,
were competent for
the work.

Nothing can shew
more the *imminent*

importance of the work
that has to be done
in India than the
fact that ~~the~~ plague
is gradually surrounding
Calcutta.

Cholera came out
of the Sunderbunds
(epidemically) &
spread over the world.

Plague did the
same in the Nile
delta, & thence
spread over Europe
in the Middle Ages.
~~It~~/Egyptian plague is now coming

up from the Sunderbunds
& drawing slowly
~~and~~/round to hem in Calcutta.

It requires no great
length of vision to see
what is likely to
follow from this
Sunderbunds plague
in the present state
of Indian cities.

Believe me

yours apologetically

Florence Nightingale

{printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.
S. W.

PRIVATE

N.B. I was quite
appalled to hear
what is the advice
that the I.O. do take
on these matters,
according to Sir Proby
Cautley. They apply
to Dr. Mapleton,
Member of the
Director General's
Office at the Army
Medical Department.

When Dr. Mapleton
was appointed,
under General Peel's
term of Office, Sidney

Herbert lay awake
all night, thinking
of the mischief
this man's gross
ignorance would
do - & went the
first thing the
next morning to
Genl Peel, before
he was up, to try
to have the
appointment
cancelled. And
it was only on
assurance that
Dr. Mapleton

should have
nothing to do with
Sanitary matters
that he remitted
his efforts.

This is the man
whom the India
Office, when "taking
home experience,"
apply to.

[end 9:434]

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/14 black-edged paper

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

Private June 25/63

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:219]

I have made
some arrangements
for having your India
Sanitary Report
reviewed by some
papers & Reviews
(I wish you would
~~do~~/write one for the
Westminster or
quarterly yourself).
But I must send

early copies to the
people who will
take the trouble.

I have enquired
of Mr. Spottiswoode
what state the
printing is in -
All the letter press
is printed off, Vol
2. is binding as fast
as it can - So will
Vol 1, as soon as the
plans come, hourly
expected.

Every thing will be
ready in a day or
two.

Do you think you
would be so good as
to write a line to
Messrs Eyre & Spottiswoode,
directing them to
send twelve early
copies to me, &
enclose this note
to me to forward?

It often makes
all the difference
(especially in the
case of the "Times")

in the good feeling
of the writers
whether one sends
them a copy early
& personally, or not.
And I am particularly
requested in this
case to be early

[end 9:219]

Believe me
yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/15 black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row. {printed address}

S.W.

July 8/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I see, in the [9:219]
copies of your India
Army Sanitary Report,
which I have just
received, that Mr.
Baker signs himself
"Secretary", p. LXXXIV.
He never was
Secretary. Had he
your authority to
append his name

as such? If not,
the page should
be cancelled. [end 9:219]

Believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

{ line going down to bottom of page in the same hand}
Ansd. He has
always acted as
Sec. & I believe is
referred to as
such in some
of her letters.
See no reason
for taking away
the title

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 753
signed letter, 10ff, pen, Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/16 black-edged paper

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

Private July 10/63

Dear Lord Stanley

Perhaps I ought [9:221-23]
not to be sorry about
Mr. Baker's peccadillo,
since it compels me
to lay the whole case
before you.

I begin by apologizing
to you & to myself
for the time & strength
it will take -

When you have
all the facts of the
case, you will know

best how to do justice.

1. Mr. Baker knows
perfectly well he is
not "Secretary".

Four years ago, when
Lord Herbert first
began this Commission
after you had issued
it, he wished to
have the same Secy
who served him in
the first R. Army
Sanitary Commn. But
this man having
just been made
head of the Army

Statistical Branch,
was too busy.

As the real work
of the Commission
would fall upon
Dr. Sutherland, Lord
Herbert finally
decided that he
should act as
Secretary & *be paid*
as Secretary, but
not be called
"Secretary", because
he was wanted as
member of the
Commission ~~but~~
that he must have a Clerk to issue
the letters to call

the Meetings, to see
the evidence through
the press &c but
not to correct the
proofs, the whole of
which, as well as
the writing & sending
out the printed
questions, was to be
done by Dr. Sutherland
& by myself.

The *Clerkship* was
offered to Mr. Baker
at Dr. Sutherland's
recommendation
and accepted by
him, on condition
that he should be

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not Clerk but
called Assistant
Secretary. [This he
would not deny, if
he were asked the
question]

I am exceedingly
sorry that I cannot
furnish you with
written proof of all
this - All was the
fault of my dear
chief not to require
such, because he
thought all men as
honourable as himself.
But he told me
himself, about the
beginning of 1861,

that he had himself
informed you of the
whole of this & of
the conditions under
which Dr. Sutherland
was acting.

2. If I have ever
called Mr. Baker
"Secretary" to you in
any of my letters,
I must have been
dreaming. But I
cannot believe it.
For at that very time

I was warning Dr.
Sutherland that I
had seen Mr. Baker's

signature as "Secretary".

[He would not believe

it.] Mr. Spottiswoode could

shew you letters of mine, in which I

call Mr. Baker Asst Secretary.

3. As for Mr. Baker

having "acted as

Secretary", the only

things he has done

as Secretary have

been calling the

Meetings & arranging

the printing with

the printers, so far

as my cognizance

goes, which, of course,

relates only to the

domestic part of

the Commission. You

are probably cognizant

of other things,

relating to the *public*

part of the Commission,

in which he has

acted as such.

The things in which he

has NOT acted as

Secretary, but which

were all done by the

Secretary of the first

R. Army Sanitary Commn,

are as follows:—

Vol. II. the whole of

these Stational Reports

were {printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.

S.W. not only

corrected by Dr. Sutherland

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& myself. But we began
copying them ourselves with
condensations from
the original Replies.
Finding this took up
too much time, a
good deal of the
copying was done
by Vacher's clerks -
But even the whole
of *this* work was
actually given out
from my house
to Vacher's. And I
have the whole of the
books at this moment
in my house "to
witness if I lie," as

Lord Macaulay sings.
The only thing that
Mr. Baker did, of
which I am cognizant,
was *certifying* the
work of Vacher's clerks.
The whole of these
(condensed) copies
was afterwards
compared with the
originals, & verified
by Dr. Sutherland &
~~me~~/by myself- the whole
of the proofs, were
corrected by Dr. S.
& by me. [And very
tough & dreary work
it was.]

The maps & plans
were selected & corrected
by Dr. S. & by me -
And all that Mr. Baker
did was to hinder us
with McCulloch. Nay,
the very diagrams
(Vol. I) he pretended
to have corrected -
we found out the
errors - he pretended
to send our renewed
corrections to Day's -
& they were actually
put up *uncorrected*
in the bound Vols.
which I have received.
And I, *after* the
Vols. were bound,

sent back the
corrections, which
were important, to
Messrs Spottiswoode's
to beg them to put
them in (by
hand) into those
copies I have given
away.

I must beg you to
remember that, had
we intended to have
a Secretary to do our
work, a very different
kind of Secretary would
have {printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.

S.W. been selected

from Mr. Baker -

And that it was only
on the express stipulation
that the Secretarial
work was to be done
by Dr. Sutherland &
by me, & that Mr. Baker
was only to act as
Clerk, that Lord Herbert
arranged the Commission
thus. You cannot pay
me. You must
therefore pay Dr.
Sutherland. And
certainly it was not
to spare Mr. Baker's
labour that I undertook
all this.
Vol. I. The whole of the
Abstracts of Stational

Reports, p.p. 371 to 528,
were done by Dr.
Sutherland & me,
written out in my
hand, (of which I
have fortunately proof,
as by some lucky
oversight the M.S.S.
have been preserved)
the whole of them
were proof-corrected
& revised by us two.
I have not these
proofs & revises -
For unfortunately
Mr. Baker said they
were to be destroyed.
But I conclude you

will take this on my word.

The whole of the Report was written by Drs. Farr, Sutherland; a great deal of it in my hand. the whole of it was shaken together, revised & corrected by Dr. Sutherland & myself. Of this I have the Proofs -

I have been accustomed to see these ~~revisings~~/correctings done by the Secretary. If Mr. Baker were Secretary he should have done

this.

Dr. Farr. The Mortality & Actuarial Tables were prepared by him; and it was understood for an actuarial fee. On Lord Herbert's Statistical Sub=Commission, Dr. Farr worked thus on a verbal understanding for an actuarial fee, & received it.

Mr. Glaisher. The Meteorological tables were done by him, on a similar understanding -

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S.W.

[And very bad they are]

In short, the only thing
that I know of which
Mr. Baker has done
is the Précis before the
Evidence, which he
has chosen to put in
in large letters, but
which was so badly
done that it had to
be done again.

The whole of the Queries
sent out to Stations
were written by Dr.
Sutherland & myself,
in my hand, revised
& corrected by us,
sent out through the
W.O., received back by

us, lists of them kept
by us. Surely this is
Secretary's work, if
anything is.

I beg Lord Stanley's
pardon for being so
lengthy about a matter
which will seem to
him of little importance.

I do not wish to be
sentimental. But it
has been a most
painful thing to me
to go over - these 4
years' doings begun

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with my dear master,
whose last words
were, It is unfinished.

I have done so
for the sake of justice
to Dr. Sutherland &
to Dr. Farr, whose
interests are, as it
were, laid in my hand
by him, from his
habit of not requiring
written proof - I being
now almost the only
witness left -

I trust you
will excuse me -

The words he used
were (his last) Poor
Florence - our work
unfinished -

Please burn
this last sheet.

[end 9:223]

Believe me
dear Lord Stanley
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
{printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.
S.W.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 763
signed letter, 4ff, pen

in substance that I will not refuse assistance to Sir C. W. if he asks it in working
out his project but that I will not offer it unasked}
Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/17 black-edged paper

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

July 11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I am deeply obliged [9:223-24]
to you for your very
kind note. And
indeed I have no
fear but that justice
will be done, now
that you have taken
the case in hand.

I am afraid no
"communication was
made by Lord Herbert

to the Treasury". It
was not his habit.
And I know, on a
previous occasion,
it was not done.

At the last, the
years he had promised
himself were shortened
into hours. And
claims much more
important were left
unrecorded & unful=
filled.

pray "make it
public' that "to Dr.

Sutherland," & pray
do not make it
public that "to me"
is due the work of
this Report. I do
not wish ~~(illeg)~~ that should be at all.
Indeed I wish that
that should not be.

It is obvious what
my only reason was
in giving to you
(privately) a full
statement of the
work.

I am greatly
comforted by your
assurance that

the work of improving
Sanitary administration
is going on - But I
wish it interested
you more - Perhaps
I do not know you
enough to say that
it does not. But,
if you could forward
your own Report by
reviewing it &, by
what is much more
important, forcing
it upon the W. O.
& the I. O., both
personally & in the

Ho: of C., then indeed
the progress thereof
would be safe -

Lord Herbert did
not think it beneath
him to work for &
upon an administration
of which he was not
Minister. Perhaps no
one (but I) knows
how much work he
did for Genl Peel in
the W. O. And you
know, when you
yourself were at the
I. O., he willingly &

earnestly entered
upon this India
Sanitary Commission.
And he would have
worked just as hard
at bringing out the
(working) Commissions
afterwards, as he
did, under Ld Panmure
& Genl Peel successively,
at organizing &
heading the four
Sub=Commissions,
which really carried
into effect the whole
of the first R. Sanitary

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Commission's recommendations.

Excuse me: I did
not mean to be
suggesting to you.

But I hear that
Mr. Cuningham is
going to take up your
Report in the Ho: of C.
Is that desirable?

And every day lost
in appointing these
three Presidency
Commissions & in
arranging the home
I. O or W. O. Commission
recommended by the Report
is worth ten times
its weight to India.
Who will press these

upon the I. & War
Offices?

I have heard that
you disapproved of
the decision of the
W. O. against the
amalgamation scheme
of the two Medical
Services. I think i
could submit to you
what might modify
that opinion. But
I should not like
to intrude my

"turbulencies" upon you **[end 9:224]**
unasked. {printed address, upside down:} 4. Cleveland Row.
S.W.

Believe me
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

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signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

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

July 11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:224-25]

Sir John Lawrence
writes to me, in
confidence, "One word
from Lord Stanley"
will "move Sir Charles
Wood to action", "as
regards the Commission
at home". He says
that Sir C. Wood "will
not be backward in
the matter". Lord de
Grey is also using

his weight on our
side.

Sir John Lawrence
thinks that it would
be better to attach
the home Commission
to the I. O. (tho; I
believe Sir P. Cautley
would rather graft
it on the W. O. Commn)
Either would do for
us. In the former
case, Sir Proby Cautley,
Sir Ranald Martin,

Capt. Galton, Dr. Sutherland,
& Mr. Rawlinson C. E.

(of the Local Govt
Act Officer) for the
great drainage &
water=supply questions
which are after all
the most pressing in
India, should be the
members.

Would that this
home Commission
could be arranged
this month, before
you all of you go
out of London. For

God knows what may
happen in India
if all these things
are left unsettled!

"As regards the
nomination" of the
Presidency Commission,
Sir John Lawrence
thinks "that they should
be nominated by the
local Governments
out there". I am
too ignorant of India
administration to
know whether the

best possible be the
best feasible. But
~~it~~/the question concerns nothing
less than the creation
of a Public Health
Department for India.
i.e. a department
of Government, with
consultative Commissions
of Health, each with
a responsible
administrative head.
I hope this will not
be left to the "local
Governments out
there" to do, or not to do,
or to do any how.

- No trouble as to comm. here. Diffly is as to those in India. Few persons on spot
qualified - jealousy
of others sent from home. }

Please not in any way to quote
Sir John Lawrence. He
always seems to me
like a great fish out
of water, where he is;
or like a great
Roman dictator
returned for Marylebone,
to serve as a M. P.

[end 9:225]

Believe me
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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

July 17/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I have just received [9:226-27]
the 8vo form of your
India Sanitary Report
& can scarcely recover
from my surprise
at seeing it.

Is this all the fruit
of 4 years' labour, all
the result of the India
Commission, which is
to be presented to

Parliament? viz the
Report - & a Précis of
Evidence which is
simply ludicrous, as
being so incomplete
& incorrect, that it
weakens the Report,
by not bearing it
out. We speak with
"connaissance de cause",
for we found it
entirely useless as
any guide to the
Evidence.

I understood from
you that - the Abstract
of Stational Returns,
prepared with great
care, in order to get
into a short compass
the whole of the
valuable evidence
of those Stational
Returns, upon which
the Report is based
quite as much as
upon the oral Evidence,
and of which not
a vestige of a trace
appears - I understood

from you that my
own paper, prepared
with the same view,
& as short as anything could possibly be
made; were to be presented
to Parliament with
the Report. Certainly
it has not been
worth our four years'
to give to the House
of Commons this.

[end 9:227]

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I see the fatal error in the
first Diagram, by which you
are made to say that the
Mortality in Bengal is 6.7,
instead of 67 per 1000, is
repeated everywhere -

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Most Private July 22/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I understand [9:227]

from Lord de Grey
that Sir C. Wood has
consented to the
home Commission in
the following form. He
~~but~~ proposes to add
two India members
on to the W.O.

Barrack & Hospital
Commission (existing)

If this is your

doing, as I have
no doubt, receive
the most fervent
thanks of all your
fellow workers in
the India cause -

Yours very faithfully

F. Nightingale

It is the greatest work
that a S. of S. could
do for India.

Equal in importance
to the decision itself
are the men that
may be appointed on
the Commission. To carry
out the recommendations
of the first Army
Sanitary Commission,
it was wisely determined
to have a large
sprinkling of the
men who had studied
the subject on the
R. Comm, upon the
four Sub=Commissions
~~appointed~~ Sir P. Cautley
& Sir R. Martin answer

to this description being the
only India men upon
the R. C., & having
had the unspeakable
advantage of following
the whole enquiry
from first to last.
If new men are put
on, they will have
all to learn.

Mr. Rawlinson, as
our first water &
drainage Engineer, is
indispensable, as
water supply & drainage
are of paramount
importance in India.

[end 9:227]

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2 Cleveland Row.

S.W.

July 22/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I think we are
on the brink of ruin
if this home
Commission does not
pass. If India is
to be left to work
out its own Sanitary
salvation, the R.
Commission had
better not have
been - Nothing is
of any importance

[9:227-29]

compared with the
(home) Commission.

I heard Capt. Galton
the Assist U. Secretary
of State at the W. O,
say, "they will
spend the money
so as to do harm
not good, if they
are not advised
by home experience".

I have tried to draw
up shortly the reasons, which
I venture to enclose -

Compared with this,
the question of the
presentation or non
presentation of parts
of the Report sinks
into nothing. Still
I cannot but repeat
my conviction that
the curious blunder
by which Sir C. Wood
presented the 8vo,
while he thought
he was presenting
the whole, is very
fatal to us; for
this reason: - not
one single soul has

as yet grasped our
main point, viz reform
your Stations first
& then look to the
hills - Your Stations
as to drainage,
water supply &c are
the main cause of
your Death rate.
not your climate.

Had we known that
the Report was all that
was to be presented,
we should certainly have
brought out this point
more strongly, so that
every ass might see it.
Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

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The objection made to the Home Commission is that at present there is no direct reference of plans from India to England, Such a reference as regards Sanitary works is what is required. It would work as follows: -

suppose that the Madras Presidency Commission of Health were to draw up at the request of the Madras Government a plan for the Sanitary improvement of Secunderabad or of Madras itself. They would do this without any practical experience of how such cases had been dealt with at home. If such

a plan were carried out, it would be mere matter of choice whether the whole did not prove a failure. The only way to prevent this as far as practicable would be to refer the plan home without loss of time to the India Government here. It would then come before its special Commission, the details of the plan would be minutely canvassed by men of home experience; & after the best practicable decision had been arrived at, the plan would be sent back

with all needful
information as to
matters of detail in
water supply, drainage
latrines, construction &
improvement of buildings
&c. And then, after
the Madras Commission
had profited as much
as possible by the
criticisms & information,
the plan would be
put forwards for
sanction in the usual
way.

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As to the proposition
to send out ready
formed Commissions
of practical men
to deal with the
India question, it is
quite certain that
for some time the
men will not be
forthcoming. There
are as yet very few
men practically

conversant with this
class of works. And
all we have are
occupied on duties
here. To send out
inferior men would
be to misspend money.
The Medical School
at Netley is now
training young men
in Sanitary knowledge,
but it will be some
years before any
number will be
available. Cadets of
Engineers for Indian
Service will, it is
hoped, before long be
trained in this branch
of knowledge. But as
yet nothing has been
done -

As regards India,
your latest Barrack
(at Fort William) is

one of your worst.
And Calcutta is
being now drained,
apparently without
a water supply.

There is then no
reasonable hope of
progress, unless some
arrangement be made,
whereby you *here*
in the I.O. may
by good advice
prevent such mistakes.
All plans or proposals
for Sanitary improvements
should be sent
voluntarily from
India - direct &
without circumlocution
to the I. O. here -
There need be no
jealousy. For all
wish to help India.

And there need be no interference with freedom of action.

The interests, tho'
by no means the

sole interests at
stake, are those of
our Queen's Regiments.
And we cannot
understand why,
after the W. O. has
had a Commission
of practical men at
work to improve
our home & Medi=
terranean & Colonial
Barracks & Hospitals,
with a result of
half the former
Death rate at home
(the latter stations have not
been tried long enough)
the troops which have
had such care bestowed
on them here should
go to India & be
there decimated &
deteriorated, because
there is no authority
sufficiently informed

to deal with these
Health questions.

The I. O. plan
might be similar
to the W. O. plan.
At present all
Sanitary works are
sent from every station,
from the West Indies
to China, to the W. O.
The plans are carefully
examined & corrected
by the special
Commission & then
returned to the Station.
This is what is wanted
for India. And there
is no reason why
it should not work
as well. If not in
strict accordance
with existing system,
surely the system
should bend to the
greater necessity -
not the necessity
to the system.

P.S.

Of course all the
Sanitary work must
be done in India. It
cannot be done in
England. All we
can do or propose
to do is to give to the
Commissions in India
the benefit of English
experience, & to prevent
the mishaps & failures
quite certain to ensue
if the Indian
Commissions are left
to gain their own
experience. The report
of the R. Commission
only states the most
general principles.
But the question
really lies in the
application of these
principles to suit
specific cases.

[end 9:229]

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Hampstead N.W.

Aug 20/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I had promised
myself never again
to mention a matter
to you, about which
I had already
given you such
lengthened explanations,
as fully to lay the case
~~matter~~ before you -

[9:242-44]

But I understand
that Mr. Baker has
obtained £1000 from
the India Office for

his services. And also
that Dr. Sutherland
has been offered £1000
(one thousand pounds)
and Dr. Farr £600
(six hundred)

What Mr. Baker's
services can have been
to warrant the giving
such a sum as a
thousand pounds to
a Clerk in the Home
Office, at I believe
£250 a year, I am
totally at a loss to
imagine. Yet I know

the circumstances of
the case from beginning
to end.

Mr. Baker is perfectly
aware that he was
engaged by Dr. Sutherland
four years ago, with
Lord Herbert's sanction,
to do Clerk's work at
Clerk's pay - & because
he objected to Clerk's
name, he was allowed
to style himself
"Secretarial Assistant"

He was to keep
the Minutes, attend
the Meetings, & pass

thro' the press the
corrections, made by
others, of the printed
matter.

Whatever he has
done more than this,
has been on his own
authority to others'
great inconvenience,
& has all had to be
undone by those
others as far as it
could be undone -

The Précis of
Evidence is simply
ludicrous from its
incompleteness and
inaccuracy (as I know

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to my cost.)

The whole of the
real Secretarial work
was done at my house.

The very work to
Vacher's clerks was
given out at my
house -

And the whole of
it compared with
the originals & corrected
in my house.

The whole of the
corrections in the two
folio Vols: were done,
in my house, excepting
those in the Evidence,
which were done by

the witnesses themselves.

I was perfectly well
aware that the
bungling ~~(illeg)~~/literal
corrections (in names),
put in so clumsily
that they were not
even uniform in
any two pages - &
producing inextricable
confusion - were put
in *afterwards* &
without our knowledge,
simply in order that
~~he~~/Mr. Baker might say that
he had "corrected"
the work.

Now for Dr. Sutherland's work.

It has been constant & daily for four years, with the exception of two months. The very least they could have offered him would have been £1.1 a day, (or Assistant Surgeon's pay) for four years. And this merely as an acknowledgment. The whole work of Secretary, *besides* the whole *creation* of the Sanitary work, has been done by him.

It is very easy afterwards to say of a creation what was said of Columbus' egg.

Dr. Farr's work was definite, tho' I am not seeking to ~~over~~ undervalue it by any means.

Putting it at £600, as it has been put, Mr. Baker's work would be overpaid at £250, and Dr. Sutherland's *underpaid* at £1500.

But I am unwilling

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to make this a mere
matter of £.s.d. -
the whole case is
so flagrant that
I cannot but hope
some enquiry will
be made -

It is not that
my peace is affected
by Mr. Baker being
enabled to keep a
pony carriage, any
more than it was
by Sir John Hall
being allowed extra
retiring pay, because
he destroyed the
Hospitals in the Crimea.

But it is that I cannot
but feel it a matter
of public duty to try
once more to represent
~~it~~/the case to you -

Believe me, it cannot
be more disagreeable
to you than it is to
me -

I would fain write
about the consequences
to India, not those
to Mr. Baker - It has
taken the very heart
out of me -

I hope I have
not said any ungentle
word. but I must

be quite firm in
saying that I have
never met with a
parallel case in
educated life.

If the India Office
is so liberal as to
give such a sum
to Mr. Baker for
such work, then
all I can say is that
never was pay so
disproportionate to
service as that
allotted to Dr.
Sutherland & Dr. Farr.

I cannot but
believe that there is

some great mistake,
which a word from
you would set right.

To interfere in
this matter has
been more repugnant
to me than I can
tell -

Believe me to be
very faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale
May I add, in answer
to a former objection of
yours, that the name
of "Secl

Assistant" was
expressly conceded, because
it would lead to the question

"Who then did the *Secretary's* work?" [end 9:244]

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Private Hampstead N.W.
Oct 2/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I have been so
"turbulent," (vide Lord
Panmure on F.N.) when
there was anything to be
had by it, that it is
right I should be
thankful, when that
something *is* had.

On Tuesday we got
at last, thanks to you,
our home India (Sanitary)
advising Commission

- & carried our Instructions,
after a hard fight. But
they have *not* yet been before

Sir C. Wood. ~~has~~/He
appointed Sir P. Cautley
& Sir R. Martin -
"unofficially," at first
(I don't quite know
what that means
but am afraid it
meant, 'I give you my
two men, and now
I wash my hands of
you' on the "Barrack
& Hospital Improvement
Commission" of the *War*
Office. Mr. Rawlinson

is, I believe, to be
appointed by Lord de Grey.

We wrote the
Instructions, at Lord de
Grey's desire - And I
trust these tie them
up to real work, &
that their decisions will
~~being~~ "official" & not to be
"re-considered."

The India members
are to attend - for all,
not only Indian,
purposes - the B. & H.
(War Office) Commission.

This was not our
doing. We should

have felt safer, if
the I.O. had constituted
the Commission, so as
to be more peculiarly
its own.

But we have done
our best. It is by no means
the best theoretical plan possible.

Of course this is
only one step. Till the
Presidency Commissions
of Health, (or Departments
of Health,) are
constituted in India,
it is little we can
do at this end. But
all we have heard

as yet, is that they
are "very much
wanted" "out there."

Perhaps you are
furthering the object
"out there."

Perhaps you will
be glad to hear that
we are preparing,
by desire of the W.O.,
an 8vo Manual from
your big Indian Blue Books,
consisting of the Report,
an Abstract of the
Evidence, any useful

bits out of the Addenda,
an Abstract of the
Stational Returns &c,
to be sent by the W.O.
to all Commanding &
some other Officers,
with orders to them
to read & to *understand*
it (without which
orders they will not.)

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

The next step for this
Commission, IF the
instructions are approved,

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will be for it to form
itself into a sub-Committee,
& make a scheme for
the work of the Presidency
Commissions.

Sir P. Cautley is so
honourable a man
that I have no fear
but that he will
press any decisions
he comes to on our
Commission - before the
India Council.

Pray burn this note.
And pray help us
farther with Sir C.
Wood, if you can &
think right.

F.N.

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Confidential 32 South St
Park Lane
London W.
Oct 27/63

Dear Lord Stanley

We have not yet got [9:248-51]
our Instructions for the
home India Sanitary
Commission: and our
affairs are not
prosperous.

As you are aware,
Sir C. Wood named
Sir P. Cautley and Sir R. Martin
on the W.O. Barrack
& Hospital Improvement
Commission some weeks

ago - But the Instructions
(Which I wrote, by Lord
de Grey's desire) which
were submitted to &
approved by the
Commissioners, have
not yet been approved
by Sir C. Wood: who
is, I understand, "~~most~~
"averse" to them. And
Lord de Grey proposes
to compromise the
matter, and to let
the Commission act
for India on the
same Instructions on
which it acts for home.

I remonstrated: &
shewed that it is on
quite a different state
of things we have to
work. E.g. In England
Sanitary improvement *outside*
by local & general Acts,
has been going on for
years - And not a
local administrative
body but has its
Sanitary powers - In
India no such progress
has been made - and
no such powers exist.
It was on this state
of progress *outside* in England
that we began our

Barrack & Hospital
Improvements - i.e. we
had little to do *outside*
though every thing *inside*.

In India every thing
has to be done *outside*.
And it will be little
or no use to rebuild,
ventilate &c *inside* the Barracks,
if no powers are to
be given to remedy the
deplorable state of
Stations, Bazaars, cities
& towns: or rather, I
should say, to plan,
to propose a scheme
for such remedies.

Our home Instructions
are therefore totally
inadequate to meet
the case. They do not
cover a tenth of the
ground - Nothing can
result but failure
& disappointment -
Failure, I mean, in
improving Indian health -
if it is supposed that,
while *outside* drainage,
sewerage & water supply
are left in their
present state, which
is no state at all (or left
for India authorities to do, or not to do, as they choose).
- All that has to be done
here

for India is to do what we have
been doing at home,
viz. reform the buildings.

I represented a
good deal more of
this kind, which I may
spare you, because you
know it better than
I do. And I urged
that Sidney Herbert
had, in the case of
the first R. Sanitary
Commission, taken
himself to & pressed upon Ld Panmure
& Genl Peel (successively)
the working ~~plans~~/schemes of
the four Sub=Commissions

(which carried out his
recommendations
subsequently) - And
that thus every thing
was done that was
done -

I was told that,
"if Lord Stanley would
have done this, the
thing would have been
carried", or words to
that effect - that
Sidney Herbert "had
the power to say to
the Minister, do this
& he did it" - & that
"Lord Stanley could

have done the same thing "that Lord de Grey" is in a different position & could not step in to advise Sir C. Wood how to carry into effect the report" that he "did say all he could".

Here the matter hangs now -

Of course this is for yourself alone - No human being has the least idea that I should state these things to you.

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2. As you are aware, Sir C. Wood's despatch to India on your Report (1) sent out a summary of your Commissn's recommendns, (2) authorized the formation of the Presidency Commissions (3) pointed out that all plans for Sanitary improvements should, before being carried into execution, be sent to him for reference to the Sany Commission here. (4) directed

that the Calcutta, in communication with the Madras & Bombay, Commissions, be charged with the preparation of a draft code of Sanitary Regulations, such as is referred to in 37th Clause of your "recommendations" - that this draft code is to be transmitted to him for revision in this country - & the completed code will then be sent to India for promulgation -

There is enough to give one very great uneasiness in (2) and (4).

With regard to (2), I have a letter from Col. Strachey, the Head of the Public Works Dept. in India, as you know - proposing that these Presidency Commissions should consist of an "Officer of Health" - and - he does not know what.

Now, while ~~fre~~/fully sharing the "horror" of Col: Strachey "for "deliberative Boards", your Commission never

contemplated this -
Officers of Health &
Engineers. must be
~~in the~~ employed, to inspect & report, by/~~of~~ the
Presidency Commissions.
But the Officer of Health
should do no more
than he does at home,
viz. report on causes of
disease. The Presidency
Commission will have
to decide on all sorts of
Sanitary Engineering works.
How can an "Officer of Health" do this?
It should have a
good Civilian administrator
as an *administrative* head.
And its *consulting* members

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should represent
all the scientific
elements which have
to do with health.
There is no man living
who could be
recommended as an
"Officer of Health" to do
what Col. Strachey
imposes upon him.

I am sadly afraid
the Indians will
mismanage their
Presidency Commissions.

As to (4) - I ventured
to remonstrate: & to shew

that, had Sidney Herbert left our "Codes" to the Horse Guards "to draw up" - we should have been just where we were before - It is a very different thing drawing up one's own code & having it accepted by the Horse Guards, - which was our case - & letting the Horse Guards draw it up, to be "approved" by the War Minister.

This point was carried so far as this:

that we have been instructed privately by Sir C. Wood "to draw up ~~the~~ a Memorandum of the heads of a Code to be submitted" to him for transcription to the Presidency Commissions.

But this is not of such *immediate* importance as the instructions to the home Commission.

It is very little use making a Regulation to prevent the chimney from smoking, while

nothing is being done
to cure smoky chimneys.
The very first thing is to
put the Stations to
rights. Afterwards
we may make a
"code" for them.
The very first thing for
the home Commission
to do is to report on,
& to draw up a
scheme for, the best
Sanitary arrangements
applicable to India,
merely to save time
& to keep the Presidency
Commissions in the
right path.

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[We are not so wild
as to think that we are
to draw up their
administrative rules &
forms of procedure for them.]

I have often apologized
for troubling you
about things. But
I make no apology
now - For the very
existence is at stake,
as it seems to me,
of the practical good to be
derived from your
Report -

You were once so
good as to tell me

that almost all the
I.O. measures passed
thro' your hands -
Help us now -

Yours very faithfully,
Florence Nightingale.

I do not forget to
thank you for the
successful trouble
you have taken in
making the I.O.
give Dr. Sutherland
his due -

Please to burn this
letter out of the world
& out of your memory.
It is for yourself alone.
If you think well to act,
you will act as from
yourself, of course.

Sir C. Wood was with
Lord de Grey at Studley
Royal. Perhaps he is
not gone.

[end 9:251]

F.N.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 803
In with Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/23 black-edged paper
signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private 32 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 31/ 63

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:253]

I beg to enclose to
you the whole of a
packet I have just
received from Sir C.
Trevelyan -

But the part I
would particularly
call your attention to
is the two "Public Works
Dept" sheets, Nos. 2919,
4007. They give an

idea of the state of
Calcutta which nothing,
no Evidence in your
Blue Books comes
near -

The fact is, the
ground of the Maidan
is *used up*. And
Calcutta, already
nearly uninhabitable,
is fast becoming
quite so -

The only thing,
in those papers,
which equals the
state of things they

reveal to an experienced
Sanitary eye, is the
utter helplessness
they betray.

And while this
is the state of things
out there, they are
chaffering here *as*
to the powers they
shall give us to
help them.

I would fain
ask you, if you have
half an hour to spare
when you come to
London "on the 10th or

12th," to let me see
you in regard to
your interview with
Sir C. Wood any day,
any hour; only let
me know beforehand.

[end 9:253]

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Will you have the
goodness to return
to me the whole of
Sir C. Trevelyan's
packet, at your
convenience?

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 805
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Confidential 32 South St
Park Lane W.
2/11/63

Dear Lord Stanley, [9:254-55]

I saw yesterday
the whole of Sir C.
Wood's correspondence
relating to the India
home Commission -
And in a Despatch,
to India, dated August 15, (&
not communicated
to the W.O. till the
end of October,)
regarding the
recommendations of

your R. Commission, he
commits himself
in a way that
renders it hopeless
to think of our
obtaining the (home)
Instructions we
thought necessary.
For we proposed that
the (home) Commission
should draw up a
scheme for carrying
out the recommenda=
tions in India; this
Despatch has actually
sent out such a

scheme, drawn up
in its own way, on
August 15.

They cannot
stultify themselves
by sending another.

And I have
therefore given way,
as far as I am
concerned & written
a short Instruction
(at the W.O. desire)
for the Barrack &
Hospl Commn merely
to enable them to be
asked to prepare

plans & descriptions
of new Barracks &
Hospls - methods
for improving existing
ditto - & to give their
advice on all proposals
of a Sanitary nature
sent from India.

As we have been asked
by Sir C. Wood
(privately) to draw
up the "heads" of a
code, we may
introduce such
explanatory matter,
by way of note, as

will cover a good
deal of the ground
which the Commn
now can't touch, in
the absence of the
specific Instruction
which Sir C. Wood
declines giving.

You will have seen
(by the Calcutta Minutes
I sent) that, tho'
Calcutta has a
Municipal Council,
they don't know how
to begin, & are

actually sending their
Engineer to England
to learn. Now, of whom
is he to learn? Would
not the wisest thing
be to put him into
relation with the
home (India) Commn?

The *very case has*
arisen. And yet
they have no power
whatever to deal
with it at home.

2. Two of the points
in the original Draft

Instructions for home relating
to the training of
officers of Health &
of Cadets of Engineers
in Sanitary principles
for India, are now
omitted in the
present short
Instruction - Yet
they are of great
importance.

I have thought
it but honest to
tell you exactly
how things stand now.
Yet, if you still could

do anything to help
us, pray do not
neglect us. An
almost fatal step
has been made at
first starting. But
much may still be
retrieved. And I trust
that you will still allow me
to consult you personally
about yours faithfully
it, as you F. Nightingale
were so
good as
to mention in your note
of Oct 31, just received.
Although the state of things
is different from what
we supposed it to be, &
from what I stated to
you. somewhat.

[end 9:255]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 809
signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/25 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
22/11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I have been waiting
patiently (or impatiently)
to hear from you.

[9:257]

You were so good as
to say that you would
make an appointment
with me "at the close
of the week beginning
~~Jan~~/Nov. 9."

We are just where
we were (as to the
"Instructions") 4 months
ago.

Sir C. Wood will not
approve any Instructions
now for the home
(India) Commission to
act upon - And all
that he will say is
that your Report is
"exaggerated".

I think he must
act or *not* act - thus
from want of information.

And there is no
one to press such
information on him
but you -

I received, by yesterday's mail, printed documents from the Bengal Army Medl Dept approving of all the recommendations - & differing only on certain Engineering details, with which they are less familiar than we are - This printed letter, so far from stating that all the recommendations had been "anticipated", states that one only had been anticipated.

The India Office sent me the Cholera

Commission's Report of 1862, giving such an account of the Stations in Upper India, as we had no idea of, gave no idea of.

I have seen a similar Report for the Punjab -

All this does not look as if India thought your Report "exaggerated" But the strongest of all is the document (of Sir C. Trevelyan's) about Calcutta - which you have still. Would you have the

kindness to return
me that: & his
Commissariat Minutes
which you have?

I have many subsequent
documents of his, if
you would like to see
them - Some I have
sent to the W.O.

Meanwhile all our
time is being wasted.
The Calcutta Municipality
have actually sent
their Officer to England
for information. And
we have no means
of entering into
relation with him.

If you would like
Dr. Sutherland to
wait upon you, he
would doubtless ~~lie~~/give
the necessary information
(as to the present
state of things, with
regard to the Instructions)
better than I should.

[end 9:257]

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 812

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/26 black-edged paper

Private 32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square W.

23/11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I understand that [9:257--58]

"a paper has been
"received" (by the I.O.)
"from Col. Norman,
"in which he positively
"declares that the
"grievances & abuses
"complained of" (by
"you in your Report)
"have long been
"remedied - & that
"in fact the Report

"attempts to slay the
"slain."

[I presume that
this Col. Norman
is the Mil: Sec: of
the Govt. of India].

Of course you, as
the Chairman of
that Commission, are
the only person who
can claim & answer
Col: Norman's "paper".

I will only say
that, of all things,

I desire to see it, &
to assist in answering
it.

I enclose an Ext:
from the Cholera
Commission Report,
dated last year,
received by the I.O.
on Nov.2 only (*this*
month); & lent me
for 48 hours. [I must
therefore beg that you
will return me
this Ext:, which I
cannot reproduce].

I only remark
that, to this very Col:

Norman, this Report
is addressed - that
your Report gives
no idea of anything
half so shocking as
his: & that the account
of the other Stations
in N. India is, if
possible, worse -

I add an Ext:
from a *private*
letter of Lady Elgin's:

"*People who know*" -
(how much mischief
that phrase has
authorized) "have

"detected *serious*
"mistakes in the Report
" - tending to exaggerate
"*much* the *real* rate
"of mortality. &c &c

Napoleon's Pope
saw nothing more
wonderful in Paris
than to see himself
there. I see nothing
so wonderful in all
these letters as to see
how "people who know."
are shaken by them.
Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:258]

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/27 black-edged paper

Private 32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
25/11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

Of course the papers, [9:257]
here sent by your
permission, are for
yourself alone - & to
be returned to me
please, without being
mentioned to Sir C. Wood.

It occurred to me,
would it not be well
if you would take
the trouble to see
Lord de Grey before
Sir C. Wood, as the

home Commission is
partly W.O.? Lord de
Grey would then be
acting in concert with
you.

But, whether you
think well to do this
or not, do not let
me be mentioned in it.
1. as to the "Inspections"
in India - what I
meant by Inspections
was this: I did not
mean that Inspectors
must be sent from
this country, but that:

in following out the principles
laid down by your R.
Commission, all duties
of inspection should
be carried out by
Officers of the Presidency
Commissions. They should
be done by a Sanitary
& an Engineering Officer,
who should report
defects & proposals for
improvement to the
Presidency Commissions.

In this work, all that
the Home Commission
could do would be to
aid the Pres: Commns:
by their advice as to
points of detail - such

as laying on of water
&c. &c. &c.

2. The Calcutta people
have themselves antici-
pated the supposed
objection to interference
by sending home an
Officer on purpose to
gain information
about drainage. And
yet we must not
put ourselves in
connection with him.

[end 9:259]

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 3ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/28 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
29/11/63

Dear Lord Stanley

As to one of the three [9:259-60]
subjects of our conversation
- Sir John Lawrence
has "only just ascertained
"that the copies (of your
Report) were sent
round the Cape & not
"overland - Hence the
"delay. It was ordered
"that a certain number
"of copies were to go
"overland also, but

"by some mistake this
"was not done. Some
"have since been
"ordered off."

["By mistake" also
Sir C. Wood did not
present to the Ho: of
C. ~~the~~/your whole Report
& evidence.]

There remain the
other two topics of
our conversation (of
much more importance)
viz. 1. to get some kind
of Instructions for

your home (advising)
Commission - and

2. to get "Col. Norman's
paper" denying the
facts of your Report,
for answer.

It seemed to me that
your three principal
objections to me were
1. the "impossibility of
water drainage in a
country *with dry*
seasons"

To this I now venture
to enclose an answer
2. about "Inspections",
to which I have sent

you an answer, as
to what I meant by
"inspections" - as it
is of incomparably
more importance to
know what to do
with the old Barracks
than to build new -
which will be
comparatively few in
number -
3. about the "unwilling=
ness" (& "uselessness") to
"refer home such questions
as those of drainage & water=
supply", to which I answered that they
HAVE *done it*. The

Calcutta Municipality
has actually sent
home an Officer for
this very purpose -
And we have no
powers to meet him.

Poor Lady Elgin!

[end 9:260]

Yours faithfully,
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/29 black-edged paper

Confidential 32, South Street, {printed address}
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 1/63

Dear Lord Stanley

You were saying that **[9:264-65]**
the India Govt. at home
& the India Govt. in India
were jealous.

Now you have a
Governor Genl in your
hand.

He is not at all
jealous. on the contrary.

He could settle
all we want with
Sir C. Wood in five

minutes - if you would
tell him, as Chairman
of the R. Sanitary Commn,
what you want.

He is a man never
too busy for business.
In these few last days,
of pressure, he has
actually found time
to let me know several
matters of detail in
the I. O.

No doubt you have
much hand in his
appointment.

His is the greatest
government now under
God's. And he is
the only man to fill
it.

Here is an opportunity
where what might
take months of
correspondence may
be settled in a few
minutes - such as

1. the constitution of the
Presidency Commissions -
to consist of: -

- (1) an able Civilian to
be responsible administrative

head - advised by

- (2) an Engineer of "Public
Works Department"
a Medical Sanitary Officer,
a Military Officer,
an Army Medical Officer.

This Board to proceed

(a) to direct local
enquiries, or "Inspections,"
best carried out by an
Engineering Officer &
an Officer of Health
in concert.

(b) to receive reports
prepare plans, direct
& see to execution of
works.

It is the opportunity: -

2. to establish a proper connection between the Presidency Commissions & the home Commission, i.e. an *entente cordiale*.

3. to enable the home Commission to help the Presidency Commissions by a direct statement & description of the kind of Sanitary works, improvements & appliances applicable to Indian Stations, to meet the requirements described in the Indian Stational Reports.

Sir John Lawrence, Governor Genl could do what the S. of S. for India might feel a reluctance in doing. viz. he might desire the home Commission to send all the information & suggestions they can as to the best means of initiating & carrying out Sanitary improvements at the Stations, together with the most improved appliances for Barracks & Hospitals.

If something practical
of this kind is not
done, the four years'
labours of your R.
Commission are as
bad as lost -

The enclosed
statement anticipates
some objections.

[end 9:265]

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/30 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dec 3/63

Dear Lord Stanley

I will try & see
Sir John Lawrence -
But I never convinced
any one yet but Sidney
Herbert. And I could
have wished you had
done it.

[9:265]

I cannot leave
what you give "as
the substance of
their case" unanswered.
I could wish that

you would bring the
substance of my
answer before Sir
C. Wood.

As to the home
Commission, instead
of there being "nothing
for it to do," there is
everything for it to
do.

But I let that
drop -

Would you have
the goodness to return
me

a M.S. of the heads

of a Sanitary code -
also two printed papers
of the Principal
Inspector Genl of
Bengal - & one or
two other papers, I
think, which you
have of mine.

The heads of Code
we were directed
to draw up by Sir C.
Wood. And I have
no other copy.

[end 9:265]

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 824

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/32 black-edged paper

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Private Grosvenor Square. W.

13/1/64

Dear Lord Stanley

We are in tribulation [9:273]
about our reviews.
The "Quarterly", after
having accepted a
review by Dr. Acland
(of your India Army
Sanitary Report) has
sneaked shabbily
round to the enemy
- & is about to insert
a review *by the enemy*
with all the Norman
(Col:)

& Crommelin & India
military "information",
stating just what you
told me was the "India
military authorities"
case -

Lady Herbert, when
she left England, left
in my hands a note
from you to her, "saying
that you would see
the Editor of the
"Westminster" about
a review of the said
Report. If you will

write one yourself, -
so much the better
for us - If not, will
you ask the Editor
of the "Westminster"
whether he will have
Dr. Acland's (of
Oxford)? for his
next number?

I have had a
furious correspondence
with the Editor of the
"Edinburgh" - who was
~~quite~~/altogether taken in by the
"India military authorities"
- in which I was *not*
quite so uncivil (but

nearly so) as these
same "authorities" are
- & which ended in
my being engaged to
write a review (in
my own sense, of
course) for the next
number of the Edinburgh

This is of course
private, as I should
not wish it to be
known that the
"turbulent fellow" - vide
Ld Panmure - was "at
it" again.

[end 9:273]

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 826

signed letter, 5ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/33 black-edged paper

Confidential 115 Park St. W.
Feb 9/64

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:274-75]

The Editor of the
Edinburgh Review has
written to me to urge
the performance of
my promise to write
an Article on your
India Sanitary Report
for his April Number
- also to say that the
M. S. must be in
his hands by March
10 at latest -

But the promise

was expressly made
on condition that it
was to be a fair
discussion of the two
sides. And for this
it is necessary that
the other side shall
have spoken out.
A discussion cannot
be made ~~with~~/upon one side
only.

May I ask whether
you know, or whether
you will ascertain,
if Sir C. Wood has
received the "defence"

of the India military
authorities, for which
he wrote to Lord Elgin,
& which he intended
to lay on the table
of the Ho: of C.?

Or whether he
would let you have
any documents, which
might be made public
use of?

Of private ones I
have seen plenty -
(from India.) But,
for the life of me, I
cannot make out

what their "defence" is
- nor in what their
contradictions (of the
truth of your Report)
consist.

On the contrary: as
in "Rejected Addresses"
the conspirators say,
"Let us by a song
conceal our purposes" -
I am sure the
conspirators (against
our truth) most
effectually conceal
their "defence" by
alleging facts ten
times worse than
yours.

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I don't feel in the least inclined to write a réchauffé of your Report - And, if you cannot furnish me with something to contradict or answer, I shall beg off from writing the said Article.

2. Have you heard whether the "Westminster Review" will take in Dr. Acland's Article, as you were so good as to ask them?

3. We have nearly

done what Sir John Lawrence bade us do - (1) the general scheme of Sanitary works for Stations in India, with plans & diagrams - to be sent in the name of the joint I. O. and W. O. Commission

(2) the draft of the letter from W. O. to I. O, embodying those recommendations of your Commission, which can only be carried out by W. O and I. O.

But this last has been
most untowardly
delayed, first by no
body knowing what
the respective jurisdictions
were - second, by the
discovery of a Committee
which had been worked by Sir E.
Lugard in the W. O.,
unknown to Lord de
Grey, ever since August
1861, (i.e. the month
of Sidney Herbert's
death,) on the Victualling
of troops on board
ship, going out to
India - and which

would infallibly end
by consigning half
the troops who land
in India upon such
diet to Scurvy -

As this was a very
important item, delay
has arisen till Lord
de Grey can take steps
to undo this mischief -

And they say that
the W. O. is re=organized
!!!

We have also almost
done a Manual (8vo)
from your Report &
Evidence, (the two folio

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Vols.,) which the Horse
Guards is to give a
copy of, to every officer
in the Service.

If I have told you
anything about the
W. O., which you
have not heard from
other sources, pray
consider it really
"confidential"

[end 9:275]

in haste

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/34 black-edged paper

signed letter, 4ff, pen
Confidential 115 Park St. W.
Feb 20/64

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:276-77]

After much "speering"
at the I.O., I find, as
regards the correspondence
about your Sanitary
Report

1. that they "now
expect a full report
from Col: Norman"
2. that they are
"pretty sure that Sir
C. Wood will not
present anything to

Parliament until that
report has arrived &
then been considered" -
3. that they "have not
heard that any one
is likely to move for
papers."

Would you not ask
a question in the
House? I wish you
would.

However, you probably
know more from Sir
C. Wood than I do.

I wrote to Dr. Acland

immediately to send his
review to the Westminster

I have put off mine
in the Edinburgh till
July. It is no use
entering the lists till
the enemy has appeared.

Our Abstract in
8vo, or "Manual", for
the W. O., of your two
folio Vols: is finished.

The Sanitary scheme,
asked for by Sir John
Lawrence, would be finished,
(including the scheme
for registration and
a Weekly Table, as

for London,) if only the
Engineering people
would send us in
their part. It is most
vexatious to have to
wait for this: for all
is done but the
Engineering part.

Much more vexatious
is the delay brought
to ~~the~~/drafting the letter from
the W.O. to I.O., embodying
some of your recommendations,
by the vagueness about
respective jurisdictions.

(1) M. General Pears has been

applied to, & has
answered - But
little has come of it.

(2) A reference has been
made *from* the W. O.
Committee, of which
Lord de Grey was not
cognizant, by him, to
the joint W. O and I. O
Sanitary Committee,
about the victualling
of troops on their
passage to India.

(3) The Horse Guards have
managed so to
discontent Medical

Officers, that we
positively can't get
candidates to supply
the Army Medl Dept,
now that it has to
furnish doctors to
both British &
Indian troops - the
best thing that could
have happened to us,
as now the W. O.
must go into the
market & buy their
doctors -

But all this has provokingly delayed the drafting of
said letter to I. O.
which we were asked
to draft for the W. O. **[end 9:277]**

yrs faithfully
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/35 black-edged paper

Private 115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
March 4/64

Dear Lord Stanley **[9:277-78]**

Probably you have
forgotten a correspondence
we had (in December)
as to the difficulty of
a proper system of
sewerage & drainage in
a country with dry
seasons - I stated
that we had established
such at drier Stations
than any in India -
And I proposed to
send you our Report
on the Mediterranean

Stations - [It possesses
a great interest for me,
for it was the last
request made by me
& granted by Sidney
Herbert before his death]

Of course you will
have this Report in the
regular manner - But
you may not take
notice of it. So I
venture to send you
my copy, which I get
rather sooner than the
Ho: of C. Will it be
giving you too much
trouble to ask you to

return it?

If you have time, in
the midst of your hard
duties, to look at it,
you will find the gist
of the whole matter;
both defects & remedies,
in the first 22 pages.
These, with the "pictures",
give a very fair idea
of the *Indian* subject;
except that all the
improvements for *India*
need to be on a greater
scale, with more water,
more cubic space in
Barracks & Hospitals,
more complete ventilating
arrangements, more

constant attention to
Sanitary police.

[By the way, we hear
there is to be a debate
on the cession of the
Ionian Islands -

If England has done
so little for them, as
shewn by this Report,
I think the sooner we
give them up, the
better]

Pray let me take this
opportunity of saying,
with regard to your not
moving in the Ho: for our
Indian enemies - that

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I not only submit to
your judgment, but do
so with my head in the
dust, like a R. Catholic
before his Superior.

It is a matter upon
which I have (& can
have) absolutely no
opinion. And I was
almost sorry I expressed
a wish -

Also let me say I did
not mean to complain
of Lord de Grey, in the
matter desired by Sir
John Lawrence - Id de
G. does everything he can

for us. It is not likely
he should have the
weight with Crown,
Cabinet, Commander-in-
Chief, & Parliament
that S. Herbert had -
But he is willing [Sir
G. Lewis was not.]
It would be most
ungrateful of me to
complain of Ld de G.,
especially as this is
such a new matter,
that the respective
jurisdictions are all
uncertain & confused.
But we are

getting on Your faithful servt **[end 9:278]**
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 6ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/36 black-edged paper

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

Confidential March 12/64

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:281-83]

I heard from your
great man & mine, Sir
John Lawrence, by last
mail. His letter was
dated Feb 5.

He has done all you
asked; & in your way,
not in his.

He has appointed
the Bengal Commission of
Health - capital men -
three of them I know -
representing the five

different interests you
recommended. He has
made a Civilian the
President, & the responsible
executive - and this is
to be his sole work -
quite enough, one would
think, for one man,
(even were he Hercules
with his twelve labours)
He has also made a
Secretary with this as
his sole work. Nothing
can be more in conformity
with your recommendations
that the whole proceeding,

as far as Sir John Lawrence
is concerned.

He says that he would
have created the Commission
of Health for Bengal,
immediately on his arrival
- but that your two=
folio=Report did not
arrive till February.

[You know he ascertained,
before he left, that the
copies had been sent
round by the Cape "by
mistake"]

The two=folio=copy
seems to have taken
the Indians aback,
from the (~~two~~/too) intimate

knowledge it betrays
that you had as to the
state of their Stations.

At least I augur this
from the fact that
Mr. Strachey C. S., who
is the author of that
India Cholera Report, which
has been suppressed
in England, & from
which I sent you a
most astounding
Extract, containing
revelations as to the
state of the Stations
which ~~±~~/we had no
idea of - [I have since
received a "confidential"

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115 Park Street. W. printed address:}
copy from India, which
is much at your service
- but it is very *nasty*]
this Mr. Strachey, when
Sir J. Lawrence did
me the honor to discuss
with me the appointments
to your "Commission of
Health" in Bengal, I
suggested - And Sir J.
Lawrence answered that
nothing would induce
Mr. Strachey to accept
such an appointment
for any money, as he
had been worried out
of his life about his

Cholera Report.

I conclude, from
his accepting the
appointment, that
the reception of the two=
folio Report has
considerably modified
Indian opinion - &
quickened their wits
as to the desirableness
of doing something.

If the Governor General
is for us, as you said, -
I do not mind however,
who is against us?/!

But Sir John Lawrence

is grievously disappointed
that, whereas he has
done all we asked, we
have not yet done
what he asked -

He implies that his
Health Commission is
quite ready to go the
whole length of our
"views". And he asks
why we don't send
our "views". He asks
this on Feb 5. On
March 12 our "views"
are not on the way -
And I very much
fear that his Commission
may have been sitting
six months waiting for
our "views", before they come.

[Poor man! he really
expected dispatch! he
really thought the W. O.
could get ready a
document in 3 months!
he must be fitter for a
Lunatic Asylum than
for a Governor Generalship.]

This part of the matter
is very distressing. *Our*
part of the work was
ready almost as soon
as Sir J. Lawrence started.
But the double nay treble jurisdic=
tion there is in every
thing concerning the Indian Army -
also the delays of the plan=
designers, & the printers,
- *I am fit* for a Lunatic
Asylum with them all.

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the matter has turned
out the very reverse of
what we expected.
India has done its
part at the other end.
And at our end it
has ~~a~~ not.

Sir J. Lawrence winds
up with saying, "without
"such a guide, (our
"codes" & "rules" & "plans")
"we shall often be
"perhaps working in
"direct opposition to
"your views - Where we
"differ, it will become
"our duty to set forth

"the grounds for so
"doing, in sending our
"plans & reports home."

Sir John Lawrence
has certainly brought
in a new day for India,
as in Sanitary things,
so in others -

Your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Pray consider whatever
may come thro' me
(about this) really
"confidential". Of course
Sir J. L. tells the I. O.
himself what he thinks

fit.

You have perhaps
forgotten that you gave
me a hint to give Sir
J. L. before he started,
as to conciliating the
"Millingtary". I did so -
F.N.

[end 9:283]

signed letter, 10ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/37 black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

Confidential March 15/64

Dear Lord Stanley

In answer to your
very kind note of
March 12: -

[9:278]

the "delay" I am sorry
to say, arises from Lord
de Grey's inability, I
will not say unwilling=
ness, to be *snubbed* by
Sir C. Wood.

the "exact thing waiting
to be done" is to make
the Horse Guards & the
India Office carry out

certain of your recommend=ations, which do not belong to the War Office to do -

Of this more presently.

[end 9:278]

March 17/64

The War Office mind appears to have been stirred up, like the Indian mind, during the last four days - And during this time, the proofs from the printers & the plans

[9:283-85]

from the designers - for Barracks & Stations & Sanitary schemes - have been pouring in.

This was what Sir John Lawrence more particularly insisted upon - viz. the "delay" ~~has~~/which the ~~£~~ joint W. O. and I. O. Commission, has been guilty of in sending out its plans to his (Bengal) Commission, when they ~~were~~/are so good as to wish to be taught -

I am sorry to say we cannot have a Meeting of the said

(home) Commission till
after the 26th owing
to Sir Proby Cautley's
absence from the I. O.

Sir P. Cautley writes
"it is most desirable
that they (the papers)
should reach India
as soon as possible,
so as to be in the
hands of the (Bengal)
Commission in their
early sittings."

But meanwhile
he does not come
back. However, I dare
say we shall hardly

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
be ready before the 26th,
as we have had to
correct both plans
& papers - and I have
only to day sent to Mr.
Rawlinson, the "Local
Govt Act Office Engineer,
(who did the water-supply
& drainage part,) *his*
part to correct.

If we can send the
plans & papers in to
the I. O. soon after the
26th, (& they will forward
the whole immediately
to India,) altho' *this* is
too bad of us, still it

is better than I had
dared to expect -

~~But this is compara=~~
tively straight forward
- tho' aggravating from
its blundering delays,
when Sir John Lawrence
had made such
virtuous haste on
his side.

The rest, (the "exact
things waiting to be
done") is the real
difficulty.

Here please glance at
the enclosed Lists.

Here is the difficulty -
And, except that every
body has been using
the most violent
language to every body,
we are just where
we were 3 months ago -
And Sir J. Lawrence
complains that we
are so, while his part
is quite & completely
done, as far as Bengal .

Three months ago, Ld
de Grey asked me to
draft a letter for
him to Sir C. Wood,
embodying those of
your recommendations,
out of

Nos 1 to 13, which the
I. O. must carry out.
"For he says, the Indian
Army is under Sir C.
Wood - & Sir C. W. must
write out to Genl Officers
in India, as the W. O.
writes out to Genl Officers
in Colonies. The W. O. has
no direct communication with the
Indian Army.

[This is not quite true.
But that is not my
business.]

Two months ago, a
meek little letter was
written by W. O to Genl
Pears, enquiring some
preliminaries, in order

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
to draft the great letter
to Sir C. Wood,

A very terrible letter
came back from Genl
Pears, saying that Sir
C. Wood HAD recommended
what he thought fit -
& did not want any
interference from the
W. O.

The poor W. O. shut
up directly - or rather
not directly, but
went shilly-shallying
on, doing nothing,
till March 10 - Id de Grey

sounding Sir C. Wood,
Sir C. W. *snubbing* Ld
de Grey, & telling him
to mind his own
business.

[Ld de Grey is a
humble & a vain
man - & that makes
a man pedantic - &
that gives a man a
mortal ~~fear~~/dislike of being
snubbed - & makes
him think a great
deal about his "influence".
Sidney Herbert had
influence, without ever
thinking about it. Lord

de Grey has none, by
thinking too much about
it. Besides, it is no doubt
difficult for a man to
act as colleague to a
Minister whose Under
Secretary he has been -

But, as I am not
making a psychological
study of Lord de Grey,
I had better go on to
facts] Therefore : -

We have besides
another difficulty -
which is that, whatever
the Commander in Chief
in England recommends
to the C. in C. in India,
he does *all the* LESS for

being recommended.

Also, it appears
that when Her Majesty
makes regulations for
her troops, the Queen's
Regulations do not
obtain when her
troops are in India.

[I can hardly believe
it.]

However, when I
proposed three months
ago (by Sir J. Lawrence's
desire) that ~~the~~ Lord
de Grey should write
to the Duke of
Cambridge about those
of your recommendations

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
which are purely H. G.
and W. O., Ld de Grey
told me the above -

The reason I don't
quite believe it, is
that this is the very
act to which they now
have determined
themselves after 3
months' delay.

I was to have
received a copy of
this letter to the
Horse Guards, that
I might communicate
with Sir John Lawrence
by this day's mail.

And I also waited for
this in order to shew
it to you, before
writing to you.

But as it was only
three *days* ago since
the W. O. made up its
noble mind to this
~~measure~~/manoeuvre, it is not
to be supposed that
the letter ~~is~~/can be written
in three days. And it is
not.

I have now ~~told you~~/written
the exact state of
things with regard

to each one of your
recommendations.

Pray excuse me that
it is so long. I believe
I could have *told* it
so as to be less tiresome.
But 1. I have been quite
laid up. 2. I did not
like to waste your kind
offer of a visit, hoping
to turn it to account soon,
when we really see
our way.

With regard to your
kind offer of acting for us
yourself: -

I see that Ld de Grey
would rather you
did *not* urge *him* -

would rather you *did*
urge Sir C. Wood.

Because he, *Ld de Grey*,
is willing, even anxious,
but not ~~capable~~ -

Sir C. Wood *is capable*
but not willing.

It is awkward for Lord
de G. to have to tell you he would,
but he can't.

Of course I have
nothing to advise with
regard to your ~~see~~/speaking
to Sir C. Wood, altho'
you are so kind as
to ask the question.

I am afraid he
will say, " *I have done*
all I can. We must
wait till we hear from
India."

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
In that case, we are just
where we were, viz. to
act thro' Sir John Lawrence
& to make him act
on Sir Hugh Rose -

[But there is no occasion
to *make him act*,
as I have incorrectly
~~said~~/put it.]

I saw him, however,
once, immediately after
{~~illeg~~} he had seen the
Duke of Cambridge. And
he was eager in wishing
that the *Horse Guards*
should put down the
Canteen system, at least,

from here - & in saying
that no way else could
it be done -

Please to remember
that the whole of this
~~what~~ is "confidential".
If you act, you will
of course act from
yourself -

Sir J. Lawrence, of
course, writes to
I. O. himself what
he thinks fit.

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Did I mention that
Sir J. Lawrence asks
us to write a sanitary
code for his Commissions,
as well as the work
we are doing for him?

I think we had
better write the duties,
& *they* codify.

He also asks for
all old Reports & Manuals
for his Commissions.

I have sent out
three sets, one for each
Presidency Commission,
of all Board of Health
Reports &c, & all W. O.

There *is* no Manual.

F.N.

I shall write again,
with your permission,
in a day or two -
Because your offer to
act for us is too
good to be wasted.

F.N.

[end 9:285]

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/38 black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
Confidential March 19/64
Dear Lord Stanley

The W.O. have really **[9:285-86]**
written a letter - not,
of course, in ~~filed~~/time for the
Indian mail of yesterday.
But it is really written, &
sent to the Horse Guards -
with "Immediate" over
it, dated March 15/64
(when it ought to be
August 15/63 - the date
of Sir C. Wood's Despatch)
This letter contains

the following points -
out of your recommendations

1. the discontinuance or
limitation of the sale of
spirits in Regimental
Canteens, & the more
extended use of beer,
coffee &c
2. the suppression as far
as possible of the sale
of spirits in Bazaars
3. the superintendence
of cooking by (European)
Regimental cooks.

[Even the Regimental
cooks, already gone out

with their Regiments
to India, complain
that they are not employed
& have no control over
the cooking.]

4. making gymnastics
a parade
5. employing men in
trades where workshops
have been provided, &
promoting Soldiers'
gardens.

The letter proposes
that Sir Hugh Rose
be requested to consider
these various points
in conference with
the India Government,

& to report what
measures are most
applicable for meeting
the recommendations of
your Commission.

The letter treats of
~~those~~ those/Regimental points only, with
which the Military
authorities in India
must deal - by means of
the Commanding Officers -

I am to write to Sir
J. Lawrence on the 26th
& expound the doings
of the W. O. (very
difficult -) & send him
some very good practical
experience we have
just had on Trades -
He is very strong on the point.

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

It is a very odd thing
that nobody knows even now
who are responsible
for *Regimental* reforms.
- nor who are to carry
out your *Regimental*
recommendations.

We are going to try
now how far the new
Army Medical Regulations
of 1859 (Sanitary &
Statistical) can be
introduced into India
by the Director General
here, before any other

step is taken.

I am going to send
you a Proof of the paper
of "Suggestions", which
included the duties of
the Officer of Health,
- to be sent out by the
(home) Commission to
the Presidency Commissions
~~by~~/at Sir J. Lawrence's
desire -

If the W. O. has not
sent you one, it is
because it is not ready -
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:286]

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{printed address:} 115 Park Street. W.

{other hand: Nightingale Miss Ap 64}

Private

April 14/64

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:288]

I bear in mind that
you said you could not
look at any more of
our papers after
April 18. And I am
very sorry for it, - for
our sakes, not yours.

I think you will
like to see the first
Minute of our first
Commission, as Sir

John Lawrence calls it,
sent me by him.

It has made a
great disturbance at
Calcutta. It is strictly
private. Please return
it to me, that I may
answer it ~~in~~/by the mail
of the 18th Their great
difficulty now is that
the Police is under
the Govt, the Officer of
Health under the
Municipality. We have

settled this difficultly
satisfactorily in England.
And Sir John Lawrence
asks me to send him
out all the information
on the subject.

There is no doubt
that this Minute is
an immense step -
And the reform has
begun.

I shall venture to
send you some other
papers before ~~the~~/your"18th".
Sir John Lawrence
scarce lets a mail
pass without sending

me something.

I have his Minute
on the Commissariat
Report. But as the
India Office has not
yet received the
Commissariat Report,
it is not of much use
to us -

India is now far
a head of us in ~~these~~/carrying
out your Sanitary things. It is we who
are hanging back -
not they - in forwarding
your "recommendations."

[end 9:288]

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/40 black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

Private April 15/64

[9:288-89]

Dear Lord Stanley

I send you three
documents all sent
me by Sir J. Lawrence.
Please be so good as
to return them all to
me, at your convenience

1. Sir J. Lawrence's
Minute about the
Commissariat Report,
which very likely you
have, & about which
I sent you Sir C.
Trevelyan's Minute of

Sept 22/63. Please
consider this really
private, as (March 29,
~~week~~ at least) the
India Council here
had neither Commissariat
Report nor Sir J.
Lawrence's nor Sir C.
Trevelyan's Minutes.

2. a pamphlet about
Officer of Health's duties.

3. a newspaper article
by (as I understand)
Sir J. Lawrence's Private
Secretary.

What comes out of all
this is: - -

1. that your Commission
by no means overstated
the case

2. that the Bengal
Commission is beginning
in the right direction
& vigorously

Lord de Grey says that
he is "in a right course"
too.

He says that he "called"
(April 4) "on the Director
General to report on
the best mode of
applying the Medical

Regulations to India".

He referred the
question of victualling
on board ship to the
joint I. O & W. O.
(home) Commission.
[And they adopted
the scale obediently,
just as we told
them.]

And he has sent
in the letter for Sir
Hugh Rose to the
Horse Guards about
the Regimental
reforms -

==The joint (home)

Commission passed
the building=plans for
India last Monday.
But (unfortunately)
Garibaldi's entry
distracted the attention
of our enthusiastic
chairman, Sir R. Airy.
And he rushed off,
without finishing the
business.

I shall not fail
to send you a copy,
when it is done - as
also, having your kind
permission, ~~of~~ anything
Sir J. Lawrence sends
me.

As to the mistake
of the Calcutta spasmodic
effort about dead
bodies in the Hrogly:
- it first allowed the
law to remain in
abeyance, *without*
making any provision
for otherwise disposing
of the dead - then
it spasmodically puts
an end to the present
system - & that too
in the height of an
epidemic. What they
want is either a
public burning esta=

blishment, or else to carry
the dead to another
branch of the river.
The first the best - it
could be done by retorts,
(like gas=making,) without
nuisance - as was
done 1800 years ago
at Pompeii.

[end 9:289]

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/41 black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

May 14/64

Dear Lord Stanley

You wished to see
any papers sent by
Sir John Lawrence,
which shewed the
practical working of
your R. Commission.

[9:290-91]

One of the three I
send I think you
have seen before (in a
different form) It
shews that we have
been abused, & I
particularly for my

little paper, - for telling
in a very mild form
the half of what they
themselves tell in
a very strong form.

The two others
(discussion & Minute) -
in as far as they
relate to vice-disease,
would be good, were
the facts reliable -
But in the absence
of any correct nosology
of the disease, & in

the absence of any
statement of data on
which the foreign facts
rest, there is nothing,
absolutely nothing, in
the papers to alter the
position of the question,
as laid down in your
Report. And much
to regret in that they
did not state your
conclusion as to this matter, viz. that
occupation & ~~title~~/such
like are the best
remedy for vice -

If you could
return me these

papers by Monday,
you would much
oblige me, as Tuesday
is the India mail.

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

I wrote some time ago
to India all our
methods in England
as to connection between
magistrates, police,
municipalities &
officers of Health
in Sanitary matters.

[end 9:291]

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115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

Private May 21/64

Dear Lord Stanley

With pardonable **[9:292-93]**
exultation (as if a
Patient escaped out
of a Lunatic Asylum)
I send you the enclosed.

For 6 months Sir
John Lawrence has
been expecting *in vain*
the scheme of Sanitary
suggestions - which
he asked for before
his departure - &
which was then all

but ready.

Now, never weary
in serving us against
our will, he desires
Mr. Strachey, the
President of his Bengal
Health Commission,
to write us the
enclosed.

Now we are all
in activity.

I told Sir J. Lawrence
that nothing but a
blue foolscap printed
Minute with a
(very high) printed

No, in the left hand
top corner, would "do
it". Poor man! he
did not see the
virtues of the blue
Minute. But he does
now.

The W. O. aggravates
me, as usual, by
telling me "that our
delay has lost us
nothing" - that "we
now are asked
for plans for India" -
"which puts us in
a good position."

It is because "our
delay" had lost us

everything, that Sir
J. Lawrence gives
us another chance,
by trying the blue
Minute, & *summoning*
us officially.

The W. O. might
as well say, when
the bailiffs are at
the door, & an execution,
- that they have "lost
no time" by paying
their debts.

However, all's
well that ends well.

We have lost 6
months of Sir J. Lawrence's

two years (you know
he has only gone out
for two years) And
I had begun to think
that we had lost
the noblest game
ever W. O had to
play, - with a Governor
General, as it were,
delivered into its
hands. For it is not
every Governor General
who will ~~say to~~/ask of a
W. O., What would
you have me to do?

Sir J. Lawrence
said as plainly as

so modest a man
could ~~do~~/say it: "This is a
thing", (viz. forcing
our Sanitary plans
upon India) "I must
do by my own personal
influence. Regimental
reforms you must
do from your Horse
Guards in England."

He has repeated
this in nearly every
letter -

However, I will
not enter into a
detailed Panorama
of my grievances &

disappointments -

I write this only,
because you wished to
be kept "au courant"
of the workings of your
Commission.

Indeed you were
right when you said,
if Sir John Lawrence
were for us, no man
could be against us.

God bless him.

Please return me
the enclosed as soon
as possible. I ought
to return it to the
W. O. on Monday.

[Perhaps the concentrated
Essence of a blue
Minute evaporates.]
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

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

signed letter, 2ff, pen Liverpool Record Office 920 Der 15/43 black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}

May 28/32 [yes, it says 32]

Dear Lord Stanley

The enclosed is from
the *Secretary* of the
Bengal Commission
of Health; you
perhaps may like
to see it. Pray
return it to me -

You will see how
great are the practical
consequences of your
R. Commission.

Of course we think

this man is wrong
in certain points.
But that can't be
helped. And Sir J.
Lawrence has repeatedly
used this very argument
to induce us to hasten
that sanitary scheme &
plans which I should
believe a Fate was
against, if there were
Fate. But the strongest
power in the whole
world is *want of*

power - inertia - the
only thing which
cannot be overcome -

[end 9:293]

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

115 Park Street. W. {printed address:}
May 28/64

Dear Lord Stanley

I have not heard
one word from Sir
John Lawrence about
his health since he
left England.

[9:293]

It is clearly the
duty of Sir C. Wood
to act upon what
he hears from Sir
J. Lawrence alone -
& not upon anything

which comes to him
through a third &
a fourth person.

I fancied I had
made a general
preface (to all my
letters to you) that
nothing in them
was to go farther
than yourself, unless
you found it was
otherwise known.

But, in this case,
there is nothing to

know, i.e., since Sir J.
Lawrence left England.

No one knows
better than Sir C. Wood
that *he* would be
the first to hear of
it from Sir J. Lawrence
himself, if a private
Estimate were to
become of public
importance.

My reference, (to
what had passed
before Sir J. Lawrence
left England) was
simply made in
regard to the time

lost by the W. O. and
I. O. Commission, in
sending out what
Sir J. Lawrence
had asked for so
urgently & repeatedly.

It would be black
ingratitude on my part
towards Sir J. Lawrence,
who can, of course,
communicate what
he pleases to the I. O.
directly, to make
difficulties in his
path.

Pray throw any

blame you please
upon me to Sir
C. Wood. I do not
feel in the least
deprecatory. but,
rather than bring
any difficulty in
Sir J. Lawrence's
way, you may call
me gossip, or busy-
body or anything else.

[end 9:293]

your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

/6 is undated memo

920 Der 15/31 incomplete, signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

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So far as the main
causes of disease are
concerned, viz.

[9:265-67]

1. bad Barrack & bad Hospital
construction
 2. want of drainage
 3. defective water supply
 4. surface overcrowding from
want of Barrack accommo=
dation
 5. want of means of occupation
 6. intemperance
 7. want of suitable Hospital
conveniences
 8. filthy Bazars & towns - - -
- it is difficult to see
how India could have
been freed from these
causes of diseases in
three short years,

which is about the
average time ~~at which~~/since
the Stational Reports
were signed.

that they may have
done something in the
way of cleansing,

ventilation

ablution arrangements

is probable - seeing
that they could hardly
escape the consequences
of the printed queries
put to them, & the
replies which they
made. Besides
which, they have had
the General Report of

the Barrack & Hospital
Improvement Commission
before them - [But the
measures recommended
in this Report are only
applicable to cool
climates, like England.]

But even on the
subject of cleansing, we
have, as you know, the
Report of a Government
Commission on the last
Cholera, dated partly
July 21, 1862, & partly
in the last months of
1862, (an Extract of
which I sent you -)
which conclusively
proves that, *up to*

these dates, nothing
whatever had been
done in the country
to which the report
refers -

I also sent you two
printed documents of
the Public Works Department
one dated
Fort William, June 26, 1863
one

" Sept 9, 1863
having reference to the
Sanitary condition of
Calcutta - & giving at
these dates a worse
account of the city
than the Report sent
{printed address, upside down:}
32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.
to your R. Commission
in June 1860

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There is also another document from the principal Inspector General of Bengal (which you still have in your possession) dated October 16, 1863 - in which the recommendations of the Commission are virtually accepted as necessary.

~~This is not the first time that I/we have been informed of this policy -~~

The danger will be that partial improvements will be put forwards in proof that a great

deal has been done, & that little requires to be done. The recommendations of your R. Commission must be carried out entirely. The Indian Sanitary problem consists of many factors, and it will not do, in dealing with it, to leave out any one of the factors. India can be cured neither by Engineers, nor by Doctors, nor by Sanitary Officers, nor by Military authorities - but by a concurrence of all of these - And the end aimed at is: -

1. healthy Barrack & Hospital Accommodation
2. enough of good water, properly laid on
3. good drainage
4. a proper Sanitary police over Bazars & towns
5. abolishing spirit drinking
6. providing means of occupation
& other things indicated in your Report

A moment's consideration will shew that no Engineer, & no Adjutant-General, & no Inspector-General can bring about this reform -
Your Report asserts

this, in asking for the appointment of Presidency Commissions, to deal with the questions -

There is indeed no other way of reaching them - ~~And the India Govt may rest assured that.~~ They will never *permanently* lower the Army Death=rate by any other course of proceeding.

The Death=rate of the new soldiers, poured into the country since {printed address, upside down:} 32, South Street, Grosvenor Square. W.
the Mutiny is, of course

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considerably lower
than past averages -
You will hardly
believe it. But I have
actually seen this
fact adduced by
Indian *Engineering*
Officers - in proof of
the statement that
the small improvements
they have carried out
at a few Stations have
made the Army healthy.

[end 9:267]

F. Nightingale
Dec. 3/63

920 Der 15/45 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged {archivist: Miss Nightingale June 64}

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

June 6/64

Dear Lord Stanley

I had a letter from
Sir John Lawrence by
this Mail, dated "Simlah,
May 6"

[9:293-94]

He is extremely
indignant at the non=
arrival of our Sanitary
schemes -

After graciously &
contemptuously accepting
{like a great man,
as he is) our
Mediterranean Report,
out of which he

hopes to "gain some"
thing, but not much,
[you will perhaps
remember that in
Genl Pears' letter,
enclosing the Minute
from Mr. Strachey,
President of the
Bengal Sany Commission,
"Sir C. Wood presumed
that we should use
~~that~~/*this* as our scheme
for reforming India
in sanitary things] -
Sir John Lawrence

goes on to say "but
"our great want is
"your standard plans
"& rules, without
"which we are quite
"at sea, & *so far*
"*from doing better*
"*than formerly*, shall
"*be in danger of doing*
"*worse*. As it is now,
"the reconstruction of
"some of our worst
"Barracks is at a
"stand=still, until
"we get these documents".
It would have been

a broad farce, if it
had not been so
deeply painful, to
hear Sir C. Wood's,
Genl Pear's, & Sir P.
Cautley's re=iterations
that they could not
possibly send out
our Sanitary plans & schemes,
"for fear of irritating
the Govt in India," -
when I was hearing
by nearly every mail
from the head of
that Govt (personally,
or by his people,) all
the permutations & combinations
that could be made out of these

phrases: -

that they were "at a
stand still" for
want of these plans
& suggestions, - that
they were "quite at
sea" in consequence
of our delay - that
they were "in danger
of doing worse", & that
it was all our fault.

Are all official
assurances of the
nature of Sir C. Wood's x
& Sir P. Cautley's?

x "Let us by a song
conceal our purposes" -
(vide Canning.)

Sir John Lawrence
goes on to describe
his inspections of
divers Stations &
Barracks.

He also ~~says~~/writes (of
the Soldiers' Libraries)
that there is a great
improvement -

that Sir Hugh Rose
has done much *in*
re workshops -

that he has "issued
"a G.O. reducing the
"dram of spirits
"which a soldier can
"have, one-half."

[You know he, Sir J.
Lawrence, was very
anxious that the sale
of spirits in Regimental
Canteens & Bazaars
should be entirely
discontinued. I hope
this is a step.]
Private

Sir J. Lawrence mentions
casually, (& as an
apology!! for not
having inspected
two Stations,) that
he has had a "sudden
attack of illness" But
he writes as if he
were well. And I

should not have
mentioned this, if I
did not know you
wished to be kept
au fait. It certainly
is not my duty to
keep the I.O. "au fait" -
(nor my wish.)

I cannot sing for
joy loud enough at
Sir J. Lawrence's
government - ~~(illeg)~~/for whose
appointment we are
in a great measure
indebted to you -

[end 9:294]

your faithful servt
{printed address, upside down:}
115, Park Street. W.
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/46 archivist: Miss Nightingale June 64 Ansd}

Private

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:}
June 14/64

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:295-97]

I had letters, by the
last India mail, both
from Calcutta & Simlah.

You will perhaps
like to see the printed
contents, which you
will be so good as to
return to me. [I am
told that, as this
kind of papers is *not*
forwarded to the India
Office, I am to
consider them private.

But I expressly stated
that I should consider
you ~~an~~/the exception.]

The Simlah letter
is (briefly) this: -
that the papers sent
to me, at different
times, "will shew you
"that nothing you have
"ever written or conceived
"of the horrible state &
"practices pursued
"at Calcutta comes up
"to the reality" -
that a "counter blast
"or reply to the Report

(of Lord Stanley) "has
"been prepared by the
"Mily Dept. & submitted. x

"Without actually
"denying that 6 per cent
is the real mortality
"when taken on the
"average of past years,
"they contend that it
"is not a fair way
"of stating the present
"mortality - or rather
"that the present
"mortality (which was
"as low as 2 per cent.
"for 1863) should only

x I do not know whether the I.O.
has noticed its receipt to you. F.N.

"have been given."

[It is rather hard
to with=hold "the present
Mortality" from your
Commission, which
repeatedly wrote for it,
& delayed its proceedings
for a year in consequence.

- & then to abuse it
for *not* giving "the
present Mortality."]

However, the India
Govt (~~illeg~~)/in India seems
roused to the truth -
for the next sentence
is a complaint that
the very same absurd

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objection has been
made, to their (the Govt's) own
statistics of Jail (&
other civil) Mortality -
the "authorities" stipulating
that "Cholera shall
be left out" - that such
& such years & such
& such diseases "shall
be left out" -

[It is very
convenient indeed
in estimating mortality
to say: - that all the
deaths which *ought*
not to have happened,
shall be left out,"

as *not having* happened.

And it is certainly
a new way of preventing
preventible Mortality
to omit it altogether
on a statement of
Mortality.]

The next ~~page~~/sentence states

- that nearly the whole
of the Jail Mortality
is "preventible" -
that, in Bengal, the
Jail Deaths are actually
"10 per cent" - whereas
"4 per cent" has been (in the Punjab)
& can be achieved -
that the present

condition of the Jails
"converts a sentence
of brief imprisonment
into one of capital
punishment" "in many
cases" -

I have a letter
from Sir J. Lawrence's
Private Secy, in which
he says that, tho' Sir
J. Lawrence has been
ill "from excessive
hard work", he has
not been ill at all
from climate - & is
very well now.

He says: speaking

on the subjects above: -
"it is indeed strange
"how such revolting,
"cruel & barbarous
"practices could have
"been pursued for
"years in the Metropolis
"of India *by Government*
"Officials (sic) under
"the very eyes of different
"Viceroys, living on the
"spot".

[But, you will understand,
that is not a kind of remark
in which Sir J. Lawrence
himself at all indulges.]
{printed address, upside down:
115, Park Street. W.

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The Calcutta (Bengal
Sanitary Commission)
letter merely says:
they will adopt our
"filter system" (in
the Mediterranean)
for their water - asks
for advice on "recording
of proceedings" - &c

I think you will
like to see the G.O.
& Balance sheet of
the Regimental
Workshops - which
please also return
to me - It is very
satisfactory - Sir H. Rose

is really doing a good
work there.

You will be glad to
hear that work *from*
India is coming in
to the W.O. Commission.

the plan for a
Subathoo Barracks,
to be criticized here,
arrived by last mail,
"in compliance with
the orders in Sir C.
Wood's Minute of
August 15."

[end 9:296]

[It is as bad as
it can be. And
ignorance only can
excuse it. It tallies

exactly with what
Sir J. Lawrence said
in his penultimate.

F.N.]

Lastly, I am bitterly
reminded that it is
6 months, plus a week,
since Sir J. Lawrence
begged for *immediate*
sending out of plans
& sanitary works=
schemes - that it is
12 months all but
3 weeks, since your
Report came out
(July 8, 1863.)

[9:297]

I make no reply

since Govt used the
D. of Wellington, as they
did in the Peninsula,
I think there is no
instance like that of a Govr Genl
actually *asking* for
work from Govt at home
& not getting anything
but delays - or rather,
we are the Spanish
troops & the British
Govt combined (against
the D. of Wellington.)

[end 9:297]

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
{printed address, upside down:}
115, Park Street. W.

920 Der 15/47 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged {archivist: Miss Nightingale July
64 Ansd}

Private

115, Park Street. W. {printed address:]
July 7/64

Dear Lord Stanley

As you are engaged
in unmaking Ministries,
I am inopportune.

[9:297-98]

Here is the specification
of sanitary work
asked for, for India,
by Sir John Lawrence,
this day 7 months ago -
- upon the recommendations
of your Report, which
came out this day
12 months ago.

Accompanying this

specification are 27
lithographs, of which
7 only are original
- the remaining 20
having been taken
from our other "Local
Govt Act Office" & "War
Office" works -

To do 7 original plans
has therefore taken
the W.O. 7 months.

Up to May 20, the
delay was occasioned
principally by the India
Off:, which persisted
in repeating that we

should offend the
India Govt by sending
out plans which
the head of that Govt
was asking for by ~~the~~
every mail - till at
last he himself sent
home a printed
Minute (at my request).

But the W.O. is
scarcely less to blame.
For in fact, the whole
of this work was
nearly ready in
December last,
except the 7 plans,
which ought to be
the 7 wonders of the

world, but are not.

In short, I know
that what Sir John
Lawrence will say is:

-is *that* what I
have been kept
waiting for these 9
months? (which it
will be before he
receives them.)

Finally the *Bengal*
Presidency has not
as yet received its
copies of your 2 folio
Report: as we hear by
last mail.

I have had a
passage=at=arms
with the Horse Guards,

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which it is as well to
tell you -

They volunteered to
tell me that they were
aware of Sir J. Lawrence's
"application & of the
W.O. delay" - but that
"it was Sir J.L.'s only
interest" (sic) "whereas
the W.O. was pressed
by a thousand."

To which I responded
- that the greatest
living administrator,
who rules over one
tenth the human race
- who holds in his
hand the destinies,
territorial, communication=al,

international, judicial,
 of 120 millions - in
 endeavouring to bring
 health & civilization,
 for the first time, to
 his 120 millions - has
 been foiled by the ~~(illeg)~~/torpid x
 self-sufficiency of a
 petty peddling War Office,
 ruling over at most
 half a million - & ~~that~~/this

x "cumbrous torpor" was
 poor Sidney Herbert's
 own word for his own
 Office. It suffocated
 him - it ended by strangling
 him, like that horrible
 bronze colossus, in some
 legend, which throws its
 brazen arms round the
 wretched votary, &
 strangles him.

with the ease with which
~~races~~/soldiers are ruled over
 compared with ~~soldiers~~/races.
 - (or words to that
 effect)

There was a great
 deal more - And I
 was a little afraid
 of spoiling Sir John
 Lawrence's affairs
 by too much vehemence.

But, on the contrary,
 [you must just choke
 the colossus back again,
 if you want to breathe.
 And] I received an
 ample apology for
 Sir J. Lawrence.

I am about to send

you a copy of the
27 lithographs - also
of the enclosed Proof
corrected - with your leave.

I have to write
to Sir J. Lawrence
by the mail of the 10th. [end 9:298]

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
I hope you have seen
the account of our
Aldershot Industrial
Exh:. It does my heart
good to see the soldiers
& their wives beating
the Officers & their wives
at it.{printed address, upside down:}
115, Park Street. W.
But Sir H. Rose beats
Aldershot.

920 Der 15/48 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

115, Park Street. W. [printed address:]
July 9/64
Dear Lord Stanley
Accompanying this, [9:298]
is the proof completed,
of which I sent you
the uncorrected Proof
~~on~~/last Thursday.

On July 15/3, the Horse
Guards, in the form
~~of~~/and countenance of
Sir R. Airey, Chairman
of Barrack Improvemt
Commission, "pass" this

valuable document -
a year's growth
seeing that your Report
has been out just
one year.

It will then be
sent to the India
Off:, with three
documents by the
General Register Office
to illustrate Section
VI on the method
of introducing our
registration system
in India.

Owing to the impassable
nature of the roads
between Pall Mall &
Victoria St., a considerable
delay will necessarily
elapse before it ~~is~~/can be
even forwarded to
Sir John Lawrence.

But, as I do not
live in that direction,
I forward all these
documents to him
by the first India
mail after completion.
And I shall forward
this to him as soon
as it has passed the

Commission next
Wednesday, 13.

I trust that you
will take into
consideration the
unprecedented haste
that we have made,
in that we have
really completed
this document in
one year. which is
12 months, which
comprises 52 weeks.

[end 9:298]

I am
dear Lord Stanley
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/49 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged {archivist: Miss Nightingale July
64 Ansd will call on Thursday if anything wants settling}

Private

115, Park Street. W. [printed address:]
July 23/64

Dear Lord Stanley

Here is the first
(signed) copy of the first
product of your parent
Commission.

[9:298-99]

I send by book=post
to Sir John Lawrence
direct a number of
copies on Tuesday.

It is understood
that some time in
the course of the present
century the I.O. will
send out copies officially.

By the document's own
shewing, it is 7½ months
since it was asked for.

Of these, about 7½ days
were occupied in real
work;

We understand that
the surplus time was
occupied by the Military
members learning to
write their names.

But, as Sir J. Lawrence
& I have profited by
your good hint "not
to offend the Military",
we are silent on this
fact.

"Occasional papers" have
now to be written &
sent out, containing
explanatory matter.
But, if it is expected
that this can possibly
be accomplished
during Sir J. Lawrence's
Governorship, that
expectation must
be the offspring of a
wild imagination.

The W.O. is utterly
demoralized -

the I.O. does not
speak the truth

the Horse Gds deserve
a V.C. for their cool

intrepidity in the face
of facts.

But I conceal my
opinion, as Sir J. Lawrence
does his: that the
native races are the
recipients of civilization
- but that the ~~Indian~~
military authorities
are a savage tribe
whom kindness cannot
tame nor suavity
conciliate.

However, please
burn this note. & believe [end 9:299]
me

Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Of course copies of this document will
be sent to you in regular course.

920 Der 15/50 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

& Confidential

115, Park Street. W. [printed address:]

July 28/64

Dear Lord Stanley

I have not profited
by your kind offer to
ask you to come here
today; because there
is nothing just now
but the usual detail=
work to do, it would
have been only wasting
your time as I have
really ~~nothing~~/little to say
but to thank you for
your very kind note.

I have no doubt

that, at the close of
this year, we shall
require your master
hand with Sir C. Wood.

I do not know whether
you correspond with
Sir John Lawrence - I
sometimes think that
he would be strengthened,
if he knew that you &
others capable of
appreciating the
greatness of his charge,
did feel his difficulties

[9:210]

What a charge - what
a government, great &
glorious - I do not
think the old Roman
empire came near it
in its greatness.

I sometimes fear,
(but what follows is
strictly for yourself
alone,) that his fine
heroic temper is
rather worn by the
constant jags & back
thrusts it receives.

In his last

letter to me,
dated June 12, Simlah,
he says, "I am doing

"what I can to put
"things I order out here,
"but it is a very uphill
"work, & many influences
"have to be managed &
"overcome. I often
"think of the last visit
"I paid you before
"leaving England, & of
"your conversation on
"that Occasion. You
"will recollect how
"much I dwelt on
"the difficulties which
"met one on every side.
"These have been
"exemplified in a
"way I could scarcely

"understand or
"anticipate." He then
alludes to the "good folks
"of England really
"believing that I had
"sanctioned an attack
"on the religion of the
"Hindoos, because I
"desired to improve
"the health of the
"people in Calcutta."

[Now this he over=
rates to himself. They did
not "believe" it. But]

I am sure it would
do him good, if he
knew that *statesmen*

appreciated the great=
ness of his administration
& of its difficulties.

What a pity heroes
are but flesh & blood,
as we are -

You will see I
ought scarcely to
betray his confidence;
even to you - But
you know better than
any one else what he
has to do -

Pray burn this note
Ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:210]

Today your "Suggestions-
Sanitary works" come
before the Council at
the I.O.

I consider this
rather an epoch.

920 Der 15/51 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Private Hampstead
 Aug 16/64

Dear Lord Stanley

I think you may like to see [9:372-73]
the accompanying letter from Sir Hugh
Rose. I must sing an Ode to *him*
now for *he* has carried out the
recommendations of your Sanitary
Commission - (of his own accord *he* says
of course - not for any one else - so
they are done, we do not care). we
know very well that the questions
sent out by your Commission prompted
the four first, & Sir John Lawrence
forced upon him the last. However,
he has behaved a *great deal* better
to us than our W.O. at home has -
or our Horse Guards - And this is the
greatest real step made yet.

You will perhaps have forgotten that

in conjunction with Sir John Lawrence
I drew up a kind of list by which
the recommendations which he was
to carry out himself, the recommenda{tions} {edge of page missing}
the W.O. was to carry out, & those,
viz. 5, which were Regimental reforms}
& which only the Military authorities
could carry out, were specified.

After the usual amount of delay,
the W.O. wrote to the Horse Guards, &
the Horse Guards wrote to Sir Hugh Rose.

And this is his answer to the 5
points.

It is a private document. And
I must ask you to return me this,
which is my copy.

Would it be desirable to move
for it in the Ho: of C.?

You will be glad to hear that the

authorities of an Invaliding Establishment
at Netley themselves attribute the
decrease of Indian invalids to the
measures carried out in India according
to your recommendations - they wrote
this of their own accord (in a letter I
had from the Governor today.)

I am rather sorry that, at
Bombay, the Presidency Sanitary Commission,
only lately appointed, has not been
filled up according to your intentions
exactly - There is no Civilian on it at
all. A Medical Officer is the President.
(Dr. Leith, a very able man) there are
only two Members & a Secretary -
And all, except the President, may
be ordered anywhere any day, when
they give up their duties on the Commission. [end 9:373]

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/52 signed letter, 6ff, pen

Private

115, Park Street. W. [printed address:]

Aug 8/64

Dear Lord Stanley

In reply to your query: -

[9:493-94]

I knew Dr. Duncan
Macpherson, of the
Madras Army, well
in the Crimea. He was
Principal Medical Officer
of our Turkish Contingent
there. He is one of the
best (Sanitary) Officers
in our Service. He has
large Indian experience.
His was one of the best,

if not the best, Sanitary
Report received by
your (R.) Commission -
viz. one on the sanitary
condition of Madras
Presidency generally -
see 2nd Vol, folio edition
of your Report.

Of course I do not
know what his "grievance"
is to you - He has made
a "grievance" - in not
getting one of the Presidency
Sanitary Commission
appointments - to us -

The matter is after this
wise: -

some of the members
of your (R.) Commission
told him that he might
"make his own terms" in
getting one of these
appointments.

Now Sir John Lawrence
did exactly what your
R. Commission told im
to do: -

he made a Civilian
the head, the executive,
the responsible member,
well-paid, & having
nothing else to do -

he constituted the
Sanitary Engineering,
Medical & Military
elements as consultative
members -

& in order to give the
Sanitary member a
position & an office
he made him Secretary
with a salary & nothing
else to do -

This last, of course,
viz. who was to be the
Secretary, & what was
to be the salary, I
did not presume to
determine, when Sir

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John Lawrence was
good enough to talk
the matter over with
me, as I limited
myself strictly to the
recommendations of your
~~the~~ R. Commission.

[I mentioned more
than once, to Sir John
Lawrence & other
members of ~~the~~/his Govt,
Dr. D. Macpherson's
name as an able
Sanitary man, in
obedience to their
request to name names.]

Dr. Macpherson is
bitterly offended, because
he has been offered the
place of Sanitary Member
& Secretary (of the Madras
Sanitary Commission) at
the salary, he says, of
an Assist. Surgeon -
it having now been
given "to an Assist Surgeon,
"who may be ordered
away any day" -
because he was not
offered the place of
President, which has
been given to Mr. R.S.

Ellis, "who knows nothing about it," "a Civilian"! & some of the members of your R. Commission, he says, promised it him.

[It is really rather hard that any member of a Commission should abuse poor Sir John Lawrence for doing exactly what the ~~illeg~~ Commission recommended.]

Dr. Macpherson is one of the most active, energetic men I ever

knew. He has practical means & practical knowledge to carry out his Sanitary views, such as not one man in a hundred in the Army Medical profession has. He would be an immense loss to us, - [Long after he had left Kertch, - where our Turkish Contingent was - the fruits of his sanitary work were evident - & he found time, after putting all his camps &

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hospitals ~~were~~ in the
best possible (sanitary)
order, to dig up
antiquities & write
a book about them.]

The Madras Government
have behaved very ill
to him. And I am
afraid we shall lose
one of our best tools.
If the "Assist Surgeon"
could be "ordered away"
on duty & Dr. Macpherson
given the sanitary
member's & secretary's
post at a salary
according to his rank,

he would make the
best sanitary adviser
in India. And there
is not a man who
knows the Madras
Presidency so well.

If, as is said, the
India Off. at home
mean to have an
Officer, like Sir Ranald
Martin, but to give
them his whole time,
(~~&~~ Sir R. Martin, who
has a large practice,
to resign) Dr. Macpherson
would be the man for

the place -

But undoubtedly
Madras Presidency wants
him most.

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Macpherson being a
man of high medical
rank, it does not
appear as if it would
be invidious to give him
a higher salary as
Secretary than the
other "Presidency Sanitary
Commission" Secretaries

NB. He went out ~~in~~/by the
same mail with Sir
John Lawrence. And
I mentioned him to
Sir John, who asked
him to write a programme
for the Presidency Sanitary
Commissions - His, rather
differing from that of
your R. Commission Report,
perhaps rather set
Sir J. Lawrence against
him. But this would
not affect his *sanitary*
work. I don't think
he is a good administrator.
But he has not his equal
at the other.

F.N.

[end 9:494]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 901

920 Der 15/53 incomplete, signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged

Private Hampstead N.W.
Oct 4/64

Dear Lord Stanley [9:498]

I have not troubled
you with the printed (detail)
Minutes which I receive
very regularly from the
Bengal Sanitary Commission,
(but on condition that they
shall not be shewn at
the India Office).

But these for June
I will send you, because
they refer to subjects of
(not only technical) interest
- Lunatic Asylums & Jails.
which are worse in India
than in any country which [end 9:498]

[breaks off]

me of course, of his masters.
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/54 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Private Hampstead N.W.
Oct. 22/64

Dear Lord Stanley [9:374-75]

I had a whole batch
of papers from Simla by
last mail.

I enclose one to you -
the "Gazette of India".

This is the first
Governmental result of
your R. Commission. It
is a very startling one.
It will revolutionize the
whole of India, either for
good or for bad, by
creating a number of
little separate Governments.

& lots of separate Officers.

My own feeling is, that it is a very glorious revolution - & entirely due to your Commission which, while aiming at one thing, has done (not only that but) a great municipal work, of which it is impossible to see the end, but of which you have certainly laid the beginning.

If you will read at page 12 (the blue marks are Sir C. Trevelyan's) & then turn back to the first page, you will see a great deal better than

I do what I mean.

It seems to me that you have hastened the political growth of India by half a century in self-government -

[end 9:375]

[9:389]

I also send you Dr. X Leith's Report on & objections to your Report. [You will find it on the first sheet of the Bombay "Times".] *Every paragraph of it can be answered.* And, if you see fit to have it answered, we could

X Dr. Leith is President of Bombay Presidency Sanitary Commission.

send the answer for your
inspection.

It really is a matter
of statesmanship to
decide what is to be
done. And I have
no opinion.

The logical result of
Dr. Leith's conclusions
would be - to do nothing
for Bombay Presidency.
This must not be left answered

At the same time, I
have had a most kind
& cordial letter from
Dr. Leith (whom I do
not know) by the very

same mail. And it is
most important not
to alienate the President
of the Bombay Sanitary
Commission from reform.

It is really a matter
of very delicate manage=
ment.

[I should add that
yesterday, before a
Meeting of your W.O. and
I.O. Commission was brought
a proposal from Bombay Presidency
that, instead of draining,
Bombay Presidency, it was to be
laid down in Macdougall's
Disinfecting Fluid - one
of those notable expedients

by which people who like
to keep their dirt, instead
of removing it, try to
blind themselves &/into
thinking it safe -]

If, as is most probable,
you have all these
documents sent to you,
pray return these to
me - If with your own
remarks, we shall
deeply value them -

But, should you not
have the Gazette & Newspaper,
they will be of more

value in your hands than
mine.

In great haste,
Pray believe me
dear Lord Stanley
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
I need hardly say that I
shall (basely) take
advantage of the
opportunity of Dr. Leith
writing to me to
answer -(to him & his
objections.

[end 9:389]

920 Der 15/55 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.
Oct. 26/64

Dear Lord Stanley

As you are so good
as to ask my opinion
as to the best form of
answer to Dr. Leith
(Bombay Presy Sanitary Commn)
I cannot but say that I
think ~~it~~/he want an
official answer & that
I believe the best way
would be, if you would
be so very good as to
induce Sir Charles Wood -
(Pilate) to refer the

[9:389-90]

Report of Dr. Leith to your
own. (W.O. and I.O.)
"Barrack & Hospital
Improvement Commission"
to answer - my reason
being that several important
points, indeed the really
important points, are
Engineering in character.

We would ourselves get
an answer (to the Statistical
matters) appended separately
by Dr. Farr.

The real evil of Dr. Leith's
Report is that Dr. Leith
had meddled with
practical points which
he is not acquainted with,

& that he contradicts the
Engineering & Architectural
"Suggestions," drawn up by
the "Barrack & Hospital
Improvement Commission,"
apparently before having
seen them.

Since receiving your note
of yesterday, I have done
over Dr. Leith's Report
with Dr. Sutherland -
And he & I have jotted
down some answers,
which will be submitted
to you - & which, if you
think well to refer the
matter to the "Barrack

Commission", ~~will~~/might be
incorporated into its
answer. But Dr. Sutherland
concurs with me in
thinking that, as these
answers are chiefly
engineering, they ought
to receive the authority
of the said Commission,
upon which are an
Indian, an English Army,
& a Civil Engineer.

With regard to the
other matter, the
Municipalities (in the
"Gazette of India") I take

the liberty of sending you
the notes I made for
my answer, which is gone
today, relatively to the
application of Municipal
powers to our Sanitary question.

And, as I have no other
notes of my correspondence
with Sir J. Lawrence,
I should take it as a
great favour if you would,
at your convenience,
return me themse -

In haste

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

[end 9:390]

920 Der 15/56 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
11/11/64

Dear Lord Stanley

Sir C. Wood has [9:391]
sent Dr. Leith's Report
to the "Barrack Improvers"
at the War Office,
with a very proper(!)
letter of "submission".

We (Dr. Sutherland &
I) have already written
our reply. I have
already received, from
Dr. Farr, his.

I understand the W.O.
is to print it. And of
course a proof will
be submitted to you,
before it goes any farther.

But a Meeting of the
W.O. "Barrack Improvers",
who are by no means
so rapid as Yankee
"Improvers", has to be
held first - (who can
tell when?)

We are getting on
steadily in India. I

received a whole batch
of papers by last mail,
which perhaps I may
trouble you with.

Had we but known
that such skill & energy
& wisdom were to be
found in Bengal, it
would have been well
to subordinate the
other Presidency Commissions
(Sanitary) to theirs.
Not one out of 100
bodies in England
could shew the
experienced zeal they
have.

I wish we shewed
the same at home -

I wish, e.g. Mr. Gladstone
could be brought to look
~~into/upon~~ upon an Army
otherwise than as the
old schoolmaster looked
upon women : - as
"only the evils, that belong to
this state o'probation, which
it's lawful for a man to
keep as clear of as he can
in this life, hoping to get
quit of 'em for ever in
another."

The beginning that
has been made in India

is entirely due to your
R. Commission, & to
the hero whom I am
proud to call my
"noble friend", &
whom you have had
so great a share in
elevating, Sir John
Lawrence -

[end 9:391]

Believe me
faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/57 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

13/11/64

Dear Lord Stanley

With our usual dispatch, [9:391-92]
we have succeeded in
producing the first
rough Proof, of a Reply
to Dr. Leith's Report,
this very day.

Sir C. Wood, as
you are aware, & in
consequence of your
recommendation,
referred Dr. Leith's
Report to the "Barrack

& Hospital Improvement
Commission". After
the necessary delay,
these met, & referred
it to a Sub-Committee,
consisting of Dr.
Sutherland, Sir P.
Cautley & Sir Ranald
Martin.

The two last have
not yet seen this
Proof, which is only
just arrived.

It incorporates,

as you will see, Dr. Farr's
remarks, which we
applied to him for,
as a reply to Dr.
Leith's *Statistical*
objections.

Would you be so
very good as to look
over this first rough
Proof, with Dr. Leith's
Report, (of which
Sir C. Wood sent
you a copy, - a thin
green folio), & return
it to me here with

any remarks &
criticisms, which
you would be kind
enough to make
to help us?

I would farther ask
you a question: but
this is only from myself.

Scarcely a mail
~~elapses~~/passes that Sir John
Lawrence, Sir C. Trevelyan
(poor Sir C. Trevelyan -
he has been so ill -
& tho' returned to

Calcutta, he is in constant
danger of a relapse,
& in absolute certainty
of one if he does not
return home before
the next hot season)

Mr. Strachey, President
of Bengal Sanitary
Commission, Mr. Ellis,
of the Madras one,
do not send me copies
of Sanitary codes &
those kinds of things.
emanating from your Presidency Commissions.
Mr. Ellis shows great
administrative ability -

He is the only one who
has apprehended the
position you intended
the Chairmen of these
Commissions to hold,
viz. the executive of
the consultative.

Mr. Strachey shews immense
energy, practical ability
& determination to
proceed at once.

But all these papers
fail in the initiative.
Nothing has really
been done. No plan

has yet been framed
embracing how the
thing is to begin.

I am afraid of
sending you even a
selection of these
papers - they are so
voluminous. Otherwise
you would see at once
what I mean.

What I thought
was that, if we could,
(in this compulsory
reply to Dr. Leith,)
introduce something

more specific than we
ventured to do in
the "Suggestions", as to
modes of initiative, of
procedure, of
administration, ~~they~~/it
would then come with
official authority, - I
would send copies
privately to Sir John
Lawrence, Mr. Strachey,
Mr. Ellis, who are
not only willing but
eager to receive help.
Do you think this possible or
{printed address, upside down:}
27. Norfolk Street.
desirable? Park Lane. W.
yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

P.S. I have received
a very kind note from
Sir C. Wood, but which
is extremely aggravating.
He, evidently quoting
from Dr. Leith, alleges
the last year's Mortality
(12) of Bombay as a
proof that nothing
more of progress is
wanting. Now the
fact is, Bombay has
done nothing - less
than Bengal or Madras
- less than nothing, in

{other hand: Miss Nightingale Dec.'64 will send back paper revised
in a few days.}

~~fact~~/truth And if they
think that nothing
wants doing, next
epidemic year they
will have a Cholera
or something, which
will sweep half of
them off the face of
the earth.

[end 9:392]

F.N.

920 Der 15/58 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Christmas Eve/64

Dear Lord Stanley

I said that I would **[9:379-80]**
not trouble you with
Indian papers. But
I must. For we are
in a great difficulty.

Among those which
have recently been
sent me, is the enclosed.
[It is by our former
enemy, Col: Crommelin,
but who is adopting
all our principles.]

It is just one of those
papers which are of
consequence, as involving
Sanitary principles of
permanent importance.
And it should certainly
be brought under
revisal, before being
issued for the guidance
of Officers.

A good paper of this
kind is extraordinarily
useful: but all
depends, of course

on the principles laid
down.

If these papers are
sent to me privately,
as they now are, I
can do some good,
but in a round=about
way.

If they were sent
officially to the (W.O.
& I.O.) "Barrack &
Hospital Improvement
Commission", I should
be able to ~~have~~/give the
same amount of

criticism (for they send
their papers to me)
but in a much more
direct & official
manner, under their
name -

[About a year ago,
Sir C. Trevelyan sent
me a similar paper of Col.
Crommelin's on the
construction of *Barracks*
- an uncorrected
Proof (which I think
you saw). They have
never sent the

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finished Paper, as they
should have done,
for the official revisal
of the home Commission.]

Would you think
well to ask Sir C.
Wood to refer this (the
enclosed) & similar papers
to the W.O. Commission?

If he answers, "that
he already does so," what he
has referred, (besides
Dr. Leith's Report)
have been: - sanctioned

plans, which the W.O.
Commission have been
obliged to pronounce
very bad. But as
they were already
"sanctioned", it was
rather too late.

If he says that
what he receives
from the Govt of India
are not papers at
all, but plans only -
then we have still
a recourse, for I

might write direct to
Sir J. Lawrence - Or
I might write even
(privately) to Col:
Crommelin - whom
however I do not
know, but who knows
me, thro' Sirs Lawrence
& Trevelyan, enough
not to take amiss.

We should be glad
of your advice in
any & every case. And
we should be very

glad to find that you
thought well to induce
Sir C. Wood to do the
thing officially. X

Mr. J. Strachey, the
President of the Bengal
Sanitary Commission,
is at home on 3
months' leave (for
his health, I am sorry
to say.) The next
best thing to having
a Viceroy at home &

~~27 Norfolk Street~~ [printed address upside down]

x I must Park Lane. W.
invoke your
discretion to judge what is best to
say, as to how this paper reached you -
I do not know if these papers are sent to
the India Office at all. from India -

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in one's hand, is to have
a President of Sanitary
Commission at home &
in one's hand -

He brought a good
many papers for me.
He has asked for help.
And we might be able
to put him in the way
of many things.

He does not need
to be taught.

He has shewn
immense energy &
ability in the Bengal
matter - in haste

[end 9:380]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/59 unsigned memorandum, 6ff, pen heading [9:370]

Of your recommendations: -

to be done by W.O. and H.G.

1. sending none but has to be done by
fully drilled recruits W.O. and H.G.
to India Ld de Grey not only
willing but anxious -
some alteration of law
required to carry it out

-
2. suppressing issue has to be done by W.O.
of spirits on board and Admiralty -
ship, except on since August 1861, a
recommendation of W.O. and Adty Commission
Medl Officer - had been sitting on this
introducing change soldiers' passage diet,
in soldiers' diet, unknown to Ld de Grey -
(vegetables &c), during in January 1864, one
passage of its members sent
me its papers -
result would infallibly
have been that *half* the
men would have been
landed in India with
scurvy -
Ld de Grey then consented
to refer the question to
the joint I.O. and W.O.
Commission - This will
be discussed in the Meeting
of the 26th.
That is safe.

3. regulation of
Regimental canteens
in India, with
special reference
to disappearance of
spirits from these -
& to extending use
of malt liquor, tea,
coffee, &c

(purely Horse Guards'
thro' their Regimental
authorities)

Sir John Lawrence
was especially strong
upon this: he said, "the
Govt supply the spirit
*on the requirement of
the Regiment.* A
temperance Regt would
not be obliged to take
any spirit. On the
contrary, the Govt has
said it will give up
the profit to what is
called the Canteen fund.
if the Regiment chooses to drink -
- what is the use of
my suppressing the sale
of spirit in Bazars,
if the Regimental
authorities encourage
the use of spirit in
the Canteens?"

He was even annoyed
at Col: Greathed's
evidence before you -
when, as he says, it is
all the Horse Guards' own fault.

4. greater stringency in the regulation of Regimental & all Bazars, over which the Military authority has control, with a view to suppress the sale of spirits in them. - (Regimental with Regimental bazars -
- Indian with Suddhur Bazars)
- Sir C. Wood has brought the subject before the Gov. Genl.
5. flannel under clothing in India - better boots yet undecided -
(- business of W.O.)
The clothing is now all from Pimlico, including boots
6. providing Regiments & Hospitals trained cooks postponed, till we have supplied all the home Regiments with trained Serjeant Cooks
(W.O and H.G.)
7. Gymnastics as a parade (Horse Guards thro' Regimental authorities)
- yet undecided
8. Encouragement of trades by Commandg Officers (Horse Guards thro' Regimental authorities)
Sir John Lawrence entirely

objected to this being
made a parade, as
proposed by Col: Strachey
in India, who said he
would not provide a
workshop unless the
Horse Guards would make
it a parade

Sir J. Lawrence is
perfectly right.

But the Horse Guards
~~will~~/have not, as yet, directed
their Commanding officers
even to encourage & arrange
for the men working at
trades

9. fixing the period
of service in India
at ten years

this is said virtually
to be the case -

but it involves the
relief question; and
they have sent us
papers about it -

(H.G. and W.O.)

10. applying the new
Medical, (Sanitary
& Statistical) Regulations
of 1859 to India

(W.O.)

yet undecided

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11. immediate shipment
of invalids for England

(W.O. and Admiralty)

yet undecided

12. Hospital Serjeants &
Orderlies to go with
Regiments to India

(W.O. and H.G.) -

said to be done but

that ~~they find~~/these are given nothing
to do in India.

13. all Cadets of Engineers
to receive a course,
of Sanitary instruction
at Brompton

(W.O.)

doing -

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Of your recommendations:

to be carried out by Government in India

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. Sanitary improvement
of Stations & native
towns | Sir J. Lawrence has
already appointed his
Commission to do |
| 2. construction of
healthy Barracks &
Hospitals | the first five, at
least, of these |
| 3. water supply &
drainage | |
| 4. improvement of
existing Barracks | |
| 5. building Gymnasia,
workshops, coffee rooms
&c | |
| 6. question of Hill
Stations | under consideration |
| 7. improved ration,
with more vegetables,
for India | work of Commissariat
in India -
their report is ready -
Sir J. Lawrence has sent
me his Minute on it
Sir C. Trevelyan's we had already |

920 Der 15/60 initialed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper

Confidential

[9:380-81]

We are getting on
very well with the
business which Sir
John Lawrence wanted
done, to be sent out
to India - Nearly
all is gone to press -
including the Section
for having a Registration
& Weekly Table of Deaths
at Calcutta, Madras
& Bombay - the same
as we have in London.
Mr. Rawlinson, C.E.
who has been placed
on the (home) joint

I.O. and W.O. Commission
by Lord de Grey, is writing
the drainage Section.
The Commission met for
the first time on
Tuesday week, &
passed a good deal
of the work, including
Barrack plans -
Sir Richard Airey,
who is its Chairman,
since Sidney Herbert,
has come out in the
light of a great
sanitary reformer
(new.)

By Sir John Lawrence's
desire, I have seen Lord
de Grey to settle with
him under whose
respective jurisdictions
the different
recommendations of
your Report came -
And I made out a
list - in order that
the W.O. might draft
a letter to the I.O.
But this has hung fire.
For the respective
jurisdictions of
Governor General
Horse Guards
Commandeer in Chief in India

War Office
India Office
are as much chaos
(in this kind of thing)
as if India were the
Sandwich Islands -
And it appears to have
occurred to these
persons for the first
time that it would
be better, if their
respective powers &
duties were defined.
Sir John Lawrence would
act & not wait. But
these persons wait &
don't act. However, the
thing is being
enquired into. F.N.

[end 9:381]

920 Der 15/61 signed letter, 6ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

10/1/65

Dear Lord Stanley

Sir John Lawrence's

[9:507-08]

hands are so full, (&
yours will be so full,
if you become his
master) that it is at
the same time a
scruple & an inducement
with me, to bother
about the relation to
exist between the
Presidency & home

Sanitary Commissions.

But if people are to act, they must be alive. And the difficulty of being alive in India seems one of paramount importance.

May I ask whether you have had any answer from Sir C. Wood about those papers to be submitted to the home Commission?

I find that certain of them ~~had~~/have been (or were on the point of being) sent home to the India Off:

But I had better copy for you exactly what has been told me, premising that the letter is marked *confidential*. [It is always as well to consider whether the importance of the thing justifies one in perjury. I think this does.]

Sir John Lawrence

"asks" his President (of Sanitary Commission) out there "if he sees any objection to copies of Proceedings being sent home officially for the information of the War Off. Commission." The answer was that "far from seeing any objection, he thought it most desirable that this should be done - that the results would be in all respects good - that the more criticism

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"the work gets the better, & if the Indian Commissions are worth anything, they will always be thankful for the advice & help of Sanitary authorities at home."

Sir John Lawrence says that "in these matters he is an advocate for the greatest possible publicity" - and that he "will order (if not done already) that copies of all

"Proceedings & all other
papers of Sanitary
interest shall be
sent home officially.

*But there is a strong
party in the Indian
Government which
takes a different view,
and which desires
to prevent all
publication of facts
which reflect discredit
on our administration"*
(viz. out there) "It was
with difficulty obtained

"to circulate copies of
Proceedings to all the
local Governments and
Administrations in
India" - "the sanction
for doing this was
only given because"
Sir John Lawrence
"personally insisted
upon it" x x

"Col: Crommelin's
papers on construction
of Barracks & Hospitals
have either been
actually sent officially
to Sir C. Wood for the
"opinion of the War Office
Commission" (none such
have been received. F.N.)
"or are about to be
sent, together with
the opinions of the
Sanitary Commission
(Presidency) & of the
other authorities consulted,
and the conclusions
of the Government of
India on the subject"
[Why not *before* these
"conclusions"? F.N.]

"We may hope that
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"before long, therefore, we
shall see such orders
issued as will render

it hardly possible
in future that Indian
barracks & hospitals
should be built except
according to proper
sanitary principles.

"There is no doubt
that such orders are
as necessary now as
they ever were. Within
the last two months
plans of Barracks
& Hospitals, as bad

"as the worst, upon
which Lord Stanley
had written,
have been highly
approved & sanctioned
by one of the best of
the local Governments."

[So we say. F.N.]

I shall have in another
day or two to trouble
you with another
part of this same
subject.

[end 9:508]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/62 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
18/1/65

Dear Lord Stanley

You will see by the
thin blue book, herewith
sent, that the "Barrack
Improvement Commission"
has adopted the reply
to Dr. Leith's Report.
And I have this day
sent copies by book=post
to Sir John Lawrence.

[9:394-95]

The great thing now
is to have its recommendations

put to practical use
in India. We are
lucky perhaps in that
Dr. Leith made the
attack on your R.
Commission, because it
has enabled the
War Office Commission
to state more fully
than it otherwise could
have done (without,
possibly, giving offence)
the principles on
which surveys of

Stations should be
carried out (v. Para.22,
p. 12)

At Calcutta & Madras
(as for Bombay, she
appears to be doing
nothing-) the Sanitary
Commissions have been
engaged in drawing up
draft Sanitary codes.
But these codes have
dealt only with questions
of Police & cleansing.
There is not a word
about Sanitary works
in them; and perhaps
there could not be.

What is now required
is that the Presidency
Governments should,
each, direct surveys
of Stations to be made
in the way pointed out
in the "Remarks."

One or two selected
Stations in each Presidency
would be enough to
begin with.

If we only had a
few of the larger Stations
fully improved, the
work would go on of
itself afterwards; for

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all would see the
benefits of the new
system.

It was in this that
we were so very anxious
to have your help: - in
pressing for a few
such surveys? - altho'
we do not know whether
the India Off: can
order such -

I have been told
by the highest authority
in India & since
this year began - that

there are not men
in India (Sanitary
Engineers x) competent
to undertake the work.
All that is wanted is
a good Surveyor, generally
acquainted with sanitary
requirements, (and we
have sent them a
perfect library of books
on the subject)- together
with a Sanitary Medical
Officer - The Sanitary
medical member of
each Commission might,
in the mean time, do
the work. [He of Bengal
x We could send them such from England.

is quite equal to it.] What
we want is a beginning.

Would it be possible,
& if possible would it
be desirable - in the
present state of the
question, to call for an
Annual Report to be
laid before Parliament,
including Mortality
Statistics, Civil & Military,
- sanitary reports on Stations
- proposed works
sanctioned & executed works
&c &c?

If the House would
order these Reports from

each Presidency, it
appears to us that a
great deal of good
would be done -

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I am afraid I must
have made some
misunderstanding as
to our meaning, about
the kind of communication
we want between the
War Office Commission
{printed address, upside down:}

27. Norfolk Street.

& the Park Lane. W.
Presidency Commissions.

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We never intended
that the communication
should be *direct*.

At present Sir C.
Wood sends what
papers he does send
to the Secretary of the
Commission - and the
Secretary of the Commission
writes direct to Genl
Pears. The papers do
not pass thro' the War
Office *in transitu*.

This answers quite
well.

All we want is
that *all* Sanitary papers

should be sent to the
W.O. Commission
by the India Off: for
opinion.

[end 9:395]

F.N.

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Private

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19/1/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I see that you are
good enough to say that
when you come to London,
we might discuss the
Indian sanitary matter
verbally.

[9:381]

I think good might
come of our doing so, if
before you become pressed
with Ho: of C. business,
you would be so kind
as to make an

appointment.

I think Sir John Lawrence might be enabled to make the first step, which has not been made yet - which no Governor Genl but he ever will make - & after that, all will go of itself. And Indians will wonder how they could have lived so long as they are.

As to how far diminution in Mortality is due to Invaliding: - - in the British Army not in India.

if you care to turn to the system of Army Statistics, established by Sidney Herbert, & which now *publishes* its Annual Report, you will see, in these Army Reports, that the Mortality is given in two forms: -
1. by equalizing the ages in all the Arms - & then

calculating the mortality on the numbers of men & numbers who have died in the Regiments - e.g. when Sidney Herbert's R. (sanitary) Commission of 1857 made its Report, the mortality of the Infantry of the Line (up to the last returns) was 17.9. per 1000 per annum. For the years 1859-60-61 the mortality of these regiments was 8.68. The last (published) year

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1862, the mortality of these Regiments was 6.48.

The mortality of civil populations (soldiers' ages) of England & Wales is 8.91.

The comparison however is faulty, because the Infantry rate does not give its Deaths among Invalids, while the Civil rate does.

2. To obviate this error, the mortality is now given, *including* the Invalid Deaths. In the years 1860-61, the

mortality of the Infantry so counted was 9.94.

- and in 1862, 8.01.

[You will observe that the measures originated by Sidney Herbert *have* still, produced such a satisfactory diminution, *even taking in the Invalids*, as to be evidence, amounting to proof, of *how* preventible mortality is]

From inattention to the above, the Household

Cavalry presented an
unexplained discrepancy,
which Sidney Herbert's
R.C. of 1857 laboured
hard to account for on
wrong principles. [We
all tried our hands at
it: and we all were
wrong.] This Arm
invalids men very
rapidly. And the result
to the Death-rate has
only lately been fully
known. Thus in 1862
their Death rate was 8.32,
but the Invalid Deaths
made it mount up to
14.47

14.47

Nature is always right.
These gentlemen have
very bad Barracks in
town. And until new
Barracks are built,
they ought to die at
the high rate they do.

I trust that 'the
Military' my esteemed
Patrons, will excuse me
if I say, that they are
like the children whom
"Papa" is trying to stop
from making themselves
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ill, or from "burning

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their mouths" - they stoutly
deny the fact. But
when "Papa" desists,
they say, Oh Papa, you
don't know how much
{ "iller"/worse} we were than
you thought: Or, "we
always burn our
mouths in the nursery"
[This I heard. F.N.]

So the Army made
a dreadful moan
against our injustice
& our mendacity, when
Sidney Herbert's Report
came out. But afterwards

they said: - Ho! you're wrong.

*You don't know how
much worse we were
than you said, AND ARE.*

And even now they
cry: - you shan't cure
us - and we won't
be cured - and we're
not cured.

But, for all that,
they are half-cured.

As regards India, the
invaliding effect was
of such a kind that,

after the mutiny, there
was a clearing out of
all the bad constitutions,
(indeed of all, it seems,
who had not a 'good
life' up to 100 years of age)
And the Death-rate
has been much lowered
in consequence.

But it is not safe to
take their figures any
way. Their 'Strength' apparently
does not tally with
the Muster-rolls -
their 'Deaths' do not apparently
tally with the Adjutant
Genl's 'Casualties' nor
do they appear to include
all the Deaths in the
Mutiny.

They are now wading
& wandering thro' all
the discrepancies of
ill-kept Statistics -
in which we were, for
two years, (1856-8) up
to our chins - And they
must struggle out of
these as we did, &
establish reliable
Statistics as we have
done -

[end 9:381]

yours very faithfully
{printed address, upside down:]
27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.
Florence Nightingale.

920 Der 15/64 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

20/1/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I heard, last night **[9:396]**
from a man, not in
the India Office but
in connection with
it, that "the answer
of the Government
of India to Lord
Stanley's Sanitary
Report ~~had~~/has now
arrived" - & that

"a competent judge
has pronounced
it admirable."

Pray have it referred
to the (W.O. and I.O.)
"Barrack Improvement
Commission."

I really can hardly
keep from swearing;
not because I do not
believe that the very
worst state for action

is when every body
pronounces you right;
but because, when we
had only just finished
the Reply to Dr. Leith,
(we are so slow) -
there now is another
reply to do - it is too
bad.

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

I feel so violent that, if
I were to say what I
think, I should be put
into Dr. Pusey's "Small

Debts Court", where he
put Mr. Jowett. I feel
like the Fury in Orestes,
who wakes her sister
Fury with a gripe on
the back of her neck,
& worries her, as a
terrier does a rat,
crying:
Awake! arouse! rouse,
her as I rouse thee!
F.N.

[end 9:396]

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27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
23/1/65

Dear Lord Stanley

As you are so good
as to give me the
choice between Friday
and Saturday, here,
Saturday at 3 P.M.
will be quite convenient
to me - [I have an
engagement on Friday,
which I cannot
well put off -]

Many thanks for

your note. I accept
the good augury with
gratitude - from so
powerful a divinity.
Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/66 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
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11/2/65

Dear Lord Stanley

A thousand thanks for [9:510-11]
your note.

1. The proposal to have
Sanitary Engineers arose
out of a positive state=
ment (from India) that
the requisite talent
does not exist in India.
2. The functions of the
Sanitary Commissions
in India

have been hitherto
merely consultative -
(they give opinions
only when asked)
they certainly have not
hitherto done anything
in the way of inspecting
& reporting on Stations

If the Government
in India were to
ask them to prepare
plans for improving
two or three Stations,
it would be found

at once whether they
could do the work.
If not, they would
apply for help from home,
and that help should
be granted.

All that we want is
a beginning - plans of
improvement in
drainage & water-supply
sent home.

This has not hitherto
been done.

The Bombay Civil
Engineer who is doing
the drainage of
Bombay city, is in

England at present,
consulting about the
works.

We want similar
steps to be taken
with the Stations.

3. If Sir C. Wood
would look at
para. 22, p. 12, of
the "Remarks" (on Dr.
Leith,) he would see
all we want.

If he thought fit
to press para. 22 by
a Minute, as he did

your Report, he would
do all we want.

I send the page,
which contains all
the things for Engineers
to do.

4. There ought to be
no danger of "disputes".
The questions all
regard correct principles.

We promise to
advise Sir C. Wood
as well as we can
& as quietly as we can,
& not to hurt his feelings

the least little bit,
nor any one's else -
certainly not the
Governor Genl's.

We have not been
aggressive - we have not
been impertinent.
Dr. Leith attacked
us ignorantly & offen=
lively. And we put
him right quietly &
inoffensively.

Indeed, I consider
we have been models
of lambs - [As for me,

I have been on all
fours.]

5. A very important
paper has reached
our Barrack Commission
from Sir C. Wood -
the views of the Govt
of India as to the
principles of constructing
Barracks that is to
say, Sir John Lawrence's
views on Col: Crommelin's
paper, (of which I
sent you a private
proof to look at)
[From India I hear

privately that 7 millions
are to be spent on
Barracks - And Sir
John Lawrence says,
it will be 10 millions.

Of course you know
the truth of this.]

This Despatch from
the Govt of India is
coming up here, (I
hope to day,) from our
Commission.

When they have examined
it, if you will allow
me to claim your kind
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offer of a "farther

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consultation," (if you still
have time then) there
may be something to
trouble you about.

[end 9:511]

Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale
We have heard nothing
yet of Col: Norman's
paper.

920 Der 15/67 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

19/2/65

Dear Lord Stanley

Col: Sykes has given
notice of a question
to Sir C. Wood, on
Monday, as to the
disinfectant for Bombay.

[9:382-83]

[About these
abominable disinfectants,
references have been
continually made from
the Bombay Govt, through
the I.O., to the "Barrack

Improvement Commission".]

The question is one,
as I need not tell you,
of primary importance.
Is India to be laid
down in disinfectants?
or is she to be drained
& water supplied, like
other civilized countries?
Are we to have sanitary
works, or disinfectants,
to cure India?

Col: Sykes' question
refers to Macdougall's

powder -

Sir C. Wood's best reply would simply be to lay the report of the "Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission" (on this subject) on the table of the House.

In that report, they enter into the question of disinfectants, for India, in its length & breadth. They show to what extent disinfectants can be used. These can never

be used as a *substitute* for works ~~&~~/and for cleanliness. They point out that lime or charcoal answer the purpose of destroying smell temporarily, ~~(illeg)~~/though not so completely as the powder - and they recommend that lime or charcoal be used, before the more expensive article is obtained from England.

The Disinfectors have,

from the first, attempted to substitute their *charlatanerie* for your (R. Commission) Report.

I wonder that Col: Sykes should allow himself to be their agent.

If you thought well to see Sir C. Wood, & induce him to lay the said answer on Disinfectants before the Ho: of C., it might

be the most advantageous
course for the progress
of our works.

[end 9:383]

Believe me

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/68 signed letter, 4f, pen black-edged

Confidential

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

March 12/65

Dear Lord Stanley

About India Sanitary

[9:513-14]

papers being referred
to the home Commission: -

Sir John Lawrence writes
to me ("Barrackpoor
February 6")

that he *has* done what
we asked, that all
the Sanitary papers
are sent home: -
"but", he adds, "it

"must rest with the
Secretary of State
to say what should
be sent on to the
Sanitary Comn. I
should be trenching
on his prerogative,
if I said more."

I merely send this extract
for information.

I believe it was said
(or supposed) that the
obstacle, if any, lay
"out there," not at
home.

I do not send it as a
complaint. For we
have nothing very
particular to complain
of just now. I receive
all the Sanitary papers
from India. And
therefore I feel sure
that the most important
are sent us from the
India Office, tho'
after months of delay.
The one upon Barracks,
founded on Col:
Crommelin's paper,
came to the home Commission two or three
weeks ago; no doubt

in consequence of what
you said to Sir C. Wood.
Our remarks on it
are done & printed,
(i.e. the rough draft);
and I meant to have
troubled you with a
copy. But the worshipful
Commission have not
done their considerations
upon the rough draft
yet.

The papers on Hospitals
will, I have no doubt
follow these on
Barracks. [I received
them months back]

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2. General Peel "is [16:440]
"going to attack
the Herbert & other
Military Hospitals
on Army Estimates,"

I hear. Now Genl Peel
is as much more
formidable an antagonist
to us than Ld Panmure,
as a gentleman is
more efficient than
a "snob". Besides,
Genl Peel has
always behaved

most generously to
Sidney Herbert's memory,
Ld Panmure most
ungenerously. [I do
not mean to weary
you with saying how.]
My object is: would
you think well to
say a little word
for our poor new
Hospitals, if Genl Peel
attacks them? - in the
sense of advocating the (at -
present) received principles
of Hospital construction, as
set forth in your India Sanitary Report. [end]

3. To return to Sir John
Lawrence: - he speaks
eagerly but rather
despondingly - of his
wish to accomplish
"real sanitary improve=
ments" of the "difficulties
with which we are
surrounded," And he
says; we shall "consider"
him- "timid & even
time-serving." [Certainly
there is one thing great
men don't know, &
that is, themselves.
John Lawrence was
undoubtedly the only

man who ever called
John Lawrence a
"time-server", except
in the highest possible
sense. For he does
"serve" at the time
most wanted with
all his might.]

Pray burn this note;
You will see that Sir
J. Lawrence's letter is
quite private. And
indeed I am always
afraid of misrepresenting
him.

[end 9:514]

yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/68 {last} signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

March 21/65

[16:440]

Dear Lord Stanley

I take the liberty
of sending you a copy
of the last "Builder"
& of asking you to read
the article on the
"Herbert Hospital,"
which is *not* by any
of us.

Ld Panmure's
attack in the Ho: of Lords,
on the Pavilion Hospital
system in general & on

the Herbert Hospital in
particular
has damaged us with
people whose action,
not whose opinions,
we want.

And we can't afford
to lose our Patrons.

[end]

Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 950

920 Der 15/69 signed letter, 3ff, pen -edged

Indian Sanitary

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

March 23/65

Dear Lord Stanley

We appear to be
"in for" another reply.
But so far as can be
judged of from the
"Times" article of to-day,
it will be mainly
statistical.

[9:398]

We should not
like to do anything
except under your
advice. If you would
kindly say - what ought

to be done by us? - - -

Unless there is some
Sanitary heterodoxy,
perhaps the home
("Barrack & Hospital")
Commission cannot
interfere. But we
have not seen the
paper, & are in the
darkness which Ld
Panmure thinks so
conducive to health.

The difference in the
Statistical estimates

we fear to be mainly
due to invaliding -
i.e. in the earlier
periods taken by Dr.
Farr for estimating
the Mortality, the men
were kept till they
died, while, of late
years, since the Mutiny,
sickly men have been
sent home either to
die or recover.

It may turn out
that Dr. Farr's part
of the "reply to Dr. Leith"

will cover most of the
ground.

As we whistled, cried
& shouted to them for
their Statistics after
1856 - & could get no
answer - as we
tried alternately
threatening, intriguing,
"soaping", & going on
all fours - & they
were as silent as if
they were dead - it
is truly hard upon us
to make an accusation

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against us that we
have not put in the
Statistics which they
had not, or pretended
they had not.

[end 9:398]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/70 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

March 25/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I have not seen the [9:398-99]
Parly paper containing
the Indian Govt's reply
(sanitary), and should
be very glad if you
will be kind enough
to send it me.

I am afraid it has
annoyed Sir J. Lawrence
very much.

Dr. Farr has asked

Col: Sykes, I understand,
to move for the
"remarks on *Dr. Leith*,"
And he has also
sent a copy to Mr.
Delane. ("Times")

If you decide on a
reply, another point
for you to say will
be, by whom the
reply is to be signed?

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Dr. Farr says the Statistical
points raised are
the same as those
raised by Dr. Leith.

[end 9:399]

920 Der 15/71 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

April 19/65

Dear Lord Stanley

You, of course, saw [9:514-15]
the Calcutta papers

(Copy of Report &
Correspondence relative
to the Sanitary state
of Calcutta)

in the form of a
Parliamentary Paper
22 February 1865.

The experience of
the War Office Commission

might possibly help
in the satisfactory
solution of some
parts of the Calcutta
problem, if Sir
C. Wood would send
them a copy, of which
they could take
official cognizance,
& order them to
make their remarks.

2. By the India mail

which came in last
night, I heard "that
36 square feet has (*possibly*)
been fixed as the
minimum of superficial
area" (for Indian Jails)
& that new Jails are
to be constructed
accordingly." - "Want
of money - the cause."

This is so very much
~~the~~ less than the
amount of area
required for health
even in England,

that it seems as if
it were the very thing
in which the English
Secretary of State
might exercise some
"control". Because I
understand that
the authorities are
disposed to plead
want of experience
(of any larger area
being necessary)
Our Prison Inspectors
might be referred to.
But the War Office

commission would do it
much better, & would
of course consult our
Prison Department; (if
referred to.)

I do not know
whether you would
think it well to
interfere in these
two matters yourself -
by suggesting to Sir C. Wood
to refer to the W. O. Commn.

~~It is hard enough,~~
God knows, for great
public men to do

their duty anywhere -
But, I do think it
is harder & worse
for them in India
than anywhere else.
And I know perfectly
well now what
Sir John Lawrence
meant, when he
said that we should
consider him "timid
& perhaps even time=
serving"

[end 9:515]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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Private

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Park Lane. W.

April 29/65

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:515-16]

In returning you
Sir C. Wood's note,
for which I am
very much obliged -
may I say that the
case is this: a set
of papers are laid
before Parliament,
(22 Feb:) containing
certain statements

as to the sanitary
condition of Calcutta,
with certain engineering
proposals for
rectifying the evils.
Your R. Commission
dealt not only
with the "Military"
points in India -
but with the state
of towns, & amongst
others of Calcutta.
(inseparable from

the "Military" question
unless Sir C. Wood
believes in the
exploded superstition
of quarantine.)

The War Office,=(or
home Sanitary,=) Commission
was re=constituted
mainly by your own
instrumentality. And
Mr. Rawlinson was
added to it, expressly
for these civil matters

(chiefly by the same
influence-)

All that is required
is that Sir C. Wood
should send the
Parly paper to the
(W.O. and I.O.) Commission
for remarks.

We think it would
not be difficult to
find a way out of
the Calcutta difficulties;
and it is our duty
to help them.

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[I don't know that
Sir C. Wood has any
business with what
Sir J. Lawrence or the "Sanitary Commission in Bengal"
writes to me about "wishing for advice." These
papers were, it is
true, sent to me
confidentially. But
they are now Parly
papers. I think
I sent them to you
(in the spring of
last year.) I told

Sir J.L. that I
should - (i.e. submit
to you all the papers
he was so good as
to send me that
I thought worthy
your notice) I
think I sent you
an Ext. from his
letter saying: - that
he *did* wish all
these papers to be
referred to the "home

Sanitary" Commission -
but that, having
expressed that wish,
~~he~~ it would be
interfering with Sir
C. Wood's 'prerogative'
to interfere farther
- or words to that
effect. I have not
Sir J. Lawrence's
letter before me]

I trust that you
will hear "about the
Prisons", after Sir C.

Wood has "asked"
about them.

The Colonial Office
is putting its house
in order about
prisons. And it
would not do for
India to be left
behind. The awful
Epidemics in her
prisons are beyond
parallel.

Pray believe me
your most faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

P.S. It appears to me
that Sir J. Lawrence
& Sir C. Wood are
playing at
cross purposes.

The former says: -
I have asked.

The latter says: -
if he will ask -

F.N.

in haste

Please burn -

[end 9:546]

920 Der 15/73 signed letter, 7ff, pen black-edged

Private

34 South Street

W.

May 13/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I am afraid you
will think me very
troublesome - not
only that but turbulent;
"a turbulent fellow -
vide Lord Panmure.
And I am afraid
you will also think
me over-eager, which
is true - & unreasonable
& sometimes

[9:546-47]

contradictory , which

I don't think is
true, but apparently
so -

So I had better proceed
at once to business.

1.

I beg leave to send
you a Proof copy of
the remarks of the
Army Sanitary Commission
(here), on the conclusions
of the Government of
India, in regard to
the building of

Barracks - which
"conclusions" we
received from Sir
C. Wood, owing to
your intervention,
as perhaps you will
remember, some
weeks, not to say
months ago.

[We have accomplished
our part with all
our usual celerity -
seeing we might
have done it in
as many days.]

The whole subject

has evidently been well
considered in India;
and the only points
in which the (home)
Commission has
suggested improvements
are those necessary
for more completely
embodying the views
of ~~the~~/your R. Commission.
The India Govt has
evidently profited
by the "Suggestions"
formerly sent out
by the (home) "Army

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Sanitary Commission."

[That is the way they
choose to style
themselves now.]

2.

Nothing has yet been
heard from Sir C.
Wood about the
sanitary state of
Calcutta.

I venture to send you
(& to ask the return
of) a Report 25
years old, on the

same subject exposing
a state of things
the father of that
denounced by Mr.
John Strachey. But
the enclosed Report
is nearer the truth -
on the subject of
sanitary works -
than the document
laid before Parliament.
(22 February 1865)
I send ~~my~~/this *old* Report
in order that you
may see what our

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case is - and how old
the evils are they
have to deal with.
From these two Reports
you will easily see
how needful it is that the (home) Army
Sanitary Commission
~~could~~/should point out the
great leading
principles applicable
to the improvement
of Calcutta, if only
they had the
opportunity of so doing
afforded them by
Sir C. Wood.

All that he would
have to do would be
to send the Parly
paper to them for
"remarks" in the
usual way - and
they will send as
much information
as they can. Sir
C. Wood, if he saw
fit, might then
send it to India.

He is aware that
Sir J. Lawrence
wishes it. (generally.)

3.

You have probably received by this time Dr. Farr's Reply to the statements made by the Govt of India about the Mortality. He sent it here. And we asked him to add a little summing up. I need hardly say that, if you would wish us to add any thing, we are more than ready.

It was thought that, as the Army Sanitary

Commission had signed the reply to Dr. Leith, it would be better ~~if~~/that this reply to the Govt of India should be independent, & signed only by yourself, (if you approved it at least) - But this is of course a matter for yourself alone to decide.

We will try to alter & improve it, if not approved, as often as you think well.

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4. Nothing further
has been heard
about the Indian Jails,
& their 36 square feet
per ~~person~~/prisoner which
it is proposed to
give.

To shew in what
a condition the
intelligence of India
officials is on this
subject, may I say
(what I dare say
I have troubled
you with before,)

that our R. Engineer,
who has been
engaged in Turkey
upon improving
the Turkish prisons,
says that the superficial
area there to be
allowed is 72 square
feet per prisoner -
or just double
what Indian want
of sense considers
sufficient for
India.

The fact is: that
India has set up

her new housekeeping
with not a house
over her head. She
wants new Jails,
new Hospitals, new
buildings of all kinds.
And she wants to be
helped. God help her!
and you too, I hope.
I would renew my
excuses to you. But
I think it more
respectful not to
take up any more
of your time with

my "sornettes". So I
will only say that
they are doing a
good deal, "Deo
gratias" & also to
you - in India -

[end 9:517]

Your very faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/74 signed letter, 7ff, pen black-edged

Confidential

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

May 17/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I hope you will not
think me profane if I
say that God and Lord
Stanley & Sir John Lawrence
being on our side - we
have nothing to fear.
And indeed your very
kind note encouraged
me more than I can
say. But Sir John
Lawrence is in very
low spirits.

[9:384-85]

My immediate reason for troubling you again, (in consequence of the kind encouragement you have given) is the enclosed Extract from one of the Calcutta papers, sent me by Sir J. Lawrence, which shows the backward state of opinion, and also of practical Engineering ability in Calcutta.

I forwarded the Article to Mr. Rawlinson, C.E. (Local Govt Act Office) for his opinion. And he has sent me the accompanying paper. I intend writing to Sir J. Lawrence & shall enclose the Rawlinson reply. [Tomorrow is next Indian mail, by Bombay. But it is of less consequence for me to catch that mail than to communicate with you.]

The whole matter shows the need of giving them the benefit of home

experience - & pointing out to them how to meet difficulties which were at one time the same here.

It was partly to meet these civil cases that we wished the W.O. Commission to be put in communication with India, & Mr. Rawlinson to be put upon it - which you brought about.

So far as the troops are concerned, you have well said (in your Report) that the sanitary state

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of the Civil population is so intimately connected with that of the troops that they cannot be separated. So long, e.g. as the smell of Calcutta reaches Fort William - and it will cease to do so (and thank God that it does do so) only when the city is improved - so long will the troops suffer in health.

The same principle holds good in all large groups of population where there are troops stationed. They may

build Barracks - & spend their seven ~~or~~ and their ten millions - as Mr. Massey told me, just before he went out, they should - but, till they improve the water-supply & drainage of the Stations - they will not save their men.

2. As to Sir J. Lawrence:
his letter is dated Calcutta
7 April.

Of course he touches sadly upon the Finance question. But, as I know nothing about Indian Finance,

& you know everything, it is
no use my troubling you -
[I hope that the discredit
of this will not recoil
upon Sir J. Lawrence's
administration. We feel
rather as if India were
holding down his head.

- and we cannot be too
thankful for your powerful
words in time of trouble]

Sir J. Lawrence says:

"our difficulties are
very great - very much
beyond your conception."

[Yes: I can conceive - But
you can conceive better.]

also: -

"Every body (English) is
a bird of passage;

"none look to India
as a home; all are
anxious to get away
as soon as may be
practicable. This
evil tendency has
greatly increased
of late years. The
general idea is that
'sufficient for the day
is the evil thereof'
in the worst sense.
Few take any real
interest in
improvements. The
natives themselves

{printed address, upside down:}

34 South Street,

Park Lane, are ignorant, apathetic
London. W. or even opposed

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"to sanitary improvements.
They will not expend
money on such matters.
We have no easy job
in raising the necessary
income to meet the
public demands. Then
the very reforms in
themselves are difficult
of execution, & are
very expensive."

He then goes into some
details about Calcutta
water supply & says: -
"though Calcutta is the
richest place in
India, the inhabitants
grudge the expence,

"and I doubt much
if they will consent
to incur it.
The city is under
municipal
management, which
is defective & feeble
in its character,
but, if one abolished
it & put in a
Dictator, ten to one
but we put every
body against the
Govt. Then would
commence vituperation
& lamentations *which*
re-echo in England."

However, Sir J. Lawrence
does not succumb. On

the contrary, he goes on to
say that he is going to
"see what can be done."

I need hardly say that I do
not communicate Sir J.
Lawrence's letters to any
one but yourself. ~~{I/Sir
told/Sir John Lawrence/illeg I-
illeg illeg wrong}~~

With regard to Sanitary &
Statistical matters, you
know Sir J. Lawrence
is no Statistician &
~~no~~/only an amateur Sanitarian.
It would be very odd
if he were otherwise.
He does not see, either,

the defects of the enclosed newspaper
Article. But he is
always willing to do
more, instead of less,
than he says. And of
all men he should
have help -

Would you please return
me the newspaper
article & Mr. Rawlinson's
paper - with your remarks,
if you will be so good as to
make any.

3. We have seen the
copy of Dr. Farr's
reply, with your alterations
{printed address, upside down:}

34 South Street,
Park Lane, inserted. It is
London. W. very greatly

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improved - if I may say
so. Dr. Sutherland
will be glad to sign it;
and Dr. Farr agrees to this.

[end 9:385]

in haste

Your very faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Sir J. Lawrence says he
shall be at Simlah
"before long", where he
has had to "send" his
Bengal Sanitary Commission,
- "they were so ill" - &
where he will set to
work with them upon
our sanitary matters.

920 Der 15/75 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

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

May 20/65

Dear Lord Stanley

Drs. Farr & Sutherland
signed the Reply to the
Govt of India yesterday
- and you probably
received it last night,
with a request (which
nevertheless I take the
liberty of seconding-)
that, if you saw no
objection, you might

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think well to move for
it on Monday.

Also, that, as the Reply
to Dr. Leith is referred
to in the reply to the
Govt. of India, and as
it completes the case,
we should be very
glad if you thought
well that both
documents should be
moved for together -
on two separate notice-

papers, so that each
might be separately
printed.

[Col: Sykes promised Dr.
Farr some time ago to
move for the reply to
Dr. Leith, but has not
done so.]

The titles are: -

1. Copy of letter addressed
to Sir C. Wood in reply
to Despatch of Government
of India on Report of
the R. Sanitary Commission
for India - and
2. Copy of Remarks of
Barrack & Hospital

Improvement Commission
on a Report by Dr. Leith
on the General Sanitary
Condition of the Bombay
Army.

I am extremely
grateful to you for
your kind letter about
Sir J. Lawrence

[end 9:400]

& am always
Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

920 Der 15/76 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

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

May 23/65

Dear Lord Stanley

If you saw fit, I think
the true way of putting
the case to Sir C. Wood
is: -

[9:517-18]

that it is not whether the
'Calcutta people' desire
to be improved or to
ask advice - It is this: -
Sir C. Wood, having
granted to the Ho: of
Commons certain papers
exposing a state of
things in Calcutta,

which has brought out
severe public criticism
- and these things
being the very things
most important for
the "Army Sanitary
Commission" (this is
the name by which
they are to be called)
to advise the India
people about - would
it not be desirable
to have the sanitary
(not administrative)

questions simply therein
raised, brought
officially to the cognizance
of the Commission, in
order that it may
give its best advice
as to the methods
most likely to remove
the acknowledged causes
of disease - especially
as the plans proposed
are obviously by no
means ~~poss~~ the best
possible?

[I need not tell you that

Sir John Lawrence does
wish to be informed
& to ask advice - &
that he has informed
me that he *has* told
Sir C. Wood so - because
I think I have
uniformly sent you
extracts of his letters,
& because you probably
know it by much more
direct means -

But it is impossible for
me to quote his letters,
or those of the Bengal
Sanitary Commission,
except to yourself - or
of course to ask you to

quote them.]

There may be reasons
of which I know
nothing, to prevent you
from thinking it well
to urge Sir C. Wood
upon the general grounds
stated above -

I have done what I
could in sending privately
to Sir J. Lawrence
Mr. Rawlinson's opinions.

But what I feel - &
what I am sure you
must feel much more
strongly - is that it
does not do to leave

these vital questions
at the mercy of
private or accidental
agency.

God bless you for taking
them up -

I have kept the enclosure
back, because I had
a question to ask of
the W.O. But I need
scarcely say that I have
not shewn it, nor
your letter. In haste,

Believe me

very faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

[end 9:518]

920 Der 15/78 unsigned memorandum, 10ff, pen [9:519-21]

Sanitary Commission MADRAS Presidency
June 2/65

"have now been nearly 14 months in Office and during the whole of that time have had to combat with the most determined opposition from the Govt. The public is kept in entire ignorance of their labours and Reports and Letters are disposed of summarily & seldom acted on."

"What is really required is that the suggestions of these Commissions should be dealt with by Govt on their own merits, and not referred to the Quarter Master General or the Commander in Chief for their observations"

"In example of the mode of dealing with Reports: - shortly after submitting the Bangalore Report a reference was made to Govt regarding the site for certain buildings on the "Race Course" at that Station. A Committee was ordered by Govt to decide the points at issue and of this Comtee Dr. Macpherson (as President Sany Com:) was nominated (officiating) during Mr. Ellis' absence."

"a member. Dr. Macpherson &c proceeded to Bangalore where H.E. the Commander in Chief then was, and the Comtee ordered by Govt was *not* held. But Sir Hope Grant did order a Comtee of 4 military and 3 medl officers to report on the recommendations of the Sany Comn regarding Hospitals & Barracks occupied by Europeans at Bangalore.

[For 4 days (for from 3 to 4 hours daily) the whole business was to defend ~~this~~/the Comn from the repeated attacks & inuendos of the Qr Mr Genl's Dept] Finally the Comtee adopted every suggestion of the Sany Commission, with the exception of one or two minor points - (and it (their Report) is now before Govt)"

"*Our only remedy must come from England*"

"The high officials here consider

that the Sany Commissions are not authorized to do more than suggest & that it is not necessary to do more than *record* the Commission's views."

{note in margin}

This refers exclusively to the *Madras* Commission - The Bombay does not *want to do any*= thing, but writes only. The Bengal has Sir J. Lawrence - But it is to be regretted that he does not make it a Govt Office or Dept. Perhaps he can't.

"If such a state of matters is to continue, then the sooner these Commissions are abolished, the better. The most carefully considered suggestions are set aside for insufficient reasons or for no reasons at all.

"Our Army enjoys, as a rule, good ? health, but of the carelessness of the Military authorities the sad misfortunes of the 74th Highlanders at Madras, and of the Artillery marching from Mhow are abundant & most painful examples."

{note in margin}

This paper	"It is now 14 months since the
was sent	Sany Commn first addressed Govt
me. a	on the subject of selecting camps
capital paper.	for Europeans if attacked with
	Cholera at Stations and it is
	little more than so many days

The *Bengal*
Commn wrote
to me to get
them the
best methods
of water analysis.
And after
much that was insufficient
had been
sent me by
English savans,
Dr. Angus Smith
sent me a
full & sufficient
paper, now
in the press,
for them.
This too is
an excellent
paper.
Mr. Ellis
hopes to
carry it, (the
scheme)

Better they
never had
been adopted

"since anything has been actually
done on the subject.

"An enquiry into the character of
the drinking water in Madras
was instituted 11 months ago -
at the request of the San. Comm.
~~who~~ and they are now told that
it cannot be completed until
the end of this year.

"7 months ago, they submitted a
scheme for a Public Health Service
to include registration of Births
and Deaths: on this nothing has
been done.

"For 12 months certain suggestions
of rules for the {illeg control{?}} of public
women were forwarded to Govt
and have only just been adopted
after the preliminary process of a
Comtee who only interfered in minor
details.

"To detail all the many instances
of impassiveness on the part of
this Govt would only weary."

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"Here are some of the good results
of the *Madras* Sanitary Commission.

"At a native town some 30 to 40 miles
from Madras, the annual assemblage of
pilgrims was followed almost invariably
by the appearance of Cholera which
speedily found its way to Madras.

"On their own responsibility & by Mr. Ellis'
influence, suitable measures were
adopted for the Conservancy of the
town during the Festival and for the
provision of 'places of convenience',
the removal of cattle and the cleansing
of the streets &c.

"20,000 pilgrims attended and not
a single case of Cholera occurred.

"Similar measures were, at their (San. Comm.
suggestion, again adopted this year
and with similar success.

"Although this was brought to the notice
of the authorities, *no* similar measures
were adopted elsewhere & Cholera
is now raging in Bellay, Sangor & other
districts where disease has been
introduced by large bodies of Pilgrims.

"Without a well-planned, and active Public Health Department these unhappy occurrences can scarcely be prevented.

"The subject of the marching of troops has engaged the Commn's attention, and certain recommendations offered on the point, but opposed by the Military authorities.

"These latter caused by their neglect the march of the 4th M.N.I. Regt to be made in Feby through the most unhealthy district of the Presidency (the hot bed of Cholera and Fever) and when the Regt reached Seconderabad some considerable number of the whole Regt had been attacked. One European Officer died.

[end 9:521]

	Attacked	Died
Non=Comd, Rank & File	100	44
Male Followers	76	44
Female "	123	59
Children	120	48
Total Deaths		195

plus the Officers

"in the hope that, before long, the Commn may be placed in its proper position as the advisers of Govt
&c &c

This, the following, is by a totally different hand.

June 12/65 "The Commission, in their early instructions were directed by Government to do their best towards introducing a more wholesome system of Conservance into the city of Madras, the filthy state of which is equal to that of Calcutta. The Municipal Commissioners have a large sum for conservancy & scavengerage expended annually. Conceiving that much of this was misapplied, the Sanitary Commission desired in friendly communion with them to give advice. But they decline

"and on goes the old system of making drains with brick & mortar of an ill-constructed shape and so directed that the sewage sticks in it instead of flowing through - scraping up the solid contents of these drains & placing it to bake in heaps in the sun - and so forth. - fish & vegetable markets, throughout the city which are never cleaned - And now with this furious hot weather, & with sporadic Cholera around, these Solons of Commissioners are doing just what invites it on.

And then they say that Lord Stanley's Report is exaggerated. pitched beneath. All this, with the

"Independent of a large civil community, there is a considerable European and native Garrison at this place - Madras. The same absence of properly applied conservancy exists every where. Hedge rows - 20 to 30 ft high - and dense underwood impede the free flow of sea-breeze - contents of latrines, private house filth

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funds at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioners, would have been rectified by the Sanitary Commn - for the Mun: Comm: have no Health Officer of their own. [It would have been no use going up to Government with a long scheme for they Commission (Sanitary) would be at once *stumped* by "no funds" - "highly approve" "action postponed" &c &c. And so it is in all they recommend.

Character of Sir W. Denison "The Governor has, like all others who can do so, taken flight from Madras - the spot of heat & stink.

"The entire purport of his replies to the Sanitary Commission ~~have~~/has been: - '*Do as I do: keep out of the way of stinks.* When subjects are referred to you for an opinion, reply. But don't go & be knocking

"`your heads in all other men's work.'

"In vain it was argued that it was as much their business to search out `stinks' as it was the Police man's duty to put down crime.

"`All bosh' was his reply.

"He was told they were only acting on the orders of his own Govt.

"On which he Sir W. Denison said, `Gammon the Government of Bengal; those fools there, knowing nothing of our wants, lay down rules which they think are as applicable to us as they are to them. *And the people at home are still greater fools.*'

"As matters now stand, it is a perfect farce. And the Sanitary Commissions are a laughing stock to every one."

It is very obvious now why Sir John Lawrence cannot control the Governors of other Presidencies And why the `control must come (if at all) from England.'

920 Der 15/79 signed letter, 6ff, pen black-edged

Private &

Confidential June 7/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

Here I come troubling
you again.

[9:521-23]

But the *Madras* Govt
is betraying us (this time).
And we want you, if you
thought well, to interfere,
as no one else can, to
bring them to their senses.

A Mr. Ellis, a (kind of)
cousin to Lord de Grey,
was appointed President
of the Sanitary Commission
for Madras, (one of the
three Presidency Commission
inaugurated by your
R. Commission.)

He was an ignorant
amateur. ~~But~~ And his
appointment made a
great "row". But he set
his shoulder to the wheel,
& worked like a man -
but found he could
really effect nothing, &
is now coming home to
see if he cannot move
the *home* Govt to do

something, thro' Lord de Grey.

[Cousin or no cousin, I don't think Lord de Grey will do much for him. But I am "a dirty bird, who fou's its own nest."]

Dr. Macpherson, a man whom perhaps you will remember as writing to you "with a grievance", - but quite the ablest man in India in *Sanitary* administration, - has been appointed, mainly by Sir J. Lawrence's personal interference, *locum tenens* to Mr. Ellis for 6 months, as President

of the Madras Sanitary Commission. Whatever energy & ability can do, Dr. Macpherson will do.

I think I can best tell you the difficulty by making some extracts from ~~my~~/various letters, received by last mail. After a summary of

"all that is being done,
"I should say *written*
"by the Madras
"Sanitary Commission.
"They are allowed to
"write as much as
"they please, but
"they are not allowed
"to do anything."

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Another letter says: -

"Mr. Ellis, the President,
has spared no pains
to get up the subject,
& to put matters in
train for action."

[Mr. Ellis, whom I do not know,
has been kind enough to
send me all ~~the~~/his papers,
which are *masterly*.

But you see, he could not
quite tell me what a
fine fellow he was. So I
prefer to quote from other
letters *about* him]

"But not a single rupee
is granted by the Governor,
who, with Colonel
Herbert Marshall,

"Military Secretary to Govt.,
& Colonel Scott, the
Quarter Master General
make no secret of their
opinion 'that the whole
thing is bosh from top
to bottom.'"

In another letter, I ~~see~~/read, that
"the Madras Govt is doing
"worse than nothing -
"for it is laughing."

"Mr. Ellis' chief object
in coming home is
to endeavour to get
some pressure put
on the local authorities.
If he fails, he intends
to resign in disgust,
& return to his old

duties."

"Dr. Macpherson has
gone over with Mr.
Ellis all that has
been written &
recommended, which
substantially is
what we have urged
on the Government
for the last ten years."

But "nothing has been done,
"because not a rupee is
"available, & *nothing*
"*will be done*, until
"public indignation at
"*home* is aroused &
"directed against the
"obstructions."

"Mr. Ellis has done
"much good work. He
"is an able man & has
"thrown himself with
"all zeal into his duties.
"He is fully alive to
"their importance but,
"having had much passive
"& not a little direct
"resistance - little or no
"good has, as yet,
"resulted from his
"recommendations.
"One great object he has
"in going home now is
"to get power placed in
"the hands of the Commission.
{printed address, upside down:}
34 South Street, "to carry out at once
Park Lane, "such points as are
London. W. "of urgent necessity."
[This is from another letter.]

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[I will only just add
that Mr. Ellis' appoint
ment was a direct
result of the
recommendation of the
(your) R. Commission,
viz. that the heads of
the Presidency Sanitary
Commissions should
be Civilians & administrators,
and *not* Doctors -
that the signal failure
of DR. Leith, as President
of the Bombay Sanitary
Commission, has only
justified your
recommendation - &
that "we" have always
done our little all
to support Mr. Ellis.]

A suggestion made to me

is: -

"either that Lord Stanley

"should prevail upon

"Sir C. Wood to write at

"once to Madras on the

"subject, in order to

"bring the Madras Govt

"to its senses -

"or that Lord Stanley

"should move in the

"Ho: of C. for a Return

"of the sanitary work done

"& the money spent in

"sanitary improvements

"in the Madras Presidency

"since the Sanitary

"Commission was appointed."

You will alone be able to
decide what is best to be
done. I need hardly
say, that it is a point on
which I have no judgment
at all - ~~nor~~/or that I have
not, in my replies, said
a single word to imply
that you grant me the
liberty of bringing these
things before you -

I know perfectly well what
Sidney Herbert would
have done, if he had
been now S. of S. for War.
He would have called
upon the Army Sanitary
(W.O. and I.O.) Commission

to furnish such queries & forms
of Returns as, when sent
out to the Madras Govt
& replied to, would have
brought out the whole
subject & facts of the
case, as they now stand.

But this is past praying
for. And I should
have a "predestinate
scratched face" for so
much as suggesting it.

[end 9:523]

Believe me

dear Lord Stanley

Your very faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

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34 South Street,

Park Lane,

London. W.

920 Der 15/80 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

June 14/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

I take the liberty of
sending a copy of the
remarks of the Army
Sanitary Commission, - in
case it has not reached
you, - on the Barrack
plans which you
persuaded Sir C. Wood
to send to them for
criticism. [I think you
had a proof.]

[9:524-25]

You will see that
the requirements of your
R. Commission are now

fully provided for, i.e.
if the India Govt adopt
the few changes proposed.
And then the Indian
Army will have the
best Barracks in the
world.

But indeed the original
plans, the devices of
Col: Crommelin, our
original enemy - the
Minutes of the Govt of
India upon them,
including Sir J. Lawrence's
own, & Col: Strachey's
(the Secretary) shew

how they are a hundred
years ahead of what
they were but 18 months
ago.

I wish Sir C. Wood & the
India Govt did but know
how a single Epidemic
costs the country more
than all the works
necessary to prevent
epidemics. It is like
a poor *savant*, who
denies himself food &
fire to finish his
education - & ruins
his constitution or dies -
and then what is the
good of his education?

Men must *live*, first.

Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

[end 9:525]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 990

920 Der 15/81 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Private

June 17/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

The man whom I [9:525-26]
mentioned to you, President
of the Madras Sanitary
Commission (R.S. Ellis -
he was Member of Council
at Calcutta as I dare say
you know) is comHe
is much the best I have
(illeg)/known of the India Sanitary

Presidents.

He devotes his 6 months'
leave to seeing practical
Sanitary works in England.
But that is not his main
object. The most important
thing he has to do: is to
induce the home Govt to
settle the question of
the position which the
Madras Sanitary Commission
should occupy with
regard to the Madras
Government.

At Madras the Sanitary Commission
has no direct relation to
the Govt. It writes only
to the Mil. Sec. And this
is dead against all progress.

As the holding of India
depends so much on the
health of troops, the authority
vested with the duty
looking after this, should
certainly be in direct
communication with the
Govt.

When you desired me to
see Sir J. Lawrence before
~~you~~/he went out as Gov. Genl,
in order to urge upon him
the recommendations of

~~th~~/your R. Commission, I wrote
a paper for him, at his
request, - a kind of Sermon
on the texts of your
recommendations - in
which it was proposed
that the President of
the Commission should
be Minister of Health for
the Presidency. x

At present his position
is less influential than
that of an Officer of a
London Vestry.

Mr. Ellis proposes
that the San: Comm: President
~~x I mention this now, in~~
order to shew that Mr. Ellis'
object is entirely in accordance
with the views of your R. Commission.

should be in the position
of a Secretary to Govt,
so as to communicate
directly with members
of Govt - to have the title
of Inspector Genl of Public
Health (which word as
he says, would involve
no expence)

At present the progress
of Sanitary works in
Madras Presy is *nil*. tho'
they have a man, in Mr.
Ellis, at the head of
their Sanitary Commission,
who, of all men, answers
to your recommendation
to put an administration
& a Civilian

as President (of these
Commissions)

Mr. Ellis has carried

1. a Military Cantonments
Act to give power over
these, which was absolutely
necessary

2. [which is not yet
carried, but on the point
of being so,] a Towns
Municipal Improvement
Bill - of which he has
left me the Draft - if
you would care to see it.
He is anxious to carry: -

an organization of the Public
health Service for
Madras Presidency - of
which he has also left
me the Draft - if you
would care to see it -
which would cost only
£10,000 or £12,000 a year.

2. that, in the Madras Budget,
from £10,000 to £15,000
a year should be devoted
to Sanitary works.

It is evident that the
crisis is come which
will decide whether the
Sanitary Service is to
be something like
spirit-rapping or table=

turning - or whether it is
to be a real Service -
I do not offer any suggestions
to you, simply because
the way of using pressure
on Sir C. Wood is a
sealed book to me -
Mr. Ellis was to see Lord
de Grey, (whose cousin he
is) today.

I do not know whether you
would think well to
see Mr. Ellis, whose
address is: 4 York Street

St. James' Square
ever your faithful servt
{printed address, upside down:}

34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W. Florence Nightingale

[end 9:526]

920 Der 15/82 signed letter, 1f, pen black-edged

June 19/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

In case Dr. Farr has not [9:401]
sent you your Parly Return,
with the rates calculated
by himself, I send you
my copy. But, if he has,
I think I will trouble
you to return me mine.
You will see how, alas!,
the rates of Invaliding
increase with the
diminution of the rates
of Mortality - [Still
there is an improvement
during the last 5 years.

[This is the first Return
we have had of the years
'57, '58, '59.]

your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

The Return for the E.I.C.'s
troops, which you
called for, is not yet
come. Probably it will,
in 5 or 6 months.

[end 9:401]

920 Der 15/83 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

June 23/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

Knowing how extraordinarily
heavy the work is now, I
feel like a culprit in even
forwarding a request to
you to do more.

Perhaps I ought not to
have undertaken to do so.
But you will pardon me,
even if you refuse.

The Committee for the
establishment of a Museum
in the South of London

(something after the manner
of the S. Kensington)
propose having a Meeting
of the principal inhabitants
of S. London on or about
July 5, at 2 p.m. at the
"Horns Assembly Rooms,
Kensington Park", for the
purpose of ascertaining
what amount of support
may be expected from
them towards such an
object.

These good people have

set their hearts upon having
you for a Chairman; and,
at their last Meeting, I was
deputed by them to ascertain
if you would kindly
promise to preside at
their Meeting of July 5,
which would be very
much to their advantage
(& very little to yours)
of course.

This Committee is for the
establishment of a
Museum *with educational*
classes &c &c

It is a very strong Committee -
their names are not

yet printed - but will be
printed on the back of
the Circular, convening
the Meeting, as soon as
they know if you will
favour them.

Perhaps it will take
up less of your time to
answer me with a
simple "Yes" or "No" than
if these gentlemen were
to come & take you by
storm: - or I should
scarcely have ventured to
trouble you.

Pray believe me

Your very faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/84 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Private

June 23/65

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

Dear Lord Stanley

I am ashamed to worry
your life out. But this
is a question which
concerns our very
existence. [9:527-28]

I hear (from the War Office)
that "Colonel Percy Herbert
"is going to attack the
"whole system of
"sanitary improvement
"of the Army, in his
"speech on the question
"he has given notice

"of tonight (about
Dr. Sutherland)".

There is no one in the House
who understands the
Sanitary question, as
you do. There is no
one in the House who
would be listened to,
as you would be -

Also, you know Dr.
Sutherland's peculiar
merits (though he
does think the world
moves round himself.)

- none of these Royal or
permanent Sanitary
Commissions could have
been accomplished
without him, as you
know -

*Could you defend us?
to night?*

There is no time to prime
any M.P. who did not
know the subject. And
if there were, he would
be of no use. No one
but you would have
any weight - Unless
Genl Peel would do it,

who has always been
most generous to Sidney
Herbert's memory.
But he is not sound
on the Sanitary point.
And it would be of no
avail for any one but
you to ask him, even
if he were -

In haste

Your very fervent suppliant
Florence Nightingale
Capt. Galton, Assistant Under
Secretary at the War Office,
would, I have no doubt, be
in the House to-night, if
you wished any information
on detail points.

[end 9:528]

920 Der 15/85 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

July 26/65

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

Dear Lord Stanley

I have refrained from [9:531-32]
worrying you till after the
Elections. But your kind=
ness obliges me to report
progress, or rather no=
progress, a little, now.

Mr. Ellis, the President
of the Madras Sanitary
Commission, has not as yet
any satisfaction out of Sir
C. Wood, with regard to
establishing him as a
kind of Minister of Public
Health & Secy to Govt at
Madras.

I have had a number
of letters from India from
quite different hands -
all describing the unsatisfactory
condition the Madras
Commission is in - Of these
I venture to send you
some Extracts. You will
see that they are ~~so~~ entirely
"Private & Confidential," -
especially those referring
to Sir W. Denison's 'views' -
as when he tells his
Commissioners for the
purpose of *removing*
'stinks': - 'Do as I do - keep
away from stinks.'
Though I am sure that it

was intended that this
information should reach
you, I ~~can~~/must not even tell you
the names of the writers.

The object is, I believe, to
induce you to induce Sir C.
Wood to write to Sir W.
Denison that it would
be desirable to place the
Sanitary Commission on
a proper footing as
advisers of the Govt.

Of course, I do not presume
to urge you to do any such
thing. But it is quite
evident that this Madras
Commission must be
put in some better
position. The men know
their work. The Military

people are ignorant and
prejudiced. They should
certainly adopt the principle
of taking the advice of those
who know the subject, &
not submit to be guided
by those who don't know -
I think you will be glad to
hear that your Bengal Commission
wrote to me to get them the
latest methods of Water
Analysis - & that, after some
delay, your protégé, Dr.
Angus Smith, has given an
invaluable paper, which
shews for the first time
the results of the labours
of his whole life on this
vital point: (of testing water, as
he did air, for organic matter.)

Believe me

Yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Mr. J.S. Mill, since being returned, has sent us a message to the effect that he would like to serve us in India Sanitary matters in the Ho: of C., previously, of course, communicating with Sir C. Wood.

I was rather pleased at this, as I always thought he considered the whole Sanitary thing a humbug.

We shall not, of course. begin "intriguing" with him, without the concurrence of our head.

[end 9:532]

F.N.

920 Der 15/86 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

34 South Street,
Park Lane W.
Aug 16/65

Dear Lord Stanley

I think the enclosed batch of Minutes from Madras is rather comforting.

[9:532-33]

Please to look at page 111. I recognise your hand there - You will see that Sir C. Wood has done exactly what you asked him.

Please also to look at p. 115 (19)

It is an agreeable variety (to abuse) to find that the Engineers have taken kindly to the "Suggestions" & declared them generally to be practically applicable to Indian Stations.

Such a vast deal of nonsense had been talked as to the impossibility of draining India.

You will find also at p.p.5,7,123, that they are making progress in their ideas as to the possibility of making sick native soldiers comfortable. But this is a matter in which we can, of course, interfere with them but little

But what is aggravating & distressing is the manner in which all good seems to stick fast when they come to Jail Construction. Please look at p.136, (38)

It will never be better until you have the subject referred to the W.O. and I.O. Commission at home with the view of their preparing model plans. [They would

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of course consult
the Inspector of Jails
Office here.]

I have done what I
could with Sir J. Lawrence
privately. But of
course what is wanted
is that Sir C. Wood
should refer the
matter officially.

Then he will say that
the W.O. & I.O. Comm:
have nothing to do
with Civil lives. But
this is the very thing which they do not
say in India. They do refer Civil cases
to the Presidency Commissions, *vide* this very case:
Please look also at

p.12 No.23. How those
Quarter Masters Genl do hang
back from all common sense.

You will see that the
practical backward=
ness of the Executive
authorities continues.
India would have
been cured by this
time, if every thing
said by the Presidency
Commissions had
only been done by the
Executive govt.

However, we have
great cause for
thankfulness to you
& Sir C. Wood. [He

has been quite in a
"coming-on" disposition.]
This Madras Commission
has practical *nous*
to a remarkable
degree - more so, I
think, than the Bengal
one. But the Bengal
Comm: are backed
by Sir John Lawrence;
& therefore *do* more.
I am obliged to
trouble you to let me
have back these

Madras Minutes; as
they have desired me
to reply to them.
They are now engaged
in reporting on
Madras itself; its
impure water, bad
surface drainage &c
Every well in Madras
averages 5½ gr. organic
and 41 gr. inorganic
matter. And they
have nothing else to
drink. The only wonder
is how they live at all.
I hope we shall get

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Dr. Angus Smith's
 method of analysis,
 when he sends it
 me complete, used
 throughout India.
 But they may analyse
 all day long, & do no
 earthly good, of course,
 unless the authorities
 will do their part.
 If these will not, one
 would rather *not*
 know that one is
 drinking 46½ grains.
 Pray believe me
 Yours very faithfully
 Florence Nightingale
 P.T.O.

I think we may encourage
 us by the great progress
 in Soldiers' Workshops
 in all 3 Presidencies -
 At Belgaum they have
 had a Bazaar, all
 the articles produced
 by the men & their
 wives - & all sold.
 The result was most
 profitable, as the
 articles could be
 obtained in no other
 market - & both
 buyers & sellers were
 equally benefited.

What a reply this is
 to all the objections that
 have been made, such as ~~to~~
 "no market" for Soldiers'
 produce.

F.N.

[end 9:533]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1006

920 Der 15/87 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

Oct 4/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

I have received in **[9:401]**
the most "Confidential"
manner from the I.O.

(and I am to swear that

I have never seen it)

the enclosed Reply of
Dr. Leith, President of
Bombay Sanitary Commn,
to the "Remarks" of our
home Commission.

The reason of the "Confidential" is: that the
Govt means to smuggle

Dr. Leith's Reply, & to
close the controversy.

I must say I think Dr.

Leith has written this
in a very nice spirit
(he was obliged to say
something)- and that

the gist of it is that
he had no business to
make any answer to
your Report before -
& that the time is
come now, to make
practical progress &

not to quarrel -
[He and I have had, in
a most "coming-on
disposition" ~~in~~ a private
correspondence -]

Please return me
this document by return
of post - and, whether
they have the grace to
send you a copy or not,
please to say that you
have never had one
from me -

[I am completely
callous about telling
lies - the I.O. tell so
many. So do we.]

[end 9:401]

 I believe I am going
to assault you again
about the positions of
the Presidents of (Indian)
Sanitary Commission,
with regard to Govt.

[9:533-34]

[Mr. Ellis, Prest of
Madras Sanitary Commn,
is still in England -
working at this, & at
gaining practical
knowledge. He is one of
the ablest men they
have.]

We think that, unless
they are made Secretaries

to Govt, as it were, they
will do nothing -
I have a private letter
from Sir John Lawrence
on the subject - dated
July 24 - saying that
he cannot make
them so without Sir
C. Wood -

[He says that *his*
"Prest" does very well -
because he *has* constant
access to him, Sir J.L.

That is all very
well for the Bengal
Prest - but not so well
for the Madras & Bombay

ones.]

I see that Lord de Grey
means to do nothing.
with Sir C. Wood - tho' he
says he does -

And I believe I shall
have to worry you
again upon the matter.

[end 9:534]

Pray believe me
Your very faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1009

920 Der 15/88 signed letter, 3ff, pen black-edged

Private

Oct 22/65

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

Dear Lord Stanley

I thank you very [9:534]
much for your note of
yesterday.

I send you a "D. News"
article, which came out
while you were away.

Also, a rough proof (or
rather a sixth revise) of
Dr. Angus Smith's paper as
to how to find out how
much dirt there is in water,
which, at Sir J. Lawrence's
desire, I have had on hand
- and these five mortal
months too. I think Dr.

Angus Smith is as difficult
to manage as the whole India
Govt. He writes one thing -
then he writes the reverse -
then he listens to what his
"nephews & nieces in Argyleshire"
say - (sic) & tears up the paper.
[But I had it in type.]
And there is now scarcely
a single word in this, the
6th Revise, of what there
was in the first. But he
is the only man in Europe
who can do it. And this
is well worth all the
trouble. When it has
reached the 60th revise,
I shall make the India
& War Offices circulate it.

But this is not what I
wanted to write to you about.
- which is: our great matter
of making the Presidents of
Sanitary Commissions, Secies
to Govt & Ministers of Public
Health. Sir J. Lawrence
has written to me that it
must be done at this end.
- at least that his "master,
Sir C. Wood," must tell
him to do it. There will
be no real action on the
part of the Sany Commns
till it is done. Mr. Ellis,
who is the ablest of their
Sany Prests, is in England
with this object. A paper
has been drawn up (Indians

are so fond of paper, as you
once said) of which I
hoped to send you a copy
today. None of our great
masters have seen it
yet.

If you think well to take
it in hand, it will be
done. If not, not.

[Ld de Grey is no use
with Sir C. Wood, who
treats him as I treat
my infant kitten. It
must be playful but
not troublesome -]

I mean to do myself
the honour to be troublesome
to you at greater length

when I send this paper,
if you will allow me -
& also to tell you at
greater length what Sir
J. Lawrence said.

Pray believe me
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Lord Palmerston is a
great loss to our Sanitar{y} {edge of page missing}
(& Poor law) things genera{lly}
I never asked him
to do a thing for the
last nine years (You
may be sure I did no{t}
ask him often) but h{e}
did it. He made a

joke - but he did it. **[end 9:534]**
F.N.

920 Der 15/89 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private Oct 24/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley **[9:535-36]**

May I send you Mr. Ellis'
papers? [Mr. Ellis,
President of Madras Sanitary
Commission - now at home,
partly for this - viz. to obtain
a more definite position
& responsibility for these
Presidents - partly to
make himself personally
acquainted with the
working of Sanitary acts
in this country.]

When you first proposed
these Commissions in the

Report of the R. Commission,
you made their position
as general as possible,
because, without experience
you could not have done
otherwise. You however
indicated clearly that
their duties were not
to be wholly consultative-
(You said: *mainly* consultative.)

They have had a year's trial.

And their work, from
apathy or neglect of other
departments, has been
wholly consultative, leading
in some cases to the
most absurd delay and

loss of time.

Mr. Ellis & his Commission
(his Secretary is now in
England) are unanimously
of opinion that the time
has arrived to change
the position of the President,
so that he may have a
distinct personal
responsibility & direct
communication with
the Government.

In order to further this
object, Mr. Ellis has
drawn up the paper I
venture to send you. [It
is "*Confidential*", and has
not been yet shown to
the I.O.] If his proposal
is acceded to, he will

become a Secy to Government,
& will be assisted in all
Sanitary questions by his
Commission. In this way,
progress will be more
rapid & certain - and we
shall escape the present
danger of having the
whole future of Indian
civilization placed at
the beck of an ignorant
or indisposed Governor
& his departmental heads.

N.B. As to Sir J. Lawrence's
last communication to me
on this subject, the gist of
it is: -
that it must be done
at *this* end -

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[i.e. if Sir C. Wood would
say to Sir J. Lawrence,
"if you (Sir J.L.) see
no objection, I, (Sir C.
Wood) see no objection,"
it would be done]

Sir J.L. adds that his own
(Bengal) President of
Sany Commn has constant
access to him - & that
this answers.

We say: that is all very
well for Bengal, and
while Sir J.L. is G.G. -
it is not so well for the
other Presidencies also
there is an unfortunate
fact that Sir J.L. is not
immortal.

[What would become of
us in England, if all
our Public Works
had depended on the
life, personal humour,
& Premiership of
(say) Lord Palmerston.?)

Then Sir J. Lawrence thinks
all men are like himself.
He does not take into
account what a "devil"
of a life (excuse me)
Sir W. Denison, e.g. has
led us.

Farther, Sir J. Lawrence
asks: - 'what will become
of the Commission, if its

head is made Secretary
to Government?' We
think there would be
no difficulty - no more
than there was in
arranging the duties of
the Head of the "Board
of Supervision" in Scotland.

But you will tell us whether
this question - Sir J. Lawrence
puts it as no more than
a question - is answered
in the paper.

Lastly, in the interview
which you desired me
to have with Sir John
Lawrence before he left

England - & when he did
 me the honour to ask
 me to put in writing
 the views of your R.
 Commission, & to take
 the M.S. with him, it
 was expressly stated
 that the ultimate position
 of the Presidents of
 Sanitary Commissions
 would necessarily prove
 to be: - Ministers of Public
 Health -

The present question I do
 {printed address, upside down:}
 34 South Street, not pre-judge
 Park Lane, but only leave it
 London. W. to you.

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[2nd N.B.] Mr. Ellis is very
 anxious to meet you
 for half an hour - if
 you can spare the time -
 not only to speak to
 you about this Sanitary
 matter - but about
 one or two other Indian
 subjects, in which
 your aid is much
 required.

He is an able man
 & a Supreme Council
 man -

I have not, of course,
 led him to suppose that
 I should tell you this.
 He can quite well
 seek Lord de Grey's

introduction to you -

I rather mention it,
because I am anxious
for it myself - (he
would explain things
better than I, who am
too eager) - & because,
at the same time, you
can quite well refuse
it to me -

[end 9:536]

Pray believe me
Your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/90 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

Private Oct 28/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

I received some little
time ago from India the
enclosed M.S. about
51 Jails in Bengal
Lower Provinces.

[9:698-99]

The facts are so very
startling that I feel
inclined to trouble you
with it.

It is true that we
rely upon no Statistics
which we receive, even
from Head Quarters in

India - they continually
contain blunders.
It is true that they are
themselves so aware of
this, that quite lately
I received a request
to get them a Method
of computing Jail
Mortality Statistics
from our General Register
Office, which I have
done - [not yet
received in India.]
But, even if you put
a pound of salt into

this paper, it is sufficiently
appalling.

It is not that cubic space
is the only sinner. It is
that the whole management
& laws of Indian Jails
require to be entirely
raked up & set to rights.

*Could not Indian Prison
Returns be moved*

*for
in Parliament?*

I must please, ask
you to make no use
of this identical paper -
but to return it to me -

This kind of paper
does not, I believe, reach
Sir C. Wood- And I once
erred in this matter -
for which I repent
in sack-cloth, (but as
I am luckily a "female
criminal", I shall have
"1097 cubic feet" to
repent in.)

[end 9:699]

ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1018

920 Der 15/91 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Private 12/11/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

I particularly dislike
worrying you about things
which do not (& perhaps
cannot) advance just at
present.

[9:536-37]

This is: the matter of
the Presidents of Sanitary
Commissions in India
& their position.

I wrote to Sir John
Lawrence (mail before
last) in the sense you
indicated - ~~The~~/A letter,

of which I now send you
an Extract, arrived one
hour too late for me
to send him by last
mail. But it will go
to him by the next.

I have not heard the
result of Mr. Ellis'
visit to Sir C. Wood
with *your* letter. Or
rather I believe Mr.
Ellis did not see Sir
C. Wood before he left
London, [and had his
accident, poor man.]

I am rather afraid you will be indisposed towards us by the tone of the Extract I now venture to send you. But Indians, I think, always express themselves more like Irish than English.

The matter is this: - Sir W. Denison's proceedings at Madras justify all we fear as to the impossibility of the Sanitary Commissions doing any good without a fixed position, independent of the mood of the Governor (or G.G.)

Some time ago, the Madras Commission, as

was its duty to do, made an examination of part of Madras with the view of reporting on its sanitary condition, and of suggesting improvements.

[I have a copy of their Report, if you would like to see it.]

It is signed, in name of the Commission, by Inspector-General Macpherson, Acting President in absence of Mr. Ellis.

The Madras Govt had, it appears, taken some steps of its own in the matter, & proposed extensive

& costly works, which would have required years to complete. The Sanitary Commission made certain *interim* proposals for improvements which, in their opinion, would do *interim* good.

Without, of course, offering ~~our~~/any opinion as to Engineering merits, I think that (you will agree) the subject was one which ought to be fairly discussed & considered.

The course taken was that detailed in the enclosed (private) letter - (from Madras, received here by last home mail.)

of which we have other confirmation.

This ~~course~~/ & similar steps taken by the

Madras Govt will, it is feared, end in the resignation of the Commission, unless it can have its position strengthened.

They feel the proceeding as a "deliberate insult" - (I am afraid of being Fenian)- put upon zealous public servants by men who know little or nothing on the subject.

But the end will be good, if it leads to the Presidents becoming Secretaries to Government, or having

some other equally authoritative
position conferred on them
I worry you now, merely for
the sake of information as
to how we are going on.

The Extract is emphatically
private, as I need not
say. And neither writer
nor receiver have any
knowledge of how I
meant to use it.

[end 9:537]

Believe me

dear Lord Stanley

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/92 signed letter, 5ff, pen black-edged

Private Dec 28/65
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

I don't like to let
anything go on in the
India Sanitary Departmt
without your being
cognizant.

[9:537-38]

Sir John Lawrence has
written a Despatch
home (this was *before*
he received Mr. Ellis's
paper) - proposing to
modify the constitution
of the India Presidency
Sanitary Commissions,

as follows: -

that, as the opinions
of the Insp. Genl of Hospls,
Quarter Mr Genl, & Insp.
Genl of Works can
always be obtained by
the Commission or by the
Govt, in future there
shall only be a *Sanitary
Commissioner* and a *Secretary*

- the latter to be a
Medical Officer - the
present "President" to
become the Sanitary
Commissioner.

Whenever it may be
necessary to assemble
Committees for any particular
object, those officers, Civil,
Military or Medical, who
are best up to the subject,
to be associated with the
Sanitary Commissioner.

Sir John Lawrence
gives three reasons
for modifying the constitution
of these Commissions: -

1. that it is unnecessarily
expensive
2. that the several
members who have
other duties to
perform are

practically of little use.

3. that, constituted as it is, there is risk of disagreement between the Commission, & Head of Medical Department & for of other Departments.

[To this 3rd reason, the India Office says: "the fact of the Depy Insp. Genl being on the Commission when his Chief is not: and the chance of there being differences of opinion between the Inspector General & the Commission renders it inconvenient

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"that the subordinate should in any way be likely to clash with his Superior".

Sir John Lawrence says farther: - "independently of pecuniary saving, there will be positive advantage to the cause of Sanitary improvement."

This, in a few words, is the substance of the Despatch, which farther proposes: -

on the occurrence of a Vacancy in the Presidentship, it is proposed to

reduce his Salary from
3500 to 2500 p month
in Bengal, and to 2000
Rs pr. m. in Madras &
Bombay.

The Secretaries to be
carefully selected Medical
Officers, & to receive
600 pr. m. in Bengal &
500 in Madras & Bombay,
in addition to new scale
of pay. [At present
they only have 600 &
500 in addition to *old*
rates of pay.]

Wonderful to say, the I.O.
"wished the salaries of

"Presidents had been let
alone."

No action has been
taken at present on this
Despatch. And I have
obtained that the
papers shall be officially
referred to the War Office
Sanitary Commission.
They are already there
by this time.

Upon what *they* say, &
upon what *you* say,
will virtually depend
what determination

the I.O. takes.

What I strongly feel
is this: - we must go
on the "give & take"
principle -

If *they* will give us
the principle, as set forth
in Mr. Ellis' paper,
of putting the Sanitary
Commissioner in some
way in connection
with the Finance
Dept - let us take
the modification now

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35 South Street, Proposed - it
Park Lane, is not so bad.
London. W.

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But don't let us accept
it without.

[I send Mr. Ellis' paper,
in case you should not
have a copy by you.]

We have not yet seen
the papers - and we
cannot judge till we
know the details - as
to how the proposed
modification will
work. [It appears
that the "Sanitary
Commissioner" is to be
simply an advising
Officer-]

I cannot make out
that Sir C. Wood has
ever seen Mr. Ellis -
or ever read his paper
- or ever received your
letter - given to Mr. Ellis.
But then he has been
ill.

[end 9:538]

in haste
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/93 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Private

1/2/66

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

Dear Lord Stanley

I am very grateful for
your note of Jan. 29.

[9:544-45]

I only wish we *did*
"want" your help.

There is no condition
so desperate as that
which does *not* "want"
help.

The I.O. is dead. We
are abominably dead at
the War Off. - But at least
we are not buried. At
least we can find a

paper in 6 weeks - At least
we know whether we have
one or not.

The Despatch of Sir John
Lawrence concerning the
modifying of the Presidency
Commissions - an Abstract
of which was sent to me
(with this I troubled you)
- and which the I.O. told
me was sent to the
W.O. Commission for reference - hangs
fire. The fact is, I believe,
they (the India Off.) have lost
it. Any how, it has not
reached the W.O.

~~On~~ On the other hand, we are
always doing the most
spasmodic things.

They have sent as a Commission
to stare at the French troops
in Algeria - (they might just
as well have sent them to
stare at Astley's-) Dr. Sutherland,
Mr. Ellis, the Madras Sanitary
Commn President, whom you
were so good as to see, &
others - They have been
gone a month & may be
gone another month.
And this just at the
most important time of
our year.

I should not make my
moan so loud but that

soon people will be so busy
in politics - & you will be
turning out Ministries &
upsetting power & principalities
- and you will be too busy

to think of us when I come
to claim your help -

==But what I write about

now is to ask you, if you
would not think fit to
talk to Lord Napier (he
~~came in~~/was expected in town on Wednesday (yesterday)
& sails at the end of
this month or beginning
of March) about our
affair of the Presidency
Sanitary Commissions.

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[I do not mean as to Sir J.
Lawrence's proposed
modification but as to the
general principle]

What we want is: to
have it *ordered* from home
that Public health in
India is entitled to a
place in the Budget -
& that the I.O. ~~(illeg)~~/should be in
earnest in wishing
that the Public health
Dept, civil & military,
should have a recognized
position as a branch
of the administration -
that the head of it should

be in direct communication
with the Government - &
not be impeded by
passing thro' the offices
of half-a-dozen Secretaries.

I believe this is, generally,
your own view. Would
you not think well to
impress it on Lord
Napier?

Sir J. Lawrence has not
the least idea how
the Governors of the
minor Presidencies thwart
& insult the Sanitary
principle. If he had,
I think it would in

some degree modify his view -
But he thinks every man
like himself -

However, he has never said
one word - at least not to
me, or so far as I know -
against the above
principle - Only his own
virtues, as I think, prevent
his seeing the necessity &
force of it as we do. What

he has said has been, generally in its favour.

But I wish he would PRESS it on the Secretary of State.

[Lord Dufferin, I was told,
declined Madras except
with the reversion of the
G.G.ship. It seems an odd
bargain for a man to make -
It is said that Lord Napier
expects this same reversion.
You know about all this

much better than I. Anyhow,
Lord Napier would be a
most valuable convert
for us, if you would
undertake him.

~~I~~ only wish I could
accept your most kind
offer of calling upon me.
But just at this time I
am entirely a prisoner -
even to one position - from
illness.

[end 9:545]

ever your most faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
{printed address, upside down:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

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PRIVATE

Feb 18/66

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

Dear Lord Stanley

Lord Napier is to go [9:545-46]
on the 23rd.

He is at 24 Prince's Gate.

There has been some
correspondence between
him & me - & I hope
to be able to see him
for a minute before
he starts.

But all this would
be nothing compared
to your seeing him -
And of course I shall
not know from him

whether he has seen you
or not.

He is clever & able but
false. [I had had a
previous acquaintance
with him at Constantinople
- you know he was
Secretary of Embassy there
during the Crimean War.]
I shall be sorry if he
becomes G.G. - tho' it
is not deliberate false-
ness, but half of it the
falseness of genius.
[He did a thing by me

which is so common it is
hardly worth mentioning -
warned me against
his Chief, & then took
his Chief's word against
me - & threw me over-
board in the midst of
my greatest difficulties -

But of course he is too
much of a man of the
world to remember this.

We are very *civil* together.]
Please burn this note -
the object of which
merely is to tell you
of Lord Napier's move-
ments.

He is reading your India Report.
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:546]

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920 Der 15/95 signed letter, 12ff, pen black-edged

Private

April 8/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

At the risk of being a [9:547-50]
nuisance to you, I always
like to let you know what
is going on about your
India Sanitary Commissions.

And I think I had
better tell my story, thro'
Sir John Lawrence's mouth.

I have had letters from
him of January 19 and

February 22

marked *Private*, but of
which I shall venture to
give you the substance.

[Both of these letters are
written after he had
received Mr. x Ellis' paper,
of which you have a copy.]
Sir J. Lawrence says: -

"As regards the reconstruction
of our Sanitary organization: -
we are sending home to the
S. of S." a Despatch "proposing
a further change," x x x x

"I have no doubt that you
will see the Despatch &
therefore I had better not
send it you."

[This Despatch has never
arrived. I have had
a sharp look-out
kept for it - (for which
I have the means now
which I had not under
Sir C. Wood.) It is certain

~~x Mr. Ellis, the President of the Madras Sany Commn~~

it is not arrived: thus I say.
I waited impatiently for its
arrival, before
communicating with
you. But now the
Easter recess is all but
over. And I am afraid
to wait any longer, lest
I should not catch
you at all.] F.N.

Sir John Lawrence says: -

"We propose that, as
regards the Army, the
President of the Committee
shall be a Sanitary
Commr, with a Secretary,
working through the
Military Department, &
that in all Civil matters,
he shall be a Deputy
Secretary in the Home

"Department. I incline
to think that this
scheme will answer
very well - but, after
all, the main point
is the motive power,
which guides & impels
the whole concern. If
this prove defective,
no system, which can
be devised, will work
satisfactorily."

"A separate Department
of Health, unconnected
with any other, would
not I think answer.
All they do, whether
in procuring funds, or

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"in spending such funds,
must go through other
Departments. And as
regards the troops,
unless, at the outset,
the Sanitary chief can
carry the heads of the
Military with him,
nothing can be done.

"We propose that
in each province the
Inspectors Genl of Jails
should be the Deputy
Secretaries to Lt Govrs
& Chief Commrs on
Sanitary matters, &
that in Districts
the Civil Surgeons

"should be the Health
Officers. In this way
we shall be able to
organize a regular
system all over India
at a moderate cost.
At any rate, we
shall make a
beginning - I hope
therefore that you
will be satisfied
with the scheme."

[In all Sir J. Lawrence's letters,
there is a tone of discouragement
& sorrow. In this very letter,
speaking of another thing,
he says: how people "in utter
"ignorance or in defiance of
"circumstances, urge" him -
"while they will be the first
"to break out in reproaches.

"so much for the happiness
of holding a high position
& trying to do one's duty."

He scarcely ever writes to me
without some expression of
this kind. And indeed our
Cabinet & Governors of
Presidencies are full of
prejudice against him.
But I don't betray him,
except to you - People
might think him
disappointed. F.N.]

The letter of February
22 enters much more
into detail: -

still speaking of the
Despatch as gone
[but it is not come -
F.N.]

After speaking of
"propositions" "lately sent
to the S. of S." "which will,
I hope, lead to the
establishment of working
sanitary bodies throughout
India" - - - -

"The great difficulty
hitherto with which we
have had to contend
on this side of India
has arisen from the fact
that the Govt of India,
to which the Sany Commission
is attached, does not
itself directly administer
the Government. In all

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Park Lane, matters of detail,
London. W. it has no more

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"means of interfering -
{so far at least as
Civil administration
is concerned) - in
Bengal, in the North
Western provinces
or in the Punjab, than
it has in Madras or
Bombay. When any
thing has to be *done*,
it must be done by
the local Governments
& not by the Govt of
India, and the local
Governments are always
jealous of interference.
No Sanitary advisers
have been given

"to the Lt Governors &
Chief Commissioners
in this Presidency,
although some of
our Provinces are,
in everything but
nominal dignity,
more important than
the presidencies of
Madras & Bombay,
each of which has
its separate Sanitary
Commission.

According to the
proposed scheme,
there will be a Health
Officer in every
important District
& Station, and a
Principal Officer of

Health at the head
quarters of each of the
local Govts & administrations
in this Presidency -
Under the Govt of India
itself, it is proposed
to have, instead of a
Sanitary commission as
at present, a Sanitary
Commissioner, with
a Medical Officer
as a Secretary *for*
the Army. This
Sany Commissioner
will also be a
Deputy Secretary to
the Govt of India in
the Home Department.
In the former capacity
he will act just

"as the President of the
Sany Commn does now.
The only difference
will be that there
will not be any
paid members of
the Commission except
the Secretary. These
members have been
found to be almost
useless in all three
Presidencies. If the
President of the Commn
requires more help
than the Secretary can
give him, he has
practically to get it

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35 South Street, from outsiders and
Park Lane, not from the
London. W.
members of the Commission.

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"in the great majority of cases. As Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India in the Home Department, the Sanitary Commissioner will have the means of keeping up a constant supervision of the proceedings of all the sanitary officers under the local Governments. According to this plan, the primary responsibility will rest with the local Govts & Administrations, with whom is all the power of action - In need not now trouble you with more details, but

"I believe that, if the Home Govt approve the scheme, sent to the Secy of State, we shall have a really practical system of Sanitary administration.

x x x x

"In the Minute ~~sent~~ in which the propositions were sent to the Home Govt [this has not yet come F.N.]

"it was shewn that x

x x x x

"Mr. Ellis ignored the fact that, in the Presidency of Bengal, which comprises three fourths of India, the Govt of India has (as I have said above)

"no direct control over the details of the Civil Administration. Consequently plans which may answer for a Government like that of Madras are quite inapplicable here - x x x

"Another defect was that he (Mr. Ellis) misunderstood the position of our Indian Secretary to Government. In India this Officer is not an Executive Minister, as he is in England. If he be a man of talent, he will doubtless practically have much influence, but he can never be

"the nominal head of
"a Department. The *theory* of the Indian Secretariat is that the Secretary is a mere *clerk*. According to the arrangements proposed for Bengal, the Sany Commissioner will belong to the Secretariat, but this will be proper because the executive work will rest with the local Governments & Administrations."

[Sir John Lawrence's propositions

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Park Lane, have been sent
London. W. home in the shape

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"of a very full minute
of his own, concurred
in by the whole Council,
and I hope that they
may be sanctioned, for
they will, I am sure,
produce excellent results."]

The last Paras are not,
as you will see, from Sir
J. Lawrence's letter, but
from Mr. Strachey's, the
late President of the
Bengal Sany Commn, & now
Chief Commissioner in Oudh.

F.N.

My letter will grow out to
such an immense length
that I must only ~~say~~/add
that Lord de Grey is well

disposed towards us. [But
he has no fight in him.
And he is *little*.] I know
that, if you thought well
to shew him a strong interest
about these Sanitary
matters, it would do us
a great deal of good.

Ld de G. has, as yet, (in our
matter) merely written a
private letter to Sir J.L.,
telling him how much
interested he is in the
Sanitary Commns, enumerating
the works they have to do,
& hoping Sir J.L. will
give them importance
& will send him home
a scheme for the development

of the Organization of a Public
Health Service &c &c &c

[I think I mentioned to you
that Lord de G. had sent
Mr. Ellis, Dr. Sutherland
& others to Algeria to see
what the French have
been doing there in our
matters. Their Report
which is not yet out,
bears closely on the
Indian question - It shews
that it is no use
improving Barracks,
Military administration
&c, without improving
Stations & country round
Stations, so far as health
is concerned.

Mr. Ellis sailed yesterday
for India]

The India Office swears by
all his Gods, if he has
any, that Sir J. Lawrence's
Despatch or Minute is
not yet arrived. And
Lord de G. empowered Mr.
Ellis to ascertain this
for himself with Mr.
Oliphant who keeps the
Register of Despatches.

[It's my belief it is there all
the while. F.N.]

Finding this & finding
that Mr. Ellis would not
see the Despatch, in
which his paper was
{printed address, upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane, mentioned &
London. W. answered by

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Sir J.L., I told Mr. Ellis,
without of course shewing
him Sir J.L.'s letters,
the substance of them.
And he has written the
four Mema enclosed -
copies of which have
been sent to Lord de Grey.

[I must ask you to
consider all this as
"private", & to return
me Mr. Ellis' papers.]

If when the Despatch
comes, I write to Sir J.
Lawrence, as he has been
so good as to write to me,
I think I must not
criticize his scheme, or
Indian administration or

anything of that kind, which
we know nothing about -
but simply go into the
work to be done & the
means of doing it, which
we know more about
in England than they do
in India.

I think I might go into
the subject of Mr. Ellis'
note (enclosed) on
"Sanitary Commns to be
retained" - but not
into that of the note
(enclosed) on "Initiative
of the supreme Govt"
or "Functions of Secretaries
to Govt" - And ~~(illeg)~~/which it would
be a simple impertinence for me to go into with
the Governor General -
I have put off & off troubling

you about all this, till the
Despatch had arrived
& till we knew Lord de
Grey's view about ~~it~~/answering
it. But, as I say, the
Despatch being invisible
& the political fight
imminent, I am afraid
to put it off any longer -
I think Lord de G. will
answer in that sense -
viz.- enumerating the
objects of Sanitary work,
does Sir J. Lawrence
think that his scheme
will still answer to
carry out these?

If not, will he propose
some further scheme?

I have made my letter of

such a hideous length that
I will only just mention,
with regard to Irrigation,
that the idea has been
propounded, both at home
& by Lord Napier, that
a clause might be put
into any Irrigation Act
(or whatever you call it)
making certain sanitary
restrictions - e.g. such & such
conditions to be submitted
to Govt.

[end 9:550]

Believe me
dear Lord Stanley
ever your faithful servt,
Florence Nightingale
{printed address, upside down:}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1044

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Private

May 24/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

Again I trouble you [end 9:555-57]

for no better reason than
this: - that you may not perhaps
have time to attend to us
when our affairs are
farther advanced.

Since I wrote to you
last, I became so certain
from letters from India
that Sir John Lawrence's
Minute on the Public
Health Service *had*
arrived that I assaulted
Lord de Grey again, driving
the poor man

~~him/man~~ to the verge of desperation
- which was attended
with this excellent effect
that he found the Minute,
[I believe with his own
hands,] on the 5th of May,
which had been despatched
from India on January
19th.

[As the India Office is,
I understand, very much
ashamed ~~at~~ not at
having left a Despatch
unopened for 3 months,
but at having been
detected in it, - all this
is quite private.]

Here is the Minute (enclosed)

I have written to Lord de Grey, as he desired, upon it, & also to Sir John Lawrence, as he desired.

We do not think Sir J. Lawrence's proposals will meet the necessities which he point out himself.

P.10, Para.11 of Minute

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To fulfil these functions, we think the I.G. of Prisons would require to be a very different man. He would need to have years of practical training at home to be fit for such duty. It is true that the I.G.'s are Medical Officers. But the duties

are far from being medical.

To do the work properly, a man should have a thorough knowledge of what sanitary works are - Otherwise, he would be in no position to judge as to whether certain proposed measures would be useful or injurious. The best Indian Medl Officers could advise on epidemic questions. - but on questions involving sanitary works & expenditures. certainly not. Use them by all means to keep a general superintendence over the Public Health. But we must have some other Officer to say

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And, as regards health questions he is assisted by a special *permanent* Council, the Comité d'Hygiène, which contains the best men in France in their several ~~Ø~~/departments of Medicine physiology, hygiene, chemistry, applied arts, mechanics, architecture, engineering &c The office is one of high honour, besides being paid. Their reports are always acted on, altho' their position is simply consultative. And when the Minister gives his decision on any papers involving health questions the health element is provided for in the reply & not separately.

Of course all this is not new to you. I only recapitulate, in order to compare Sir J. Lawrence's Inspector of Jails & Medical Secretary, acting without advisers.

I have not touched the Army question, for it is really subsidiary to the other.

And the point would be:- whether Sir J. Lawrence should not be asked to re-consider the whole question, with special reference not so much to inspection (the necessity for which always involves somebody's neglect) as to providing an

administrative machinery
capable of dealing
practically with the
questions.

I believe I am to hear from
Lord de Grey further, before
he replies to Sir J. Lawrence's
Minute. [He had already
written a private letter
to ~~him~~/Sir J. Lawrence urging the
multiplicity & importance
of the Sanitary objects.]
I am not uneasy at not
having heard yet from
Lord de Grey in reply to
my answer to his of
May 5. Of course, if it
takes 3 months to find
a Minute, it must
take 3 years to answer

it.

Would you have the
goodness to return me
the copies & letters (which
I enclose) as soon as
possible, as I shall not
mention to any one that
I have sent them to you -

[And I have to answer
the Ind. Off. in 3 hours,
if they write to me, tho'
they can't answer in 3
months.]

I come now to my
practical object in
troubling you - You were
so good as to say that,
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Park Lane, tho' you did not
London. W. see fit to interfere

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with Lord de Grey, you
would not object to seeing
me - which I interpreted
to mean that you would
not object to giving me
your advice viva voce,
altho' not formally to the
India Off.

If you would kindly, after
reading the Minute, tell
me whether you would
not advise us in this
matter of life & death
for India, I should be
deeply grateful -

I am afraid I could not
see any one this week -
[For I am very ill-] even
if you were so good as to

propose it. But I should
like to hold myself at
your disposition as much
as is possible, knowing
well how busy you are,
if you will kindly think
whether you could not
advise us -

Pray believe me
dear Lord Stanley
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

You will see that I write
in much confusion & with
many interruptions - But
I hope you will put
the meaning into it
which is not there.

F.N.

[end 9:557]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1049

920 Der 15/97 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

PRIVATE

June 10/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Lord Stanley

This is only to ask [9:558]
whether you would like
to look over the accompanying
Report of Dr. Macpherson,
of Madras.

It shews how true
your Sanitary principles
were. & what results
(unlooked for by Indians)
have followed even the
very partial application
of those principles.

Our conviction is strong
that the 10 per 1000
which your R. Commission
estimated as the possible
mortality of a distant
future in India
will be arrived at by
the time the Station
improvements are
carried out.

Pray be so good as
to return me Dr.
Macpherson's Report &
Surgeon Macbeth's fly

sheet.

I hope to be able to
say next week what
Lord de Grey's reply to
Sir John Lawrence's
Public health Service
proposals will be - [end 9:558]

Pray believe me
dear Lord Stanley
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

920 Der 15/98 signed letter, 6ff, pen

Private

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

July 4/66

Dear Lord Stanley

I write to you about India, [9:559-60]
merely because I am
desperate.

I know quite well that you
have no time to attend
to us.

In the universal crush, it
is no use my crying
over my share of it,
tho' it comprises 150
millions of H.M.'s
subjects.

Had you been going to the

India Office, & left Europe
to take care of herself,
(tho' we knew it could
not be so,) it would
have been nothing but joy.

As it is, I do think Sir
John Lawrence will
break his heart.

And what will become of
the 150 millions?

But to my work: -

you may perhaps
remember that Sir John

Lawrence wrote a Minute
on January 9, organizing
a Public Health Service
for India -

that this was not found
at the India Office
till May 5.

With the business-like
promptitude which so
characterizes us - the
Minute, which should
reply to Sir J. Lawrence's,
was not determined
upon till June 18 -
the very day Ministers
resigned -

Lord de Grey then thought

he could not pledge his
Council to any course
& postponed to submit
his Minute (replying
to Sir J. Lawrence)
to a *special* Committee
of five of the Council
- ensuring thus that,
at all events, it would
be brought before his
Successor.

[Of these five, only
one would be for us -
Or rather, only one
knows anything about
it.]

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The purport of the Minute
was: -

- to point out: what was the
work to be done in India
in the way of Public Health.
- what were the intentions
of the original R. Commission
(yours) -
 - how these could only be
fulfilled by a competent
executive Department -
to prepare schemes of works
& to make provision,
financial & otherwise
for the execution of
improvements [of which
an outline was given.]

After shewing that there

- should be an able *administrative*
Officer as the head of
the Health Department -
with certain permanent
sanitary & engineering
advisers - & others
temporarily attached,
to answer questions -
the head of the Health
Department having a
responsibility towards
the Government distinct
from that of the *Commissions*.
- the Governor-General was
then requested to re=
consider his scheme,
with a view rather to
the *execution* of works

than to *inspection*.

[And he was asked to shew how he proposed the Inspectors of Prisons to carry out the duties enumerated.]

I have a letter from you dated May 24, in which you say that you
"agree in thinking
"that prison-inspectors
"are not the men
"wanted for the places
"in which Sir J.L.
"proposes to put them.
"you require a higher
"class of administrators.

"In the main I
"go with your
"letter."

You most kindly offer to
"try & be at" my "disposal".

I am not now, of course,
even dreaming of
claiming such a promise.
What I thought of
was: - that if - India
being your child - you
could & would give
the moment's pressure
necessary to influence
the fate of this
unfortunate Minute,
the thing would be done.

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Scarcely expecting that
you will have time to
read this note, I have
merely *indicated* the
purport of Lord de
Grey's minute.

But I would send
you a very brief analysis
of it - together with
Sir J. Lawrence's original
Minute, (which you have
seen before) - & some
details on the special
(India Council) Committee
of five which is to
consider it - if you
could & would take
the subject up.

If not, pray don't

trouble yourself to
answer this letter.

I shall know, by
receiving no answer,
that you cannot
"undertake for us".

And, tho' I shall be
bitterly grieved, I could
not, I feel, have
expected it.

Perhaps, at some future
time.

Please burn this letter,
at all events.

[end 9:560]

Pray believe me

dear Lord Stanley
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1055

920 Der 15/99 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private

35 South Street W.
July 6/66

Dear Lord Stanley

I cannot tell you ow [9:560-61]
extremely grateful to you I am for
your truly kind note, promising
that you will speak to Lord Cranborne
on the Sanitary question. & inferring
that you will keep up some degree
of supervision over poor India.

Lord de Grey has left on record
at the India Officer the Minute
in reply to Sir J. Lawrence's of
January 9, on the organization of
a Public Health Service in India,

- the purport of Lord de Grey's minute
being to ask Sir J. Lawrence to
re=consider his proposals, with a
view to execution rather than to inspection.

the immense amount of works to
be done in India being shewn - the
original intentions of the R. Commission
recalled - & the probable inadequacy
of Prison Inspectors to the task.

I must not trouble you with the detail
I will only mention that Lord de Grey
did not name the special Committee,
which he at one time thought of
appointing, to take this Minute
in charge & bring it before his
successor - because, as he could not
have followed the proceedings of the
Committee, he had doubts whether it
would not have been wrecking the
Minute - Sir Proby Cautley being the

only one *positively* friendly to the
sanitary question & to the public
having health, in general.

I feel quite hopeful, with your assurance
that you will help on the matter.

We have no cause to complain of the
India Government; they have the
very strongest desire to do what is
best. But the subject is still new,
(even tho' people are tired of the
very word) - is no one's special
business - and things are apt to
slip into the wrong groove.

I do not know whether you would
think well to suggest to Lord Cranborne
to refer questions, as usual, to the
Army Sanitary Commission (at the
War Office) consisting, as you know,
of India Office & War Office members.
We have been doing a good deal
of work there for India lately.

tho' not so much as we could have
wished. [There was an idea
of referring the reply (to the above=
mentioned Minute) to it. But, as
the Minute must have done before
the regular/~~a~~ India Council Committee, after
all, - ~~it~~/this idea
was not carried out.]

With regard to your great kindness in
offering to put me 'in direct
communication with Lord Cranborne',
[I have not the slightest acquaintance
with him] - if you think I can
be of the least use, I shall be only
too glad. If you have been so good
as to tell him who I am, I might
then write to him, without impertinence,
- should any special case come up
especially from Sir John Lawrence -

Please burn. Believe me

 dear Lord Stanley
ever yours faithfully & gratefully
 Florence Nightingale

[end 9:461]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1057

920 Der 7/146 920 Der 7/146/1 signed letter, 3ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

July 21/58

[9:52-53]

Dear Lord Stanley

Pray excuse me,
in the first place for
this note -

It has occurred
to me, (although probably
it has occurred to you,
if feasible, long ago)
that, as the new Govt
for India will soon
be initiated, the
Sanitary state of stations

& cantonments, to be
henceforth occupied
by British troops, is
one of the very first
subjects for attention.

I suppose it is
not questioned that
our Indian Empire
must now be held
by British troops.

And a great point
to be considered will
be where these troops
can best be placed

for the two-fold
purpose of preserving
their health &
retaining possession
of the country.

without attention
to the first, the drain
upon us may prevent
us from accomplishing
the second.

Perhaps an enquiry
into the whole subject
of the Sanitary state
of the Indian Army,

the positions it has
hitherto occupied, & the
more healthy positions
where it may be possible
to place it, without
risking its military
efficiency, might be
entrusted to competent
people, who should
also point out the
special precautions
required as to Barrack,
Hospitals, Encampments
& the selection of
"Sanatoria", to which

invalids might be
sent for recovery
within a reasonable
distance of their
Corps -

There would be
many kindred subjects
of enquiry.

I will not weary
you with excuses,
but remain, as shortly
as I can, which
is the best excuse,

[end 9:53]

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale.

{in other hands: 1858 Jy 21 Nightingale Miss Sanatoria & Barracks for
Troops in India (Ansd by Ld S.) July 22}

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1059

920 Der 7/146/2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St.

July 24/58

Dear Lord Stanley

I ought to apologize
for writing again -
but that I take a
much more hopeful
view of the Indian
sanitary case than
you do -

[9:53]

I know that you
have been in India
& understand it
much better than I
do. On the other
hand, the greatest
Sanitary remedies are
those discovered within
the last 5 or 8 years.

The difficulties are,
as you say, very great.
But what is really
wanted, in the first
instance, is intelligent
enquiry.

Formerly the loss
in India was much
greater than it is
now. It has been

reduced by various
Sanitary measures,
and there is no
reason to doubt that it
can be much further
reduced.

Formerly the West
Indian Stations were
far more unhealthy
than any in India.
The losses were consi=
dered inevitable,
until, after careful
enquiry, it appeared
that the chief causes
were quite removable

& they were removed
accordingly.

I believe there is
no reason to fear but
that India may be
held quite safely by
Englishmen - All the
accounts I have received
from these stations
shew that they are
in what we should
consider, even in
England, a detestable
Sanitary state; I mean
what would produce
a dreadful Sanitary

destruction even here;
& that they may
be greatly improved.

The difficulties you
mention about the
stations are precisely
those which modern
science has coped with
& has overcome; & may
cope with & overcome
again, in order to
render the military
tenure of the country
compatible with the
safety of the Army.

When you have

time to consider this
subject more fully,
I need not say
that any help you

thought we could
give would be most
eagerly given.

Much information
already exists in
this country. Should
you be willing to
grant us permission
& afford us facilities
for obtaining it, I

think the first
thing we could do
would be to reduce
it into a tangible
shape for you -

[end 9:53]

Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

Pray forgive me,
once for all, the
impertinence necessary
for writing such a
letter in answer to
your note of July 27.
And take for granted
the "I think"s & "in
my opinion" s & "I
humbly suggest"s, which
I perhaps feel in
more sincerity than

[9:53-56]

if I were to write them,
ought to begin every
sentence of mine to you.

I entirely see the
difficulty but I see
no impossibility in an
efficient Sanitary
enquiry for India.

1. It must be
conducted in England,
because in India
there are not the
men for it -

2. There are
very few men in

England who can do it.
The Netley enquiry, of
which you may have
heard, shews this.
It is alarming, - not
because we have lost
a good Army Model
Hospital by it, though
that is a great loss -
but because it shews
what an amount
of error in opinion
& information is
always at the
command of Government.

[16:265]

[end]

What should be now
obtained from India
are facts, not opinions.
The opinions should
deduced ~~f~~ at home
by competent people.

3. I can see no
way of doing this but by
~~some~~ a course something
similar to that
adopted by the R.
Commission on the
Sanitary State of the
Army. Had the India
Bill passed before that
Commission sate, would
it not have had to

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include an Indian enquiry? If so, ~~¶~~/this is only an extension & a continuation of that Commission.

4. There is a great deal of document=ary evidence at the India House-

There are a great many Indians who might be examined at home by a Commission.

Lastly, the most important information would be obtained by Form of Returns & printed questions to be constructed & sent out to India by & returned to the Commission, filled up.

This is always a much safer plan than that of ~~asking~~/sending for opinions, instead of facts, provided there is some one capable of *reading* these Sanitary Statistics & shewing what they indicate.

Therefore I think that

1. this enquiry must be instituted in England.
2. by a Commission of a few men of great experience, or it will fail
3. that the course taken by the R. Sanitary Commission gives good hints for it -
4. that it must have power to institute enquiries in India & to issue Circulars of printed questions to be filled up in India.

Sanitary matters are such a speciality & so new & the subject is so enormous & of such immense importance, when applied to India, that I know no man, except yourself, who could preside over such a Commission but Mr. Herbert - I have not the least idea whether he would - & venture to mention him only with the proviso

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that I know nothing
at all about it.
Should you have time
to preside over such
a Commission, I
conclude that it is
always best &
shortest for the
Minister to do his
work himself -

I venture to
enclose a kind of
sketch of

(1.) what ~~the~~ a
Commission would
have to do

(2) what papers

will be wanted for
the very outset.

Should you think
well to ask me to
suggest names of
Commissioners or plan
a proceeding for your
consideration, I need
not say I should
be too glad.

I could fancy
something like the
following Commission
working well.

Chairman -	Lord Stanley
	or Mr. Herbert
Sanitary	Dr. Sutherland
Members }	& Mr. Martin
Medical	Mr. Alexander
	{Director General
Engineering &	
Topographical	Indians
Military	Indians
Statistical	Dr. Farr

(1)

1. Altho' the subject of enquiry is in India, the enquiry itself would be best conducted in England & extended to India, if necessary.

2. The best means of conducting such an enquiry would be by constituting a special Commission, composed of persons conversant with the various matters connected with the Enquiry. viz.

Sanitary
Medical
Engineering &
Topographical
Military
Statistical

3. The Commission should have ample powers of obtaining information & documents. It should have access to all documents in the India House, relating to Topography, Diseases, & Mortality among the troops, Supplies &c of every district in India where Military Stations have been or are likely to be placed.

Likewise, to all documents relating to Hospitals.

4. It should examine

retired/~~ing~~ or acting
Medical, Engineering
& Military Officers,
conversant with the
stations in each of
the Presidencies. It
should enquire into
the Sanitary condition
of existing stations,
with a view of
recommending improve=
ments. It should
recommend improvements
in existing Stations,
Barracks
& Hospitals
& in the diet, drink,
dress, duties & exercises
of soldiers.

5. It should point
out the best positions
for Sanatoria & the
method of using them
so as to be most
conducive to the health
& efficiency of the troops.

6. It should enquire
into the whole question
of Hill Stations &
recommend the best
positions available for
troops in a Military
& Sanitary point of
view.

7. It should further
indicate the special

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provisions necessary
for Field Hospital=
& Field Sanitary
service, suitable to
the different Presidencies.

8. Also, Any specialties in
the organization of
General & Field
Hospitals, to make
them more suitable
for Indian service

9. Also, The organization of
Medical Boards for
regulating the Medical
& Sanitary service
in the Presidencies

10. The Commission to
have power to extend its
enquiries to India & to
appoint persons for the
purpose, subject to
the approval of the
Minister.

(2) *Wanted.*

1. The best India House
map of India
2. The trigonometrical
survey, as far as
completed.
3. List of all Military
stations, to be
marked also on
the maps -
4. Copies of all periodical
reports of Medical
Boards in Presidencies
which have been
published.
5. Copies of all published
Army (Indian)
Statistical tables -
Same - Queen's troops
6. Lists of all places
where there are

permanent Barracks
& Hospitals.

7. Access to catalogue
of documents at India
House & to all
documents there,
bearing on the enquiry.

Note. Upon the above
data might be construc=
ted Forms of Returns
or printed questions
to be sent out to
India & returned,
filled up for the
Commission to work
upon -

[end 9:56]

920 Der 7/146/4 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

Great Malvern

Dear Lord Stanley

Thank you very
much for your note
of Aug. 5 & for your
promise of consideration.
From you to whom the
subject is not new,
from you who have
already given ~~your~~/so much
attention to it, the
promise of consideration
is equivalent to the

[9:58-59]

greatest benefits accruing
~~to~~/from it for India.

The history of all our
wars & of all our
possessions has clearly
shewn how much it
may cost the mother
country, unnecessarily,
in valuable life, to
keep possession of
even a few square
miles, unless we
master the conditions
on which the soil of

a country can be held
by foreigners. Over &
over again our troops
have been actually
destroyed without an
effort to save them;
& it has never (hitherto)
been until public
attention has been
called to the subject
that very ordinary &
very well-known
precautions adapted
to the climate have
been put in force,

when our mortality
has immediately
diminished.

In India, the same
problems are presented
in another way. They
must be carefully
examined & studied
by themselves.

In this way will
be found what are
those natural laws
which must be obeyed,
before the White man
can hold this vast
Empire with the

least risk to himself.

These laws will va{ry edge of paper missing}
of course, (within limits}
in such an extent {of}
country - of such
different degrees of
elevation & occupy{ing}
such very differen{t}
zones -

Your Commission
will have to determ{ine}
what these laws are.
The subject, as a
Government enquiry
is a special one

probably, except to
yourself, almost a
new one -

But there is no
doubt that, by bringing
European experience
to bear upon it,
many of the problems
affecting the health
of ~~the~~/this White man in
our Eastern empire,
will be speedily solved,
& the military occupa=
tion of the country
rendered much more

easy in time to come.

I need not say that,
whatever experience
we have is at your
disposal a month
hence, or any time
you may choose to
call for it, if you
think it will be of
any good.

I have hesitated
even to write thus
much, in your
present press of
business.

You have doubtless
heard of a discovery
which seems likely to
afford ~~the~~/a test you were
enquiring after - Angus
Smith has clearly proved
the possibility of testing
the quantity of organic
matter in any given
air. He has not yet
determined the scale -
But he has shewn
that the scale is
determinable - he
finds that blood,
when shaken together

[end 9:59]

920 Der 7/146/5 initialed memorandum, 2ff, pen [9:59-60]

PRIVATE

The Remarks which you have been so good
~~(illeg)~~/as to send (enclosed) contains the substance
of the objections generally raised against
India. They are founded on the
assumption that there is something
deadly, inherent in all tropical
climates - And that, somehow or other,
disease & death are to be the penalty
of "subduing the earth."

The discovery of the reasons for local
unhealthiness is often difficult. And,
when people unaccustomed to such
enquiries come in contact with these
problems, they are apt to overlook
~~them~~/such reasons, & take refuge in fatalism.

Ague prevailed in temperate climates,
until draining was discovered, &
the fevers mentioned (in the enclosed)
as growing in gardens will grow there,
until man has learnt how to use
water in tropical climates.

This, in fact, is the main
problem to be solved by your Committee.

The very last Report which

proceeded from the defunct Board
of Health, but a few days ago,
lays the blame of the excess of
infantile mortality (which, since
the first Board was broken up,
it has taken no pains to present,)
on infection & contagion. It adduces
that sanitary measures are not
of much use, a scheme which every one,
conversant with statistical enquiries,
knows to be simply nonsense.

If this be done in the green
tree, what will be done in the dry?

So far from blaming the "old
Indians" ~~if~~/let science & experience ~~are~~/be
brought to bear on the Indian question,
there is no doubt it can be solved.

The enclosed is the case against us. Let us give
the case for.

F.N.

[end 9:60]

Aug 12/58

920 Der 7/146/6 initialed memorandum, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE IN RE MR. SIMON

There are few things
more painful to have
to do than to discredit
a professional man,
And one would only
do it for the sake of
numbers.

[9:60-61] [16:505]

Mr. Simon's work
has always been what may fairly
be called "scampish",
in the language of the
trades: his writings
must always be considered
as the result of a
"prospecting" expedition,
as they call it in

the gold countries.

The last Report of
the Board of Health,
to which I have alluded,
and the Report on
Netley Hospital are
indications of this.

'All Sanitary
precautions are to be
undervalued,' because
they have become
unpopular: 'epidemics
to be declared inevitable,'
& 'quarantine to be
substituted for Sanitary
improvement' - Quarantine

which it was well nigh
hoped had become
an extinct superstition.

[end 16:505]

This last Report
of the Board of Health
has all the error of
what Dr. Farr's
forthcoming Report
will have all the
truth.

[end 9:61]

F.N.

Aug 15/58

920 Der 7/146/7 signed letter, 9ff, pen

Great Malvern

Private Aug 15/58

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:61-63]

I will lose no
time in answering
your note.

From the experience
of similar Committees,
it may be gathered:

1. that to collect
evidence *merely* in
England will not
fulfill the object. Sir
G. Clerk's Mema is an
example of this. For

altho' it states facts,
it grounds opinions,
now considered untenable,
upon them. Present
knowledge leads us to
believe that the very
unhealthiness, of which
he complains, might
be prevented.

Similar statements
would be repeated
before the Committee
without end. And the
practical result would

be 'voted to be this,' viz.
that India is *essentially*
an unhealthy country,
a result upheld by
every "old Indian" till *now*.
Hence

2. the Committee
might have to make
personally , or to direct
to be made by practised
persons enquiries on
the spot, in order to
test the truth of such
allegations.

Considering the supreme
importance of the subject,
it would be necessary
to give the Committee or
Commission as wide a
scope as possible.

II. As to the Constitution
1. It would not answer
the object to exclude
every element from the
enquiry except the
Medical. The subjects
of enquiry, Engineering,
Military, Sanitary &
Medical must be
exhausted before it
can

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drawing up a/its Report.
Persons acquainted with
only one of these
Departments would
never be able to draw
up either Report,
Regulations or Instructions,
involving necessarily the
duties of Engineers,
Military & Sanitary
Officers.

Whether Committee
or Commission, it
should consist of

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Indian Military Officers
of high rank | |
| 2. Indian Military Engineer
& topographer | 2. Gol Goodwyn: Bengal Army
??? |
| | [Col. Waugh? I suppose one might
as soon ask for Sir C. Campbell] |
| 3. Indian Medical Officer
conversant with
Sanitary subjects | 3 Mr. Martin |
| 4. Civil Sanitarian
conversant with
Army arrangements,
Barracks, camps &c | 4. Dr. Sutherland |
| 5. Civil Engineer
conversant with
Sanitary practice | 5. Mr. Rawlinson C.E.
by far our best Water
Engineer |
| 6. Statistician | 6. Dr. Farr
The Statistics could not
be "read" without him. |

2. & MOST IMPORTANT

I cannot conceive any practical result coming out of a Committee without a Chairman, who, from his position, as well as from his knowledge, can keep them in order. There will otherwise be no consistency in the whole enquiry, and there will be infinite difference of opinion. Co.s never do anything very well or very ill.

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They come to a compromise, Who is to reconcile jarring opinions?

The Chairman must be conversant with such subjects, in order to direct the enquiry in a proper channel: and must be selected with special reference to his experience & to his capacity *for good principle*. [I only know of two such.]

3. The enquiry cannot be a hurried one - And those who

undertake it would have to devote themselves to it for such time & in such manner as may be (& will be) found to be indispensable for success.

III. The result of forming a committee of the three persons you have named, & of making the enquiry in the manner proposed would be this: viz - to arrive at nothing

more than an Abstract of existing opinions: valuable in itself - But it could be nothing more than an *aide-mémoire*.

[One of the persons named (Mr. Simon) has no practical opinion at all - & no experience of *Army* or *topographical* questions - Of him more anon.]

To sum up:

The object of the enquiry is, undoubtedly, to obtain the practical results you mention -

But, to do so, there

must be competent
engineering assistance
& evidence. Because
the result of the
enquiry ought not to
be *only* to point out
positions for canton=
ments, but also the
precautions to take,
in order to make
sites more healthy -

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Such precautions
being for the most
part engineering works,
it is necessary that
such works should be
recommended by capable
Engineers, & the proposed
"manual" stamped
with engineering authority.

Such a manual
would be useful. But
proper regulations to be
always followed would
be far more useful.

The Committee or
Commission should
draft these for

consideration. And
such Regulations will
involve Military,
Engineering & Medical
points. The Committee
must, therefore, contain
all these elements.

Also, it must speak
"as one having authority"
Its Report must
command attention
with the country.
A Report from the
three men *alone*,
mentioned by you,

would not. If you
were to be m/Minister
for India for the
next quarter of a
century, this would,
comparatively! not signify. but,
with an India Council,
to be composed probably
generally of "old Indians",
what would the
Report of such a
Commission do ~~with~~/as to
~~them~~/influencing them without you?
It would simply
carry no weight.

Believe me to be
very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

If you think a Royal Commn
unadviseable, at all events
it will be as much more
"distingué" (as Lord Castlereagh
was without orders) to be
without one -

The only points to be
secured are

1. that the men are
specially suited for all
Departments of the work
2. that the Committee
have power enough
3. that the Chairman
be *au fait* of the subject
4. that there be power
to extend the enquiry to India,
if necessary.

If you see fit, I would write
down a few heads for the Instructions.

F.N.

P.S.

Out of the following
list of names of Indian
Engineering Officers, now
in England, I believe
a really good man
might be chosen to
serve on the Committee.

Col. Henry Goodwyn	{	Bengal
" G. T. Greene	}	Army
Capt. J. Ouchterlony	}	Madras
		Army
Lt. Col. C.N. Grant	}	Bombay
		Army

[end 9:63]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1081

920 Der 7/146/8 signed letter, 1f, pen

Gt Malvern

Aug 31/58

Dear Lord Stanley

Do you think that
you would be so
good as to let me
see a copy of your
Instructions, under
which the Royal
Commission on the
re=organization of
the Indian Army is
acting? if not illegitimate
the asking. [9:63]

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

[end 9:63]

920 Der 7/146/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

Sept 5/58

Dear Lord Stanley

I have no doubt
that the amount of
amateur advice you
receive is to you the
"intolerable deal of
sack" to the "ha'porth
of bread" - which last
you don't get. [9:63-64]

Nevertheless I
remembered what you
said, that you wished
to turn your attention

to the Sanitary subject,
after you were
crowned king of the
Indian Council.

And, seeing that
event had taken place,
I came to town.

~~After~~/Since I wrote to
you, I have received
farther information
& made more enquiries.
The farther I go, the
deeper in importance
to the interests of the
Empire does the

subject appear.

I also wrote to
Mr. Herbert who is
(or was) in Austria;
he fully sees the
immense importance
of the question - and
its connection with
the general Army Sanitary
question (which came
before his own Commission),
as well as with the
spécialités of the Indian
Army. And he will
give every aid, I know,
in any proceedings

you may wish to
take in the matter,
if you wished it.

faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

[end 9:67]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1083

920 Der 7/146/10 signed letter, 3ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St

Sept 12/58

[9:67]

Dear Lord Stanley

Thank you for
your note, received
from Malvern.

I expected that
the "Organization" Commission
would not touch the
Sanitary question - And
I am glad it does
not - As the subject
is *special*, & will
require very careful

& full investigation by
persons competent.

The experience of
the R. Sanitary Commission
is important & will
afford much assistance.
The report gives the
results simply; but it
does not shew the
immense care required
in dealing with the
question. There was
hardly anything to
begin with. The thing,

in fact, from the Statistical
enquiry with which we
began, up to the final
recommendations, (with
the important practical
proceedings now flowing
from them,) had all to
be worked quietly &
with the utmost care.
And the result was
that we laid the basis
of a Military Sanitary
system for the first
time in Europe, & which
promises to bear fruit.

The same course will
have to be taken with
the Indian Enquiry. Those
who touch it must
devote themselves to it.
And I have no doubt,
if you fairly launch it
& select the proper
working men, similar
results will follow -
What we found of
most use was practical
Sanitary experience -
Mere figures & Scientific
talk did very little for
us - I am sure that

the men who did the
practical work of the
R. Sanitary Commission
will be willing in the
public interest to do
the Indian work also.

I did not expect
that, with the immense
interests now in your
hand, you could
attend immediately
to the Sanitary question,
however important -
And I should apologize
for having written to

you, had you not
named the period
of the Meeting of the
Council for the time
you would wish to
attend to this -

very faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

[end 9:67]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1085

920 Der 7/146/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

30 Old Burlington St
London W.

Oct 9/58

Dear Lord Stanley

I am glad you
received the Vols:
which I sent to you.
You will see that
they are strictly "confi=
dential". I thought
you would like to see
them - And indeed
I felt bound to send
them, as they have so
direct a bearing on

[9:71]

the subject of our
correspondence about
the Sanitary State of
the Indian Army.

You will find at
Page VIII, Preface to Section
X, P.234, the Statistics
of the present state of
that Army; - and I am
persuaded that four
fifths, if not five sixths,
of that dire loss may
be saved to the country.
The Indian enquiry
which one would be

glad to see begun is
a necessary pendant
to that regarding the
Army at home. Its
Hospital questions must
be gone into. They are
identical. Indeed the
whole Hospital question
as regards India require
re=organization as
much as our own
home & War Hospitals.
The Barrack arrange=
ments also require to
be considered. I con=
stantly receive evidence

to shew that removable
defects are destroying
& have destroyed (in
times past) the lives of
multitudes who might
have lived to serve
their country - And there
is no doubt that many
lives are annually
sacrificed by the state
of the Hospitals - The
subject is of far too
great importance to
the interest of the Empire
& of humanity to be left
in abeyance -

[end 9:71]

faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

920 Der 7/146/12 signed letter, 3ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
London W.

Private Oct 16/58

Dear Lord Stanley

[9:71-72]

A more painful case in
point could (~~illeg~~)/hardly have occurred
than the one I feel bound to
enclose to you, altho' you may
have seen it - It illustrates all
that has been said, all our
administrative defects. It is as
bad on a small scale as any
thing which happened in the
Crimea on a large one -

Observe - Commanding Officers,
Medical Officers, Government
Officers - all doing the same thing -
All ought to have been brought to
a Court Martial -

What was Shah Sorja & his Black
Hole to this?

And all within 5 miles of
Calcutta -

Observe the want of any military
organization - of the most ordinary
Sanitary knowledge -

And then the man drives back
to Calcutta & makes a minute -
meanwhile the women are dead.

Yet I know the people existing
now who will say - "the ordinary
& inevitable effect of the Indian
"climate! what could you expect?
"women & children *will* die in
"India"!

I understand that Sir A.
Tulloch & Mr. Martin are to be

examined on the 23rd before your
Organization Commission - Sir A.
Tulloch on Sanitary points.

After what you told me that
there was not a man on that
Commission fit to touch these points,
it is perhaps an excess of caution
to tell you that Sir A. Tulloch is
quite unfit to be examined upon
them - His figures are unimpeach=
able. He & Sir J. McNeill were
the saving of the Crimean Army
as to supply - But as to Sanitary
things, Tulloch has never turned
his attention to them & will only
mislead -

The subject is a special one
& demands a special enquiry, as
you say -

With many apologies for again
troubling you, believe me to be
faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

[end 9:72]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1088

920 Der 7/146/13 signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
London W.

Dec 23/58

Dear Lord Stanley

Might I ask a
very few minutes'
conversation with
you, as I am going
out of town for
some time in a
few days -

[9:73]

I am quite aware

of the presumption
of this proposition.
Please refuse it,
if it is very
inconvenient.

[end 9:73]

Yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

920 Der 7/146/14 signed letter, 4ff, pen

30 Old Burlington St
March 22/59

Dear Lord Stanley

I have just been
put in possession of
the general tenor of
the Report of your
Commission on the
organization of the
Indian Army.

[9:77-78]

I find, as you
yourself were good
enough to write to me
once

would be the case,
that it enters little
into that which most
interests us all, viz.
the best way of
preserving the soldier's
health & employing
his energies in a
country & climate,
like that of India.

The number of
European troops which
you have proposed
(in that Report) to

place permanently
in India is, I believe,
80 000, & the period
of service 12 years.
Yet nothing has
been ~~con~~ as yet
considered as to
how the waste of
life (70 per 1000)
on such a service
is to be prevented
or diminished.

The problem before
the country is how to

keep up an Army of
80000 men under
such conditions -
And not one
consideration seems
to have presented
itself on this subject,
except that possibly
the Mother country
will be able to
supply this great
annual loss *inevitably*
following (at present)
from *evitable* disease.

Men may flock to
our colours when there
is to be fighting - but
will they come when
there is to be dying -
especially from disease
which they will very
soon learn can be
prevented or diminished.

I believe they
will not - And now
seems to be the time
to institute enquiry,
to be followed by
active measures,

having for their object
how to hold India
with 80000 British
troops; every man of
whom, who does
not dies in the
interim, will be
exposed for 12 years
to the climate &
- what is far worse -
to the Sanitary neglects
abounding in every
Station in India.
This is a question

which will very
soon be raised by
the country unless
taken up by Ministers.

[end 9:78]

Believe me to be,
dear Lord Stanley,
your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

{920 Der 7/146/15 is not here}

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1091

920 Der 7/146/16 signed letter, 1f, pen

30 Old Burlington St
W

April 14/59

Dear Lord Stanley

In relation to
your wish that Mr.
Herbert should act
as chairman to your
proposed Indian
Sanitary enquiry, he
says this morning"

[9:78]

"I am ready to begin
"I have no contest
"& could run up to
"town twice a week

"without difficulty
"If a contest should
"arise, I can but
"adjourn for a few
"days. There must
"too, I should think,
"be some preliminary
"work in getting at
"documents, maps
"&c &c"

[end 9:78]

Pray consider this &
forgive me

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Source: From a letter to Lord Stanley, Liverpool Record Office 15/11

[16:578]

22 April 1863

A remarkably stupid advertisement has been appearing in the *Times*, asking everybody to send in plans for a civil hospital at Bombay, without giving any information, such as would enable any living being to make a plan, and "topping up" with stating that the local authorities and the railway authorities were to be judges of excellence.

The whole thing was so absurd, and it was besides such a re=enacting in India of what we have given up here, that I made an effort to prevent mischief, as far as I could.

I am told that Sir Charles Wood will consult you about it, which I was very glad to hear.

Some time ago, we recommended Mr T.W. Wyatt as architect for a civil hospital at Malta. And he produced, with our aid, one of the very best plans in existence. Would you think well to put the matter into his hands? He has shown great ability. Any help we could give him would be willingly given, for the good of helping. [end]

Derbyshire County Record Office, paper copies

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f1

Would you not have *luncheon* } 27/10/76
here? {curly bracket encloses both lines}

My dear Sir

Could you see *Mrs. Swindell* who is still
at *her own* home with your usual kindness?

And could you also kindly see *Widow*
Henstock, who is said to have vomited
blood a few days ago?

[I am very sorry not to be able to see you today
but I am ~~pi~~ due with my Mother at this hour.]
Perhaps you will kindly write me word how
Mrs. Swindell, *Widow Henstock*, & the *girl Holmes* are?

Yrs v. ffually F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, f1, pen

f2

Lea Hurst
Oct 20/76
6. a.m.

My dear Sir

Your poor (Typhoid) Patient, *Mrs. Swindell*,
has promised to go to Cromford to her
Sister's *to-morrow, Saturday*, or Sunday.
She says she has more relish or less disrelish
for the food sent her. But her feet &
ancles have begun to swell: & she does
not seem to gather strength.

Yr faithful servt
F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1093

signed letter, fl, pen {copy of letter above?}

f1

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blood a few days ago?

[I am very sorry not to be able to see you today
but I am ~~pi~~ due with my Mother at this hour.]
Perhaps you will kindly write me word how
Mrs. Swindell, *Widow Henstock*, & the *girl Holmes* are?

Yrs v. ffully F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, lf, pen

f3

July 12/77

My dear Sir

Do you wish your Patient's hair to be shaved or
cut short?

Would you say whether he must *not* leave off
the cotton Jersey next his skin? for if he must
not I must get him some more to change?

I think the new Nurse is a capable woman.
Perhaps you would suggest to her what you
think best about who is to sit up.

Please write me your opinion about the Patient
-& tell me what hour you will come tomorrow.
yrs v. ffully F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1094

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

f4

Lea Hurst [6:632]
Cromford: Derby
Aug 22/77

Dear Sir

1. I understand that Adelaide Peach, the girl with Pericarditis, has *bed sores*. If this be so, you probably know it. Would you wish her to be put on a Water bed or water pillow: and if so where could either be had?
2. It is said that poor Hitchcock, the man with heart disease, is worse: could you see him to-morrow? - and would you kindly tell him to make his mind easy; for I wish to undertake all that part of his debt to you which

f4v

can be repaid with money?
in haste

Sincerely yours [end 6:632]
F. Nightingale

C.B.N Dunn Esq

3. I am told that there is the most abominable [6:558]
drainage smell at 'Mount Pleasant' -
If the "Nuisance man" would put that to
rights, & say the Small Pox arose there,
I would gladly be the Scape-goat.

F.N.

Derby, signed with initials letter, 3ff, pen

f5

23/8/77

My dear Sir

Ad Peach: Could you tell me, besides your opinion of the poor girl, where to get the "powders for the bed sore," which I understand you ordered: & also what to do about getting her a *water pillow* or bed, if you order the use of one? & generally what to do?

Hitchcock: Is there *anything* to be done for him? - Is he sinking?

Disinfection: I was told (only yesterday) that a *wooden bed-stead, feather bed, feather pillow* & *bolster* & *straw mattrass* {FN's spelling} were removed *out of the lad's room the day or the day after the*

f5v

lad took to his bed with smallpox.
The bedstead is out of doors: the bedding in an empty room behind the Stables.
I am always for being on the safe side, & should have destroyed them, had I known
What would you recommend doing Now?

Widow Brown was not gone to Cromford this morning.

Please give me *your opinion* (tho' I know you will laugh) of *all* the Invalids in *all* the departments of this house.

f5b

Alice: Please also see my *Alice Mundy*:
here I am *sure* you will laugh:
[she has become so *stout* since she has been with me: is not this a sign of weak health in a girl of 22?]

Please send me *your Acct*, including poor *Hitchcock's*: I know that we shall never cease troubling you all the time we are here: So it is no use waiting for the end.

F.N.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1096

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f6

Lea Hurst
Cromford

Sept. 12/77

My dear Sir

Would you be so good as to see [13:284]

Widow Limb, I believe a former Patient
of yours for Rheumatism?

If you recommend *Buxton* for her, I would
gladly send her, if there be room for her.

[Her husband worked many years for my Father.] [end]

When may we see you again here?

ever yrs ffully F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f7

Lea Hurst
Oct 10/77 [12:327]

My dear Sir

Andrew Lee's child will go up to St. Thomas' on *Friday*.

The 'board' for it is come: & I will send
it to Andrew Lee's to-night.

Could you be so very kind as to see the
child tomorrow, Thursday, -look at 'board' & child,
& tell me whether both will 'do'?

2. Is there much the matter with

Hitchcock's wife? [end 12:327]

in much haste
yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

C.B.N Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1097

Derby, signed with initials letter, 1f, pen

f8

Andrew Lee's child

Oct 7/77

My dear Sir

Many thanks: very many

[12:326]

Could you kindly give directions to some one
as to the "small padded board" for the child: -
& charge it to me?

I am ashamed to trouble you: but the parents
are too stupid: & I have no one here that is
clever about these things.

[end 12:326]

Anent Mr. Bismark: Is there a Mrs. Johnson? &
if so is *she* at home, & would she receive him, the
cat? And what is the name of the place? F.N.

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f9

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Oct. 12/77

My dear Sir

It is good news indeed that
Widow Limb may be able to go to
Buxton this year.

I should be prepared to send her
as soon as you recommend it.

2. This morning I started off 'board'
& child & Andrew Lee. And I wrote
yesterday to the Surgeon of St. Thomas'
under whose care it is to be:

[12:327]

[end 12:327]

in haste

yours sincerely

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f10

Lea Hurst
Oct 14/77

My dear Sir

I shall be very glad to see you
"tomorrow afternoon".

Old *Thomas Alison*, whom you know,
has a sort of redness or breaking out
all over his head. I trust it is not
Erysipelas. *Would you kindly*
see him tomorrow?

yrs sincerely in haste
F. Nightingale

CBN. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

f11

Rose Wren} {large bracket} Private Lea Hurst
Oct 14/77

My dear Sir

A very painful matter to me has arisen:
Rose Wren (whose father is, wonderful to say,
recovering) is unable to remain in her situation
"on account of her arm."

1. She states that "Mrs. Horton told ~~her~~ me
"that Mr. Dunn said that I had scrufula (sic)
"& that it was *infectious*."
2. She has seen "the Doctor that was
"attending father: and he said that nothing
"would do it any good but absolute rest: &

f11v

"he put a blister on it, & he said it was no
"use him doing anything to it unless I
"could rest it, & he said it would take
"a month if not longer, and I told
"her & she said a month was a long time
"but (sic) I am going as soon as she gets
"suited".

I will not disguise from you my opinion
that, as long as that figure-head remains,
no girl can stay with any safety to her health.

f11a

And the "Doctor's" opinion very much tallies
with your own.

But I should be very much obliged to you
if you could now kindly give me an
opinion that ~~you~~ I could quote to Mr. & Mrs.
Shore Smith: [I did five copies of yours
as to 2. written on Oct 1)

to the figure-head & to my Mother's maids.)
& also if you could kindly remember what
you did say to that figure-head: *vide 1*.

in haste yours very sincerely

F Nightingale

The Lee child is safely & happily housed at St. Thomas'
Hospital.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1100

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

f12

Lea Hurst
Oct 16/77

My dear Sir

For any real good that can be done
while that figure-head is there, you
& I might have spared our pains, & I
my anxiety.

Poor *Emma Collins* is so ill again that,
having no home, she has been sent off to
the Hospital.

I expected it: but not so soon.

This is the second:

We have executed what you kindly ordered

f12v

about *Peter Cotterill's wife*, poor thing -
& are awaiting fresh orders.

Mrs. Swan dined here & went off to her Patient

Have you any orders with regard to
Widow Fern & the poor little Duke?

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1101

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen D25462/213}

f13

Lea Hurst
Oct 19/77

My dear Sir

I was very sorry not to see you when
you so kindly called yesterday: with the Buxton Admn
I had the mother of your former Patient,
Elizth Holmes, with me.

I conclude that you recommend us to [13:284]
accept "October 31" for *Widow Limb's*
admission to Buxton Hospital.

And I have already sent her up word
of it. Possibly however you kindly saw
her yourself.

I will write to the Secretary unless I
hear from you to the contrary accepting,

f13v

& ~~asking~~ telling him that the 30/ will be sent
by the Patient: When she goes. Probably
the information you kindly gave him will
enable him to draw up & send a Form of
Admission. [end]

I ascertained from Mrs. Holmes what was the
difficulty in her daughter's case. The Secretary
having mislaid your Medical certificate,
owing to the time which had elapsed between
its date & that of Admission, they would
actually have turned the Patient away, had

f13a

her Mother not taken her to the Medical
Officer's residence & there obtained a
fresh Examination & a fresh Order from him.

This would be impossible in poor crippled
Widow Limb's case:

Would you therefore be so very kind
as to send a *separate Medical Certificate*
or 'Recommendation' by her as the Bearer
of it? addressed, as I understand, to the Medical Office

She complains of feeling so very weak:
she has her dinner every other day, & pudding
the alternate days: (also milk: also Cocoatine)
from here:

is there anything more we could do?

I conclude that you would have ordered any
stimulants from here, had you wished it.

f13av

Widow Fern is very nervous & declares her lungs are fatally affected: I believe this is not at all your opinion. Have the two poor little 'Dukes' hooping cough?

I wish she could be cheered up a bit.

Mrs. Cottrell seems progressing very well.

Old *Thomas Alison* {Allison?} says "his head is bad:

I could not learn whether you had kindly seen him again:

Any "orders" you give me are "thankfully received
& promptly attended to". (as Wine-men advertise)

Yrs very ffully

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

F.Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1103

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f14

Lea Hurst
Oct. 25/77

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that I have a Patient
here for you kindly to come see.

It is my 'Fanny', She seems to have
strained something in her heel.

yrs mo. ffully
F. Nightingale

CBN. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f15

Lea Hurst
Nov 24/77

My dear Sir

Would you be so very good as to send
some more pills (Aperient, I suppose)

for my "Fanny"? - *Such as you gave her last:*
she says she was 'bilious': she has

& could not take }

the Cod Liver Oil }

taken all the pills: & lost the box:

yrs sincerely (in haste)
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1104

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

f16

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 4/78

My dear Sir

I heard that Samuel Hitchcock had not lived out the Old Year: One cannot regret that he has another New Year than ours.

I am sure that I owe you many thanks for your kind care of him. I should like to have known whether he was sensible quite to the last: & whether he was ever able to be up.

I was very sorry to hear that good old Allison was failing. I should be very much obliged to you kindly to do all that can be done for him. He is a very old friend of ours: & it was quite pathetic to see him with his grandchildren. I will tell Mr. Yeomans not to spare the money for his diet:

Also: I hope that you will be so good as to attend to Widow Limb: & send her back to Buxton if you think well. Do you think that she ought to have staid there longer?

Elizth Holmes has written to me that she is very grateful for your kind care.

Did the Carbonate of Soda treatment answer with the burn of Wheeldon's child?

My maid Fanny is much the better for your

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last prescription. thank you.
I have enquired as you desired for
 Stained Glass Manufacturers
anent a Window for Crich Church
 in memory of Mr. Chawner
 Morris
 Queen Sq.
 Bloomsbury
is the one recommended.
 If you would like to send
 subject required
 size of window
 & about the sum to be expended
Mrs. Shore Smith would gladly go to
Messrs. Morris, & see what could be
done both as to beauty & economy.
I ought to mention little Lee at St. Thomas [12:327]
Hospital. We have sent to see him &
several times & sent him toys, of which
however there is no lack. They say
he looks 2 years bigger, better, stronger
& solider than when they saw him, before he went 3 months
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ago. He is perfectly happy & contented.
 The whole ward was dressed up at
Christmas: & a musical box, an elephant
which would wind up & walk about,
a Rocking horse which would hold four
children, & various other wonders
bestowed on the Ward, delight the little
Patients daily. All have scarlet cloaks:
Little Lee is always good & never cries.
He is kept lying in his cot:
 May all New Year's blessings be
showered upon you & yours [end 12:327]
 ever yours faithfully
 Florence Nightingale
Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Swan,
 if you see her: & ask her to remember
 her promise to see Mrs. Cottrell
 & let me know how she is:
I hope Mrs. Swan is well herself.
 F.N.
C.B.N. Dunn Esq.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1106

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

f17

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 25/78

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your letter about
the poor lad, Edwin Bunting, to whom you
have been so kind. I hope he will quite recover.

Would you kindly pay a visit to your old
Patient, *Widow Limb*, & if you would think
well for her to go to Buxton while the weather
is warm & she can be admitted, & you
would be so good as to take the trouble to
arrange it, I would thankfully pay.

[13:284]

Would you be so good as to send me my Quarter's
Acct: & believe me ever yrs ffully

[end]

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

f18

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 27/78

My dear Sir

I am extremely indebted to you for your kind
account of 'the Patients': & most thankful that
the boy Bunting will recover entirely, & that Mrs. Bratby
is so much better. I hope that you will be able
to get Widow Limb into Buxton Hospital again.
You have another Patient who is much better &
able, I hope, to go out every day. And that is
My Aunt at Lea Hurst.

I send a Cheque with many thanks. pray
continue your kindness to my Patients.

I am sorry, for her sake, that I have Rose

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Wren (with the strain & swelling on her
arm) back on my hands for Medical advice.

I found her an out Patient of St George's
Hospital, & have taken her away & given
her good Medical advice.

in haste ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1107

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 2ff, pen

f19

Lea Hurst
Cromford, Derby
Aug 13/78

My dear Sir

I have more patients for your kindness:

Old *Lyddy Prince* complains of her head:

I hope she is not about to have Erysipelas again.

Lizzie Holmes complains of rheumatic
pains again.

A poor woman, *Mrs. Bromhead*, {must mean Broomhead} who has
an, I fear, incurable goitre, is suffering so
much that I thought I would ask you
kindly to try & alleviate her pain.

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Young Widow Prince is much the
better for your care:

in haste ever yrs faithfully

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 2ff, pen [1:509]

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28/8/78

My dear Sir

If, after having seen *Mr. Shore Smith's* angle,
you think he ought not to go to-morrow, would
you kindly tell me as well as him?

[end 1:509]

2. *Jane Alison* is a second time in a state of
religious mania. She is with her Sister (Mrs. Stone)
in Gregory Tunnel. She is very 'bad' at times.
Will you be so good as to see her?
When you come, she knows that you are watching
her & she keeps quiet while you are there. But

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there is no doubt that she has terrible fits of
religious despondency.
The first thing is: if you could certify that she
is a fit subject for an Asylum - where she has been
once before.
Out of respect to her father, Thomas Alison, I
would gladly pay for her for a few months
Wherever you thought she had a *good chance*
of cure, whether at Mickleover or elsewhere

3. I hope that you will think well of your Patient,
Arthur Cottie.

yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

CB.N. Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1109

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

f21

3/9/78

My dear Sir

Many thanks for calling on poor Miss Shardlowe
- She says she is better already: I hope you will
kindly see her again.

But it is so difficult to know what to do for her.

I sent her yesterday a bottle of Port Wine:

If you could suggest ~~her~~ anything else? One
can hardly send her things as one does to old
Widow Gregory: Does the Sister eat them?

Would you be so very kind as to call
upon the Sister of *Adelaide* Peach - who died

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last year: I am told she is very ill.

Do you think there is any chance of
Widow Dolly Prince recovering her eye-sight.
She has been ill again with 'flooding': but
you have done her much good.

Miss Mochler I am sorry to say is out.
She wanted much to see you about some of
the Patients:

You would not be in this neighbourhood
again at 2 *to-day* to take luncheon with

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her - or tomorrow - would you?

I hope you will take something at all
events now -

I am just going to my Mother.

Is old Lyddy Prince recovering at all?

Would you be so good as to write me a
note & believe me (in haste
yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1110

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

f22

8/9/78

My dear Sir

I am so very sorry that *Arthur Cottie* is gone to Chapel.

His medicine has been finished since ~~Saturday~~ Friday.

If you are making any calls in the village, would you not come back here & have luncheon at 2 o'clock? Miss Irby is here: & Mr. Jowett. & see your Patient too?

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Could you tell me what Adelaide Peach's *sister* ought to have?

& what Martha Sheldon's *brother*, (formerly a Patient of yours) ought to have? He is unable to work -

I shall have a long story to tell you about little (spine) *Lee* whenever I have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yrs sincerely

How is *Miss Shardlowe*? F. Nightingale
& does she want more wine or &c?

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1112

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pencil

f24

Lea Hurst
Cromford Derby
Oct 10/78

My dear Sir
Would you be so good as to come & see Lizzie
Brooks? I don't suppose there is much
the matter: but she complains of pain in the back
& chest. & Menstruation should have been a
day or two ago & was not. You will smile.
I should not be uneasy about her but that she
had an extremely sharp fit of Indigestion in
London, owing, I am ashamed to say to over-
eating & over-drinking & too little work.
The Physician who attended her said he had

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never seen so foul a tongue. And this, the
fetid breath & the *fetid odour in her bed*
makes her a rather anxious inmate for me
He strictly forbade Beer, heavy breakfasts &
suppers, butter, Pork &c - in short, all that
the Kitchen most loves: & put her on a
mild nourishing diet with milk &c & Lime Water.
And I look after this as much as I can.
& by this means keep the enemy, the dreadful
smell, in abeyance.
She always struck me: like an animal
which has been starved & feeds voraciously.

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And I am rather glad to bring her under
good Medical care again.
[I was obliged to have a Dentist to her in
London & put her mouth entirely to rights.]
Excuse haste. & believe me
yrs sincerely
CB.N. Dunn Esq F. Nightingale

Widow Limb's daughter with the Quinsy says
she has caught cold again: I suppose it is only trifling
Poor Mrs. Bromhead [Broomhead] seems sadly suffering: she
can hardly lie down, she says, in bed -
Widow Gregory I have moved downstairs: according to you

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1113

initialed letter, 1ff, pen

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My dear Sir

Is this admission for Elizth Holmes for Oct 16?

& may I trouble you with the Medl Certificate
to be filled up?

Please return me the Card. [It is a pity that the P.O. stamp is
I enclose the Form for Medl Certe. always over the date
of admission.

Could you tell me what you think of Lizzie
Brooks? And shall you be coming to see her again?

May I ask you what you think of Mrs. Broomhead
You will see that I have moved Widow Gregory
down stairs

Could you fix any day & hour this next week *after*
Monday that you will be coming this way
about 4 or 5 o'clock or 6 that I might
have the pleasure of seeing you?
11/10/78 F.N.

Derby, signed letter, 1ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Oct. 11/78

My dear Sir

In sending for Lizzie Brooks' medicine, might
I ask you if she may go, as she has asked, on
Sunday afternoon to her Mother's "for the Wakes".

I have no reason against it except a
profoundly bad opinion of her Mother:
but I own I should not be sorry if you
thought that she had better not go (medically)

yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1114

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

f27

Lea Hurst
Oct 13/78

My dear Sir

Your old Patient, Mrs. Bratby, is looking very ill: she & her husband are thinking of going to Ramsgate for 2 or 3 weeks, if you approve: & if you recommend *warm* sea water baths for her

Could you kindly see her within the next day or two? - And would you, among other things, tell me whether she ought to have stimulants? & if so what?

2. Do you sometimes see the boy Bunting who

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recovered so wonderfully under your care from that accident?

I have an idea sometimes that he is allowed to work too much: & that he wants looking to medically: If you could make a friendly call & charge it to my Acct I should be very grateful.

Thanking you for your kind note & hoping to see you on Tuesday about 4.30, as you were so good as to propose,

believe me yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1115

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen

f28

Lea Hurst [1:815]
Cromford, Derby
Oct 22/78

My dear Sir

Old Lyddy Prince: I saw her last night: & she expressed the greatest gratitude for your kindness to her.

There is some magic medicine of yours (for "palpitations," she says) which ~~she wants~~ to have another "bottle" of: she prays.

It would be extremely desirable if she were not to put off any longer applying for parish relief. The Guardians would then compel her 3 sons who can well afford it to do something for

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her. She has supported *herself* for 53 years.

She does not like to ask you to say whether she is 'past work.' But if you could give her your Medical opinion on this point, or ~~even~~ a line of Medical certificate, it would greatly facilitate any application of hers. [I have spoken to Mr. Yeomans as a Guardian]
Widow Limb: would you kindly tell me [13:285]
what is your opinion of her, p
Since I began this, I have had your kind note.:

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do you think that her state is owing to any want of Night Nursing at Buxton Hospital, or to neglect there?

do you know anything of the Nursing at that Hospital? [end]

Miss Shardlowe: I have my "Forms of recommendation" for the Derby Infirmary: sent me: & only await your orders to fill up one for her:

Mrs. Deebank: Would you be so good as to prescribe for her, if you think she requires

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Medical advice
& oblige yours very sincerely
F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1116

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

f29

Miss Shardlow

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Oct 25/78

My dear Sir
Would you be so good as to fill in the "Disease"
on the enclosed form, & return it to me?
The Patient is going on Monday early

Mrs. Holmes:

What will happen if she will not submit
to an Operation to the leg?
What will be the Operation? What its magnitude?
Are there any palliative measures which

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it is any use trying? for present ease.
I think possibly she might be persuaded
to submit to an Operation if I knew
more:
Is there any risk of her losing her leg?

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The Sisters Allen:
Could you be so good as to call upon them?
the eldest, Hannah, is suffering from
rheumatism & is generally feeble.
She is an excellent old body but not
very amenable to Medical influences.

in haste
yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1117

letter {1st page only - last page missing}, 1f, pen

f30

Lea Hurst
Nov 3/78

My dear Sir

Would you be kind enough to look at the
boy Herbert Crooks who brings this?
He suffers frequently from sick head-aches,
& as he is growing very fast, I thought
a little of your "magic" might do him good:

Elizth Holmes has only just begun to take
baths at Buxton: & wishes for another
3 weeks: which with your sanction I
will give her?

[13:285]

[end]

I have failed in my attempt to find a lady

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen and pencil

f31

Lea Hurst
Nov. 13/78

My dear Sir

I am due in London on Friday:
but I have a troublesome little inflammation in one
eye (& for some weeks the other side of my face has
been swollen.) I wanted to have some of your
excellent advice. & to know whether I ought
to make the journey the day after tomorrow, on
account of this eye. You will be amused at my sending
to you for this trifle.
Could you make it convenient to call to-day
& if so at *what time*?

Herbert Crooks is ~~quite~~ almost laid up with his chilblains.

I had meant to have sent my contribution to the

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Church Choir at Crich, to which Mrs. Dunn
is so kind:

Might I trouble you with this contribution
(enclosed)?

yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen

f32

10 South St
Park Lane W.
2/1/79

My dear Sir

I hope you will be good enough to send me my
Acct for the Quarter: & allow me to thank you
for all your goodness to our Patients.

I was very sorry to hear of your severe strain
but hope that you have quite recovered it: as
I have heard from some of the Patients of your
presence among them.

Will you be so good as to look after *Lizzie Holmes*? [13:285]

I am afraid she is none the better for Buxton. [end]

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Confidentially & *between ourselves*, I have set on
foot an enquiry into that abominable place. The
master & mistress are leaving (drunk:) And I hope
the Nursing will be looked into now.

I hope to hear of good Mrs. Bromhead, {Broomhead} & poor
old Gregory {?}, & the Allens & all our other friends.

Little (spine) Lee has been making great progress
at St. Thomas' - & is now gone back to the Ascot
Convalescent Home. He is growing quite big.

Our (trained) Miss Machin entered from here on her [13:80]
duties as Matron to grand old St. Bartholomew's
on New Year's Day: [& we had placed 2 of our `Sisters'

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there already] - She has been most graciously received
& please God there will be a reform in the Nursing there. But

I have warned them to hold their tongues & not to
be quoting St. Thomas'- [end 13:80]

I have heard the most pathetic accounts of our
Princess Alice from the German lady, trained here with us.
Who, with 6 nurses, nursed her to the last: & all
the family in ye Diphtheria - Princess Alice was always
the first in our Hospital Work. [Our Nurses sent a
wreath of & Cross of flowers for the grave].

I have been so overworked & ill since I came back

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[Christmas time is no sinecure in seeing of Matrons
& Nurses &c &c] that I must beg you to excuse
this scrawl.

And with heartiest good wishes for the best of
New Years to you & Mrs. Dunn & all the
old friends & the dear old place
ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 8ff, pen

f33

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.
Jan 21/79

My dear Sir
I have to ask your pardon
for not having written before.
The truth is: I came back
so much worn out to my
usual hard winter's work
& pressure of business that
I am ashamed to think how
much I am in arrear. And
the hardest work is that
which one does not do -
You have, I hope, quite
recovered your strain.
I was very much obliged
to you for writing to me
about Lizzie Brooks' mother.
I have placed Lizzie in
a very good situation at

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Bath, not out of my reach,
but I hope out of reach
of her mother who harassed
her continually. Yet I feel
sorry for her little sister
& brother at home. And
I do not think it right for
the girl to break off entirely
with her home. She must
try to be of use to the little
sister.

Pray remember me kindly
to Mrs. Swann: I was sorry
not to see her before I left
Lea Hurst: and pray ask
her what is become of the
little girl Cottrell she had a
year ago a place for: & of the Mother
whom you so kindly attended.

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Good old *Lyddy Prince* -
one of the best women I know
& a sort of Saint - I am
afraid she is very uncomfortable
with her sons - they not
assisting her as they ought.
Please be so good as to keep
your eye upon her health.
I shall be very glad to give
Dolly Prince the benefit of the
Nottingham spectacles: I left the money
with Mr. Yeomans.

As for *Sister Allen*, who always
reminds me of a prophetess of
the Old Testament,- it is quite
remarkable to hear her talk
Scripture - I am overjoyed
that she is so much better
under your kind care. Please
continue it & tell her to
write to me & say whether
she has had what I said
from Mr. Yeomans.
And is there any particular

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diet she ought further to have?
As for *Widow Gregory*, poor old
Soul, if the others are a {illeg}
Saint & a prophetess, or some-
thing like it, she is an animal
or something like it, thinking
of her 'creature comforts' & of
Philip's (the lad ought to be
in the Workhouse: he is dangerous).
I am glad her nurse, Deebank,
is so much better: she sees
well. I suppose after the old
body.

Poor *Mrs. Broomhead*: how
patient she is: it is quite
beautiful. I should like
to have seen her as she wished
to see me: but I scarcely
can wish her to live another
year. Please tell her
I always remember her: &
continue your kind care. Is there
anything else she should have?

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Is *Miss Shardlowe* returned
from the Infirmary? She
wrote to me from there.
But I have not heard from
her since. How is she?
I am very glad to hear good
news of the boy Bunting:
& glad that poor old James
Foulds is at rest.
Mrs Bratby, your Patient, is
still at Ramsgate: & doing
well.
Your little Patient, the spine-
child, Lee, is very much
better, & gone back to the
Ascot Convalescent Home.
Please be so good as to look
after *Lizzie Holmes* still:
I hope we shall clear out
that abominable place at
Buxton. But we must do it

[13:285]**f33bv**

with quietness & caution. **[end]**
I am afraid Mrs. Holmes has
not submitted to you yet.
I trust that you will also
be so good as to look in
from time to time upon
poor *Widow Peach's* daughter
& tell me whether she wants
for anything more. She
has such a hereditary weight
of sickness in her. She
became wonderfully better
under your care.
Poor *Mrs. Limb*: she is
such a good woman: so
unmurmuring. I am
very sorry to hear of these
heart symptoms: but I hope
she may still get better under
your care. Please
remember me to her.

f33c

I hear often from Miss Irby.
She has a hard battle to fight.
Almost all her fugitives are
gone back into Bosnia, without
homes, without seed, implements
or cattle: food so dear that
the Austria money allowance
is insufficient quite: dying
of hunger & exposure.

The Famine Mortality figures
are coming in from India:
they are heart-sickening:
rather more than 2 millions
Deaths in Madras Presidency
alone: altogether it will
not be short of 3 1/4 millions
ascertained Deaths in Mysore
& Madras alone: & Bombay
& Hyderabad figures yet to
come in: perhaps 2 millions
more.

[9:823]**[end 9:823]****f33cv**

But we have distress at
home, Leeds & Sheffield &
Manchester.

Excuse this scrambling letter.

I hope that you & Mrs.
Dunn are well:

pray believe me
ever yours ffully
Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq.

letter {signature may be cut off}, 4ff, pen

f34

March 6/79

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE.W.

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged
to you for your kind letter,
containing news of so many
in whom I am so much
interested & to whom you
are so good.

For *Jane Allison's* recovery,
even tho' only temporary, I am
truly grateful to you & to God.
That is a case one has
unmitigated satisfaction in
helping. Thro' no fault of
her own, (that I have ever
heard of,) she is subject to
"special infirmity." And
"special infirmity, physical
or mental," I think one
CB.N. Dunn Esq

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may help without danger
of pauperizing.

But on these &
similar points I have often
wished to consult you.

'Miss Allen' again is a case
I commend to you: & do
most sincerely thank you
for doing her good. They
are two Sisters doing their
best to keep their home
together (notwithstanding
infirmity & defective sight)
for each other by needlework
whilst they can. They are
the very reverse of paupers:
& they are educated much
above the average & have
higher tastes than mere drinking
& eating.

Mrs. Henstock is an
industrious woman, an active
but

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mismanaging Mother &
not very truthful. Are
"spiritualists" people who
believe in those disgraceful
'rapping' impostures? I did
not know this mean & incredible
superstition had reached
Holloway: but, if it has, am
not surprised that the
Henstocks are of it. She
is a person whom I am too
glad to help 1st to your valued
Medical advice: also to ~~going~~ a Convalescence
at to the sea, & to a Sewing
Machine,- to enable her to
help herself. But giving
little doles to her & others
is a thing which has much
troubled my conscience &
which I have often wished
to consult you about.
I fear I have made some
beggars at Holloway, while

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conscientiously desirous
to avoid it.

[13:285]

Lizzie Holmes: I am so
thankful to hear is better:
There is no danger of
making the Holmes beggars.
They not only do not beg,
they *give*.

Besides, I always feel I
owe Lizzie Holmes something
- for I am afraid I only
made her worse by that
abominable place Buxton,
- did I not?

Restoration to health is a
thing, I hope, one need never
feel afraid of being made
into a pauperizing agent.

[end]

note

14/3 I should say, with regard to
the 'Spiritualists,' that I have
enquired, & I find they hold forth,
in the name of a "deceased Doctor,"
against intemperance!! They might

{this line is cut off. Her signature might be under it as well since she has gone
across to bottom of f34 for CBN Dunn Esq}

Derby, unsigned letter, f35a labelled Private & confidential, 4ff, pen

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April 12/79

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

My dear Sir

I hasten to send you a

Cheque for your Qy Acct for
the people to whom you are
so kind & to thank you for
your kindness.

I venture to ask you to be
so good as to give £2.2
(which I have added to the
Cheque) to Mr. Acraman for
his *School* subscription, for
which he wrote to me. I
must apologize both to you
& to him for this unceremonious
way of doing it. It is only the
severe stress of overwork & illness

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which compels me to economize
every line I have to write.

Poor Widow Limb & Broomhead

- I feel so very sorry for
them. Will you when you
see Mrs. Broomhead again
thank her for her letter:

And will you kindly tell
Mrs. Limb how much I
should like to hear from
her thro' Rose, who ought
to be able to write now?

I am thankful that widow
Merchant's daughter is so
much better thro' your kindness.
And will you kindly tell her
to write too & say how she is?

And the same as to Widow
Peach's daughter.

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{obliquely across L corner}

Private You ask me about Buxton
& *Confidential* Hospital Nursing. I have
tried various ways to have it
cleared up & cleared out,
chiefly thro' ladies who I was
astonished to find knew of its
abominations before - did
nothing then & as far as I know
have done nothing now.

Except that in December
I believe the Master & Mistress
were dismissed for drinking.

I have now appealed to the
Duke of Devonshire: & I hope
that something may be done.

but this is of course *strictly*
between ourselves.

The D. of Devonshire had much
better appear to be acting from
himself: without mentioning
me. But I really pray

f35av

that the enquiry may be
rightly conducted, & not
made a blunder of.

I am such an old 'hand'
& I know what blunders may
be made by the best
intentions not practically
acquainted with Hospital
Nursing.

Derby, unsigned letter, 8ff, pen

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May 24/79

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

My dear Sir

You are so occupied, & I am
so occupied that I scarcely
like to say:-how little intercourse
we have now about our poor
Patients!

But I venture to trouble you
now with some questions about
some of them: for whom I am anxious.

I have also this reason that
Mrs. Yeomans has most
kindly done the cooking for
poor good widow Broomhead
& for poor old widow Gregory
ever since I left Lea Hurst
And she cannot be expected
to go on cooking for them always.
She has never complained of the
trouble But Mr. Yeomans & I have

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both suggested that she should
stop. And had I not been
cast down & overwhelmed with
work, I should have written
to you before to take your wishes
with regard to these poor people.
My aunt, Miss Julia Smith,
is now, as you know, at Lea Hurst.
And she is very kind to some of
them. And spring is come at last.
She & Mr. Yeomans thought
that it was time now "to stop"
altogether with poor old Gregory:
except what she will have from
Lea Hurst, where we shall too
probably, if it please God, succeed
my Aunt.

Do you approve of this?

And would you wish her (Gregory)

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still to have her allowance of
Brandy from Mr. Yeomans
(which has been continued ever
since ~~a year or~~ last autumn)?
People are strongly of opinion that this
should be *discontinued*. What do you say?

Widow Broomhead

I am afraid she is a great
sufferer & so good & patient.

Is she near her end?

I feel that I cannot longer ask
Mrs. Yeomans to cook for her.
But I should be truly obliged
to you to tell me *what she*
really requires: occasionally
or *regularly* if necessary.
And this she shall have.
She has also an allowance of
Brandy: & shall continue to
have it, if you order it.
[Indeed, as you know, I never
give *Brandy* without your orders]
I am sure you continue your
kind care of this poor woman.
She is on *cocoatina*.
So is old Gregory:

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Widow Limb

how is she?

I am afraid you think very
badly of her prospects:
she is a good & most patient
sufferer.

Would you kindly also tell
me *what she really requires*?

And she shall have it.

She is on 2 lbs. Meat weekly:
Cocoatina, Milk &c.

Her sons are very good to her.

Widow Peach's daughter:

how is she?

She has 2 lbs of meat weekly:
milk &c

would you kindly tell me
what you wish for her?

Martha Sheldon

I understand is very ill:

If she requires something
occasionally, would you kindly
tell me *what would be best*

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without further `order.'
But if she requires another
`letter of admission'
from me, I will send you
one for her.
Poor soul: it is a painful
case in many respects.

Jane Allison

Mr. Yeomans has written about her to
me, & your opinion of her: &
that he thinks she should
go back to Mickleover.
I have written to him that
this is a thing for *you* to
determine.
But one trembles to think
what she *might* do at home.
And it is very bad for the
little grand-child, the eldest,
to see her.
I had a great respect for

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the old man, her Father.

And I have told Mr. Yeomans
that I would tell you that, if
you thought it would give her
a better chance to try her at
home say for a month with
a Nurse, & if you could
recommend a proper Nurse,
I would pay her.

But it must remain with
you; [I cannot say I have
ever made an arrangement
of that kind to compare
with the care of a good Asylum.]

I am most truly sorry for
the case. The old man was
a sort of patient humble hero
in his way: at once independent
minded & tender hearted.

Lydia Prince

I have told Mr Yeomans to
allow her the 2 oz Brandy a day.

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Lydia Prince is one of the most difficult cases one has to deal with (I do not mean in your kind Medical attendance which I hope will never fail her: & would you order her *Brandy* of Mr. Yeomans, if she needs it) Her sons were so good as to inform me, thro' Mr. Yeomans, when I was at Lea Hurst, that *they* 'did not do anything' 'for her, because I did'. And it is true: I put money into Adam Prince's mouth to drink by helping his mother. Yet the old lady will not apply for parish relief: which is the only way, I suppose, of summonsing the sons? I am trying to make some

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arrangement for her with Mr. Yeomans. She is a case constantly on my mind. She is a splendid old lady: and I cannot bear that she should want. While to spend money in making that vagabond Adam more of a vagabond is a sin. Please continue, if you will be so good, ~~as~~ to attend Old *Lyddy*. Thank you for your kindness to that poor old creature *Gregory*. *Mrs. Bratby* is come back from Ramsgate. Would you kindly look in upon her sometime?

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1132

Derby, signed letter, 1f, pen

[6:558]

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May 30/79

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for your
kind letter. I have written
to Mr. Yeomans your orders about
the sick.

These Deaths from Typhoid are
shocking beyond measure. Because
Typhoid means bad drainage.

I trust that you will be
successful in your *War*: &

I hope that Mr. Yeomans
will help you.

You say that poor Mary Shardlow
"hopes to go to the Infirmary."

I enclose an Order, which
please fill up. If there is
any difficulty in paying for
her going, Yeomans will pay:
Excuse haste: ever yrs ffully
F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

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10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 21/79

My dear Sir

Very many thanks for your
very kind note.

I am writing in haste to say
if you could do anything for
poor Mary *Shardlow* on my
account, I should be very
much obliged to you. [I do
not know on whose account
you are attending her] And
if you wish to order her
Port Wine or anything of that
sort for me, please do so.

If you will kindly let Miss
Mochler know, she will
provide it. I am writing
to her by this post to say so.
Poor woman - no one can
wish for her life. But I am

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sure that anything to spare
her suffering, you will do.
I rejoice to hear that the
little girl Peach is making
such progress.

I am shocked that there
should be Typhoid in "the
Cottage".

Cannot you make them
close the Wingfield School?
in great haste

yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

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My Diphtheria case went convalescent
into the country on Saturday
Nobody else had it, thank
God.
But it is a long story
which I must tell you
later.

Derby, signed letter without salutation, 2ff, pencil

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1

I am very sorry that I could
not see you to-day.

I have been so ill since I
came down: & I have 3
interviews for to-day.

1. You know that *Harriet Limb*
has Typhoid Fever. Is there
anything more that we should
do for her? She has Soda Water
from us.
2. Could you also kindly see
Widow Broomhead & say
whether there is anything we
should send her? - she does
not much like her present
medicine, I hear. And
do you wish her to have any
more *Brandy*? She has
only 4 oz. every 4th day now.
And is she in a condition to
come & see me, if I sent the

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fly for her?

3. Also: What do you think
of little Platt, Alison's
grand-child?

What do you think this
new case of Typhoid due
to?

I hope to see you soon

F. Nightingale

24/8/79

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Aug 31/79

My dear Sir

Might I ask you to come
& see my sister's lady's maid
who has sprained & hurt
her foot? above where the toes spring
& underneath the foot - She is a Swiss.

I hope you will be able
kindly to have luncheon here
Some day while she Lady Verney, is here
perhaps to-day:

2. I hope that you think
Harriet Limb going on quite
well: & may she have any
thing else besides soda water
& milk?
And how is the poor mother?
How I wish you could find out
the exact whereabouts of the
bad water & bad drainage,
which are in fault.

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Can you ascertain *what*
was the water which
Harriet Limb had been
drinking?

3. *Dolly Prince*, I believe, has
been suffering much from
'flooding'.
Could anything be done for
her? by Medical advice -

4. The boy *Bunting*, - whom
you brought through so
serious an accident last
year - What do you
think of him?
Is he likely to be strong
enough ever to do a man's
usual work?
Or should he be a Pupil
Teacher, or something of the
sort? & afterwards a Schoolmaster?

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5. A Mrs. Rawson
of Higham
near Alfreton

-Aunt to my Lizzie Brooks-
has been 7 years ill with
"bad knees": She "can't stand"
except on crutches: the
description L.B. gave me of
her is: "her knee-caps are
under her knees:" She has
been at the Lea Water (cure?)
place, which "did her no good."
She is extremely anxious,
L.B. tells me, to go to
some London Hospital.
She is said to have been a
Patient of yours.

Could you kindly tell me
whether you recommend any
thing of this kind to be done?
I mean, sending her anywhere for
treatment?

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I am afraid you will
think I am never coming to
an end with my questions:

6. Poor Widow Broomhead:

She thinks you have ordered
her 2 oz. Brandy a day,
whereas you told me 1 oz.
Please say which:

Also: whether you think
her able to come & see me,
if I send the fly for her.
- She does not seem to know
what to decide.

7. Also: Martha Sheldon wants
her brother to have an admission ~~go~~ as Out
Patient to the Derby Infy.
What do you think of this?

8. Lastly: does the little Platt
(Alison's grandchild) want

Derby, unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

f41

Lea Hurst
Sept. 7/79

My dear Sir

Thank you for your kind
note very much.

As to the *Limbs*:

I am most thankful that
they are going on well
under your kind care.
But do you not think it
very bad for the two
sisters, -one convalescent
& one very ill of Typhoid,
-to lie in the same bed:
& both in the same room with
the mother?

We had provided a
bed at Widow Brown's,
where Mrs. Swann could
have undisturbed sleep
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

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in the afternoon: While
Mrs. Brown could waited on
her Patients.

But we find that the
three Patients are all
in the same room: the
two Fever cases in the
same bed: While
Mrs. Swann occupies the
smaller room which
used to be occupied by
husband & wife -

Would you kindly
remedy this in the way you
think best?

We are sending Clear Soup
without vegetables (what we
make for my Mother) to
Harriet Limb, according to
your orders: & milk & soda water
to the married Sister.

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Would you be so very kind
as to write to me any orders
about these poor bodies'
diets?

We send only 2 lbs Meat
weekly, Milk & Cocoatine
to Widow Limb, & Beef Tea:
Should she have any thing
else?

& should Harriet Limb
have Mutton Broth?

I am glad that Mr. Wildgoose
undertakes the Medical advice
for Harriet Limb*

But you must allow me to
undertake the rest.

x Harriet Limb has been given to
understand from the Mill
that she would be allowed half

pay during her illness: I hope
this was not done without Mr. Wild=

=goose's knowledge. You see he says he did not [cut off]

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I feel so uneasy about the
Holloway drainage that I lie
thinking of what we ought to do.
It has been suggested to me
from London: "have you no
District Medical Officer of
Health to apply to?" But
he is Dr. Gaylor: is he not?
Then I am advised to "write
& invoke the aid of Mr.
Sclater Booth, & ask him
to send an Inspector to look
at our village." "The Local
Govt Board always delight to
interfere if they can get a
chance."

What do you think?

And what was the *drinking*
water which Harriet Limb
& her Sister were
using?

{upside down under the word *water* is her printed address}
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W. {D25462/242}

Derby, unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

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PRIVATE Lea Hurst
{written across the corner Cromford
with 4 underlines} Sept. 14/79

My dear Sir

Pray let me thank you
for your two kind notes.
And first about the

Limbs:

I am very thankful that the
married Sister's attack you
consider a slight one:
& I heard yesterday that
both were downstairs but
that you considered *Harriet*
the stronger of the two.
I am sure that you will
tell me what Diet you
wish for them. Hitherto
neither Sister has had
anything from here but
Clear Soup or Beef Tea.

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Shall you wish either of
them to go by & bye to
a Convalescent Hospital?
About the water in their
well which I believe you
& I are anxious to have
analysed: You mention
Dr. Gaylor's having undertaken
to do so (from this well):
What I understood was
- that Dr. Gaylor, having emptied
(? washed out) a quart
bottle, which had
contained beer or wine,
& filled it with water
from *Mr. Yeomans'* pump
- that he took it home &
forgot it - that his

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servant or Assistant
found it & said: `Here
is something, Sir, which
Stinks Awful': & threw
it away.

That Dr. G. thereupon went
to Mr. Yeomans, & told
him that his water was
`unfit for human consumption.'

The terror spread thro' the
village: & Mrs. Bratby
wrote to me (in London)
a terror-struck letter.

that Dr. G. was afterwards
pressed upon this point,
& retracted: (to Mr. Yeomans),
- still maintaining however
that the water was *not*
good, which I dare say is

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quite

true.

Now what we want is, is
it not? to have the water
properly analysed.

Upon receiving your last note,
I wrote to Mr. Shore Smith
in London about this -
I have not yet heard
from him.* And I rather
regret not having written
to the Army Sanitary
Commission in London
(With which I have to do)
about analysing the water.
What do you recommend?

xI have just heard from Mr. Shore Smith.

He says: does "*Dr. Dunn*" know of any
one `handy', who would do it roughly, to
see if there is enough to cause anything
like the Typhoid?"

Something must be done, I suppose.

Derby, signed letter, 7ff, pen

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Private Lea Hurst
{across corner} Sept 20/79

My dear Sir

First of all, let me thank
you very much for your
Analysis of the Limbs' Well
water: I wrote
without losing a moment
by the same mornings' post
to Mr. Shore Smith giving
him your information &
asking what was to be done.
He answered that he would
write to Mr. Yeomans, & if
the well belonged to the estate,
it should be cleaned & the
top made so that no dirty
water could run into it.
He fancies that the excess of
Chlorides is from dirty water

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coming into it: but, he says,
"a dirty pail or pan
will poison the best water
more than a good deal
trickling into a well."
But may not there be
percolation from some privy
or *cesspool* into the well?
That is the commonest cause.
As Mr. S.S. says: "if this
is the cause it is satisfactory
to have found it out & I
should not anticipate any
difficulty in making it right."
But I am afraid the
Limbs' cottage does *not*
belong to the estate: I think
it belongs to Buxton.

[end 1:509]

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What is to be done?

What is the regular course
to pursue in such matters?
Perhaps you have had it
done already.

2. How soon do you think
we may let Miss Mochler
or any one from here go
with safety to the Limbs?
or let Nurse Swann (I
presume she is still there
Nursing) come to speak to
us here?
And should the 2 Sisters
go to some Convalescent Home?
They have had meat & eggs
every day from here: May
they have puddings & the like?
& do you wish any thing more
for them? Port Wine or any stimulant?

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3. I saw the little Allison
or rather Platts today.
She still looks very
delicate. Should you
object to her going to School
say 3 afternoons in the
week? now -

I think you have quite
made a cure of her aunt,
Jane Allison.

4. I have to ask you about
a thing which I have not
spoken of to any of our
household for fear of
alarming them: we are
obliged to have Fish 3 or
4 times a week from Belper,
for my Mother, because she

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does not always like the
Matlock fish. Last week
it missed & the next day
the son of the Fishmonger, Mee,
came over himself bringing
fish & rabbits & saying
that his father had died
the day before of "Brain
fever." Pitying the poor
widow who wrote to ask
for our custom, I have
gone on having fish & fowls
from her. But Mr. Yeomans
has ~~now~~ to-day informed me that
it was not "Brain Fever"
but "Scarlet Fever."
As the harm was done,
I said nothing to any body.
Do you think there are
any precautions we could
take now? Or do you think

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I should have nothing
more from them at present?
We have fish in the house
& fowls & rabbits at this
moment from them. But
~~we~~ I should create such an
alarm if I had these
destroyed. And the
Son was talking in the
house a considerable time
the day after the father's
death with the cook &
my Fanny.
It is every little detail
falling upon me which
keeps me so prostrate.

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5. I have had a letter
from the Rawsons of Higham
speaking with great hope
of what you are {written over-top of were} doing for
her knee -

6. There is a poor young man
named Walker whom you
attend (haemorrhage from
the lungs,?) - Miss Mochler
met him walking out again
yesterday.

Should you like to send
him to the Infirmary in
order to compel him to
keep quiet?

Pray believe me

Yours very sincerely

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq.

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen

f44

Lea Hurst
Sept 27/79

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged
to you for obtaining that nice
support for poor Mrs.
Broomhead, which is a
great relief to her, & a great success.
Might it be included in
your Michaelmas Acct,
which please send me at
your earliest convenience?

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2. The discovery of possible
percolation of pigs' filth
into the Limbs' well
fills me with pleasure:
Because that can at least
be stopped.
I have said nothing about

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Mrs. Swann leaving them. You
will kindly say when
you think her services can
be dispensed with.
Can nothing more be done
for the poor Mother, who
appears to be in a most
distressing state?
I am most thankful that
the daughters are making
such a good recovery.
I wrote what you said about
the well & the pigs to Mr.
Shore Smith.

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3. Mr. Yeomans had a "severe
bilious attack" last Sunday
tho' he was out again in
a day or two.

[I was quite frightened,
thinking it was Fever.]

Do you think that may
have been a result of
his *pump*?

4. Have you heard anything
more of Scarlet Fever in
poor Mee's family at
Belper?
I kept my own counsel,
but quietly dropt having
anything more from his
shop: according to your advice.
Do you think I should be
safe now in dealing with them,

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or had I better just drop it?
We cannot get any rabbits
for Mrs. Nightingale at
Matlock. But she
will be going at the end
of this week back to
London.
I am interrupted every moment,
so must just close this
disjointed note & ask you to
believe me

Yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

I have no very good account
of poor little Lee's deformity
to give you when I have the
pleasure of seeing you:

F.N.

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[end 12:328]

Derby, unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

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Widow Limb: Lea Hurst
 Oct 4/79

My dear Sir
I saw Nurse Swann
yesterday (Friday) & she
described poor *Mrs. Limb*
as in such a state that
I told her to stay with
her till tomorrow or Monday.
Doubtless you saw her,
Mrs. Limb, today.
Do you think that a
Water bed or *Water cushion*
would be of any use to
her?
And do you not think
the *Stove* in her room
might be lighted with
advantage?

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Mrs. Swann says that
she is so in want of air &
the stove so near the bed
that she is afraid to light
it. But surely a
fire & an open window
produce the best air:
& perhaps her bed could be
moved. Half the battle
is in arranging or 'nursing'
the Sick room by the
District Nurse so as to
give the poor Patient a
chance.
What are these spasmodic
fits of gasping for breath?
And are they dangerous to life?
Poor woman: She is so terrible
a sufferer that she puts us all
to shame by her patience.

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James (or Henry) Foulds:

the son of the old man
whom you kindly attended till
his death last year
has sent in a very piteous
claim for assistance.

He says he has been 10 months
in bed: that he wants
nourishment: that you
will tell all about him as
his kind Doctor:
that you ordered him
beef tea & lamb
and a sea voyage.

that he cannot get any of these
things.

that if his strength could be got
up by nourishment, he would
like to go to Liverpool as
being 'sea' air.

I should be very much
obliged to you if you would

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tell me what you
recommend.

And do you know whether
he used to work at the
mill? & whether he has
an allowance from there?

[I must not get into disgrace
with Mr. Wildgoose, as
I did about the father,
James Foulds, last year.]

Thank you for your account
of Sarah Allison. I have
sent her the diet you
desired & some Cocoatine.
It appears she is very fond
of Coffee: but Coffee is
not usually fond of persons
with weak digestions.

Derby, signed letter, 2ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Cromford
Oct 16/79

My dear Sir
Could you be so very good
as to have a Water-bed hired
or ordered at once for Mrs.
Limb, & send me the Acct?
I am giving you this trouble,
but I hardly know where
one is to be had.

You will judge how exceedingly
concerned I am at Mrs.
Britland's death from such a
cause. It is not the `visitation
of God.' I wrote at once to
Mr. Yeomans: he lays the
blame on the husband, for
whom "to send word when the
new drain was ready" they
were waiting. He says he
"cannot see how there could

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"be any stench from the new
drain." "there might be a
stench from the cess. pool."
I think I understood you to say
that it was from a "sink-stone."
I wish there were inquests
upon *Deaths* from these causes.
Is the other abomination
of a pig removed from the
Limbs' well?

[end 6:559]

in greatest haste
Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

CBN Dunn Esq

Derby, unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Oct 25/79

My dear Sir

Would you be so good as to
look at my maid Fanny,
who appears to be suffering
severely from Indigestion?
It is not her fault in this
case: but when I am in
charge of 3 households, as I
have been here every year, &
especially this year, I am
obliged in some measure to
"do at Rome as Rome does" -
And these London servants
insist upon meat 3 times a
day: a hurried meal of
heavy meat at one: & a
heavy meal of meat &
pudding at nine p.m.

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But what was her fault
is: that she has been
allowing her bowels to be
irregular: ~~that she has~~
being very sick: & that
yesterday she took without
telling me the medicine
of *another* maid who had
been suffering from some
thing else, & to whom I had
given Medical attendance
from *another* gentleman in
London.

I really should have thought
my Fanny had had more
sense.

She asked me to let her have
your Magic medicine, of
which you kindly sent me
the Prescription for her in London.

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I believe it was Steel with
effervescence.
But I was & always am
unwilling to have old Prescriptions
used without the Prescriber
seeing the Patient again.
[I should not be sorry if it
were made 'illegal' to "make
up" a Prescription say six
weeks after date, unless
directions for so doing were
entered upon the Prescription.]
Would you be so very good
as to lay down directions
for Fanny: as to meat &
drink: as to what
aperients & what medicines
you would prescribe for
her under what circumstances -
& to allow me to have the

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Prescriptions when we
return to London?
And if she may have the
Medicine she wishes for, so much
the better.

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

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26/10/79

My dear Sir

I am sorry that I shall
not have the pleasure of
seeing you today, as you
are so good as to come.
For I have 'company'! the
Sisters Allen.

2. I have been applied to
to assist a family, named
Wall, the Wheelwright's.
The poor woman, it
seems, has been under
your care, & has had
a wonderful operation
(I can't exactly make
out what) performed
at the Nottingham
Women's Hospl, where

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she had to pay 10/a week.
Perhaps you would kindly
tell me what is the
'case': whether this payment
is ~~true~~ so: & whether
they want money-help
(which one does not
like much giving in that form.)
[The two Nottingham
Infies ~~are~~ have Matrons
of our training.]

3. It occurs to me to
ask: has your kind
attendance on Lady
Verney's maid been
acknowledged? If
not, please send in
the Acct to me:

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4. Do you remember a
Nurse Charrier, from the
Derby Nurses' Home,
who nursed that poor
fellow who died here of
Smallpox?

She has written to me
(to ask for a 'Testimonial')
from some place in
Devonshire. She does
not say whether she has
left the Derby Institution.

I never do give 'Testimo=
nials:' She ought to ask
~~it~~ one of the Instn - But
could you advise me?

Kindly tell me what
you think of Fanny:
yrs ffully F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen

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Lea Hurst
Nov 8/79

My dear Sir

Very many thanks for your
kind trouble in the matter
of ~~the~~ Buxton Hospital.

I am not a "subscriber":
& have positively declined
to be so, until the Nursing
arrangements (which have
been unparalleled in England
for badness) are put into
permanent good order.

The way I managed for
Mrs. Limb & Lizzie Holmes
was by paying 10/6 a week
for each, which ~~was~~ became last
year 12/ a week. & I am

[13:285-86]

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not quite sure that it has
not been farther raised
to 14/: but believe it is 12/.
These are the ordinary terms
for non-subscribers.
I beg to enclose a Cheque
for {pound sign} 4.4: Which
will be 3 weeks each
for *Elizth Bunting* &
Mrs. Gladwin
at 14/ if that is the
amount. If not
the 6/ each I dare say
will be acceptable for
the journey.
I do not know whether
Mrs. Gladwin is bed-ridden.
I conclude that you are

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satisfied that the Nursing
for HELPLESS Patients is now
what it ought to be.
For, if you remember, persons
who were able to shift for
themselves were very
well satisfied with their
treatment, even while
the bed-ridden ones were
suffering the abominations
we know of. [And the
person who gives his name
to the Hospital told me
distinctly this when I
appealed to him in London.]
do you not think that
if *Elizth Bunting* has relatives
in Buxton, she had better
reside with them, & be an
Out:Patient?

[end 13:286]

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I should be glad to hear
what you have kindly done
for poor old Mrs. Joseph
Smith (of Lea): & whether
it was a case of Paralysis
& difficulty about the Urine.
My Fanny is much better.
She fancies there was much
Stronger Acid in your last
Medicine. I shall be
very glad if you will
kindly direct What she is
to do in London. She is
hoping for the Effervescing
Steel.

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen {probably pencil}

f50

Lea Hurst
9/11/79

My dear Sir
I am so very sorry that
all the birds are flown.
My Fanny is at Church
with a note from me to you:
Mrs. Francis with her, with
Francis' empty bottle -
Francis is, I take it, at
chapel. He is somewhat
better. But I should
like you to have seen
both Francis & Fanny.
You will find my note
when you go home.
To it I would add:
Harriet Limb has promised

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me to `put into' the "Women's
Club:" I presume
she must be "passed" by
you - Could you
kindly, when you call
upon her mother, keep
Harriet up to the mark,
& do about "passing" her
whatever you judge right?
Could you kindly tell
me what you think
about the old lady,
Joseph Smith's wife?

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These last days rather
knock me up:
yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, 4ff, pen

f51

Lea Hurst
Nov 9/79

My dear Sir
I present my *Fanny* to you
-her appetite & strength seem
to me very variable. What
do you wish her to do next?

2. I am trying hard to get
these village people here, whose
money all goes in dress &
drink, to SAVE. I hope my
"Converts" may be "enthusiasts."
Last night *Mrs. Shardlow*
(the widow, a most
industrious woman, whose
daughters are making a
comfortable weekly income
at the Mill) promised
me that her eldest,

CBN Dunn Esq

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Sarah Ellen, should become a member of the Women's Club, if you will "pass" her. The mother told me that the father, having died of Asthma (?), she did not think you would admit the daughter into the Club, & that "it would hurt her feelings so," if you were "to examine her & not "pass her."

This was, *I suppose*, a mere excuse. But I only congratulated her on her willingness, & said that I *would ask you for her*. Lizzy & Lyddy (who is almost a dwarf) ~~were~~ Shardlow

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were, at School, little friends of mine - And I would give a great deal if they could be brought up with other notions than dress. Pray help me.

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3. *Francis*, the Gardener, is better: he wants more medicine. He will go away on Friday for a week when we are gone.

When you said he was "just the man to have Epilepsy,"- would you kindly tell me *what* are the symptoms of a susceptibility to those attacks?

4. About the supposed *drain* under *Vincent Greatorrex'* floor: Mr. Yeomans tells me

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that the "drain goes
quite the other way"
& "never went under the
floor" -- & that Greatorrex
himself "always said that
"he got the Typhoid Fever
at the mill."

As for this latter assertion,
it means nothing: I knew
a gentleman who, with
a cess pool under his
Drawing room, & 3 children
dying of Typhoid, declared
they got it in the Park!
But do you think I ought
to try & insist that 2 or 3
paving-stones should be taken
up to see IF there is *any foulness*
under Greatorrex' floor?

in haste ever faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

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Lea Hurst

Nov 14/79

5. am. 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address}
PARK LANE. W

My dear Sir

In bidding you farewell
for the present, I have some
circumstances to mention
about our common protégés.

Alfred Peach was drunk
on Saturday.

Adam Prince was ill in
bed on Wednesday: I have
no reason to think that
there was any drinking:

Walker is spitting blood.

Mrs. Bromhead's daughter
at home I am persuading
to put into the Women's
Club. Please add her to

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those whom you will "pass"
if you can.

Do you know that Mrs.

Limb's son is to be married
at Christmas, & that then
the newly married wife
will take charge of
her mother in law, Widow
Limb, & that Elizth Sims
will leave?

I have induced Lizzie Holmes
not to go to work till
next Friday.

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I shall follow your directions
about my Fanny:

She says she "has no indigestion
except when she eats:" that
is rather a bad state of
affairs. I think you
were kind enough to propose
sending me the prescription
for her *Pills*, if you wish
her to continue them.

With every best wish
for your highest success
pray believe me
in great haste
ever yrs faithfully
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 8ff, pen {postscript probably added in pencil}

f53

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
10/1/80

My dear Sir

I am very much obliged
to you for your report of our
Patients.

1. I am thankful to hear that
Mrs. Limb is so well attended
to under the new régime
& so much less suffering.
I know you will be so kind
as to enquire after Rose Limb
(morally not physically)
when you visit the mother.
This child, for I think she
is only 12, declared that if
she did not like her new
sister-in-law, she should
leave the house & set up

f53v

for herself
elsewhere. [This is the harm
the Mill does - girls of
13 think they owe no
allegiance, if they can earn
their own bread]

If this fit of rebellion has,
as I earnestly trust, passed
away, I would not revive
the possibility of her doing
such a thing.

Rose Limb is frightfully
spoiled. Tho' she is put
to school at no expence to them,
she is allowed to go or not
as she pleases.

I know you will kindly
ask what she is doing.

[The girls at Holloway are
a heavy anxiety: so much
dress: so little putting by

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money: or even mending their
own clothes.

Many a girl who begs of me
spends more money on
herself ~~not only~~ relatively,
~~but~~ and in a few instances absolutely,
than I do.]

I hope Harriet Limb has
entered the Women's Club:
& is paying besides a monthly sum into Mr.
Yeomans' hands for the P.O.
Savings Bank (which I double.)

2. *Widow Broomhead*. I am
grateful for your care of
her. It is, I suppose, wonderful
how she lasts on amid such
suffering. Pray order her
anything you think right.

The day before I came away
she asked me for some flannel.
It was impossible for me
to send for it then: but I

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took the opportunity of
telling her that she
might order it for herself
& send the bill to Mr.
Yeomans, on condition that '
her daughter entered the
Women's Club & that her son
(who earns 22/ a week)
would put money into Mr.
Yeomans' hands, which I
would double.

I have heard since that
she did not get the flannel,
because it was not to be
had at the Co-ope Stores.
Surely this is very helpless.
Could not a neighbour get
it for her at Cromford or
Matlock?

Pardon my troubling you
with these details.

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3. *Hannah Allen*: I am very
sorry that my old friend,
the Prophetess, is so ill again.

She has 2 lbs of meat a week
from me: besides milk & cocoatine, some money
& other things. And I obtained for her from the Mill a
pension of 3/ a week.

But if you think other things
requisite, please let me know.

And please tell me if the
damp in the house is really remedied.

I am very glad Ann is so
much better, thanks to you.

4. *Lizzie Holmes*: I suppose,
will never be strong again.
I am thankful she is better.

Her mother is one of the
very best women I know
of any where.

f53bv

Most glad am I to hear
of the improvement in
Buxton Nursing.

[13:299]

Could you tell me who
is the present Matron?
& where from?

[end]

I trust that the Water
Supply will be obtained.

Is the *pig* extinct near
Mrs. Limb's well?

Would you kindly remember
me to Mrs. Swann - & tell
her I have *not* succeeded
(I hardly expected it) in
finding Patty Cottrell a suitable
place - I hope *she* has -

f53c

for Mr. Wildgoose has
promised in that prospect
not to take her on at the
Mill.

I am giving you much trouble
I have been so ill & overworked
since I returned to London
that I must ask you kindly
to take this too true apology
for my not writing.

I hope Mrs. Bratby is
better for the removal of
the abominable cess pit
overflow. Is she thinking
of Ramsgate?

Pray believe me my dear Sir
with kind regards to Mrs.
Dunn, if I may be allowed

f53cv

to send them
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Like a woman, I have two or
3 P.S.S.:
poor old *Widow Gregory*: I suppose
she is not gone to the Union?
Adam Prince: is he keeping
sober?
Alfred Peach I am afraid
to ask after:

F.N.

C.B.N. Dunn Esq
I cannot say my Fanny is much better.
She has taken your 'Nux Vomica' pills & your
Bismuth (Granular) & Iron when I reminded her
Her digestion, if she is very careful of what she
eats, is better. But she is weak, especially
in the back: & complains of pain in the back
when she stoops. F.N.

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 8ff, pen and pencil

f54

Little Lee: 10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Feb 21/80

[12:328-29]

My dear Sir
I have been & am very
anxious about little Lee,
who, as you know, has been
vibrating between St. Thomas'
Hospital, & Ascot Convalescent
Home, according as his
Medical advisers thought
it best for his health.

I truly believe that, if
he had been the heir to
£80000 a year, he
could not have had
greater advantages than
he has had for health -
poor little man -
perhaps not so great.

f54v

I saw the "Mother Superior" of Ascot (she served under me throughout the Crimean War) a short time ago. She described the boy as much stronger, happier, very intelligent & a great pet: but she wished him to return for a time to St. Thomas', as she thought he must need Surgical attendance. The deformity was not decreasing but increasing. He was accordingly readmitted under Mr. Croft, who has been his 'Visiting Surgeon' from the first at St. Thomas'.

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At St. Thomas' he was described by the Sister as much better & brighter: & as "chatting away":

But at my request Mr. Croft has sent me his case: ~~in~~ the following words are his:

"You will be sorry to learn that little Lee has now a very large *abscess* connected with the disease of the spine. This makes the case much more serious. *The parents ought to know that the chances of recovery are less than they were.* This must have been

f54av

"collecting for months &
his fretfulness & wan looks
must be attributable to
it." Signed J. Croft.

"Feb 18."

When you are going Lea=
way, could you be so
very kind as to inform
the parents of little Lee,
because you will be able
to answer their questions
as a Medical Authority:
& neither unduly to
frighten them nor to
flatter their hopes. The
last time the poor child
was at St. Thomas', Mr.
Croft told me, (& I think
I mentioned this to you),
at Lea Hurst last year,

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that, while he considered
the child much stronger,
he thought abscesses likely
to form. I believe he
thought him incurably
scrofulous: but Ascot
has been for him the very
best air he could have.

I think the "fretfulness"
to which Mr. Croft alludes
must have been very
temporary. For I have
cross-questioned the 'Sisters'
in charge: & all describe
him as a peculiarly happy
child. He is quite 'master'
at Ascot: & he objects to
another little Patient being
called "little man." *"He is only
a little boy: I am the little man."*

[end 12:329]

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Mrs. Limb & Mrs. Broomhead, wonderful women,
I am thankful to hear are
improving rather than the
reverse: This must be due
to your kind care.

Please remember me
to them when you see them
- & to the Sisters Allen,
good women, who I hope
will remain pretty well.
There is no one I have a greater regard for than
Hannah Allen. I am going
to send her a remembrance
of my dear Mother.

I am glad that Mrs. Jos.
Smith, thanks to you, is so
much less suffering:
that the *pig* is still extinct:

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& no more scarlatina:
& good hopes of water-supply
& that Mrs. Bratby is *the better*
of the Cess.pool.
Thank you very much for
your care of Patty Cottrell.
-I *WISH* she had your
place in lieu of the present.
-I wish the father, a
preacher!!, instead of
stealing his child's wages,
could be made to pay
towards a Reformatory,
by all accounts much
needed for another girl.
[did you ever read "The
Gaol Cradle: & who rocks it"?]
I would gladly give the child
the boots: but it would all
go into the father's pocket.
Far better Mrs. Swann's plan

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that the Mistress, if to be
trusted, should spend
the child's wages on her
before they become due:
I am so glad to hear of that.

My dear Sir I should not
have waited for your more
than kind note to write to
you about my dear Mother's
blessed going home. But oh
what a gap to me. She sank
to rest with a smile on her
face as if she saw God.
But I have been so broken
down with seeing people &
business - I mean however to
give myself the pleasure of
writing about her to you: but
will not delay this note about poor *little Lee*.
Pray believe me sincerely yrs
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

f55

{arch: 20/4/80}

My dear Sir
Thank you for your
kind letter. I am sorry
to say the accounts of
poor little Lee are far
from good again.
Mr. Croft writes to me:
in answer to my enquiries:
"I wish I could give a
more hopeful account of
little Harry Lee.
"The new jacket had to
be taken off.
"The abscess is discharging
freely still.
"He is very thin & weak,
& is not in a state in
which we could think of

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"moving him." (this is with
reference to
x x x Ascot.)

"Supposing the case goes on
favourably, he must
remain a long time
yet in the Hospital."
before, that is, he goes to Ascot.

I am very sorry; but Mr.
Croft's first account
showed how very seriously
he thought of the case.

[only the intermediate
account was so good.]
Poor little man! but
few well-to-do children
could be so carefully nursed
& attended.

I am glad good Hannah
Allen is better: & that
Lizzie Holmes is not worse.

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Pray excuse this brief
note & believe me
most faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq. 20/4/80

I should be glad if you
would kindly tell me
any thing about Rebecca
Buxton's last illness
& death.

Poor ~~prisoner~~ prisoner - {something was written under the struck-out
now she is free. prisoner}

F.N.

Derby, unsigned letter with black-edged paper, 4ff, pen

f56

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 25/80

My dear Sir

I am very much obliged
to you for your welcome
note.

Pray be so good as to
send me my Quarterly
Acct.

1. You do not mention
Jane Allison. Thank
you very much for having
written to me before
about her. I let Mr.
Shore Smith know at
once about the unfortunate
separation with Platts,
which you did so much
to prevent: & that you,
who had done so much

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for her, thought it
"very wrong that she
should live alone."

I also wrote to Mr. Yeomans
& Mrs. Bratby.

I am afraid that
the matter is irreparable.

But would you kindly
look in upon her
(medically) from time
to time? & let me
know how she is going
on:

[I have been told the
neighbours are not too
kind to her.]

And if you could
kindly let me know.
also how the children
(Platts') are going on, I
should be very grateful.

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2. *Mrs. Limb*: poor woman,
what a sufferer she is.
I have very bad accounts
from herself - uterine
discharge - loss of appetite
- she says she cannot now
take her cocoatine,
which she used to be
so fond of.

*Could anything else
be recommended?*

She is full of gratitude,
& indeed, it is a wonder
that she lives so long.

I have had much
anxiety about *Rose
Limb*. She wrote to
me that she wished
to leave School, & go
to the Mill: & have "her books"
at home.

On enquiry I found,
not from herself, that

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she had already been
dismissed from School,
because she had often
not been there when
she was supposed
at home to be there:
& that she was already
at a little place,
"Peach's" [I am afraid
she does not know
what truth is.]

I am told that "Peach's"
is a good service, & that
she will soon be ready
for another place.

If she goes to a good
place, I would gladly
give £1 for her outfit,
but if she goes to the
Mill, which it will
probably end in, of course,
I should not. But do not
trouble yourself about this

initialed private note, no salutation, 2ff, pen
{is this an enclosure with the above letter?}

f57

Private {written across corner}

I find that Rose Limb
has already applied at the
Mill, & have also alas!
a confirmation that "she
"is not so good as she
"might be." She will
not take a place in service,
but she is only to be
"employed at the Mill
"upon the Conditions" I
"name"- viz. Women's Club
& 1/ a month P.O. S. Bank.
I have also received
a hint that I "run some
"risk of imposition," from this
& other families.
I pray God that this child may
be saved. Hitherto her short
life has been one career of deceit.
I pray you keep your eye upon her.

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1. Thank you very much for
the letter from Geo. Allison,
Jane Allison's brother. He
was here on Saturday (came
up to London as Guard with a train)
& confirmed the good account
as to Jane being happy & well.
She was still with him.
I shall be very much obliged
to you to see her when she
returns.
2. I hope you have been able to pass
Boden's daughter for the *Women's Club*.
3. Thank you for your good
account of *Mrs. Brocklehurst*
We have been able to prevent
Mrs. Bratby from leaving
Ramsgate at present.
I told her what you had
kindly said.

F.N.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1174

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

f58

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 9/80

My dear Sir

I have been so sorry
not to answer your
kind note at once.

Please continue
attending Jane Allison
on my account: & I
have also written to
Mr. Yeomans about her.
I do not wish Thomas
Allison's daughter to be
receiving parish relief
at all: but I do
not think there was

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any intention of
sending her to the
Workhouse.

Please continue
your kind care of her.

I have had a terrible
fright about my Fanny
who came home alone
& *quite delirious* at
the beginning of the
week - owing to their
having kept her sitting
up for 96 hours with
her dying brother (for
whom I had sent her)

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& then sent her up to London
alone
without an hour's rest
& fainting, "to buy
their mourning," after
his death!!! She has had
Medical attendance 4 times in the 24 hours
& a trained Nurse night & day.
What with overwork &c.
I have rarely spent
such an anxious week.
I will write again:
Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

f59

Lea Hurst
Sept 26/80

My dear Sir

1. Thank you for your bulletins
& your kindness to the poor
little Platts'. If you think
Mrs. Swann desirable for
their recovery, & she would
come, pray have the
kindness to send for her.
2. Could you kindly tell me
anything about this Mrs.
"Machent" who wants a
"double truss." I have
promised her a letter
to the Derby Infirmary,
if you approve
3. Jane Allison was very much
the better for your

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kind conversation with
her. [I saw her the next
day.] ~~My Fanny understood~~
~~you to say that you would~~
~~send her Jane some medicine:~~
~~but she, Jane Allison, did~~
~~not seem to have known~~
~~of it.~~
~~Perhaps, unless Fanny~~
~~misunderstood you, you~~
~~would send the Medicine~~
~~by Bearer.~~ Since I wrote this
I hear that Jane has had her medicine.
4. I am waiting for Mr.
Shore Smith's return to
urge forward the
Whatstandwell Coffee-house
affair, if possible; which

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you have so kindly set on
foot: (in haste)
Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq {at bottom of page}

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

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Lea Hurst

Oct 22/80

My dear Sir

Do you know *Mrs. Thompson*,
a widow with 8 children,
living just above Mrs. Holmes?
she is our Charwoman: &
when she came to-day, said
that her eldest daughter,
who works at the Mill,
was attacked with
Erysipelas. I sent her
home; & left a message
in the village to ask
you to be so kind as to
attend the daughter.
I have learnt since that
you were not in the
Village today.

Would you be so kind

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as to call on the girl
Thompson: & also to
let me know if there is
anything we ought to
send her: also:
whether you think the
mother had better stay
at home with her girl,
or whether she might
still come here?

They are very poor, I
believe. And I understand
the girl has had before
a very severe attack
of Erysipelas -

in haste

pray believe me

sincerely yours

F. Nightingale

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Perhaps, if you are
coming or sending into
Holloway tomorrow, you
would kindly send the
Medicines for my two
maids & myself

F.N.

C.B.N. Dunn Esq {at bottom of page}

Derby, unsigned, incomplete letter, with black-edged paper, 4ff, pen

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{written across left corner}

[6:639-40]

Private Lea Hurst
& Confidential Oct 26/80

My dear Sir

After you left me yesterday
& after Fanny had come back
from her walk, I had much
& rather alarming conversation
with her. She said she "feels
as if she were going mad" -
that she "*wishes to die*" -
that she 'feels as if she
wished to run straight out
to walk as far as she can
by herself to GET REST':
that 'sometimes she cannot
bear that any one should
speak to her':
that she "cannot think" -
"cannot read" - that she
sometimes "wakes finding
herself sitting up in bed" -
that "if anything goes wrong

f61v

she "cannot bear it" -
that she "feels as if something
were going round & round
inside her head": that
she `feels as if some one were
pulling at her at the top of
her head': (that sounds like Hysteria)
that `last Sunday at church
she could not sit still'.
[Yet she brought me a very
good report of the Sermon.]
She cried very much, which
relieved her.
Some time ago, she told me
she `had no soul': then that
her `soul was a very little one'.
She said she `could not settle
to anything.'
I was obliged to accede to her
sleeping in the room she
wished: She said "Tell me
don't gentlefolks have fires?"

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but I insisted on the fire
being let out.
You may easily conceive, or
perhaps you can hardly
conceive how alarmed I
was.
*Do you think there is any
danger of her "walking
"straight out" & going away
in the night?*
or of her going in to Miss
Shore Smith (to whom I
have told nothing) *in the
night?*
[If I were alone in the house
with my own servants
it would be nothing.]
I lay listening last night
for every sound - indeed I
could not sleep for the severe
pain at the heart - once
I thought I heard her door
open, & got up. But it was

f61av

nothing.

This morning she is much
better than I am: says
that she slept well:
partly, she says, "because
"the room was warmer":
partly because she "had
kept herself quiet": owning
that she *could* "keep herself
quiet". "The least thing
excites me," she says, which
is perfectly true. [It is
inconceivable the way she
speaks to me: Sometimes
she is aware of it, & says
she "can't help it."]
I think she got chilled on
Sunday driving to Crich in
the Waggonette: & that her
bowels did not act on that
day. Indeed *they never do*

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 1f, pencil

f62

Lea Hurst
Nov 9/80

My dear Sir

Ann Allen had a
fall some days ago, &
I am told, hurt her knees.
It was said to be *baddish*
a day or two ago. Would
you be so very kind as,
when you are coming into
Holloway, give her a
visit & oblige

yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 3ff, pen

f63

Lea Hurst
Nov 23/80

My dear Sir
Cecilia Linford has
had the folly to tell
neither you nor me
that she has had
no Pills since Thursday
- Her bowels never
act every day without
them. And today
she is suffering much
from headache. The
monthly period has
not come on. And
she looks as heavy
as lead.
Could you kindly if

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you are sending this
way tomorrow, send
her her Pills
& me my Medicine?
every faithfully yours
F. Nightingale
{added probably in pencil}
Lizzie Holmes was not
so well yesterday.

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Mr. & Mrs. Shore Smith
desire me to say: would
you kindly come here
to *luncheon tomorrow*
(Wednesday) at one
to talk over with
them the proposed
Coffee-room at
Whatstandwell?
Or could you be so good
as to come any time
after 11.30, if not
to luncheon tomorrow
(Wednesday)?

I am in great hopes
that it may be settled
now with your kind
help. F.N.

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 7ff, pen [1:510]

f64

Coffee-room: } Lea Hurst
Whatstandwell:} Nov 27/80

Mr dear Sir

Mr. Shore Smith
informed me of the
conversation which you
& he had had this
afternoon on the proposed
Coffee-room at
Whatstandwell, & showed
me Miss Hurt's kind
letter.

Mr. Shore Smith & I
agree, I am afraid,
that the buying up of
the "Wheatsheaf" scarcely

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offers enough inducement
to balance the cost.

To buy the license would
probably take money
enough to build three
Coffee-rooms: would it
not? And who is
to secure us against
another license being
obtained & another
'public' being set up
in the "Wheatsheaf's"
place?

[end 1:510]

To start with the smallest
in place of the largest
outlay would seem
wise in an undertaking

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of which we cannot
guarantee the Success.

You mentioned to Mr. Shore Smith a small
piece of land belonging
to Mr. Hurt & let? to
a Cottage on the left-
of the spot where the
Quarry road comes
out upon the Crich
Carr road just above
the steep descent to
Whatstandwell, & below
the "Wheatsheaf."
Would you kindly
enquire, after looking
at this piece of ground.-
if you think it suitable,

f64av

whether, if it is not
?let on lease, Mr. Hurt
might possibly let it
for such a purpose
as this - the trying the
experiment of a
Coffee-room & Pay Office
for the Quarry men?
Perhaps you would
be so good as to mention
it to Miss Hurt.

Mr. Shore Smith thinks
that we might get a
Corrugated Iron building,
such as are made for

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f64b**2**

School-rooms &c -
containing possibly a
bed room for a Manager,
to put up on this ground.
And this would be
trying under the best
circumstances in our
power what can be
at first but an
experiment without
a large & discouraging
outlay.

[end 1:510]

What do you think?
We bid you 'God speed'
on your high errand
& wait anxiously for the

[1:510]

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result, which we
hope to hear perhaps
in a day or two.

Pray believe me
every yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq {at bottom of page}

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I return Miss Hurt's
letter with thanks:

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1185

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 1f, pen

f65

Lea Hurst
Dec 1/80

My dear Sir

Thank you for your kind
note about the Coffee-room.

Could you come over
here *this* afternoon to talk
to Mr. Shore Smith about
it - And - he has
expressed a wish to
consult you *professionally*.
Pray come: if possible.

most ffully yours

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 2f, pen

f66

Lea Hurst
Dec 2/80

My dear Sir

I have so much to
apologize to you for
in bringing you out
such a wet afternoon
- not in vain, because
the proposed Coffee-room
was advanced by it -
but in vain for your
Patient, as I heard
with dismay this morning

It cannot be accounted
for, except perhaps
indeed thro' "nervousness,"
as he says himself.

The one page which I

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conveyed to you by
letter, was conveyed
to me by his wife herself.
Will you excuse it?
I hope to see you soon:
& also to hear more
about the Whatstandwell
project from you.
Perhaps you will kindly
appoint a time
 & believe me
yours very excuse=fully
 F. Nightingale

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 1f, pen

f67

 Lea Hurst
 Dec 7/80
My dear Sir
 Would you kindly see
 Bratby who is ill &
 Saml Crooks who has
 sprained his ancle,
 if you have not seen
 them today:
 Yours sincerely
 F. Nightingale
Would you also, please, see
 Mrs. Broomhead, who has
 been very ill since Saturday.
 She was to have come & seen
 me tomorrow, but is hardly able.
 F.N.
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed note on small, black-edged paper, 1f, pen

f68

*C.B.N. Dunn Esq
Crich*

Medicine for ~~F. Dowding~~
~~Nisbet C. Linford~~
and *Jane Allison*
for *F. Nightingale*
And please send the
Prescription for Nisbet.
F. Nightingale

~~Dec 5/80~~
12/12/80

Derby, signed page without salutation, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper

f69

I am afraid poor Mrs. Limb is
kept in a very dirty state,
by her daughter-in-law's own
account. But the said d.in law
is so perfectly self-satisfied
that it is difficult to say any
thing. [How I wish I had
one of our District Nursing
ladies here to show her.]
Mrs. Limb is complaining of a
sore knee. I fear she will have
bed sores.

Poor Mrs. Broomhead seems in a
very suffering state: so much
pain which she calls rheumatic
between her shoulders.

I should be very sorry not to
see you again. To-day, Thursday
& Friday I am overwhelmed. I could
see you on Wednesday or Sunday at 3.30 for a
few minutes, if that would suit you.
yrs sincerely F. Nightingale

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1188

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 6ff, pen

f70

Lea Hurst
Dec 18 1880

My dear Sir

I commend to your kind
care Mrs. Thompson,
IF she sends for you:
& her 2nd son, if she
sends to you on account
of his eyes. He has
been under Mr. Taylor
at Nottingham.

Her 2nd daughter will
enter the Women's Club,
if you can pass her:
she is just 14;
as well as

Louie Peach

& *Anthony Boden's daughter*
if you can pass them.

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

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He is making enquiries
as to a wooden building in
London. Mr. Yeomans
is coming to me this evening
with estimates both of
Corrugated Iron & wooden
buildings.

Perhaps you will think
it hardly necessary for us
to advertise for a second hand room till this
information comes in.

But I will tell Mr. Shore
Smith what Miss Hurt
& you say, and doubtless
Mrs. Hurt's further enquiries
are worth waiting for,
as you suggest with regard
to "letting out" a room.

f70b

2. I was sorry to send to
you so unceremoniously
for Nisbet's prescription.
She is gone today: & I
have given it her. Are there
any precautions to be
observed, such as not
going on with it for ~~a~~
more than a certain time?
3. Mrs. Thompson's daughter
complains of swelled legs.
Would you be so good as
to see her some time?
I am obliged to return to
London on Monday, I fear.
Do you think badly of poor
Bratby?

f70bv

Martha Sheldon
asks me to ask you
to tell me what you
reported of her brother
to Mr. Wildgoose.
If he comes to you for
more medicine without
a note from Mr. We,
would you kindly
charge it to me?
How do you find old
Lyddy Prince?
I commend all our
pensioners to your kind
care.

f70av

Will you be kind
enough to let me have
your Acct at the end
of the Quarter, including
of course John Bratby

& Mrs. Holmes.

Lizzie Holmes has been
suffering severely from
her cough. Could any
thing more be done
for her?

Wonderful to state, I have,
I believe, persuaded
Jane Allison to go to
Manchester, if her nephew,
to whom I have written,
will have her. She gives

f70c

up her house.

Pray let me thank you
again for all your
considerate & skilful
care: & wish you
Goodbye & Godspeed
with all my heart:
& in great haste
believe me ever sincerely yrs

F. Nightingale

Might I trouble you to give
the enclosed £2.2
to Mr. Acraman with
my best wishes for
his Curates' Fund?

Derby, signed letter with black-edged paper, 5ff, pen and pencil

{f3 - the paper is turned sideways}

f71

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
1/1/81

My dear Sir

Thank you for your kind
note about the *stone*
building for the proposed
Whatstandwell Coffee-room,
& for the answers to your
Advt, - all of which
I have transmitted to
Mr. Shore Smith.

I am very sorry indeed
to hear your account of
poor John Bratby. I
have written to his wife,
proposing Mrs. Swann
to help nurse him: at
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

f71v

my expence, of course.
Would you kindly further
this, if you think it
desirable?

Might I ask you what is the medicine
instead of Colchicum, which you give
for gout? to Bratby?

I hope to hear from you in a
day or two:

I am glad you saw Mr.
Yeomans.

He gladly accepts the office
of Treasurer to the
Whatstandwell Coffee-room
-and proposes that
young Mr. Sims should
be added to the Committee.

Have you said anything
to him about the sewage
outlet in Holloway, &
his field? I find the

f71a {paper turned sideways}

field of his he proposes for it is
not the field we thought - but a
field *farther* from Ashmore's than
the present outlet.

That all the highest blessings of the New
Year & of many New Years may rest
on you & yours & all our poor Patients
is the fervent wish of yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

Might I trouble you to give the enclosed
to Mrs. Swann?

f71b

Fanny Dowding is
quite laid up with
a very severe attack
of congested (& slightly
enlarged) Liver: which,
the Medical attendant
thinks, must have been
coming on some time

F.N.

I trust you will soon see
Mr. Yeomans about the
field to receive the
Holloway sewage,
& the proposal of a "tank"-
if it is desirable.

F.N.

I hope poor old Lyddy Prince is {this and f70bv pencil}
tolerably well: & Mrs. Limb
& Mrs. Broomhead not suffering
too much from the cold. Would

f71bv

you be so very good as to see
that Mrs. Broomhead (she
is so helpless) uses the warm
bottles & warm things &c
that she has - I desired
Martha Sheldon to make
her a pair of warm stockings
to wear at night - Are
they come?

I hope too that dear Mrs.
Bratby is not worse:
& her husband improving.
Please remember me to
them all.

F.N.

Derby, signed letter, 7ff, pencil

[6:647]

f72

29/10

My dear Sir

I think I must ask
you kindly to take
Lizzie Holmes on your
List on *my* account
because the "Club" will
not "allow," as I am told,
~~even~~ if the Patient even
goes out for a walk:

One cannot quarrel with
this rule: And yet
it annoys Mrs. Holmes
excessively. And they
are the very reverse of
"imposing."

f72v

2. Have you been able
to cure Adam Prince
of his `tic'?
3. Some time ago the
younger of the two old
Sisters Allen had
blood in her urine,
as she describes it.
It is not going on now
But they too are the
very reverse of "imposing"-
And I should be thankful
if you would kindly
see after them occasionally.

f72a

4. You have already
done my Fanny much
good
in haste
not to take up your time
yrs fflly
F. Nightingale
The Bratby's cesspool
overflow is to be piped
off tomorrow.

f72b separate letter, starts pen**[6:647-48]**

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I am very glad the idea
of a Company is given up
& very glad that you can
recommend a suitable
Workman's Committee.
I don't think the Savings
Bank should be given up
on account of its being
too much trouble. What
I fear is that its publicity
may ruin it. Workmen
will not put by, will
they?, in view of each
other, & in view of their
employers. They will not
save except in secret.

f72bv

However, Peach would be
the man to manage it;
because he knows them well.

I beg to give you joy & the [pencil begins]
Miss Hurts of the good
prospect of the Whatstandwell
Coffee-room - And I look
forward to the day that is
near when Adam Prince
will be found sitting there
instead of being fished
out of a Crich public house
by his poor old mother
after 3 days' drinking -
as he was last winter.

f72c

I will not delay this
scrappy note - else I
fear it will never go at
all.

Many thanks for your
report of the Patients -
& believe me
ever faithfully yrs

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

If you should see Peach

f72cv

again will you give
him a kind message
from me, thank him for
sending me the Memoir
of his wife, & tell him
if it is not premature how
much I like to think
of his eagerness about
this Coffee-room?

F.N.

Excuse pencil

[end 6:648]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1196

Derby, signed letter {small paper}, 2ff, pen

f73

{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Feb 28/84

My dear Sir

Would you be so very good
as to see old *Mrs. Brown* for me?
I am told she is very ill.

Many thanks for what you
have done for Francis & Jane
Allison. I am afraid her
relatives threaten her with the

f73v or f73a

"Lunatic Asylum again." They do
not second our efforts, or try
to help her - I am afraid she
has no companion yet.

in haste

every sincerely yrs

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, unsigned letter, small stationery, 2ff, pen

f74

Francis: Feb. 19/84
{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
My dear Sir PARK LANE.W.
You are so good as to attend
Francis, the gardener at Lea Hurst,
& his wife, on my account. Might
I ask you to have the great kindness
to give me your opinion of Francis'
state? Mr. Shore Smith has received
notice to leave from ~~them~~him, & asking too
for a small grass farm at Lea, on the
ground of *your Medical opinion*. It
is added that you tell him he has Diabetes

f74v or f74a

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We were naturally rather surprised at the notice, as I
had not heard a word of it from you,
who were kindly attending him for me.
This sudden notice could scarcely
have happened at a more inconvenient
time, as I am *glad* to say Mr. & Mrs.
Shore Smith have left for Algiers
this very day for 6 or 8 weeks, I
am *sorry* to say for health.
I hope the matter concerning Francis
is not so very pressing, as you have
not mentioned it to me. Mr. Shore
Smith trusts it may be put off, & ~~I that~~
Mr. S.S. may not be troubled just now.

Derby, signed letter {f75 & f75b with black-edged paper}, 7ff, pen

f75

10 South St. W.
April 26/84

My dear Sir

We are always glad to hear of the Whatstandwell Coffee-room. But if you think the "men do not "like our wares," could you suggest any thing else, any other foods, drinks, or amusements, that they would like better, with which they could be supplied?

We used to think the receipts very satisfactory: -are they less so? I am afraid you think them less

f75v

so. The thing perhaps is -not so much to "keep men "out of the public-house"- (-`swept & garnished'- & `7 devils, worse than before' occurs to one)

~~but~~ as to give them the means to keep out of the public-house.

Are the quarry & labouring men "corrupt"? - not so much as Londoners -
- not so much as mill people - are they?

f75a

Poor old Mrs. Brown - I
trust she will pull through
under your kind care. She
is an industrious old woman.

Pray tell her how much
I feel for her.

Also = Anthony Boden,
& old Betty Broom -
& more particularly the
Allens -

also Mrs. Marsh.
Thank you for *all* your
kind care.

f75b {this page black-edged}

2

I have been so engaged
attending Sir Harry Verney
Who for the past 4 weeks
has been in extreme
danger from Pneumonia
in both lungs - exhausting
rigors - tempe down to 95°
& up to 105° that I
have been able to do
hardly anything else. But
the day before yesterday,
he was declared out of
danger, tho' mending very
slowly.

I have also had two of
Mrs. & Mrs. Shore Smith's
children staying with me
Mr. & Mrs. S.S. are now
returned from Algiers.

f75c

But I am sorry to say
that he is far from well.
Mrs. Bonham Carter is
dead of Bronchitis. She
did not survive her sister,
Miss Julia Smith, 4 months.
She is the last of that
vigorous generation.

I have been a good
deal pulled down in
every way. My sister is
still in a painful, crippled
condition from Arthritis
but very brave.

Sir Harry's mind was
perfectly clear & calm
throughout: he knew there was

f75d

small chance of recovery:
You kindly ask after Fanny:
She has been 7 months a
Patient under Medical care
& nothing but a Patient
- the last 3 at Bournemouth
Sanatorium.

She is now in good health
& the lung quite "quiescent" -
But the Doctors entirely
forbid my taking her back.
One of them said to me: "I
fear her brain giving way
before her lungs."

You saw her at Lea
Hurst in something of the
same strange state: *wayward*.
I have of course told no
one. This is quite private

f75e

For the present I have
arranged for her to stay
with a widowed sister
in the country.

Pray believe me
ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, 3ff, pen

f76

July 22/84

{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

My dear Sir

Thanks for all your kindness
to the Village people & for your
account of them.

Jane Allison I feel rather
alarmed about when I hear
of her asking neighbours to
let her sleep with them
which looks as if she were
afraid of herself. Does the
child sleep out too when
she does?

Widow Brown & old Lyddy
Prince I am sorry to hear
are suffering from Bronchitis.
I am myself quite in bed
with it.

f76v

Adam Prince I wish the
Coffee-room would catch.
Martha Sheldon will scarcely,
I fear you think, be ever
quite herself again.
And old Betty Broom I fear
too you think will have
another attack.
Mrs. Francis tells me she is
recovering nicely under your
kind care.
It is astonishing how Mrs.
Broomhead lives -
And Anthony Boden too.
I shall be anxious to hear
about the Allens.

f76a

Would it be too much to trouble
you kindly to ask *all* of
these to write to me?
They are nearly all of them
glib with their pens.
And might I ask you
after Widow Barton - a
great friend of mine?
It is some time since Bratby
has written to me - I was
afraid he was laid up
again.

Pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1203

Derby, signed letter, small sheets, 2ff, pen

f77

Dec 11/84

{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,

My dear Sir PARK LANE.W.

I am so very sorry to have
been compelled to make such
long delay in writing to you -
And now another Acct is nearly
due.

About the Stove for Anthony Boden's
bed-room, I wrote immediately to Mr.
Yeomans to have it done. But he says
A. Boden could not bear the noise.
Should you think otherwise, pray

f77a

have it done. I will go halves
with the house landlord in the cost.
We are so rejoiced that the Whatstandwell
Coffee-room prospers.

I am about to write you a better
letter but have had many draw-
backs - among them, an inflammn
in my eyes -

every your faithful servt

F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter with the first pages missing, 5ff, pen

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2. 2

I have now (this morning)
received your kind letter.
And I will trouble you about
Milk & Meat & such things
as you kindly order for our
charges. On

Meat are Sisters Allen

Louisa Peach

{Widow Barton

{ " Brown

Of the two last, Widow Barton's
was only to be for the winter
months. Widow Brown's only
for her illness.

Both would stop on March 31.

I observe from your letter
that good Widow Barton
has been ill.

Would you like her Meat
to continue a month longer?

I conclude that you would
wish L. Peach's meat to
{D2546} continue.

f78v

You kindly tell me how
each of these 5 or rather
6 Patients are:

I will ask you to say
when, if ever, any are no
longer in need of the Meat.

3. I am sorry to hear so
poor an account of

Lizzie Holmes' winter,
& very thankful to you
for your care of her.

4. The following are on

Milk: Mrs. Broomhead: (Meat

" Lyddy Prince:

" Holmes

{Widow Marsh

{ " Barton: (Meat

4 { L. Peach: (Meat

{Ant. Boden

Sisters Allen: 2 (Meat

Mrs. Brown: (Meat

Betty Broom

f78a

The 4 I have marked
had Milk conditionally till
March 31 only.

But I should not like to
take them all off:

& would propose that each
of the two twos should have it
quarter & quarter about,
subject of course to your
advice.

Should it be
{Widow Barton, supposing her
Meat taken off

{Anthony Boden

March 31-June 30?

{L. Peach, supposing her

Meat *not* taken off

{Widow Marsh

June 30 - Sept. 30.

or how?

-the whole subject to your
advice if you will be so
very kind as to give it.

f78av

& nobody to be taken off
without your advice
(tho' I admit I have done
wrong in making `pensioners')
& no one to be kept on
who you think needs it
no longer.

I would propose that all
those who are kept on
should understand that it
is to be re-considered every
3 months: your kind advice
to be always taken.

5 I should be glad to hear
how you think *Lyddy Prince*
(does Adam keep sober?)

Widow *Marsh*: Anty *Boden*.

{upside down printed address: 10 South Street etc}

{below in pencil}

Pray excuse all the trouble I
am giving you.

f78b

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Mrs. Broomhead I have
heard little of for months,
except, alas!, of her
daughter's "misfortune"
which has been a heavy
"trial" to her. I am afraid
her daughter's "misfortune"
means but one thing.?

{below in pencil}

The Sisters Allen I am always
so glad to hear of.

F.N.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1207

Derby, signed letter on small paper, 2ff, pen

f79

May 16/87

{printed address} 10, SOUTH STREET,
My dear Sir PARK LANE.W.

I cannot say how much obliged
to you I am for keeping us
informed about poor Bratby
& for your great attention to him.

I am afraid you are not satisfied
with his progress. Has his
consciousness been defective?

I trust you will have Dr Webb
in consultation as often as you think

f79v

desirable & that if there
is anything I could send him,
you will tell me.

With many thanks, pray believe me,
most faithfully yours

F. Nightingale

I wrote on Saturday to thank you for
your kind Telegram. But somebody's
carelessness did not post the letter in
time.

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Derby, signed letter, first page/s missing, 7ff, pencil

2 2

I am very, very sorry about

Adam Prince. I wrote to
him on Miss Mochler's death.

He answered - & sent some
little sum to his mother -
at the same time saying to me
how much had been spent
in drink!!! I think there
may still be hopes of him.

Poor Lyddy Prince has
been helped this winter -
it is a difficulty about this,
knowing that what helps her
goes to supply Adam with
drink.

She is now on the parish.

f80v?

with a claim to Medical
relief - I know you
will not let her suffer
for this - And if you
order her Cod Liver Oil
or any such expensive
~~ap~~ medicine, will
kindly let me pay for
this.

3. I am very glad that
Bratby has sought your
aid which I have been always urging him
to do on my Acct -

f80a

I am sure he will find
the benefit of it.

4. *Mrs. Brown* is also on
parish & Medical relief.

And I can only say the
same as of Lyddy Prince & I am sure you
will not let her suffer -

5. *Mrs. Barton* also -
They are all good industrious
women: anything but
paupers. Could I do anything
more for *Mrs. Barton*?

6. *Jane Allison* was at
Manchester this Xmas -
I never like her to be alone

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in Holloway - without
any one living with her -
I am glad she went to you.

7 *Whatstandwell Coffee-rooms*
- It rejoices me that you
think they prosper. I am
sending them some more
books for their Lending Library.

8 *The Allens*: Yes, please, be
so good as to call upon
them. Ann is always
suffering. But I am so
glad you think her improved.

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9 Thanks for attending to
Martha Sheldon - & for
giving her some of your
invaluable moral control.

I believe it is not unusual,
is it? for brother & sister, or sisters,
living in the wilful prison
they do, to have like
delusions.

She is almost unmanageable
- but I hope much from your
management. [I desired
her to send for you.]

f80e

My sister is greatly
improved in health (you
kindly ask) but this
terrible Arthritis makes
sad progress.

Sir Harry has to take much
care on account of his
chest.

I cannot say much for
myself, (you ask), but, with
repeated thanks for your
kind care of our people,
& hopes that Mrs. Dunn
is well & will accept

f80f

My kind regards
 pray believe me
 ever yours faithfully
 F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

Would you be so very kind
 as, whenever you see my
 people, to give them a
 kind message from me,
 & say I asked after them;
 & would they write to
 me?

F.N.

Please excuse pencil

Derby, unsigned last pages of letter, 3ff, pen

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4.

Do you know a Mrs. Sims, of Crich,
 - married daughter of that
 good woman, your old Patient,
 Mrs. Limb, who died at
 Holloway? If she
 comes in your way, would
 you be so very kind as to
 ask her to write to me
 about her youngest Sister,
 Rose Limb, - now married,
 I am afraid not very well,
 in Derby, - & whose
 confinement she, Mrs. Sims, has
 been attending - & to tell
 me how Rose Limb is, & all
 about her,
 & give me her married
 name & address?
 Would it be troubling you

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too much to ask you what
sort of woman Mrs. Sims
is? My recollection of
her is that she nursed her
Mother, Mrs. Limb, once
- not very well - & was
rather 'ramshackle' & ~~dirty~~
slovenly. But I am not sure.
I was very sorry not to
see you when you were so
good as to call here in August.
I was just gone to my Sister, who
is now a confirmed Invalid
from Rheumatic Arthritis,
at Claydon. But I returned
a month ago.

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{Private is written across the corner}

Private In the strictest confidence

I will tell you that at
the Pendlebury, the Lady Supt
has not sufficient
authority in the Wards
- that there are reported to be flirtations
& "givings in marriage," (one {"one has" is written over "I have"})
has not heard of anything
worse) between the Students
or young Doctors & young
ladies who are very young.
I merely give you this hint.

Derby, signed letter, first page black-edged, 3ff, pencil

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Claydon Ho: Sept 23/90

Winslow

Bucks 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address crossed out
PARK LANE.W. with 1 diagonal stroke}

My dear Sir

Thank you for your
kind note about Adam
Prince.

What I hear of him
is that he can now
take neither "milk" nor
"eggs" - If it is the
fault of my "supply", I
am very, very sorry -
~~He has~~ They have 2 pints
of milk, & 2 eggs daily
& I believe "regularly"
from Mr. Yeomans.

It is some time since

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I have sent Panada &
Calves foot Jelly "from
"London." For I understood
that he must not have
these things. He sometimes
wishes for "a little bit of
"nice Roast Meat." But
I did not dare to furnish
this without your orders.
Otherwise I am sure Mrs.
Yeomans would.

If Dr. Macdonald
would kindly order any
thing that was right, \mp
~~would~~ either immediately
from Mr. Yeomans for

f82a

me or from ~~he~~ me,
Adam Prince should
have it. I will send
him "Port Wine" from
London.

Excuse this scrawl -
I have difficulty in
writing. And there is
so much to do here,
I will write again
Yours most faithfully
F. Nightingale

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

I am penitent about
Adam Prince - for not having
written to you before

[last line is written up along the side of the page]

Buckinghamshire Record Office, paper copies, many letters copied in Wellcome Ms 9029
signed notes, 3ff, pen

{title page} Hot Water
laid on
for Hospitals

Hotwater Pipes Sept 17/61

No "bath" can be given "by the bed=side"
without detriment to the whole ward; from
the steam & mess -

Consequently, *no* bath should ever be
given by the bed=side, unless it is absolutely
necessary - for the Patient's health to move
him no farther.

In all *large* well=regulated Hospitals,
this principle is so entirely acknowledged that
no Patient is allowed to bathe even in the
little Bath=room attached to each Ward,
if he is able to go to the General Bath=room.

Hot and cold water laid on to every
part of a Hospital is a *sine qua non*. This
& the use of lifts saves the expence of one
attendant to every 30 Patients.

Cold water is of little use without the hot,

This principle is recognised even in Schools.
How much more so in Hospitals!

It is little known, except by those who
have spent their lives in Hospitals, how
constant is the use of hot water all day
long in a well-managed English Hospital.

If this is not laid on, you *must* have
an extra attendant to every 30 Patients to
carry it. Or your Patients will suffer.

How can you use *cold* water for the
thousand=and=one uses of Water about
the sick?

Soft water is equally important - for every
thing about the sick. And it is useless to
expect the Nurses to carry it, if hard water
is that which is laid on -

Any enquiry made at St. Thomas's Hospital
or at the *new* Woolwich Hospital=works will prove
how much water & how much *hot* water & how much
soft water per Patient was there thought necessary. F. Nightingale

signed notes, 2ff, pen

[5:818]

Trees

It is impossible to give a general rule
in answer to this question.

So much depends upon the height of the
building, the height of the trees, the aspect
of the windows, the direction of the prevailing

winds, the nature of the soil etc. -

I should prefer having nothing of *the same* height as the building within the distance of *twice* the height of the building.

That the trees are to the North is in favour of their standing - both because they impede *no* sun & because North winds are generally cold winds.

A room is notoriously unhealthy where the trees stand just between the windows & the principal sun=shine they get.

That "the soil is damp" is against the trees standing. It is certainly unhealthy to have always a sodden surface close to your Hospital walls.

But trees make a place a great deal more attractive to the sick.

A place surrounded with trees except to the S.E. was healthy because the prevailing wind was S.E.

One thing is certain: you can always cut down trees, you cannot build them up. They will be least unhealthy during the winter, supposing them to be unhealthy. -

If the Committee wish it, I will ~~send~~ ask Dr Sutherland to go down & look at the place some time this winter or next spring. And he and I can then report to the Committee our opinion about these poor trees, as to which it is impossible to me to judge from the present data. Dr S. is now abroad.

F. Nightingale

Sept 17/61

signed notes, 8ff, pen

[16:652-53]

Bucks Infirmary

It is a very good scheme, with the exception of certain small faults of detail. The Block plan is good for the size of the Hospital

The following points appear to require re=consideration:

1. Have the Medical staff consented to put Surgical & Medical cases together?

There are only two, (1 Male & one Female) Wards, besides the two small ones.

Do they not desire at least an Accident ward for men?

Do they not desire it on the ground floor?

Or are there too few Accident cases to make this necessary?

Do they not want

an Operating Room? Two very minute
 Or is this provided criticisms I have
 for in the centre to make -
 upper flat, of which There appears to
 we have not the be no window into
 plan? the closet off the
 Scullery (men's side)
 nor over the W.C.
 sink either side.
 2. A window would A dark place in
 be better than a a Hospital is
 door from the Nurse's a Hospital is
 room into the small always a dirty
 ward. place, a skulking
 place, & a receptacle
 of foul air.
 3. There should only I do not much
 be a foot between like a closet at
 the top of the windows all in a Scullery.
 & the top of the wards.
 A press is a much
 better thing, coal=box
 4. The Lavatories &c &c But however
 should not be placed this is settled, all
 at the centre of the these places must
 length but at the have windows, or
 end.
 But, in the present not be there at all.

How is the "Store"
off the Stair=case,
(Men's side) intended
to be lighted at all?

"end" arrangement,
the Patients in five
beds would be
disturbed by the
passing in & out of
the Lavatories &c

The two *corner* beds
are inadmissible for
other reasons -

There never should
be more than one bed
in each corner - and
then a window between
it & the next bed.

{a small sketch follows, showing W. C. Lobby Lobby Lavatory
& Bath Room}

If a large end window
is desired it might
be done thus: with
a Lavatory & lobby
on one side, & a W. C.
with Lobby on the other

It is of great importance
not to disturb the
end-Patients with
the passing in & out.

II

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|---|---|
| 1. It is decidedly
objectionable to
have Kitchen &
Scullery under
sick wards - [In
the Army Hospitals
we are trying to
get ride of kitchens
in such situations] | I will make enquiries
whether a ward 75 x 25
& 15 ft high cannot be
warmed by one of our
improved Hospital
grates, instead of
there being two, as
in the plan. |
| 2. Is the accommodation
for the rest of the
Nurses in the top
centre flat, of which
we have not the
plan? | Is it not an useless
expenche to have two
Lifts & two Linen
Shafts? For so small
a Hospital, one
Lift & one Linen
Shaft would do. |

3/4 Aylesbury Infirmary

It is always desirable
where practicable,
to put Men &
Women Patients on
different floors.

As both sexes
are on the same floor
the Women's Pavilion
should be cut off
from the stair=case
by a swing door,
with lock & key -
always to be locked
at night.

One such door
is better than two.

The best place
for it is at the
head of the stair
at + on the Women's
side.

This gives all

the isolation both
obtainable & practicable

Certainly not
longitudinal but
cross ventilation
is the intention
of all good
Hospital plans.
The staircase up
to the roof is
intended to cut
off the atmosphere
of one Pavilion
from the other -
& by an up current
to prevent as far
as practicable the
air of one ward
from passing into
the other.

The partition between
the large wards (1 men's
& 1 women's apparently)
should be thick
enough to prevent
any sound from
passing.

Provincial Hospls
are very commonly
nursed by one
Night Nurse. It
is a very objectionable
practise, if only
because the men's
& women's side
ought to be (especially
at night,) entirely separate.
[But there are
other grave reasons
against that practise]
One Night Nurse
there

should be ~~amply~~
~~sufficient~~ for
the women's side
& one for the men's.
And "occasional"
Night Nurses,
(women "had in"
by the night)
ought thus to
be entirely
unnecessary:
which does away
with a great evil.

Having answered the
questions asked, may
I once more enter
my protest

1. against the *double*
corner beds, One ought
certainly to be removed
from each end corner.
And certainly there
ought to be a screen,
even if there be only
one bed, to screen it
from the Ward Offices -
& the Patients going
in & out.

2. One Lift & one
Linen Shaft is enough
for so small a
Hospital, if it saves
expence not to have
two of each. With
proper discipline,

there can be no
difficulty, by day, when alone they are used. The remaining
space might be made
into a store closet tho'
rather too dark for it

[end 16:653]

F. N.

F. Nightingale

32 South St
London W
Nov 25/61

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1225

signed letter, 6ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:639-41]

Sept 30/59

In building or extending
a Hospital, it is to be
taken for granted that
the object in view is to
benefit & not injure
the sick. To have
wards with only
windows on one side
is to injure the sick.
They had better be left
at home -

Every sick ward

must have windows on opposite sides. Whatever plan of extension is adopted, this must be a *sine qua non*.

The plans you have sent me to look at fulfil this essential condition tolerably well - in so far as regards the two 16=
=bed wards & the 8=bed ward. But there are three smaller wards with windows on one

side only. And one of these happens to be the Operating Ward. There appears to be plenty of space for these 3 wards in a position where they could have windows on two sides. And this change could be effected by a little re=arrangement.

2. The position of the Water=closets is not very good. But, ~~as~~ if they are in a portion of the building not yet

erected, they might easily be so arranged as to have a lobby separately ventilated between them & the Sick Wards.

3. I am afraid you will find the central Corridor rather dark.
4. There appears to be no window to the Scullery.
5. By the plan the large Wards are 73 ft long & 17 ½ ft wide. This is very narrow. To

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give even 1200 cubic ft per bed ~~only~~, they will require to be 15 ft high.

If the wards could be made 1 or 2 ft wider, it would be a great advantage, even at the cost of a little of their length.

6. Would it not be cheaper to devote the whole of your "villa", as it is now, to the Offices & Officers; & to put all your sick into

the new wings?

I should put my
Matron into the two
small wards on the
first Floor. And put
the six beds thereby
done away-with, where
the Matron is now; or
better, still, at the
other end of the
Accident Ward Pavilion,
where the Surgeon's Room
is; bringing the Nurse's
room a little lower
down the Accident Ward,

which would not too
short, even if shortened,
but leaving it (the Nurse's
room,) with 2400 cubic
ft space, *between* the
two wards -

If however there is
some reason why a
4=bed & a 2=bed ward
are preferable to a
6-bed ward, it might
still be managed;
the Servants' Bed Room
is almost the best
room in the house
& has room for 8 or
10. Why not take

that end for sick?
They ought always to
have the best.

Bear in mind
however (1.) that the less
small wards are
multiplied, the better.
All foreign & English
experience confirms this.
Noisy, offensive or
operation cases ought
alone to be put into
small wards. Even
the last ~~is~~ is now considered doubtful.
(2) that it is absolutely
necessary that every

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ward should be
commanded by its
Nurse's room, with
a window looking into
her ward. This alone
is a sufficient reason
against multiplying
small wards - And
the plan of attaching
a small ward to a
larger one is not
found to answer, as
at Lariboisière. The
small wards ought
to have a separate
nurse or nurses.

7. Two stair=cases are
not necessary for a
Hospital. I presume
they are already there.

Note to 2. Could not the Water
closets be put out
at the ends of the
large wards, if there
are no Patients in the
central buildings?

Note to 1. The Operation Ward
if it must be left
where it is, viz. next
the operating Theatre,
should have a
window broken out

on a second side, which
I see could be done.
At the same time, it
is not a good place
to have the operation
case & his nurse so
far out of the reach
of all surveillance -
But possibly this
cannot be helped -

NOTE. I don't think that
either management or
health can be secured,
if the large wards
are without a
Lavatory each and
a Scullery each.

I should even prefer
taking it off the
length of the long
wards, as they are
now, - & putting
Water Closet & Lavatory
in the end - [Scullery
should not be abso=
lutely contiguous to these because
it must have a
fire-place. -] It should properly
be ~~wh~~ opposite
the Nurse's room

~~where the Scullery~~

I suppose the
Kitchens are in the
Basement [end 16:641]
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:641-42]

Hampstead NW
Oct 2/59

After the reply received
from Lady Verney, ±/we
would strongly advise
as follows:

1. find all the
accommodation you
require *for Sick* in
the proposed Pavilions.

2. place nothing
in the Centre building
except the Administration
There is no room in it
fit for sick.

3. The wards should be
at least 20 feet wide
& 15 feet high - with
1200 cubic feet per bed

AT LEAST -

4. Each large Ward
should have three Water
closets (in one) built
out from it at the end.
There should be a small
separately lighted &
ventilated Lobby between
the Water closet & the
Ward. The same out=
building should contain

a fixed Bath, with hot
& cold water laid on,
and an Ablution table
with a few sunk Basins,
with hot & cold water
laid on.

5. Room might be
found for the Operating
Theatre & Operating Ward
in one of the Pavilions -
perhaps at the other
end of the Accident
Ward Pavilion. In the
country, direct light can
quite well be obtained
enough for an Operating Theatre
without having it lighted

from the roof. It is very important that the Accident Nurse's room should be so situated as to look in (through windows) into both Accident & Operating Ward. It should, if possible, be between - But I would fain do away with Operating Wards altogether & let the Patient be taken straight back into the large Ward, which ought, however, certainly

to be on the same flat as the Operating Theatre. There should be as few small wards as possible.

6. The Accident Ward should have Water Closet & Lavatory, which might be built out like those of the other wards -

7. The Pavilions should be ventilated with shafts & inlets (& warmed with Capt. Galton's stoves, if these are to be had) The

Centre building should be ventilated with Arnolt's valves - But, when the plan is decided upon, we will give our best advice upon the manner of ventilating.

8. All that is said in my previous Memo stands.

9. The Pavilion plan requires only widening of its pavilions, rearrangement of some of its distribution &

building out of Water-closets to be very good.
- nearly perfect, in fact.

10. I need hardly say that, in mentioning the desirableness of putting all the 3 small wards into the Pavilions, it is necessary that all the Female Wards should be in one Pavilion & all the Male Wards in the other -

Florence Nightingale
The Post Mortem room

& Dead house should be altogether out of the building. And no post-mortems should ever be made in the Operating Theatre -

F.N.

[end]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1235

initialed letter, 3ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:643]

Hampstead N W

5 Nov/59

My dear Sir Harry

I will first answer
your questions -

1. Should the
amended plan be
adopted, it will be
quite necessary to
raise the flooring of
the two existing (1st floor)
ends, so that the
Ground Floor wards
should be *at least*
{written in the left margin:}

I hope you have good news of Admiral Hope -

13 ft high - the
first floor wards
ascending by two
steps from the
central passage -
& preserving also
their height of 13 ft.
This will necessitate some contrivance about
the Nurses' rooms & Sculleries.

2. I think it very
probable that it
will be most economical
in the end to build
a new Hospital -
It is true estimates
are almost always exceeded.

But, in repeating this,
which every body knows,
I think people don't
sufficiently remember
that you *never know*
when you will have
done in adding to
altering or repairing
an old house - The
excess is ~~oftener~~ even more frequent and
greater, & the result
less satisfactory than
in building new -

3 I should like
to look over the plans

you mention very much.
[I sent to Burlington St
last night for them
but they were not
come. I shall send
again.]

I should like to
see these plans before
I try, if I do try, an
entirely new one. And
also I should like,
when I have seen them, if they are *approveable*,
to have some kind
of estimate from
Mr. Brandon as to
what your plan ~~will~~
(of the amendments) will

cost & what the
new plan will cost.

It must be, also,
Mr. Brandon or a Builder, after all,
who will make
the estimate for
my plan, if I make
one. Because so
much depends on
the value of labor
& materials on the
spot -

It would also be
necessary, if I make ~~one~~ a plan, that I should
have the contour of the ground
you speak of - Yours affecty [end]
F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 9029

[16:644]

30 Old Burlington St
April 25/60

My dear Sir Harry

1. As to the method
of warming your Bucks
Infirmary:

I have made enquiries
and I find:

if two common grates
would warm the ward
you mention, viz.
75 x 25 x 15 ft,
which I doubt,
one of our improved

Military Hospital
grates would do so.
But the ward
contains 28125
cub. ft.

I should put in
two of our improved
Hospital grates,
medium size -
1 ft. 5 inch opening.
They would
enormously economize
coal

Of the grates Capt.
Galton, R.E., deserves
all the credit.

2. I find, upon
calculation, that
in your plan, you
allot little more
than 1200 cub. ft.
per Patient. I
have laid it down
that there should
nowhere be less
than 1500 cub. ft.
per bed.

In the country it
signifies so much
less than in town,
(& with country than
with town=worn
constitutions) that
I only mention the
circumstance for
your consideration.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

To allow 1500 cub. ft.
per bed would make
the ward 93 ft 6 inch ft
long instead of 75 ft.

[end 16:644]

signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 9029

[16:644-45]

30 Old Burlington St

April 28/60

My dear Sir Harry

1. The ceiling of the
wards might be coved
to give the height
required. And a plain
moulding carried round
the upper edge of the
coving all the way. It
must be an astragal,
not to harbour dust.
In case the coving be
adopted, the windows
should come as high
up the ward as possible,

Three of McKinnell's ventilators should be placed, as you propose, along the centre line of the building: thus: These should each have an outlet (not into the roof but) through the roof:

{a sketch of the proposed ceiling follows, continued on the next page}

2. If Capt. Galton's grates be decided upon, he must be applied to as soon as possible, for the flues must be built into the wall - They are easily done enough but they

must be done ~~before~~/while the wall is being built. There is a cold air flue &c &c

3. Our criticism was simply on the *block* plan of the Hospital. When this is decided upon by the Committee, we shall have plenty to say as to *detail* -

4. I cannot conceive end=windows being objected to. They

may be seen at Guy's
& many other Hospitals
& are never complained
of on account of the
cold - They give a
nice long sweeping light
to the ward -

I would not put
a glazed door across
them, any more than
I would put a
glazed door across
the side windows,
which are close to
the Patients' heads.

The doors of the
lobbies should be

placed diagonally, thus: and
every opening, A. B, &
C. C. C. should be *door=ed*.
{sketch follows}
The Lavatory will probably
have a *fire=place* of its own.

With Capt. Galton's
grates, there will not
be three weeks in
the year when there
will be the least
danger of cold. There
will not be many months
in the year when
both need to be lighted.

[end 16:645]

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale.

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1242

initialed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 9029

30 Old Burlington St

April 28/60

My dear Sir Harry

I will answer your
note only *generally*
to-day, because I only had
it last night.

Generally then,
we disapprove of
all ceilings, which
have a dark space
of more than one
foot above the
top of the windows.
whether ventilated
or not. Cubic space

ought *always* to be
taken out in the
length, ~~no~~ or breadth,
not in the height -
at least not *above*
the windows.

2. Capt. Galton's
grates have hitherto
been made only by
& for the Govt. But
as *I am the Govt*,
(!) I mean to get
you some, if you
wish for them.

3. If I had a

Report of the Bucks
Infirmary for one
or two years, so as
to give me a fair
average guess at
the relative
proportions of
Medical & Surgical
cases, I could give
a better opinion
as to what the
number of wards
should be -

4 Will you kindly

tell Miss Burdett
Coutts, who was a
very kind friend
of ours in the Crimea,
~~th~~ how much I
liked her plants
at Highgate, that
I am now (not at
Hampstead but)
in London & it
seems cruel to
send beautiful
blossoming plants
into London where
they seem to suffer
so soon.

yours affectely

F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:645]

A. Jackson's Esq
Upper Terrace
Hampstead N. W.
Sept 21/60

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very
much for the Prospectus
of the Infirmary. I
rejoice to see that
you are so far
advanced in the
matter of money.

But I protest
against "my authority"
being used for a

plan, against several
features of which
I have entered an
objection.

E. g. The three beds
at the end of each of the
two large wards
have no windows & no direct
ventilation whatever,
except from the
W. C. lobby.

If you tell me
that there is any
time yet for sending

you a criticism of
the plan, I will
do so with pleasure.
But my last paper
to you included
all my objections.

To make the
plan a perfectly
healthy one would
involve very little,
if any, more
expenditure.

It would also
involve no deception
of those to whom
the Prospectus may
have been sent,

as people are much
too ignorant on the
subject to know
the difference -
ever believe me
dear Sir Harry
affectly yours
F. Nightingale

We have to thank you
for a beautiful
basket of game &c

[end 16:645]

unsigned letter fragment, 4ff, pen {archivist: Oct. 60}

4. I cannot help
working away at
the Bucks Infirmary
plans - in spite of
Sir Harry's prohibition.
I could suggest some
important alterations,
which I believe
would actually
lessen the cost -

But -
three questions I
have asked have
never been answered.
And without these

answers, you are
working in the
dark -

The printed paper
Sir Harry sent
me (*Annual Sheets*)
gave no answers.
Perhaps they *have*
no Statistics. But
they *must* make
out these things
or they may be
planning without
knowing their own
wants -

The questions are: **[6:517-18]** **[16:646]**

1. what is the
average proportion
of men to women
Patients?

It is supposed
by the plan that
they will be equal.
If so, it is against
all County Hospital
experience -

2. do the Medical
Officers agree to
having ~~only~~ Medical
& Surgical cases
together? i.e. only
one large female
& one large men's

ward?

what kind of
proportion do
Medical bear to
Surgical cases, on
an average?

what is the
actual number
of female Surgical
cases ever?

3. what is the
annual number
of Operations?
and what the
proportion of male
to female?

are there ever
any female Capital
operations?

If you do not
know these things
you are indeed
working in the dark.

E.g. a common
case in County
Hospitals is this:
that the men=Patients
are *always* two-thirds
of the whole number
- that half of the
men=Patients are
surgical cases - &
that there is never
(or hardly ever) a
Capital Operation on
a woman.

[end]

So that the
accommodation wanted
would be

1 male Surgical ward
1 " Medical "
1 female General ward
and one or two single wards.

Also, a Hospital
would never work, if
the Medical men
decidedly objected
to mixing the Surgical
& Medical cases -

e.g. it would never
be right to put
amputation and
Fever cases together -

should these form
the average cases
of the Hospital -

Please preserve
these questions, all
of which I have
written before, and
don't build your
Hospital without
having them
answered.

[end 16:646]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1251

signed letter, 6ff, pen, typed copy dated Nov 2/60 9029, according to Silver, *Renkioi*
in RSM

Hampstead NW

Nov 24/60

[16:648-49]

My dear Sir Harry

1. As to Medical
& Surgical wards. This
is purely a Doctors'
point. If they are
satisfied, so am I.
I will venture to say
that I could keep a
properly=constructed
ward so *safe* as to
put Medical &
Surgical cases *safely*
together in it.

But Doctors are
generally very strong
against this. And
I received ~~illeg~~/one letter
of remonstrance from
an eminent London
Doctor who had
accidentally seen
your plans - But
London cases are
very different from
provincial ones -
And I had much
rather mix Surgical
& Medical cases in
two good wards

(male & female) than
have them unmixed
in four bad ones. -

- I have done.

2. Your male & female
cases are nearly
equal. That is well.

3. You have scarcely
one female Capital
Operation Case in
fourteen months.
Therefore it is absurd
to provide a Surgical
ward for her.

4. I was not a little
(certainly)

surprised to find
Mr. Carrington asserting
that the plans were
constructed upon my
printed opinions,
when the six beds
at the two ends of
the wards, are placed
there in defiance of
every opinion I have
ever printed or written.

5. I adhere to my
opinion of a window
at the end of the ward

6. I think Mr. Brandon's

elevation by far the
best I have ever
seen. It will be
the most beautiful
Hospital in England.

7. I was (again) not
a little surprised
to find Mr. Carrington
advocating the
present arrangement
of beds upon the
difficulty of arranging
the windows. All
one can say is if there
is difficulty in arranging the windows then
arrange the windows.
We have done it

in all the new Military
Hospitals - And it is
curious indeed to see
them taking the start
of the Civil ones.

8. I send you a
plan, arranged for
a Hospital of similar
proportions & numbers,
male & female, to
yours. Please return
it to me -

I am assured
that it will be
cheaper than yours.
The Elevation may
nearly

be the same -

The details are not
all properly worked out.

Its principal merit
is - the doing away
with the upper story
of the centre - the
pushing out the
kitchen from the
basement to the
back of the Hospital
- the putting the
Operation Theatre
(so seldom used)
over the kitchen -
from which the
cases may be safely

carried to the wards.

I am sure that
Mr. Ceely will agree
with me in the
propriety of this.

An Operating Theatre
ought always to be
on the same floor as
the wards -

The same Architect
who does our new
Military Hospitals
did this plan for
me, which is for a
Civil one, & which
is going to be worked
out, detail by detail.

ever affectly yours

F. Nightingale

9. It is certainly a
great improvement (in
the silver paper plan)
not having the Washhouse
in the Basement nor
the Kitchen under the
wards - But you had
much better have
neither Kitchen nor
Washhouse in the
building at all. We
don't - in the new
Military Hospitals,
which leave you
completely behind.

10. To add another

story to this Hospital
in order to double
the accommodation,
would be to be
guilty of the grossest
extravagance (This
is Mr. Carrington's
plan) because for
£500 more you
could probably double
the accommodation in/~~convert~~ the present
proposed plan,
minus two beds.
For the receiving
Offices are much

too large & expens{ive} {corner of page is missing}
for the size of the
Hospital - And if
you required ~~n~~ two
stories of wards, might
be built *outside*
at a very cheap rate.

11. An impression
seems to run thro'
Mr. C.'s letter that
it is necessary, in
order to secure
the greatest Sanitary
& administrative
advantages, to incur
great cost. Whereas

the truth is that it
is always cheaper
to build a good
Hospital than a
bad one -

[end 16:649]

F.N.

signed letter, 3 ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:649-50]

Hampstead NW

Dec 15/60

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad indeed
to hear that you have
carried the end
windows of the Bucks
wards & removed
the beds. I hope that in
removing these, you
have left room for only
one in each corner. Else, they will be put back again.

Also, that you
have widened the
(illeg)/staircase -

We could give
you a plan for the

ventilation of the
kitchen which
would make it
nearly innocuous,
where it is.

[No plan could
have made the
Wash=house harmless
there.]

I should like
very much to see
the plans when
thus revised -

And I will

then write you as
"handsome" a letter
as I can, enclosing
my £25.

We have carried
~~the~~ polished Parian
cement, plate glass
windows, & oak floors
for our new
Woolwich Hospital
(650 beds) as being
the *cheapest* in the
end -

Yours affectely

F. Nightingale

{on a separate page}
and is done by
women & girls

[end 16:660]

Florence Nightingale
Dec. 15/60

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1258

signed letter, 4ff, pen, typed copy 9029 [16:654]

31 Dover St
Feb 14/62

My dear Sir Harry

When I was an
Irish boy, I should have
replied to this question
about chaff, Is it
chaffing you are? x
that I would supply
an unlimited
quantity of it, without
contract.

Hair is the only
material yet
discovered, fit for
the sick to lie upon

And it can be washed
& cleansed without
limit.

Cocoanut fibre is
good. But, like all
vegetable substances,
when it becomes damp,
it tends to decompose -

Now hair is free
from all these
objections.

It is now every
where being introduced
even in the worst
Hospitals in the
world, those of the

British Army. And I
never rested till I
made this matter of
Secretary of State's
Regulation (in 1859)

There should be
one or two fracture
beds, according to
~~their~~ average number
of fractures at Aylesbury.

There are cases,
but which I never
saw in Provincial
Hospitals, cases of
inveterate infirmity,

chiefly among old men
& women, as at
Greenwich, Chelsea &
~~the~~/in Workhouse wards,
where the funds of the
Institution will not
admit of hair being
supplied. For these
I prefer straw,
not stuffed but
quilted in. But
as the Aylesbury Infy
are accustomed to
chaff, let them have
chaff. It is more
elastic *but* it allows

the Patient to slip
down uncomfortably.
But I repeat, it is
only for these cases
that chaff is admissible.
And I never saw
these cases in Hospitals
- A little ingenuity
& great care on the
part of the Nurse
is all that is necessary
to save the mattress
of hair in cases of
casual infirmity

Yours ever affectely
Florence Nightingale

Let me add that I
never use a blanket
under any of my own
Patients - that I
never saw one used
under a Patient
without great injury
to the same - that
it is one of the
main causes of
bed-sores - that
I never knew a
good Hospital
Nurse who did
not lift up her
hands in horror

at the use of one *under*
a Hospital Patient -
It may be necessary
where you use chaff
or straw. But I
would use neither -
Lay your sheet on
the hair mattrass &
your Patient on the
Sheet. And with
the most ordinary
care, you will never
have bed sores, even
with the most
prolonged cases of
compound fracture

[end]

F.N.

letter, Abbey East, March 26, 1862, to Sir Harry Verney from G. Carrington requesting
an answer from FN to a paper

unsigned letter fragment, 1 f, pen opposite letter of G. Carrington to HV 26 March 1862

surgeons [16:654-55]
in ordinary" on the most
ordinary Hosipital Furniture

What is bad is dear.

What is good is cheap
in the end. All Hospitals,
even the French Military,
who are actually going
to have rheocline beds,
have found out that good
~~hair~~/beds are the cheapest.

I have written to our
Purveyor-in-Chief at the
War Office to know the
annual cost per bed of
hair. I believe it is
about 12/. If you like to
wait for the answer,
I will send it directly
it comes. but I repeat there
is no question that what is bad is always dear. [end 16:655]

Liverpool Derby/Stanley i 1263

unsigned memorandum, 1 f, pen [FN hand] [16:413]

Cost of Hair Mattrasses
in our Military Hospitals
per bed per annum

	£	s	d
Interest on			
original cost			" 2 "
at 5 per cent			
Cleaning &			
remaking		" "	2 ½
Loss of Hair	" "	2	
	£0.	2.	4 ½

"Cost of washing }
"the cases a mere }
"trifle."

[end]

Signed by the
Purveyor in Chief
War Office
April 11/62

unsigned notes, 3ff, pen [16:655]

Bucks Infirmary 1) Walls A.

I have no hesitation
in saying that
"common plaster &
lime-washing is
better than
unpolished cement.

Polished cement
is very expensive.
but it saves its
cost in lime-wash
(or ought to do so)
in a few years -

People never
think of this -

Plaster hospital
walls ought to be
lime-washed twice
a year *at least* - & are so
now in Military
Hospls (by a Queen's
Regulations of 1859).

The unpolished
Parian cement of
Netley Hospital
retains dirt &

completes the
failure of that
luckless concern.
It costs 2/6 a
yard, and will
require lime-washing
(or ought to do so)

Polished Cement
requires only
simple washing.
It costs 10d. a foot.

A very pale pink
is ~~"better"~~warmer" than pure
white. The colouring
is inexpensive.

[At Guy's & King's
College Hospitals
may be seen the
unpolished Cement.
Its only impression
on the eye is
that of dirt.]

Floors

Oak is preferable for
the *white* floor .

If the Hospital
provided the crutches,
as it ought, and
these are properly
tipped with cloth,
they will not slip.

French Hospitals
which *frotter*, make
however no complaint
of slipping -

And we shall
never get the
amount of polish
which their
frottage obtains -
consequently not the
same amount of
slipperiness -

I recommend
the mode of cleaning
at P. 217 of the
book which I send -
It is no experiment
or crotchet of mine.
It actually exists.

[end]

Leicestershire Record Office

Flintshire County Record Office, Glynne-Gladstone Mss 2983

signed letter, ff33-36, pen black-edged paper

f33

2 Cleveland Row **[6:197-98]**
S.W.

July 28/63

Dear Duke of Newcastle

I have the pleasure
of sending you a copy
of my paper, or
rather yours, (since
you were so good as
to supply the
materials) on Colonial
School Returns.
Should you have
occasion for any
more copies, I shall
be very glad to
furnish them.

f33v

You were so kind
as to write that you
would wish to send
out copies to the
Colonies. If you will
give orders to have
them received at the
Colonial Office I will
send them tomorrow, put
up separately, & the
name of each colony
put on the packet,
with different
numbers to the
different Colonies,
according to their
size & population.

f34

If you thought well,
I would venture to
suggest that the
principal, if not the
only, usefulness ~~be~~/of this
paper, would be given
by your desiring
some kind of circular
to be written with
it, to the effect
that, as you called
for the Returns, you
wish now to lead the
way to more correct
Statistics & to direct
the attention of the
Governor to the fact

that, after every care
has been exercised
in obtaining the
Statistical data,
but a few Colonies
only were able to
send any - & even
those Returns which
were made were very
incomplete (indeed
if you take the trouble
to look at the Tables,
A and H, pp 20 and 30,
you will see that the
information received
from Ceylon is the
only information which

f35

has any pretension
to completeness.)

Also would you
think well to direct
the attention of every
Governor to the great
advantage of Schools,
Hospitals & other
Institutions keeping
more complete data.

I intend with
your permission to
send some copies
of my paper to the
Missionary Societies
here, who may be

f35v

stirred up by some
facts in it to
adopt practically
in their Schools
the proposals as to
physical education.

I greatly regret
that New Zealand
has sent no facts
whatever, bearing
on the subject,
as N. Zealand might
make more progress
in that way than
almost any other
colony.

f36

May I venture to
send you a copy of
a paper I wrote
for the Indian
Sanitary Commission?
It may interest you
and it shows
faithfully the
present state of
things in the Indian
stations to which
those in Ceylon bear
a close resemblance -
It enables one to
judge of the extent
to which British

soldiers & British
people ignore the
laws of nature in
warm climates, &
then blame every
thing & every body
but themselves for
the result.

Believe me,
Your Grace's faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Glynne-Gladstone Mss 814, published in F.O. Baylen, "The Florence Nightingale/Mary Stanley Controversy: Some Unpublished Letters." *Medical History*. 18 (1974):190

copy of an incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, not in FN hand

Fragment of a Letter from
Florence Nightingale

"My own effigies & praises wh
you sent me by the last
mail were less welcome.
I do not affect indifference
towards *real* sympathy, but
I have felt painfully, the more
painfully since I have had
time to hear of it, the Éclat
wh has been given to this
adventure of mine, an every
day one in another Church.

The small still beginning, the simple hardship, the silent & *gradual* struggle upwards, these are the Climate in which an

Enterprise really thrives & grows. Time has not altered our Saviour's Lesson on that point, which has been learnt successively by all reformers from their own Experience. The Vanity & frivolity which the Éclat thrown upon this affair has called forth, has

done us unmitigated harm & brought mischief on perhaps the most promising enterprise that ever set sail from England. Our own old Party which began it's work in hardship, toil, struggle & obscurity has done better than any other. & I, like a Tory, am now trying to get back to all my old regulations.

yours whatever betide

F.N.

Scutari July 1855

Leicestershire Record Office 1273

Hampshire Record Office, paper copies, 199 pages

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/1, 2 ff, pen

Hampstead NW

[8:158]

Aug 17/61

My dear Harry

In A.H. Clough's
absence, I am obliged
to trouble you with
every thing concerning
the N. fund.

The enclosed relates
to my scheme for
utilizing the remainder
of its income for
training Midwife=nurses
at King's Coll. Hosp.

which I was anxious
should begin in
October. The K.C.H.
is willing -

I wrote all the
particulars to Col.
Jebb, my Chairman,
& enclose his answer.

Please return it
to me & tell me
what you think

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

I have also written to
Mr. Marjoribanks
about it: but have
no answer.

Leicestershire Record Office

1274

Hampshire, signed letter, f582/2, 8 ff, pen

Hampstead N W

[8:158-60]

Sept 14/61

My dear Harry

I am anxious to save you
what trouble I can about the
King's College scheme -

Accordingly I enclose a letter
from Mr. Marjoribanks about the
funds - in answer to one of mine,
saying that I had made the
money calculations with Miss Jones,
the Superintendt, & had advised
her to begin nothing without
a guarantee of £500 per ann.
for 2 years - & that, if there
were any difficulty, I should
wish (privately) to make up that
sum. But, as you see, he will
make none.

I also enclose a Memo. of
Miss Jones (She is Supt. of St. John's

House & of the Nursing of King's
Coll. Hosp. which is what she
refers to when she speaks of
the different Committees)

This was the Memo I sent
to Sir J. Jebb & he returned to me.

I shall see Miss Jones on
Wednesday &, if anything new
arises, will report it.

It is important to begin on
Oct 1, the beginning of the Medical
year - So I told Miss Jones to
lay in the requisite furniture &c -
And I would pay the bills. And
the worst that could happen would
be that I should be minus £100,
& the Hospital plus some furniture -
& that both of us should have
wasted some precious time.

I am afraid that what the
Committee will say will be:

1. that the money goes to the
beds & Patients & not to the Nurses
[for] their training - minus the salary
for a Training Midwife

2. that the Probationers will with
difficulty be found who will pay for
themselves during training or be
paid for.

I think the second objection has
[mo]re weight in it, than the first.

At St. Thomas' we found a
[Ho]spital & beds ready. But we
[p]ay the Matron & Officers. And
[we] pay (enormously) for the Board
[of] Probationers - The Hospital
must be making a profit of us,
by my own housekeeping experience,
[a] large one - We also pay interest on furniture.
At King's Coll. Hosp. we find
Supt & Officers willing to give
training for love - besides other
[ad]vantages -

Miss Jones & I both think that

after the 2nd year, a training Midwife may have been educated to be one of St. John's House own Nurses - in which case the N. fund would not have to pay her salary.

The second objection I think is just what will be felt most during the first two years - & *not* afterwards -

In almost all countries but England, there is a Government School for educating Midwife=nurses for country parishes. That of Paris is the most famous -

The want is immensely felt in England. And I have not the least doubt that, if any private Institution were to turn out for a few years women properly trained for this profession, country parishes, whether led by clergymen, ladies Bountiful, or Boards of Guardians would be found in plenty, who would send up candidates from their own parishes (paying for them) to be trained & sent back.

But then in this country the experiment must be tried & succeed *first*. And then the Candidates will come -

But for *any* experiment my Committee must more or less take my word.

And I can only give them my word that, though there has been no lack of negotiations between me and Hospitals, this is the only experiment I can recommend to them - And not only is it the only one - But I have strong hopes that it may become a boon to the whole country.

Miss Jones herself is not an

experiment - On the contrary she has been the most successful trainer of Christian nurses we have -

And Dr. A. Farre's reputation stands with his profession nearly the highest in England for his particular subject -

I can find nothing that we could do so hopefully or so cheaply with the remainder of the Fund -

But then I think the Committee must be prepared to see hardly any result at all for some years, & not be disappointed -

I earnestly wish that something more could be done in the first two years to

pay for some of the Probationers. And I hope that, at all events, the Committee will consent to let the spare £100 (the second year) go for this purpose -

The cost charged them for their board will be the lowest possible - Indeed, both Miss Jones and I made it for board, including tea, sugar, beer, washing &c only 8/ per week.

But St. John's House must be farther consulted about this -

If the Committee say, why should you not try this experiment at a Lying-in Hospital, where all the materials are already, & where a few Midwives or Monthly Nurses are already taught, I answer: I am absolutely

incapable of recommending any
for the purpose - And Dr. Rigby's
death (he was well inclined
to the matter though we never
entered into it far enough to
come to any practical negotiation)
puts an end to any idea I may
ever have had of the kind. but
I had not practically -

I am right glad to hear
of your new office - if, as I
suppose, it is a more certain
& more sufficient provision in
life than 99 out of a 100 at
the bar achieve.

Dear Harry affectely yours
F. Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M72/F582/3, ffp, pen

Hampstead NW

[8:161-62]

Sept 26/61

My dear Harry

I think this is very good.

() Perhaps it would be safer to put:

-not less than 8/ or more than
9/ a week: - as Miss Jones told
me she had not yet asked
St. John's Ho: about this - (She
herself is perfectly satisfied
that the 8/ will do)

Would you put in ~~that the~~ after:

Candidates are to be trained -
for a period of *not less than*
6 months? Or do you think
it not necessary here?

I think it a very clever "dodge"

of yours

to take the £100 for board at
once

() Have you this on my authority?
Guy's has (or had) Lying-in beds -
the only London Hospital I know that had. But
if you have it on Miss Jones'
authority, you are quite safe.
And the general assertion is
quite true - viz. that the London
Hospitals won't take in these cases;
& that it was entirely Miss
Jones' doing that this was
negotiated here

Miss Jones told me of your
visit to her - Thank you very
much for the trouble you are
taking.

ever affectely yours

F. Nightingale

I kept this Paper back to shew to Mrs.
Bracebridge - who will probably
be the Lady Visitor on our part,
consented to by Miss Jones.

But she sees no fault in
it.

unsigned memorandum, 94M72/F582/4, 4 ff, pen [8:162-63]

REGULATIONS

as to the ~~2~~/under the
Training of Midwifery=Nurses } ~~at King's~~
~~College Hospital~~ (?)

~~2~~ Nightingale Fund

1. The Committee of the "Nightingale Fund" have made arrangements with the Council of St. John's House for training annually in King's College Hospital a limited number of women in the duties of Midwifery=Nurses, with a view to the employment of the so=trained nurses in country Parishes or Districts (*for the benefit of the poor*) under the direction of the Clergy & Medical men -
2. The instruction will be gratuitous - the Nightingale Fund "engaging to provide for the maintenance of a certain number of beds for the reception of poor married women during their confinement, in wards set apart by the authorities of King's College Hospital for this

special purpose of instruction: -
St. John's House undertaking the conduct
of the requisite training under the direction
of the Physician=Accoucheur of the
Hospital (Dr. Arthur Farre) and his
Assistants, who kindly ~~undertake to~~/give their aid
~~aid the education /assist~~ to educate the Probationers,
by Lectures & practical instruction,
for their peculiar vocation.

An experienced midwife will ~~also~~
~~be in immediate charge of the Ward to train the Probationers who~~/be always in
attendance. They

~~as Head Nurse. The Pupil Nurses~~ will, while under instruction
be allowed also to attend certain cases of Lying
in Women at their own homes,

3. Probationers will be received for a
period of not less than 6 months,
and on the distinct understanding
that they remain for at least that
time.

4. The cost of board, lodging & washing
to each Probationer during the six
months' training will be ~~8/per week,~~
~~or a payment in one sum of £10...~~paid
in advance.

5. The age considered desirable for

these Pupil=nurses is from 26 to 34.
A certificate of health, with name &
address of Medical attendant; and
testimonial of character will be required
6. Probationers will be received on

{there is a bracket around this
paragraph in the left margin}

October 31 and April 30 in each
year - Application should be made,
a fortnight before each term, to the
Lady Superintendent of St. John's
House, ~~at~~ King's College Hospital
London

~~subject (illeg)~~

7. A record will be kept of the
conduct & qualifications of each
Pupil=nurse - ~~And~~ Those who have
passed satisfactorily through the
course of instruction, will be entered
in the Register as certificated Midwifery=
Nurses & ~~A~~ a copy of such ~~certificate will~~/entry will
~~being~~/be sent to those who have selected
the Nurse for the required training =
8. The Pupil=Nurses will be under the
authority of the Lady Superintendent.

and in all respects subject to the
same rules as other & permanent
inmates of the Institution. They will
be liable to dismissal in case of
misconduct, or negligence of duties:
if any one is considered inefficient,
notice, in order to removal, will be
at once sent to those who
recommended her.

October 1.

1861

[at right angle on side] Midwifery Nurses
Draft Regulations

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M72/F582/5, 3 ff, pen

Hampstead NW

[8:163]

Oct 2/61

Dear Harry

Would you be so good,
as to look over the
enclosed, drawn up
by Miss Jones & me,
shorten it, if you can,
correct it & have it
printed.

Will it require a
signature?

I send you the
St. Thomas' paper, as
a specimen

Harrisons', 45 St. Martin's

Lane, I believe, did
this -

Perhaps 500 had
better be printed.

Miss Jones will
want 100. ~~A~~ I shall
want 100.

And, as she says
she cannot receive
applications after
the middle of this
month, the sooner they
are done, the better -
As we want to send
them out, by way of
Advertisement.

If you like to send
Bratby on with it
to the Printers, do -
ever yours truly &
gratefully
F. Nightingale
? Should the heading
be "at King's College
Hospital" - or similar
to the printed one
I enclose?

Hampshire, signed letter, f582/6, 4 ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.

[8:166-67]

Novr 2nd

My dear Harry

I have looked over the
agreement which you
kindly sent me yesterday
with Miss Jones - and
we are quite satisfied
with it, always excepting
Clause 14 - Their feelings
are evidently excessively
hurt by this. If it is
to stand, I think it
had better stand as
it is, - and I confess
I should not have
minded it, because

it is so certain never
to come into action -
But I do wish it could
be dropped altogether
for this reason -

To say that "the
maintenance covers
repairs" vide opposite
note, - is to add
insult to injury, as
the parrot said when
he was made to learn
English - For the
Hospital has already
laid in linen & hair=

mattresses, which it
would not have done -
if it had not been
for this ward.

Our £100 will
nothing like cover
the furniture of the
ward : e. g. we
supply one iron
bedstead & one
hair mattress - to
each bed - the Hospl
supplies 3 other
hair-mattresses, so
that there may be

say four, to each
bed - Again, the
"maintenance" does
not cover the baking
& re-covering of these
hair=mattresses -
nor the renewal of the
linen - of which
there requires a
much larger quantity
for this ward, than
for any other - of *our*
linen, there will be
nothing left at the
end of the two years -

-2-

Indeed, taking example
by the Ehrenbreitstein -
rats, I am quite
sure that the tails
left to us - at the end
of the two years will
be only the 10 iron
bedsteads - cost 15 s.
each - It is not
worth while to anger
the other contracting
parties who have
behaved so liberally
to us, for this -

For King's Coll: Hospl
will certainly be put
to a great expense
for our ward: and
our £100 was only
in order to save
Miss Jones from having
to go to the Hospital
for "a lot of things
more" than were
wanted for any other
Ward.

At the same time
I must say that to me
the clause seems very

innocuous - but as
it does not amuse
them, - and does us
no good - contrariwise
to the man who let
his wife beat him -
I wish it could be
dropped.

You must observe
that King's Coll: Hospl
has shown great condes=
=cension in setting aside
the whole of that floor
for us for two years -

Ever dear Harry
your affecte F. Nightingale

Hampshire, initialed letter, 94M72/F582/7, 3 ff, pen black-edged paper

9 C St

April 3/62 [8:872]

Dear Harry

I cannot tell you
how happy I am to
hear of your happiness.
Long may you wear
it & well.

To me, from whom
not only every earthly
comfort but every
earthly support seems
with drawn, it is a
great joy to hear of
some one, who
deserves it, going

to be happy.

I don't know whether
you care to know it,
but our dear lost
friend, Clough, thought
very much & very
highly of you & your
future.

ever dear Harry
your affecte cousin
F.N.

f582/f7-9

{cover} {archivist: congrats on marriage and on {illeg} birth}

Private letter}

H. Bonham Carter Esq

F.N.

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M72/F582/8, fp, pen, black-edged paper

9 Chesterfield St

[8:872]

W.

May 22/62

Dear Harry

Let me send you
my blessing on your
wedding day, whenever
that is to be. And
let me (very
unsentimentally) send
you a wedding garment
of paper, to be cut
into what form you
like best yourself.

My love to your
Sibella, if she will
accept it. And

thanks to her for
making you so
happy.

If I dared, I
would write to her
that I think her
too a happy woman.

Ever your affecte coz

F. Nightingale

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Hampshhire, initialed letter, M94/F582/9-10, 1f, pen black-edged paper

4, Cleveland Row.

[8:872]

S. W. {printed address:}

April 24/63

My dear Harry

God bless the little
man & the young mother.

ever yours

F.N.

I send you the enclosed
Acct (paid) only that
Harrison may not
send it in to you again.
v. Art. "Sept 1." I believe
I ordered those "Regulations"
myself, at Miss Jones'
request, while you were
away ~~abroad~~

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M/F582/10, 1 f, pencil

Dr. Johnson's

Great Malvern

Jan 7/67

My dear Harry

The enclosed gossip about
the Sydney Nurses - a month
after date - is certainly
not worth sending - But
I send it - It replies to
one or two things &
acknowledges one or two
others - You need not
read it -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

with envelope, also black-edged H. Bonham Carter Eq
F.N.

Hampshire, incomplete letter, 94M72/F582/11, 2 ff, pen

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Mrs Wardroper x x

June 1877

[12:320-21]

My dear Hy B. C.

This is only to report, especially as Mrs. W. told me that she had not told you some of these things: I see no immediate action to propose, but I am, right or wrong, strongly impressed that we are again on our trial, as it were, after 20 years: & that we shall have, in the course of the next 2 years, to make up our minds on many things, not only details but principles of action: suited to other action not under our control: altho' our own principles as to what is best may remain unchanged: especially do I think we shall be put on our trial in two things:

1. as to the *principle of what power* will be granted to female Nursing heads:

as regards the *Medical Officers*:

" " the *administration*:

x x x

2. as to the details of "*obligation*", time of training, theoretical & practical advantages to be given especially to Lady P.s, weighed against their work, &c &c &c as regards Training Schools:

as to 1 we ask a great deal, & justly, ~~for~~ of power for our Trained female heads,

both Matrons & Sisters:

do we give them the training & experience necessary to ~~wield~~/exercise this power aright?

do we fit them *morally* to exercise it with dignity, & *gentleness* & disinterestedness, so as to have the least number of '*rows*', & never to be in the wrong?

as to 2. St. Bartholomew's & ~~the~~ Edinburgh & a multitude of other Training Schools starting or to start will force us not merely to consider these questions but to take action upon them: within the next year probably:

Mrs. Wardroper tells me that during April she had
?? 90 applications, & of a class much superior
to what she usually has: (Nurse: Candidates I
understood her to say:)

Of these 90, only one has adhered to her application
[She of course says that it was the 3 years'
obligation which frightened the 89: & that many June 1877?
are gone to St. Bartholomew's:
by the way she says Miss Neligan is gone
to Westminster:

I just sounded her about having 3 classes of
Obligations: she said she would like
to have it *optional* on the ground that
many of our 'ladies', e. g. Miss Wright, are so bad:
& that we might admit good ones we should
like to keep on in a *one year* class:
[I did not say: but the bad ones are just
those who will make it *not* 'optional' with us
to stick to *our* 'obligation' with them to find them
places] & afterwards to promote them
Still I think that the fact, if it is a fact, of **[end 12:321]**

Hampshire, initialed letter, ff582/12/1-4, 8 ff, pen & pencil

Sub. Comm: St. Thomas' Hospl

PRIVATE Lea Hurst

Treasurer & Treasurer's Clerk: Sept 21/77

5 a.m. **[12:323-25]**

PRIVATE

My dear Hy B. C.

You ask me to "suggest" upon this subject,
the most important of all (upon which you
may be sure I have thought a great deal).

I feel sure that it is useless to give them a
cut & dry 'Constitution', because, as you
would truly say, everything depends on
the *men* to work it.

A Treasurer & 'Clerk' as Secretary (whether
'Treasurer's' or 'Hospital' Clerk) would do
as well as any, provided you chose good
men.

If you had a good man as Treasurer, it would of course be better to have the 'Treasurer's' Clerk rather than the 'Hospital' Clerk as Treasurer's 'Secretary': because there would otherwise be more danger of the divided authority working one against the other:

But every thing depends on the men being trustworthy: And we are obliged to trust Treasurers without training them to be trustworthy.

[We train or we profess to train our Supts to superintend. We cannot train our Treasurers to treasure.]

I think I had better rather tell you what I have so strongly observed in St. Thomas', ~~than~~ ~~s~~ as calling for government, than ~~a~~ "suggest" a form of government.

I suppose the business, financial & other, was done (under Sir F.H.) ~~but all~~ that is, I know nothing about it:

but all that constitutes a Hospital proper, that is a place for curing the Sick, was left undone as far as the *male civil* Government was concerned. 1. Sanitary

The Sanitary Commee consisting at first of Mr. Simon, Mr. Croft & I think Dr. Bristowe did nothing. partly because Mr. Simon

was old & idle & would not: & others were
afraid of the Treasurer & could not:
It ~~is~~/was vain under Sir F.H. to appoint a Sanitary Officer
from among the *young* men: because
possibly he will not peril his future practice
by making himself disagreeable in doing what
he knows: possibly he does not know:
or knows less than the Nurses. (Sisters)
A Sanitary authority must be strongly supported
by the Governing body or Treasurer to be
of the least good: & the Treasurer *must know* something
also see Note p. 6
I may here mention that from reports which
I have every reason to trust, I believe the
Wards of St. T's to be infamous, from Pyaemia,

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Erysipelas &c &c. At this moment, there
being no really good Male Surgical Sister
the 3 M. S. Wards particularly so.
I *know* that Sir F.H. thought of nothing
but *hushing it up*: he never thought anything else his duty -
& Mr. Simon was too old.
Enquire about the drain smells from the river.
Enquire about the smells in our Nurses'
dormitories. Enquire about the W. C.'s in basement.
The only Sanitary Officers at St. T.'s were:
(both gone): Miss Stains & Mr. Simon:
Miss Stains dragging the old man about by main
force.
Enquire about all the arrangements for removing
dust, refuse, foul linen, soiled dressings
&c &c &c &c [You must know something of this

from my 'Ward Surgical Cleanliness' notes for Article.

The 'Sisters' are still the only *Sanitary Officers* at St. T.'s.

Some of these things have been improved.
Some are SAID to be improved, many are
the reverse of improved.

[I may mention here that about 2 months
ago Capt D.G. was called in with another
whom I know to inspect University Coll. Hosp.

I saw (confidentially) the materials for the
Report. I could not have believed it, IF I could
not have matched some things, by no means
all, at St. T.'s]

2. There is no discipline no superintendence

~~whatever~~ over the Basement - the vast
much too large, Offices, - Kitchen, Furnace &c &c Offices not Ward Office
or over the staff of men employed there.

[You know by the way that the shoots are
never used, never intended to be used,
because there is no arrangement!!! at the bottom

The nuisances in the basement have been abominable

There ought to be some official (commonly
called an 'Engineer'?) over these things.

Properly I suppose he ought to be under the
Steward: but the Steward is **non** :

It appears to me it ought to be under the
'Treasurer's Clerk' or 'Secretary': in the

same way as the Assistant Matron is
supposed to be or ought to be ~~ov~~ Inspectress
of Nurses' Dormitories, Nurses' habits

&c &c [At St. T.'s no one is Assistant
Matron in this sense.]

But then the Treasurer's Secretary must be
a man trustworthy in these things.

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3. About periodical cleansing, of Hospital,
frotteur's work: periodical cleansing
of Ward floors & walls &c
&c &c &c &c

there is no one who really superintends:

there is a ~~general~~/well-known outbreak of Erysipelas,
after every *Surgical=Ward cleansing*, in
the said ward, *et pour cause*:
the floors I am told are a disgrace to
St. T.'s.

[2 or 3 years ago I was asked *by Treasurer thro'*
Matron to find an *Army Hospital frotteur*
- I did so - the very natural question was
asked - what the pay? - & from that day to

the day of his death I never got an answer
from *poor Treasurer*.

This is only one of the innumerable things
(I will not degrade myself by calling
them '*little*' things) of vital or mortal
importance to a Hospital left undone.

[Matron bestirred herself much & effected
little or *nothing* in most of them.]

If it were not for our Sisters, I believe
St. T.'s would be one of the most unhealthy
Hospitals in London.

And even among our Sisters there are
waves.

At the opening of the Hospital, & alas!
now again, the Sisters were & are almost
nil in *these* matters.

Miss Aston is now the best.

I scarcely know whether you can do any thing but I could not rest ~~whether~~ without drawing your attention to these things.

Far more important than settling 'Treasurer's Clerk', 'Hospital Clerk', 'Secretary', is: settling that *some one*, be he who you will, should have authority in these vital matters, *should know* ^{HOW} to exercise that *authority*: & should be a man chosen for & *responsible to*/for exercising that authority.

And that it should not be a matter of grace or discretion to make or to remedy such complaints.

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but that it should be the CHARGE of *some one to make*, the charge of *some other one to redress/fulfil*, *listen to*, or *redress such complaints* or reports or *responsibilities*.

[It is vain waiting for the Steward.

They must either *change their Steward*: or put this work distinctly in the 'Treasurer's Secretary's' hands - or some one's.]

F.N.

4. With regard to the *Nursing*: as none of the Hospital

Governments have effected any thorough reform in the *Nursing*, & *London Hospl* least of all: -

& as (I believe) ~~we might~~ must do it, & ~~he~~ *might* be so much more than a match for them,

when a year hence our Agreement comes to an end, I think in our individual case we shall be the better for a not so very strong Hospital Government.

F.N.

[end 12:325]

Hampshire, initialed letter, 94M72/F582/13, 2 ff, pen

Sub Committee: St. Thomas': Lea Hurst [12:325-26]
P.S. to my yesterday's letter } Sept 22/77
5 a.m.

My dear Hy B. C.

I have always observed the antagonism between
Hospital/~~the~~ Treasurer & the Medical Staff.

[In our case, the Med: Staff despised the man:
the elder men, who were just going off the stage,
did not care to force or persuade him: the
others feared & 'cut' him whenever possible:

But this antagonism prevails, I understand,
every where:]

How would it do, if it were possible,

1. for the (Full) Physicians & Surgeons to

elect - I believe in these cases people

generally elect one better than themselves -

a M. {illeg Comm?} a man whose *business* it should be to

confer with the Treasurer on stated days

on defined matters: besides having

a ready access to him at any time:

2. for the whole (qualified) Medical Staff,
'Full', 'Resident' & 'House' - ? not 'Retired' -
to elect, in combination with the Treasurer,
a Sanitary Officer.

I can see no other way of

(1) enabling the Sanitary officer to do his work
they would surely support & help their own
man: & not render him useless by
their discordant opinions:

(2) of getting a good man - & giving him
authority

[You cannot get a Sanitary ~~man~~/Officer of great standing &
authority for a Hospital: he must be
a young man.

And if you did, you had Simon, the Officer
of Health for all England, actually to your
hand at St. T.'s. And he did nothing!]

Something must be done:

I merely throw out "suggestions": as you ask

3. I would also "suggest" that say once
a week *Treasurer*
'member' representing Medical Staff
Sanitary Officer
Treasurer's Secretary

should *meet* for the discharge of business:

A great deal of business which now
hangs for years - [& people wait to drain
& to cleanse - but people do not wait to die -]
would be thus worked off week by week.
The death of this poor man, if it paves the way
for a better system, might prove an incalculable
boon to poor St. Thomas'. **[end 12:326]**

F.N.

Leicestershire Record Office 1301

Hampshire, initialed letter, 94M72/F582/14, 1f, pen,

Probationers List: x 35 S. St
Jan 4/78

My dear Hy B. C.

I return the Book: x

Our last 10 years (since Agnes Jones' death)
have been momentous ones:

our ~~present~~/next 10 years will be in all probability
yet more so:

Especially this year when we have to re-settle
the whole of our income: not to speak of
capital.

Last year we lost so much.

I do think we want a little more enthusiasm, hope & sympathy.
consideration is much but it is not all.

2. I enclose my printed *List* of some defects
in St. Thomas'. [Please return it me at
your leisure: for it is never to be found when wanted.]

I look upon the 3 first Paras: about shoots &c

[12:334-35]

& upon the *last* about Night Nurses' meals &c
as the most important:

The opportunity of correcting these while
you are on the House Committee is an
unlooked for & immense *hope* to me.

3. [There would be *such* a career for an Assistant
to Mrs. Wardroper, if Miss Fisher were worth anything
- there is? *no* superintendence of Nurses, night or day, or of Wardmaids &c but
what the Sister
gives

- & that is now ? *nothing.*] ever yours F.N. **[end 12:335]**

x Is it not a pity that this "Book" is not *made up*? there are whole
histories, e.g. Miss Cameron's, untouched & yet she has our Nurses at Soho

Hampshire, initialed letter, 15 ff, pen & pencil f582/15/1

Council & Committee } IMMEDIATE 35 S. St
April 7/78

I

My dear Hy B.C.

I have not written to *Mr. Rathbone* as you desired: [12:136-38]

partly because I asked him to be Trustee, on the express ground suggested by you in your Draft letter that he should not be troubled

to be Co & Co. - partly because you told me that the Meeting was not to be a Council Meeting: & there is no time now for you & me to discuss deliberately the very essential question as to who is to be on the Council & the yet more important question as to who is to be on the Committee.

[I only had your letter this morning.]

I shall therefore ~~only~~ write to Sir Harry, (who will not be at home till tomorrow,) only about your being on the Council: and not till Tuesday:

There will be still time ~~however~~, if you think it urgent, to write to any body *after* you receive this:

My view is: & it is one which has been strongly ~~urged~~/indented upon me by the circumstances of the past year:

that we must enlist into our Members other interests; the Military, - the *Workhouse* Infirmary, - the other ~~to~~ great Hospitals:

& also, of course some one to take your place ultimately in the duties of Secretary under you: as you said.

1. *Military*: I naturally, - considering the origin of the Fund, considering that I was looked to & still am to form in the Military Hospitals

a Staff of Nurses who might be used
for War Nursing - considering too that
Germany, Russia, America have done this since
the Crimean War: that France is always
ready: & that we alone have done nothing:
-tho' to us particularly was attention drawn
during the Crimean War:

I naturally feel ~~this~~ a good deal more acutely
than you do - *the non-organization of Nursing in* MILITARY HOSPLS.

[I feel it still more, because our Chairman,
quite coolly, shows me a letter he has written
for public purposes, urging the return to the
Regimental Medical system in time of war, which
was the cause of the Hospital disasters in the
Crimean War, which makes Female Nursing
impossible, & undoes all that Sidney Herbert
& I did in that direction]

I propose that

Sir Wm Muir (with a view of interesting
him in our work)
should be a Member of *our Council*.

He expressed a wish to see me & to "profit"
by my "experience". (I presume in case of a War)
in his last letter.

[Sir John McNeill will never be of any more
use to us. He is now at Cannes.
We shall have to provide a successor.]

2. You know how strongly I feel about the
loss of WORKHOUSE INFIRMARY NURSING.
at Highgate

I need not dilate upon it.

I think we should most certainly have
some man, if only to interest him in us,
connected with "Asylums", upon the Council.

I thought of Mr. (now *Sir* William) Wyatt
or - - - - -

or even Dr. Brydges.

[If *Mr. Stansfeld* had been in Office, I should have
proposed him: or if *Mr. C. Villiers*, him. Both called
upon me: & I saw them, Mr. Villiers frequently.]

I would make it a matter of duty to see

~~these men~~/any such men on our Council - including Sir Sydney Waterlow,
(all of whom profess themselves my friends
- except Dr. Brydges whom I do not know)

2 or 3 times a year: if you wished to enlist them
- 'touting', in fact.

[Navy: You know we had Sir J. Liddell
who is dead & who wanted me to nurse
Haslar on this account]
but I do not propose this now.

3. St. Bartholomew's -

I cannot tell you what importance

[I attach to our responding to Sir S.
Waterlow's overture -

[We shall, if we do not take care, get shut
up in St. Thomas' -]

I would propose

Sir Sydney Waterlow

on the Council:

(about St. B.'s see p. 2.)

4. The sooner some one is appointed
who *may* ultimately be your successor,
the better: as you say.

You have yet thought of no one but
F. Verney. (or possibly Douglas Galton)

Shall I have a talk with *F. Verney*

or will you?

[end 12:138]

Hampshire, incomplete letter f582/15/2

II 2 April /78 [13:49-50]

St. Bartholomew's 2

I look upon it as almost a vital thing
for our work that we should fill the post,
- so unexpectedly volunteered by Sir S. Waterlow,
of *Matron*.

I cannot think that *Miss Spencer* would
ever do for such a post : but, if one could
ever be sure of anything, I should be sure that
she would reject it with terror. She has
no self-confidence & no power of resistance:
She would be an angel for a smaller Hospital
with a Staff of her (our) own women: she would do
Lincoln well.

I am almost glad that *Miss Williams* is
out of the 'running': She has such great qualities
but loses so much thro' 'impertinence'. Yet I think
she would do St. Bartholomew's best.

Miss Vincent ~~has much~~ is the person, I believe
~~be~~ She has far more strength than *Miss Spencer*
will ever have; & more dignity & reticence
than *Miss Williams*: but oh how I regret
her want of experience as *head*. You know she is
of a higher & more devoted tone of character than *Miss Williams*.

Miss Machin might do; better than
any one Sir S. Waterlow is likely to get -

{ *Miss Machin* as head with
 Miss Vincent as Assistant

for 2 or 3 years
might do very well.

But of course *Miss Machin* is right
that her (so called) failure at *Montreal*
will tell against her - except in war- Nursing

[*Miss Machin* & *Miss Williams* would not do together.]

II

I think I must let *Sir S. Waterlow* know,
& that soon whether I am thinking of his
commission to find him a *Matron*.

And I must see *Miss Vincent*: & that
before the 11th, (which is next Thursday.)

Have I your leave to talk it over with
her?

If she could have 6 months or a year
at *Lincoln* first? [A year is not possible
if she is to have *St. B.'s*]

I write to *Miss Vincent* to come to me on Wednesday 10th
Let me hear from you first.

[*Miss Hunter*: I cannot bear to let her slip
thro' our fingers. Do you know that,
tho' I quite believe *Miss Lees'* account of her,
she had, in some respects, more *character*
than any, except our very best?

I should like her to be in *Miss Vincent's* place
at *Marylebone*, or to be a *Sister* best.

(there is not one of them fit to hold a candle
to her, except *Miss Rye*, at *St. T.'s* now:)

& then see what could be made of her,
IF she will re-enter the Service.

To sum up: you will see that *abstractedly*
I think Miss Williams: best for St. Bartholomew's
" Vincent " Mary's
" Spencer Lincoln
" Hunter some small post
(Marylebone Road?)
but better a Sister

practically

Miss Vincent: *St. Bartholomew's*
(if possible, some
smaller post first)

" Spencer Lincoln

After thinking it well over, I feel I *could*
not propose Miss Spencer as fit for St.
Bartholomew's. I should never have thought
of her.

You see, if *Lincoln* is to be proposed "on or
soon after the 11th, (which I did not know
till your note) there is not a day to lose:

- I must have some communication with
Miss Vincent before Thursday:

What "Candidate of ours" ("better prepared")
do you expect to have "in 6 months" or a year
"for *St. Bartholomew's*"?

[end 13:50]

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[12:340-43]

re Notice to determine Agreement with St. Thomas'.}

III *Immediate*

Would you object to "ask to have 'it' referred to" yourself & Sir Harry: & not "to yourself & "Mr. Bowman"?

Sir Harry knows nothing of business. *Mr. Bowman* a great deal too much. Sir Harry would work with us, if insensed by us. Mr. Bowman against us, & I cannot undertake any part of him again. I saw him nearly every day at the time of the disruption of St. John's. He might have kept Miss Jones by common sense & temper: & he has landed King's Coll. in the worst female tyranny I know.

You will say that is 10 years ago: Yes, but if there is any difference since, it is for the worse.

[There are women who *will not serve* under us, because *Mr. Bowman* is on the Committee]

He is the last person I should consult in any matter of Organization for Nursing or Training.

I have talked formerly to *Sir Harry* about the "determining" of Agreement in October.

III 2.

"the basis to be a reduction" &c &c &c x x x x
"bargain should be in favour of Hospital" x x x:
"bargain to be *"decidedly "* in favour of Hospital",
"determinable upon 6 or 12 months' notice" x x x
agreed, agreed, agreed with the utmost heart
"bargain to be *"decidedly"* in favour of Hospital,"
because it *may* cut both ways: they may say
at any time, 'we had rather get rid of you than

"attend to your requirement" & we can
'afford to let you go'.

[Sir F. Hicks once did say this!! - he said we
saved him nothing in "Extra Nurses"!!!]

I need not say that if they put in a
Matron we do not like, we *must* go.

And *where* are we then?

III.3 [Please let me see this part of my letter again-]

I come now to what is, in my mind,
the most essential thing of *all the Training*:
which I will state briefly, - without
at all prejudging the question whether
anything *can* be done, except indirectly.

As long as our Probationers are put into
the Wards, 2 or even 3 in each Ward,
without any regard to the training they
will there receive,
& as long as the Sister of each Ward
knows that she shall have 2 or even
3 Probationers as Assistants, with no
regard whatever to what she does for
them, but only to what they do for her,
- so long we shall be at the mercy
of accident *as to what our Training* is.

There is *not one* real Training Sister in the *Surgical & Medical Hospital*/Wards now. There are *two half* ones. There are *two*, if not *three*, utterly bad Sisters. All the real Training now is given by Miss *Crossland*.

Of the above I have overwhelming evidence.
[You do not, of course, & cannot see the interior of things as I do.]
At Edinburgh Miss Pringle gives & withdraws Probationers according to ~~how~~ the way the Head Nurse's training power & character deserves to have them. This seems to me the only '*rationale*' of the thing.
[How, practically, we are to do it, I do not yet say.]

[N.B.

That woman, Warman, (Sister Leopold) has nearly cost Miss Wilson both her arm & her life. She is quarrelling with all the Doctors.
As to Sister Adelaide (Nurse Ann) the Probationers [Ann?] do *her* work. And much better it is they should, if she would only keep out of the Ward.]
Our last year's Nurses do not know what Ward Training is: the Standard is so utterly lowered: these who had the fag end, of Miss *Vincent*, *Miss Stains* & Miss Spencer speak almost with despair of their loss.
I have of course much more to say as to the modifications necessary in the *Training St. Thomas'* *must* give us, at any new start. (whether to be included in Agreement or not)
And also we must have some arrangement for a year's *training* for an *Assistant Superintendt*.

III 4.

Miss Crossland

You remember I told you that she told me she should "not stay beyond October",

- she has *not* mentioned it to Mrs. Wardroper, & she promised me earnestly that she would give *no* notice till she had talked it fully over with me.

If she goes, for any work of *real Training* we are 'functi officio.'

She gave as her reason that certain things which she specified prevented her from doing her duty by the Probationers & the Training School.

I would certainly "give her £25 a year ~~be fr~~ "more, raising to £100" as you say -

Mr. Croft says: the whole weight of the School rests upon her: & that she is breaking down, principally from late hours with Mrs. Wardroper.

& I have told you the above *as to the training* [Mrs. Wardroper first finds fault because I say that *Miss Crossland* does the training: & then says the *Sisters* have "*no time to (& can't) train,*" as an explanation]

You know Miss Crossland is gone to Ireland for a rest.

I am sure the £25 more can't make Miss Crossland more devoted: But could £20 or so more be given to Mrs. Wardroper? *too* - It would obviate jealousy on Mrs. Wardroper's part.

f582/15/4

4 {archivist: April 8th}

Reports: Mr. Croft: & Matron's: & Agenda Book accompanying

I have only 3 remarks:

1. why no notice of Miss Lees' work?
it looks like an omission when we have
had more Probationers for her than for
any one: & these are put down: it is true she
has kept but few.

I think in general you have enclosed
short reports from Miss Pringle, Miss Hill i.e.
to Matron:

I think you told me that *Mrs. Carroll* was
to have the gratuity: then they are to be considered
still our People.

Miss Lees; yes, I would certainly "ask the second
£100" ~~a year~~ for her:

if she goes in July, there is absolutely
no one to succeed her but *Miss Perssè*:
& she must not be unfaithful to Mr. Rathbone,
if she can help it: [Mr. Rathbone did, in
answer to my letter, insist upon the reforms mentioned]

Miss Lees is ill & going away for 3 weeks. She comes here to morrow Tuesday at 5.

F.N. April 8/78

2. I noticed, as you do: no account of
change of Visiting hours: a very serious
change to us.

And must we not remodel our "Probationers'
"Time-Table" (printed)? *It does not do to send that about
as it is.*

You know that already Miss Crossland only
gives one class a week to Senior & Junior Probrs each Over

3. I see *Milne* on our Edinburgh List
Was that furnished by Miss Pringle? {in another hand Yes}

Miss Pringle furnished me with a List of
our (Edinburgh) people - for me to give them
books, (which I have done): & *Milne*
was not on it.

4. There are some slight errors in Mr. Croft's Report,
calling Nurse _____ MISS _____ & so on.

£582/15/5

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Lectures [Please let me see this sheet again]

I have no objection, I am sure, to "Dr.
"Bristowe having a £25," if he likes it.

But I meant to give you at length the
result of my very close enquiry into the
Lecturing as Training. (Dr. Bristowe's

(& others

The first lecture (Protoplasms) was absurd
for us: (Dr. Bristowe's)

The second (Contagions) was mischievous

The other four not very à propos.

He did not *correct* the notes: but sent a foolish
~~absurd~~ eulogistic note to Matron.

But here is a remark I want to make

- I have been quite appalled to see who
succeeds best in the marks & *examinations*:

& I think these most indicative &
characteristic of the value of the Lectures.

[I am writing at 6 in the morning: &
I cannot get up to look for my notes:
but I had all the papers &c to examine.]

The person or persons *who succeed best*
are the *utterly* surface women: the women
who are '*nowhere*' in the *Nursing*:
the women who are all talk:
such as Miss Jarvis Shaw:

(I know her:)

& Miss Boole: I do not know her but hear that she is a poor *Nurse* & ill-behaved
Over

If you know the people
 & the Lectures
who succeeds best is either a good Criterion
 not of the value of the *people*
 (except in inverse ratio)
 but of the value of the *Lectures* -
or, ~~it~~ is no indication at all of the value of the *Nursing* powers.
Dr. Bernays' Lectures are infinitely
 better than Dr. Bristowe's: but even here
small indication is given by who succeeds best in the *marks* of who succeeds best
 as a Nurse.

Mr. Croft's CLINICAL Lectures are
 excellent: & should be multiplied.
 Certainly one every week
 (as at Edinburgh) ~~th~~

The more so now because of the wretchedly low ebb of
~~wretched~~/Training sisters:

[I think I told you what Mr. Croft said to me:
 about these Sisters.] His *Clinical* Lectures are real *Training*:
I earnestly hope you are better.
 yrs ever
 F.N.

You know that Miss Lees is ill: Ap 8
& goes away on Wednesday for 3 weeks.
She comes here on Tuesday (I suppose "to resign"?)
at 5.

6 a.m.

[end 12:343]

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M72/F582/16, 3 ff, pen & pencil

Rules for Probationers } 35 S. St.
against poisoning fingers.} 19/7/78

[12:348-49]

My dear Harry B. C.

- 1.a. After a great deal of to-ing & fro-ing
between Mr. Croft & me, we have at last
agreed upon the *enclosed* Rules, which
if you approve *please* have put in type
& send me 2 proofs to Lea Hurst

Cromford

Derby

(with the M.S. enclosed) as soon as possible
There has been too much delay.

[I send *to-day* to St. Thomas' 36
soap tins & 36 bars Carbollic Soap
(with some Permanganate of Potash)
for Probationers.

And Mr. Croft promises to see
about *Fontaines* of 1 to 80 Carbollic
Solutions being fitted up *for* Probationers.

At present they have *no* Soap, *no*
Towel, *no* Condyl, *no nothing* provided for
them.]

I have much more to tell you, but at present
I can only say that I do not think it is
far from the truth that "St. Thomas' is
the nastiest place known."

- 1.b. When I press Printed Rules for Sisters,
& you *pooh pooh* them, it must not be

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forgotten that it is for the MATRON
they are wanted, rather than for the
Sisters; that she has never been
a Sister: - & that the person who
knows LEAST in the building probably
about Ward duties is: the Matron.

Her inspection in these, even if she gave
it, would be useless: but she *could*
see that *Printed Rules* which
she believed her own were adhered to.

2. It is true that forceps, scissors,
dissectors, &c have to be PAID FOR
not only by Probrs, Special & other,
but by every Nurse & Sister throughout
the building.

The consequence is of course that Nurses &
Nurse Probationers are generally, if
not *always*, without them; & borrowing
other people's: or scratching off every dressing
with their *fingers*: which is the most common.

I have *promised* Mrs. Wardroper
that, as we make '*forceps*' obligatory in
these Rules, you will authorize a store
of forceps, scissors, dissectors &c to be obtained at the ~~Dispensary~~/Surgery, & to
be placed at her disposal to distribute
to Probrs: as she thinks fit.
I would gladly pay for this.

3. She would be *thankful if you*
would put at her disposal £10, £15
or £20 a year for necessary petty
furnitures or repairs to furniture
(in/or such things as zinc pails, coarse rubbers &c &c &c &c)
for 'Home'.

I would gladly pay for this.

4. I have a long letter to write to you
about Mrs. Wardroper's & my conversation
on Monday 15th over what you & I wrote
& said on Sunday 14th

At present I can only say: *please,*
next time you see her, say to her
what you said to me about your
giving her, qy? £50 a year more:
& Hospital giving to her office assistance
For the first time she said to me she
wanted a *Secretary*.

She was very good, poor woman,
on the whole:

[end 12:349]

yrs ever
F. Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter, f582/17, 4 ff, pen [8:382-84]

York Road

Lying in Hospital

{printed address:} 10, South Street,

Park Lane. W.

28/1/79

My dear Hy Bonham Carter

We ought to have nothing
to do with that Lying in Hospl.

I have thought the matter
over scores of times since I
saw the plans: & have never
thought differently.

[I tried to say this as
definitely as I could when
we met by appointment (in
the last week of December?)
more than a month ago.

And if I did not explain
my conviction *as strongly*
as I ought, it was because
I understood that I should
be informed of the result of

your sending in to the
Chairman Capt. Galton's
[illeg] Report, which you
then proposed doing:

Since then as you know, I
have heard nothing. And,
hearing nothing, I concluded
the matter was at an end.

What you tell me in your
yesterday's note, & on the
previous day, is, as you are
aware, *news to me.*]

As we agreed, the question
is not : - what is the best
that can be made of 'York
Road' building? but ~~is it~~/ whether
the *improved* 'York Road' answers to what, -
~~a place where~~ with our
considered convictions, acquired
at such cost of life - - & of
labour & experience in
collecting information, - we

could conscientiously ~~form~~/think the
only fit building for us to undertake Lying in cases in
& a Training School for

Midwifery Nurses -

I understood Capt. Galton
that he thought: *decidedly*
not.

I wrote to Miss Spencer before

I had seen the plans: - - -

having seen the plans, I
should write to any lady
to deter her from accepting
who asked my advice.

After a most laborious
enquiry, I gave, (in my "Notes")
the minimum of acreage a
Lying-in Hospl should have
- York Road has no acre age
at all, has no "open air site". So far
from "standing in its own grounds," it is unusually hemmed
in. I gave as a rule that a
Lying-in Hospital should
have two stories at the utmost

- & the rooms of the pupils shd not be over the Patients.

On a good airy site, & with a good construction, it is possible that a third story for Staff might be added without inconvenience. At York Road without any open site at all it would be fraught with danger.

An 'isolated' room ~~for~~ outside in the grounds for Fever Small Pox or Erysipelas is a *sine qua non*. ~~Th~~ At York Road there is no space or place, inside or out, where you could have anything like real 'isolation' for Puerperal Fever or anything else.

I mention these few things: but I could mention many more. The place, the

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site, the building are each hopelessly
bad, - hopelessly unfitted
for ~~a~~ Lying in Patients.

[Q. Charlotte's is *sanitary*
in comparison to 'York Road'].

I can only say - have ye
nothing to do with that
'unjust' place.

I would not.

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I am always glad to see Capt.

Galton as you propose. But this week
it is, I am sorry to say,
impossible - x almost impossible
for the next fortnight: that

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x I am more & more subject to attacks
of entire prostration - the result of
never having had one day's rest ~~of~~ for
5 years. I have a slight attack of Erysipelas

I have been obliged to put off appointments
on urgent business: one, a man who returns
to India next week - I am overworked
& shall be till the meeting of Parlt with Indian

is to say nothing is impossible
if it is a matter of life or death.

But I do not see w/that it is

- Capt. Galton expressed his
opinion very plainly.

- Unless he has altered that
opinion (when perhaps
he will be so good as to
write me one word) I cannot
think differently from what
I did when I saw the plans
& read ~~the~~/his Report.

[I *could* have seen him
before this: but now I am almost
unable.]

3. You may lay all the blame
upon me, if there is a
scape-goat wanted: & say
to the Committee that I
was so impressed with the
loss of life in our own experience

& in the most laborious investigation which I undertook in consequence, ~~with~~/including a correspondence with most of the Lying in Hospitals & Workhouse Infirmaries in England & the Continent that I could not recommend a Lying in Hospital at all except under certain conditions which York Road can never be made to fulfil -

At the same time, (& without in the least entering on the merits), the resignation & non election of the Medl Officers forms another argument for you to withdraw. You would never enter on a scheme of *this* kind without knowing your Medical Officers.

To enter more fully on this subject would be to re-write my book.

I ~~will~~ return yr Draft
Copy:

ever yrs sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Hy Bonham Carter Esq

Hampshire, signed letter, f582/18, 2 ff, pencil

10 South St April 2/89
British Nurses' Assocn

[12:524-25]

My dear Harry

I have read all the letters
(Miss Lückes, Stains, Vincent &c &c)
which you were so good as to
leave with me; & fully concur
in them & with what you say -

Miss Pyne writes me the
enclosed - I am very much
afraid of Miss Pyne - She is so
impulsive - & in spite of all
I ~~can~~/shall say, she will tell the
other Matrons that she now
has my "guidance" -

I think if I see her I ought

to see *Miss Lückes* first.

& ought to write asking Miss
Lückes if she can come this week,
Thursday, Friday or Saturday,
(tho' this week is already fuller than
I can well do -) & then see
Miss Pyne -

Can you suggest? & would you
say what ~~answer~~/caution I should give *Miss Pyne*?
& have I anything to say to *Miss*
Lückes, (after hearing what she
has to say,) but to recommend
what you say:

1. the enlargement of your Pamphlet
from the side of the Nurses
for free distribution.

2. the awaiting the appearance
of the R. Charter - & then your
calling ~~y~~ a Meeting in opposition

Could you kindly give me
a few of your valuable
headings to preach to
these ladies, as you did for
Miss Wood?

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Miss Machin (Mrs. Redpath) in

S. Africa and

Miss Loch & all her Nurses in

India have joined the Brit. Nurses

[end 12:525]

Hampshire, signed letter, 94M72 f582/19, 2 ff, pencil

10 South St PRIVATE April 11/89

MISS LUCKES & B.N.A.

My dear Harry

I am very glad you are
going to refresh at Woodside.

I have been so hindered by
dark mornings & other things
that I have not yet been able
to write out my notes of Miss Lückes.

But I am anxious to
catch you before you go -
I therefore send a little
preliminary stuff -
embodying Miss Lückes' promise.

If you will return ~~it~~/all to me,
I will fill it up - For I have
more (illegible) notes -

I have no copy of anything I
now send.

You ordered me to like Miss
Lückes -

So I do -
you know she is not attractive -
And I had heard a good deal
about her flattering ways - &c -

But as we went on & had
a great deal of conversation
about her own Hospl &
her methods, she seemed a
woman of enormous energy,
great good sense, & *great*
devotion to the cause - but
consciously overpowered by
the immense organisation she
wields. [They have 90 Probrs

always going -

150 Probrs on the books -

- Private Nurses &c &c

She says she hardly knows
some of the Probrs by sight -
And I very much doubt whether
there is another woman/matron who
could do all she does.

She has sent me since a
great many papers of her
Training-school. Some we
should disapprove -
I must say she impressed me very
much -

I return you all our papers -

Miss Vincent's, Miss Stains' are
particularly valuable -

[I am to see Miss Pyne at Easter.]

I should like to see them, the papers,
all again, please -

in haste

ever yours

F. Nightingale *P.T.O.*

I wish I had another copy
for myself of this truly
abominable little pamphlet.

Is your address

Woodside

Hayes Common

Beckenham

Kent

Age makes me stupider.

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I think - this is by the way - Miss Lückes
undervalues St. Bartholomew's influence
By the money test, St. B.'s & St. Thomas'
are the only ones (not the London) from
which the Nurses - in Private Institutions
- command 2 guineas a week instead of one

Hampshire, initialed letter, ff582/20, 4 ff, pen, black-edged paper

To-day at St. Thomas'

July 27/92

My dear Harry

You are so good as to **[12:446]**
say that you will talk
matters over with Miss
Gordon to-day.

There is, as you say,

1. Miss "Ripon" - & her
year's training (for Missionary
work) at St. Thomas' - **[end 12:446]**
2. Through Miss Maude Stanley **[13:179-80]**
- proposal made * that the
large Genl Hospls of London
should send their Probationers
for 3 mo: training in Scarlet,
Enteric Fever & Diphtheria
at Homerton, where is now

* which I was to answer & advise upon

(Miss Vincent's) Miss Mackenzie
with Matron's powers &
duties, housekeeper under
her, - an excellent Medical
Supt from Guy's, - all
sorts of improvements in
accommodation, table &c &c
- Nursing under direct
supervision of trained Matron -

They say that *Medical*
students are now sent from
London Hospls. Why should not Nurses? But the
cases are not parallel. The
medical students are sent
from e.g. Bartholomew's
two or three times a week
& cases are shown to them.

The Nurses would have to
reside. We can't send Nurses.
They must volunteer.

I have talked the matter
over with Miss Lückes &
Miss Gordon - Miss Lückes
objects entirely - & says they
have quite enough Enteric
& Diphtheria in the "London"
for experience:

It is a matter of great
concern if, as Miss Gordon
says, the St. Thomas' Doctors
send all Enterics now to the
Metropolitan Asylums. Enterics
are much better off in the
General Wards of St. T.'s -
And the wildest Doctor who

makes Medicine now consist
of Infection

Antiseptics &
Microbes

does not consider Enteric
"infectious". Also: they are
excellent practice -
Diphtheria we have - No. 8
Block

But I will ask you to talk
the plan of Miss Stanley
over with Miss Gordon.

[I did talk it over with Miss
Crossland who is entirely
against it, till *after* the Nurse
has done with *us* -

Indeed It would seem as if
such training were more needed
for those who are to be PRIVATE
Nurses.

Our "Extra Nurses" are SENT into
No 8 Block. They do not volunteer.

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Homerton

3. Miss Stanley also asked for Charge Nurses from us. Their position, wages &c are greatly improved. I have the data.

Miss Gordon spoke to me about Miss Baines, Asst Night Supt, whom, as you know, she wants to get rid of.

Would Miss Baines go to Homerton? She is conscientious & good. [Miss Stanley has repeatedly asked me to see Miss Mackenzie - But I really have not been able.]

[end 13:180]

4. Would you talk over "Register" with Miss Gordon?

~~Mos~~

Miss Gordon was here for several hours last night

Of that anon -

not referring to Miss

Gordon,

4.a. *Sir W. Bowman's & Mr. Power*

[12:446]

Thank you for the documents.

But they contain such extraordinary statements of success, that they only let one into a mine of darkness.

Their success being what we consider total failure, *EXCEPT* during Miss Jones' too short reign, who was

excellent as a Nurse, an
administrator, a teacher -
And their praise of Bishop
Blomfield !!! It takes
one back to the dark Ages -
I have done nothing for
Mr. Power; I don't know
what to do. All my
recollections are exactly the
reverse of their documents.

What am I to do?

5. I think, if you could kindly
make time to see me
before you go to Woodside,
it would be as well -
I will keep myself open
There are many things to talk about
ever yours

[end 12:446]

F.N.

6. You say we & the B.N.A.(R. Charter)

are put off by the "President
"of the Council" till after
the Long Vacation -
Does the "President of
the Council" change with
Ministers?

F.N.

7. You spoke of my
seeing Mr. Finlay; & Treasurer.

8.
{upside down and stroked out}

~~London May 26/92~~

~~To the Secretaries~~

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/21, 2 ff, pen

[13:826]

Miss Mansel -2- Private 30/7/92

2 I saw her yesterday - She is full of information, tho' always so emotional [I was very glad to read her reports which you sent me before seeing her] She told me exactly what I wanted to know about Monthly Nursing (or no Monthly Nursing.)

Do you know that Miss R. Paget set up that Miss Webster who is now a certificated Midwife as teacher of Monthly Nursing to Q.V.I. Nurses? [R. Avenue, Chelsea,

I think she lives

[end]

P. Turn over

3 It is rather melancholy, is it not? that after 35 years of work, the ~~Hos~~ 4 great Hospitals of London should only have such 4 Matrons as they have. Miss Lückes is the best. But she has no discipline compared with Miss Crossland's

[13:56]

4 I saw young Dr. Ord yesterday. [He comes every day to galvanize me.] He told me exactly what you did about Baltimore Hospls - told me of another St. Thomas' Nurse, Venables, who is Matron of another Hospl at Baltimore. He says there is no Nursing worth having in the

States but what ~~is~~/an Englishwoman is at the
head of it. &c &c &c -
He is going to marry Dr. Billings' daughter -
told me what Dr. Billing's position is -

MOST PRIVATE

5. I am sure that you must stick tight to
your House Committee being an established
thing - Treasurer getting too arbitrary - I feel
it ~~to~~ in our Nursing - And he is trying to
make the Resident Doctors against their own judgment
send the Typhoids (Enterics) to the Metropolitan
Asylums. This is wrong in every sense - But he
will succeed. Ignorance always succeeds. F.N.

[end]

Hampshire, initialed letter, ff582/22, 4 ff, pen

10 South St Aug 8/92

Sir D. Duckworth

Objections to R. Charter

My dear Harry

Thanks for your Telegram
& for sending me Mr. Rathbone's
note which I return -

I read the note somewhat
differently from you -
top of p 2. ~~2nd line after~~/before
"Hospital" -

Is not what you read "in"

an - meant to be *and*,
because I think that "Hospital
classes" make the Nurse,
but "3 years'"training" *and Hospital* classes and
"Examns"

Dr. Moore called here
last evening (wishing kindly to
tell me about Shore, whose
Doctor he now is)

Naturally he was eager
to talk about the R. Charter
& the B.N.A.

And I had better ~~put~~/abridge a
long conversation under
headings:

Objections to R. Charter

1. Danger of making the Registered
Nurses an inferior class of
Medical Practitioners (felt
by many Doctors, he says.
2. Impossibility of defining
what a competent Nurse is
3. Absolute impossibility of
getting an incompetent Nurse *off* the
Register - And (3a) of

finding any Matron or
Medical man who would
move in doing it.
Flagrant case, just happened at St.
Bartw's, a B.N.A. Nurse
~~had to be~~/(for taking morphia) dismissed from
Hospl, not from Register -
Matron would do nothing -

A Doctor would say: "I
did not make the Register -
I detest it. What obligation
is there upon me to get
myself into trouble to get
~~her~~/an erring Nurse off the Register?" Only a
conviction in a Court of Law would do it.

4. *Question. Do they mean
to declare an unregistered
Nurse unfit to practise
Nursing?*

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5. *So far from the Register being a protection to Medical men,* a Registered Nurse might defy a Medical man who thought her incompetent.

But no number of certificates would ever convince a Physician or Surgeon that a Nurse was competent whom he found not so.

6. *No Hospital could bear the expence of having none but Nurses of 3 years' training.* Yet, otherwise, a cry would be raised that we leave the poor to

the nursing by a majority of untrained
Nurses. At St. T.'s the Probationers
are in a minority. At the "London" &c &c
in a considerable majority.

Define what you mean
by one year's training
two " "
three " "

Miss Lückes says she "means" Probrs for two
years because otherwise they would go away
after one year.

7. Great distinction between
Doctors & Nurses -

It is true that ~~Doctor~~
students are publicly
examined for Doctors -
But this does not now
determine the man's place
so much as his certificates
as Dresser or Clinical Clerk,
as House Surgeon or Ho. Physician
&c &c -
St. Bartholomew's itself would

not give or refuse a Nurse a
place as Sister according
to her examn.

The educated governess, *not*
the competent Nurse will
be at the *head* of an
Examn

Lectures & Examns are not
to *make* a Nurse but to
interest a Nurse.

8. Great expence of
public Examns.

I think this is worth
sending you, because it
shows ~~you~~ what many Doctors
feel - & some even at St.
Bartw's. But I think I should
like to see it again.

I will answer your
Saturday's letter directly
ever yours
F.N.

Hampshire, unsigned letter, ff582/24, 3ff, pen & pencil

New Scheme: St. Thomas' -

5 Probationers: Victoria Ward

PRIVATE Claydon: Oct 9/92 [12:447-48]

My dear Harry

I entirely agree with what
you say to Treasurer - strengthened
too by female considerations.

To put in

5 Probationers = 5 Nurse-maids

is much the same as

5 Nurses = 5 House maids.

Our proposal (my eager wish)
was, as you say, 2 Probationers
which I think might well be
increased to THREE, provided
one were capable of - if required -
undertaking *Night* duty
under the Staff Night Nurse
[no new necessity.† But
none but those who have
done night duty themselves
are aware of its stringency.]

Three Probationers are the

outside of what ~~a~~ even the best Victoria Sister & Staff Nurse could properly instruct - or of what the little Patients could ~~properly~~ supply Nursing=proper for.

As it is now, the want of these is *crying*, in two senses. The Staff Nurse goes to the door with one Physician or Surgeon (we must remember that the whole Medical & Surgical Staff, may be employed there - not the case in any other Ward) receiving his instructions - the Sister may be equally properly employed, or she may be off duty - and 7 or 8 wretched babies may be left piteously 'crying'.
[It is said that the number

of Patients under two or
~~indeed~~ under one year is greatly
increased - harelips operations
on quite infants, &c. these & others require
hand feeding - not bottles) &c &c

On the other hand, you know
we once had a complaint when
we had a long ago Probr there that she
had nothing to do but emptying
bed-pans - & the like - a thing
which is important but not
all - It was I believe, a just
complaint.

The difficulty is immensely
increased by our present Sister
Victoria (Miss Elkington from
Miss Perssè) which again is a
Nemesis upon us for not
having Lady Probationers in the Ward

S. Victoria (whom I know) is
devoted to the little Patients - cares
~~bed pan~~
~~difficulty Nemesis~~
~~present Probrs~~

not how hard she works -
most conscientious -
- *either will not or cannot*
instruct - extremely desirous
of Matron's help - but, just
as might be expected, thinks
her whole duty lies with the
Patient - cannot remember old
cases - does not know what
Night Supt. does - &c &c &c
just like a District Nurse -

[A great deal of this I
derive from herself]

The first (one) Probr we sent this
year was a failure. The Sister
did not know how to teach
~~her~~ - did not try - & she did
not know how to learn - the
next Probr was a very nice woman,
and I hope did ~~well~~ better

It remains that there is, I
believe, room for 3 Probationers
in Victoria Ward - but not
room in the *Sister's mind* for
their good instruction. [This is also

the fault of one & more of our new Sisters

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(2) I entirely follow suit
as to the undesirableness
of Probationers sleeping in the
former Nurse Maids' Quarters -
Miss Crossland has greatly
objected to Probrs being taken
from the Nurse maids, on
account of their indiscipline.

Tho' we do not regret the
new Dormitory arrangements,
they certainly have increased
gossip.

Both the gossip & indiscipline
of Wardmaids' Quarters would
heavily handicap our N. Home

I omitted to add that, if any
thing, Probationers in Victoria
actually want more, instead
of less instruction than in other
Wards - Nice-minded Patients
~~more instruction~~
~~required by Probrs~~
~~about babies~~

I feel that I have only
backed up what you have
said much better - I from
the woman's side -
I don't think you ought to
put Probationer Nurses
to do Nurse-maids' work
any more than you would
put a Probr to take a
Ward-maid's place as part
of her Probation -

The question is a much
larger one than the
expenche of "washing" -

Could there be *two*
Nurse-maids - "putting out"
"their washing" as the Nurses'
washing? + 3 Probationers?

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/25, 6ff, pen

16/10/92

New Scheme: St. Thomas'

[12:448-49]

Victoria (Nursemaids) 5 Probrs

It is proposed to put

4 Probationers Day

1 " (or rather *Extra Nurse*) Night

There is a Ward-maid to the Ward

It is proposed that

the 4 *Day Probationers*

shall be Probrs in their

latter months - steady -

carefully selected

[They will change about

every 2 months, not all together,

it is said]

Accommodation

It is proposed that

the 4 Probationers shall

sleep in No 4 Block

[?Victoria is in No 4 Block]

Dormitory - which is occupied

accommodation continued

by *Staff Nurses*, as I understand
- that they should have the two
large rooms opposite each other.
that two should be in each room
separated by screens -
The rooms cannot be separated
by compartments - because each
room has only one door & one
window.

[These two rooms were those
occupied by the 5 *Nurse-maids*
But the *Probrs*, as above said
are supposed to be *Probrs*
several months old: selected
for steadiness - to be there
at most only 2 months -
- no new *Probrs* to be employed -
Miss Gordon will impress
upon them that they are to
have no association with the
Staff Nurses in the Dormitory.
- never to go into the *Dormitory*
Sitting-room - but to be (except
or sleeping) entirely under Miss Crossland.

Accommodation continued

[F.N. does not quite see how this can be. I suppose they must go up into their Dormitory to dress at say 10 a.m.]

1. NIGHT "Extra Nurse" - Victoria - a junior
(not a Probr at all)

will sleep in *Extra Nurses'*
Dormitory -

[For sometime the arrangement
in Adelaide has been -

because we could
not give *two* Probationers -
that one (junior) "Extra" is
put on, besides the one
Probr; and this Extra Nurse
always slept in the "Extra
"Nurses'" Dormitory.

It was a good arrangement
for giving (young) "Extra"s
Obstetric experience-]

And, with regard to *Victoria*

Night "Extra", any thing
that ensures Night Service
as Assistant to STAFF Night Nurse,
- which will be a sort of
conclusion to year's Probation
- is good]

MEALS: TIME TABLE

It is true that there will
be some little difficulty here.
The 4 Day Probationers cannot
be all "off duty" at once at
the N. Home dinner - But
this will be got over by one
Probr (not the same always dining at
Miss Gordon's Nurses' Table -
sending in word, of course to
Miss Crossland who is *not* coming.

WORK These (4 Day) Probrs
will have nothing to do

{printed address upside down:} Claydon House
Steeple Claydon, Bucks. Bucks.

that is not Telegraph

-2- 16/10/92 [12:448]

Victoria Nurse Maids (5 Probationers
continued or rather 4

will have nothing to do
that is not Nursing proper
- feeding & washing babies
is - Nursing proper.

[N.B. The want of knowledge
in these necessities in even
good Midwives & even good
District Nurses could hardly
be greater if no baby
had ever been born into the
world - It seriously affects
the National health, as
Dr. Farr used to say.]

The Nurse- maids did do
dressings - but were *not*
taught, except by the
Students. The Nurse-maids
did go round ~~with~~/attending the

Doctors & Students - like Probationers
(And afterwards gave
themselves out as "trained
"at St. Thomas')

Instruction: Yes: Miss
Elkington (Sister Victoria)
will give instruction
and there is a very
good Staff Nurse there
now.

There are two Probationers
in Victoria now -
ever yours F. N.

[For further remarks, see
p. 3]

-3- 16/10/92

Strictly Private

Victoria (Nurse Maids) 5/4 Probrs

I think this is the best
bargain, while not overlooking
the want of proper instruction
& uncertainty of moral
discipline - that could be
made - seeing that they
are not to be *raw*
Probationers -

Our side is of course this:
The indiscipline in Victoria
is notorious - the light
behaviour of the Nurse maids -
with the Doctors & the Students
- nothing less can be said
of the Nurse x who had been
there for some years - and
is now gone (married)
x Roden

we could not have had
Probrs under her is admitted
by Matron -
[the want of power or indeed
[of intention of Sister Victoria
[to teach or to govern
[It is said *she now intends*
to teach -
the Nurse-maids without any
training doing dressings
& attending Doctors
Some months ago one of the
full Doctors x said to Matron
"We cannot go on with that
Sister". [Please remember
Miss Elkington is an admirable
woman & devoted Nurse]
"What are we to do?" said Matron.
"I can't discharge S. Victoria. We
x Clutton

"must put in a good Nurse."

And in April *Nurse Ward*
who has been in Children's
Hospitals since she was 16 &
is now only 38 but quite
worn out was put in.
She tells Matron she can't
stay - & next month Miss Gordon
is going to look out another
& place her under Nurse Ward till
Xmas to learn to do the Staff
work. Nurse Ward has been excellent.

Miss Gordon says that Sister
is "much interested" in the
Proposals & anxious to make it a
success.

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Nurse Ward wants to go into
District Nursing.

Miss Gordon has evidently taken
the greatest pains about the
arrangements (*Material*) for the
new scheme in Victoria

She *has consulted* Miss Crossland who, she says, approves. [This is very different from her former tone about Miss Crossland.]

If you ask me who told me all this? it was Miss Gordon herself - but some of it had been told me before by Miss Elkington herself.

We had Miss Gordon here for a whole day.

It ~~was~~/is my duty to tell you the "All round", is it not?

I should like to see *ALL this* again, please, if not too much trouble.

F.N.

Hampshire, unsigned letter, f582/26, 2 ff, pen [12:450]

Claydon Ho: Nov 1/92

Scheme for Victoria Ward

My dear Harry

Thank you very much for your letter, received this morning, of Oct 30.

Yes: I think the best bargain that we could make was as I gave it in my letter of the 16th

Miss Gordon told me that she had discussed every point with Miss Crossland - & that Miss C. agreed & thought it all feasible -

In note sheet 3, (I think of my letter,) marked *Private* I gave what I considered

the arguments against it,

but only between you &
me - and I don't see
how I/we could or
ought to use them
viz. principally the
character of S. Victoria

I think that saying she
will now instruct
Probationers well is
very like saying that,
having found a lady
who plays very well
on the organ, we will
employ her to instruct
a class on the harp.

For the *Hospital* it is
undoubtedly a great gain
to have 5 advanced Probrs
or as you say 4 advanced

Probrs & ~~an~~ junior extra Nurse
instead of 5 Nurse maids
in that Ward.

Yes: Miss Gordon
undoubtedly ~~said~~ meant
the Night Nurse (Assistant)
to be an Extra Nurse
i.e. a Probr who has
completed her *year's*
training [Miss Gordon
not seldom puts on an
Extra Nurse in this way
to do Probationer's work.
And as in my view
this is a very good thing
I did not discuss this
point with her in the
Treasurer's view.]

I hope Miss Crossland
does approve all these
arrangements about
Probationers as the
best that can be made
under the circumstances

-*really* approves, I
mean - [Miss Gordon
was quite respectful
towards her in tone.]

[end 12:450]

I return Treasurer's
letter with thanks -
I ought to have done
so before - but I have
been expecting to return
every day. I also
return the copy of your
own letter to him, which
I should like to have kept,
but thought you might not have
another.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/27, 3 ff, pen

"Nursing Directory" Jan 7/93 [12:551-52]
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

What *is* the "Nursing
"Directory"? It is not Mr.
Burdett's, is it? Or is it
the R.B.N.A.?

I presume you have had a
copy - And has a copy been
sent to St. Thomas' to answer?
Mine comes to me from Miss
Lückes -

I should have thought the
"slip" at the top 'given in this
"publication" would be liable
for prosecution for libel.

And I should think 100
years in Dante's Inferno a
small punishment for the
animus of it.

And the sort of threat
which compels us sinners
to answer or be expelled
from heaven.

However, as you know, all
this appears to me nothing
compared to the confusion
as to what 1, 2, 3 years'
training means.

I saw Dr. Bedford Fenwick
- & he did not know.

I saw Dr. Moore of St. Bart's
- & he did not know.

I don't believe our Treasurer
knows

I told you what our Matron
said.

O the "Power of Words"! O
the Power of Words! O that
we had some great Enchanter
now like Dickens or Cervantes
or Pope to substitute meaning
for words.

The main thing/meaning that I have
been able to extract is:

that Probationer 2nd year =

= Staff Nurse

but is to be paid as Probr.

& Probationers 1st year is to be paid
lower still or not at all

& that those who give like Miss Pyne's
certificates give them at
the end of the 2nd year 6 months
in a Surgical & 6 in a Medical
Ward.

But she has nothing

at all to correspond with
the regular steady system
of moral training & technical
classes under Miss Crossland.

What our Matron calls

2 years' training I have
written to you already

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With regard to the other attack

-slip at top - Probrs sent
out ~~to~~ as Private Nurses,

Miss Pyne, as I wrote to
you in a little statement,
declares as I think justly
one year's training quite
enough - & from one to two
years are the outside for a
Private Nurse.

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III. I ~~will~~ also send ~~to mull on~~ a small
printed paper - also sent
me by Miss Lückes -
Miss Glover might give
us the same cuff in the face
It seems as if all getting
rid of unsuitable Probrs
Or Nurses will become
impossible unless they
have murdered somebody.

Truly this is a curious
crisis.

Will you kindly return me
the two printed papers
for Miss Lückes in course
of time? I want very
much to know your
views on these subjects
ever yours
F.N.

[end 12:552]

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/29, 2 ff, pen & pencil

R. Charter

R.B.N.A. May 26/93

[12:555]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

I am "coming" the troublesome
again -

In spite of failing eyes,
I read the "Times" leading Article
yesterday - & also to-day
? Troutbeck's pithy little
enquiry from Western Training School.

Could the D. of Westminster,
always favourable, write a
letter to the "Times", prompted
by you & Mr. Rathbone?

Also; would Dr.? Wace, of
King's C.H. ? x

And St. Thomas' by you &
the Treasurer?

Perhaps the "London" is
re-habilitated enough to
do the same -

x You know Sir. H. Davey has a
daughter in training at King's:

At all events the "Times" *must*
put in the D. of Westminster
if he writes.

And should Mr. Rathbone
ask a question in the Ho:
of C.?

Our object being now only
to show that the "opposition"
are respectable people
with "public ground" &
a sense of "public" duty -
I think we are fallen very low for
the "Times" - (to use its own language
this morning about another thing)
to give its "petulant & ignorant
"criticisms" "upon a system of"
training "of which it understands

"nothing, save that it does not
"allow" a Princess "to do as
"she pleases. There could be
"no more striking evidence
"that they are utterly unfit
"to take over the direction
"of" (Training) "affairs & quite
"incompetent to grasp the
"conditions of" good Nursing
"by which they benefit"

[end 12:555]

ever yours
F.N.

Hampshire, signed letter, f582/30, 4 ff, pen & pencil

Pss Xtian's

speech May 27/93

{printed address:} 10, South Street, [12:555-56]
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

I had not read the speech
of the President of the R.B.N.A.
in the "Times" of the 25th
when I wrote to you, because
of the small print.

But others than ourselves
feel that it is impossible
on "grounds of public duty"
to leave it unanswered.

It has been pointed out
to me that her own words
convict her of knowing nothing
of the subject

that she exults in ~~upwards~~
~~of~~/nearly 2000 Nurses "having
enrolled themselves "voluntarily" (for
10/6 each) "on the Register."

that, had she said: we
have carefully looked into

the precedents of every one
of these Nurses, & we are
unable at present to place
more than 100 Nurses who
can be authoritatively placed/certified
on a Register of this importance
as morally & technically
trustworthy. †Then we
could have placed some
confidence in ~~her~~/it
that she speaks of "certificates [see odd]
"doubtfully secured". Here
people hold up their hands
& ask: what else are
her "certificates"? of Hospital
"testimonials of which they have subsequently
"proved themselves unworthy" This is *her* danger.
She says that they have "power
"to remove names" - HOW?
This is more easily said than done.
& for 2000 Nurses.

What does she mean by
a "term of training for 3 years",
She knows not what she
~~says~~ means.

To this might be added
that it is strange when a
"Queen's daughter", with a
Queen's Charter in her
hand, makes a speech
she can find nobody but
St. Bartholomew's people to
support her - (& one of them
that wretched *Miss Stewart*) x
except Sir Jos. Fayrer whose
knowledge of Nurses is
conspicuous by its absence.
~~x Do you see that they have put~~ her in as of
St. *Thomas'* Hospl? This at all events must be corrected.

& Sir R. Quain who does
not believe in them -
But what is of more consequence
her discovery of "co-operative
"offices" as a panacea is
directly opposed to all
experience in favour of
"homes"

Then "a system which has
"worked well in other
"professions" - those words are
more clap-trap without a
reality. are they not?

It goes without saying
that whatever is done in
answering this unfortunate
speech must be done most
gingerly & loyally. But surely

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we cannot leave the Public
to swallow this all in
unanswered.

Otherwise we shall have
answers from the low
Radical people which
will do us as much harm
as the ignorance of the
high Royal people -

A letter in the "Times"
most courteously worded
from the D. of Westminster
would seem the best.

One is really sorry that
for ~~her~~/this good natured hysterical
Princess to have been
drawn into this "Registration
"Muddle " - which seems to
have been from a laudable
desire to find her something to
do -

Perhaps I must trouble you to
let me see this letter again,
as my eyes are so bad for
reading the small print of
Pss Xtian's speech.

[end 12:557]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/31, 2 ff, pen

St. Thomas' Meeting

June 24/93

[12:560]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

"They have the Charter"

My dear Harry : This is
the motto of every body,
except such reflective people
as Miss Spencer, and a
few others of ourselves.

I enclose Sir H. Acland's
letter -

I do feel most anxious
to know the pith of your
Meeting on Thursday; if
you would kindly give me
a line -

And could you kindly
come & see me tomorrow
(Sunday)?

Of course I do not wish

to say or write one hair's
breadth beyond what
you & St. Thomas go -
nor to fall one hair's
breadth short of it.

I have had a letter written
to Miss Spencer since
Sunday last. I did write
to Miss Lückes & Miss
Masson : (& Miss Vincent,
because she was going
abroad)

What you think I wish
to communicate to our
Matrons -

And ought it not to be
communicated to Chicago?

I feel as if we were in the
fight of Jansenists &
the Jesuits. The Jesuits got
the ear of the King - Our Jesuits
get the ear of H. R. H.

The Jesuits destroyed the
Jansenists: but they
destroyed themselves in
doing so.

I think this persecution,
~~is~~ for it *is* a persecution,
is better for us than *fashion*.

Sir H. Acland's letter is
a good type from a
kindly man of the time.

Never I think in my day
was there such a blind

respect for mere rank
as now (I don't mean
Debrett's rank)

Look at Sir H. A.'s List.
There is only one man,
Duckworth, who knows
anything at all about the
subject - Paget calls himself
an "irresponsible dummy" -
&c &c &c H.R.H. knows
nothing -

"*They have the Charter*" is
the cry - even Miss Vincent's,
tho' she writes: 'I am so glad
'I joined the Nursing Service
'before Nursing became a trade.'

ever yours F. N.

Miss Gordon comes to me this
afternoon.

Leicestershire Record Office

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Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/32, 4ff, pen

R.B.N.A. July 7/93

[12:562-63]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

You will have seen the
long letter in yesterday's "Times"
p. 7, from the Secretaries of the
R.B.N.A. in answer to ours.

They are not fortunate in
their style, "nonsense", "absurd"
"absolutely untrue", "untrue"
"without any shadow of excuse",
are their accusations against
us.

I have not been able to
read the whole, on account of
the small print.

But the ~~last~~/penultimate (long) Para. ought
possibly to be noticed:

Of the 6 Hospitals mentioned
~~as~~/which "make or endeavour to make
"profits by sending out private

"26" out of the "33 signatures" are
it quite out of Court, the R.B.N.A.
says in its yesterday's letter.

"Nurses".

1. St. Thomas has never
sent out private Nurses at all
& I trust never will

2. The Westminster sends out
Private Nurses & derives *no*
profit from them

Their training is never
"only one year," but between
"18 months" & two years.

3-4 Guy's & the London do
derive profits from their private
Nurses. But the London has
been unfairly attacked about
it. I hope our Treasurer won't bring
us into like trouble.

5. Charing X: I did not know
that it sent out Private Nurses

6. K.C.H. I know nothing
about. I thought their system
was quite different.

No one has ever explained
what ~~they~~/people mean by "3 years'
"training". If in the same
Hospital, no Hospital, (one of the
St. Bartholomew's Doctors says)
could bear the expence of it.

We at St. Thomas' could not
have 3 years' Probrs in the
Home. And it is the
discipline of the Home
that makes *our training*.

~~But As you so justly say~~
to improve training is the
great thing.

What we want is not
3 years' training ~~in the Home~~/As Probationers.
It is to train the Sisters
as Sisters after they have

become Sisters - & not leave
their training to be done by the old Nurses.

2. to give such instruction
to the *Nurses* after they
have become *Nurses* or extra Nurses as
will enable them too to give
Ward-training to Probrs
They do give it, but are left to their own }
 idiosyncracies how to do it. }

We should recognise ~~th~~
as we have never yet done,
that the Ward Sisters
(with the Home Sister) are
the key to the whole situation
- in their influence over
Nurses, Probrs, extra Nurses, Ward Maids,
Patients, and (between
ourselves) over the Junior
Medical Staff. Except
during Miss Pringle's brief

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reign, we never gave the
Ward Sisters any help in
their work -

The Matron tried & *tries* to
do ~~it~~/the work herself - The 6 baby
Ward Sisters that we had
all together were left to
their own sweet way.
They received no training
as *Sisters*. What the
"Lords" & the R.B.N.A.
mean by 3 years' training,
if they mean anything,
does not touch this want.
Is the 3 years' training for Probationers?

Also: the second year's
training must be given
to the new Nurse *in the*
Ward by the Sister to
enable her, the Nurse, to ~~teach~~/train

the Probationer - which the Nurse was herself perhaps a month ago.

Miss Ferguson & Miss Masson did do this - The advantage to us of the old Sisters is enormous. But they teach *themselves* to do this. No one trains them

We do nothing directly for our Sisters - But an old Sister of good stuff does a great deal for the new Nurses. Then } there are the EXTRA NURSES
 } To have been an Extra Nurse does not really make a Sister ~~not~~

Much value is not to be attached, I think, to Professors' Lectures in the 2nd & 3rd year as *practical* training - tho' I would by no means discourage them. It rubs up a Sister & Nurse

- makes them see that they are not left to themselves

And if it makes a pedant use fine words, that is nothing compared to the mischief of leaving her alone to find her own way. There are those who never find it.

Miss Ferguson says that Dr. Sharkey IS a second year's training - not so much in his direct Lectures as in hearing him & seeing him *in the Ward* -

[The Home Sister at the London does absolutely nothing in training the Probrs]

Forgive me. The R.B.N.A's yesterday's letter makes me think: is Hospital

training, as you ~~say~~, desire,
improving?

And oh! there cannot
be any real *unity* in
improvement in training
unless the female Heads
(Matron, 1st Assistant (Home
Sister) 2nd Assistant &c
meet each other to discuss things informally
constantly. This is one
great secret of the Edinburgh
success. The want of this
has always been our bane -
Matron & "Home" Sister have
always been not one, but
very decidedly two.
{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Now, these things will press
heavily on us.
ever yours F.N.

signed letter, ff582/33/1-3, 5 ff, pencil [there are two letters, a pencil draft and pen]

f582/33/1

To H. Bonham Carter. Feb 15

My dear Harry

I did not know or
did not remember, more
abominable me! that
your birth day - a day we
must all bless - was on
Feb 15.
And don't say "alas' "
when you say it completes
my 67th year - Your sun
is still in its meridian,
thank God - Mr. Jowett
always said that the
last years of ~~his~~ life were
& ought to be

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the best - & of himself he said,
tho' he had I fear plenty of
suffering in the lest 2 years
& some ingratitude in/among ~~those~~
at least one of those whom
he had really created that
they were his happiest - his
energy never flagged

Sir Harry, an extraordinarily
different man, & whose last
4 years were nothing but blow upon blow,
has often told me that the
last 2 or 3 were the happiest
And his energy fitful as it
was always never flagged -

Sidney Herbert worked
till his last fortnight -
And

Now haven't we cause
to rejoice in your life
ever more & more - every year
& to thank you more & more
& to sing not the Dies Irae
but the Te Deum - for
your life

And a great many
more besides us -

Hoot, hoot, laddie -
You are one of those who
open the Kingdom of heaven
- that which is within
& here - to all believers.

& not one of those who
leap from a pinnacle of
the temple knowing
nothing - but just
trusting that the angels
will carry/hold them up like some
I could name but refrain
- And at least one of the
"angels" is probably a
vulgar flatterer - And the
real "angels" who are
working hard & in detail
entirely repudiate the
holding up of the leaper
from the pinnacle.

F582/33/2

A quite poor woman, a
great sufferer, & one of our
friends from Lea Hurst,
who cannot spell, wished
me this year that it
should be the 'holiest,
"happiest & most blessed
"year" I had ever lived.
So wish I that this may be
not the least fruitful,
in blessings to others - which
is saying a great deal -
& to you & yours - of all
your 67 years -
And believe me
ever yours gratefully
& affectionately
Florence Nightingale

f582/33/2

Burn March 4/94
{printed address,} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
{repeats f582/33/1, but includes after "and" at the end of the second page:}

pen, black-edged paper; starts F.N. did not know or

March 4/94

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always was, never flagged
till the very last week
of his life.

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And Mr. Gladstone-
for this is like his death-
will be lamented not because
he worked at Home Rule to

his last moment, but
because to his last moment
he maintained the Ho: of C.
to what it was in the years
I so well remember, its
palmy days under the
School of Sir Robert Peel,
of whom he is the last.

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Now haven't we cause {f582/33/1 continues}

f582/33/2

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Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/34, 2 ff, pencil

Dec 28/95
{printed address,:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
You oaf, you lubber, you
lazy loon,
as that excellent woman
said to King Alfred,
when he let her cakes
burn,
you never told me
of a Christmas box
for Ivan

Yes: I should be very
glad to see you on
Saturday.
Monday I am afraid
~~I-sh~~ wd be too early
for me - and our
other days clash -
Xmas love to Sibella
F.N.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/35, 2 ff, pencil

Oct 12/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W
My dear Harry
As you have applied
the other Cheque to felonious
purposes, I am constrained
to send this one - It is
all due to you that I
have it to send.
If you are naughty,

I shall bite you - And the
Dentist tells me I have
one of the strongest
bites he knows - So
beware

Good bye & good luck.
So glad you go on to
Italy
ever yours
F. N.

{notation on the same page}

Hampshire, signed letter, ff582/36, 2 ff, pencil

March 12/1900

[12:507]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W

My dear Harry

I send you back
your "Third Section"
"Nurses employed &c"
with a great deal of
repentance for not
having sent it before,
which, I suppose you
will say, will be as
efficacious as "repentances"

usually are

The "II Reports
"Nursing School" &c"
are included ("First
"Section - Second Section
"1898" are included.)

I shall hope some
day to see them again

They are very
interesting - very
creditable, I think

ever yours
with grateful love

F. Nightingale [end 12:507]

Hampshire, incomplete letter, f582/37, 2ff, pencil

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2 *Private*

B.N.A. Dr Moore thinks [12:552]
even more seriously than
we do of the harm they
are doing - He says: good
Nursing will be destroyed.

The "3 years", he says,
are of course to be in one
Hospital -

If we are not "destroyed",
is it not Macaulay who
says: "A little persecution
is worth more for purification
than the best internal discipline" -
- I think this of the most
"Christian" Princess' is
"persecution" - & will brush
us up. It certainly has Miss
Lückes.

3. *Chicago* in reply -

It is a Royal Commission,
as you know - & Pss Xtian
is the President -

I asked your two
questions: Mrs. B. Fenwick
& Miss? Close 1. of whom
are they the Delegates?
& 2. who appointed them? -

And the answer was:

1. "of the B.N.A. I suppose:

2. "Mrs. B. Fenwick

"appointed herself - But I

"suppose Pss Xtian confirmed

"it"

[end 12:552]

[8:812]

I don't think there are to
be "addresses" - Ly B. Coutts

was quite modest in what
she said to me "I want,
she said, *short* accounts
of any successful Woman's
work by the Woman herself -
- just to show the American
women how to avoid mistakes -
not, to give them a cut &
dried Lecture, address or plan" -

I have got her e. g. a
very remarkable short
paper by a friend of mine
Miss B. Hunt of Gloucester
~~of~~/on a Young Man's Club she
created & carries on without money

She, Ly B. C. asked me
for a "short" paper on our
work - *not* a history or
report - or Statistics -

[end 8:812]

Hampshire, incomplete, initialed letter, f582/39, 2 ff, pen {follows f582/32}

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What would I not give to
be on such terms with the
R.B.N.A. as to be able to
ask their Secretaries who
have written this letter in the
"Times" what their "3 years'
"training" means - I might
learn a deal from such a
discussion.

But Dr. Bedford Fenwick
when I saw him did not
know, I am sure, what he meant.

Could I have the reprint
fo the letter we signed, as
soon as possible? I want
several copies - please -

and would it be well to
answer in a few words what
in that penultimate Para: of

their answer they have
put "untrue without a
"shadow of excuse" as they say

F. N.

f582/40/1, 18 Princes Gardens, London, S.W. July 11, 1891, from Wm Rathbone to FN
re some proofs & Mr. Montague's statement

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/40/2, 4ff, pencil, black-edged

Mr. Rathbone's memorandum

Registration of Nurses

My dear Harry July 13/91

You have of course
received the Proofs of this,
as I have

I send you his letter.
If it is right to do what he
asks, of course it must
be done -

It is most difficult to
me, (& wears my eyes too.)

And I must ask your
advice at every turn -

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3 p -

I think Mr. Montague
is rather confused between
Private & Hospital Nurses
- & where he says "her
Training School & her
employer" this is
rather confusing to the
Public -

Also: "Training School"
should not include
Hospital - B.N.A.
considers *any* Hospital
a *Training School* - Mr.

Montague does not know
that all *bonafide*
Private Nurses, do not
they? pass thro'
Hospital experience
after Training School.

But I should have to
refer to you about these
& many other things -
I think there are some things
which I could show you:
that the *adversary* might
use to our detriment.

II

My "Article", if it is ever
written, will refer only
incidentally to Registration
& B.N.A. - & would
seek to be a sketch of
the history of the Reform
of Nursing, with *no*
controversy -

I have a good deal
written, hardly perhaps
any of which will do -
but I should like to have
your opinion - Latterly I
have not been able to
touch it.

[You know perhaps that
every bit of my strength is
now taken up by two great extra
calls]

The short sentences are

very attractive - Do you think it will convince *others* than us who are already convinced?

The addition at end of which has been tacked on *is*, I think, convincing.

But there are several things which I think are not only mischievous but

inconsistent - e.g.

p. 9 et passim
too much value given to the "certificate" & "documentary" evidence"

p. 18

Will not this set people upon a voluntary Association of Hospitals for Registration (such as has been pressed upon me over & over again) when we have just said that Hospitals & Training Schools vary so much in standard

that we must examine, certify & guarantee the Hospls & Schools, which of course is impossible - & wd send us all under Govt.

N.B. It is very curious that the adversary says at ~~once~~ /the same time: both - (of Private Nurses)

"Of course we shall take references besides the Register -" and

"How can you (we) be such fools as to suppose there is time to do so?"

About the Proof (Mr. Montague) [black-edged]

When you are so good
as to answer, please
return *this* -

ever yours

F.N.

{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/41, 2 ff, pen & pencil black-edged paper

Mr. Montague's work -

Mr. Rathbone 17/7/91

{printed address} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

I must eagerly & desperately
wish to consider it
"crushing".

I have done nothing to
it, but what I sent you.

The/My criticisms on it are
by a lawyer on *our*
side, to whom I showed

it, who considered it
excellent, conclusive in many things, but that there
~~those~~ were the *things* I wrote you which the Adversary
would lay hold of -

I send you the Proof
marked to save you
trouble - [But please
return it] - reading it
with my notes.

You must decide
as to probable effect
of the Proof - & please tell
me

*"What are 'my views',
"when I have them!?"*

Also: *"Had nothing better be
"done at present?"*

or *"till November"?*

see Mr. Rathbone's letter
[Mr. Rathbone told me
before, he was going {illeg}
"abroad on 31st!! He is
quite knocked up]
So we have no time to
lose.

VERY glad of Mr.
Rathbone's evidence -
- hope it will have
great effect

But (privately) Lord
Sandhurst is as great an
enemy as Ld Kimberley.
- & really quite as
"supremely ignorant."

F.N.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f582/42, 2 ff, pencil black-edged paper

Mr. Rathbone

Mr. Montague's Memo -

13/11/91

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
No 2 Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

This is the sequel to what I
wrote this morning

I am told there are many
~~things~~/points the Adversary might
perhaps make against what
is printed

p. 2 Are those the Adversary's
own words? "Registration in
the Medl profession "contributes
"to the maintenance of a high
"standard of knowledge & skill"
Nobody ever does say that, it
is said, but only that it
preserves the public from being
at the mercy of perilous inefficiency
or bare faced fraud

p. 6 Admission to a Register
can never "equalize the
"professional status" of those
who are on it. The status of
Medical men is not so equalized.
Their professional status depends
on their individual reputations,
not on the fact of registration.

p.7 (a) Registration could not
put "all nurses on a par".

(b) Training School or Hospl
would be entered on the Register

(c) Public wd have same
facilities as now, plus the
information in the Register

p.9 - Same answer as to (c)

Also: Public never can have the
"power of discrimination"

p.10 "Authoritative register"

Quite true: but alternative is
no register & no information.

p. 12 "So far as the register is
concerned, one Hospl as good
as another" - ~~This~~ Is this so,
if name of Hospl where Nurse
trained is put on Register?

~~Difficulty~~ Impossibility
of removal from Register
very serious matter indeed.

I am more against Register
than ever - But I am told
that this Memo gives many
handles to the Adversary,
as I believe you think

F.N.

unsigned memorandum, f582/43, 19 ff, pen & pencil

Headings (for Mr. Rathbone) B.N.A.

1. General Register not adapted to the profession of a Nurse.
2. Why? because General Register is only for the technical qualifications which can be tested by examination. If Medical men cared only for Medical Science, & not for the *care*/comfort & *cure* of the Patients, they would care *only* for technical knowledge & dexterity in their Nurses. But they do care for all that contributes to the comfort & cure of the Patients by the *unregistrable* personal & moral characteristics & *practical* experience of the Nurse.

A nurse cannot be registered like a (Medical/Doctor Student) - the conditions as testable or not by examination are essentially different. And it is this confusion of ideas which has produced all the difficulty. Nor can the Nurse who has to do with life & death be registered like "members of other (men's) callings" see B. N. A (e.g. a carpenter or plumber, a Lawyer, Surveyor or Accountant).

Note A Hospital or Infirmary Nurse is besides {Note has a diagonal line drawn through it}

the only woman who is really in charge of men. which requires a high stamp of character.

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3. As Moral qualifications are so essential, any Register or Public List of Nurses which contains only the ~~public~~ technical qualifications or only bare facts as to previous employment must be misleading & untrustworthy

Nurses with defects in moral characteristics will not be excluded, though of course Nurses possessing them will be found there.

Trustworthy information as to such defects will not as a rule be supplied, even *confidentially*, to the authorities conducting a Public Register.

If the impossible thing were to happen that ~~Nurses~~/Hospitals are to lay open their private Registers, it would only end in ~~their~~/there being *no Hospital Registers*, or at least none of any use.

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In order to appreciate this distinction, the principle must be considered upon which the reforms in the education of Nurses have been based - not merely technical knowledge but everything affecting the life of the Nurses

- a. the Hospital organization & ward administration
- b. supervision } in the Ward where they are
- c. & discipline } training & in the "Home" where they are living
- d. physical comforts & proper accommodation

a Home with motherly care -

Nurses have not been raised from their low estate of 30 years ago by registration or examinations.

but by making Nursing a profession into which good mothers of all classes could not object to their daughters entering: moral & physical care & superintendence/conditions - a nurse has quite other things to do than looking after herself - training not only in ~~technical things~~/ Ward practical Nursing under Doctors & "Charge Nurse" but in all good

or "Sister"

habits - a good nurse must be a good woman
- in short, all that makes a good *home*, with all that makes a good *Hospital*, with all that makes a good handmaid to the Doctors, that is, intelligent obedience & careful trustworthiness - no colleague, no equal to the Doctors
go to p. 3a

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{the last two lines have a diagonal line drawn through them}
Difference between the teaching University with College Life & the Examining University -

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It follows that the case of the Nurse is not analogous & cannot be compared, as is so frequently alledged, to those callings of men in which a system of Public Registration has been found to confer certain benefits. Moreover, the general education & station in life of Nurses as a class, & especially of those employed in private Nursing introduces another element which precludes any just comparison.

is concerned, the Register applies only to *Private* Nurses. Therefore it is with the means it will afford in ensuring good Nurses to the Public ~~that they are concerned~~ - But the other question is an ~~most~~ important one as bearing upon the development of Nursing & the position of Nurses. Although this object has for the moment not been put forward, yet it cannot be separated from the question of Registration as a "protection to the Public." And there can be scarcely any doubt that in the Nurses' point of view, it is the *most* important & affords the principal inducement to Nurses to enter their

names on the Register. It is therefore idle to speak of the objects of the B.N.A. as being merely confined to publishing a List of Nurses "for the protection of the Public", & of the opposition to their so doing being based on merely selfish ends & offering obstacles to a measure of great public advantage.

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In which way will a General Register work?

(a) assuming that only trained Nurses are put upon it, it makes no discrimination as to qualifications superior & inferior - between qualification sufficient for particular cases & not for all. Hence the stamp of authority is conferred upon all alike - misleading to the public, injurious to the Nurse of both grades - degrades the one & throws undue responsibility on the other - lowers the standard -

The higher the qualifications of the Nurse, the less can these be registered - the more she loses by a General Register - Only Mediocrity can be recognised. The Nurses whom the Register will help the most are those who least deserve. Such A ~~careless~~ Register is a libel on good Nurses & a libel on those whose names & position are used to stamp as genuine what is not. {the preceding paragraph is repeated on the 5th page}

registration of a public nature, there is to be - and possibly of some kind there might be usefully AT A FUTURE TIME, the ~~only~~ body who are to be entrusted with the selection should be largely composed of those persons who have been responsible for the Nurses' training

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6.b Who is to decide as to efficiency of the training or of the Hospital where trained? who is to guarantee our guarantors?

The history of Nursing shows how slow & gradual has been the progress made in the improvement of the organisation of Hospital administration on which the quality of the Nursing depends - great differences between even large Hospitals with Training Schools - very many Hospitals still in the same condition as 20 years ago -

What of the Hospital wh~~o~~/ich have the lower standard? & who do not appreciate themselves the key-stones of a Nurse's character? the important points?

Is the General Register to enquire into the *Hospital's* character too?

And who is to train the several members of the Registration Board to enquire into the training of the several applicants?

Registration not a matter of right but of selection.

To produce a trustworthy Register you must be able to go carefully not only into the career & qualifications of every applicant for registration but into those of every Training School, so great is the difference in these of qualifications required.

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{the last section is repeated on p.7}

(c) Removal from Register - practical difficulties
arising out of -

(d) Depreciation of qualifications
especially moral - & impossibility of providing
for continuous trustworthiness of Register.

Nurses are not like the Pyramids, steadfast,
immoveable - If they are not going forward,
they are going back.

Are the Nurses to present themselves to the
Registration Board every year, two years, 3 years,
to be re-registered? If they don't, are they to be
struck off? But, if names are omitted from
next Register, the mischief is not cured.

If there is to be but one registration, this
Register will be as untrustworthy a document
as was ever submitted to the public, *which*
does not understand the matter.

A Registration Board which has neither the
time nor the ability to do the work of Registration
as experts can do it who alone can make
it of the slightest value - such a Board as this
supported by persons of the very highest rank who
we know have neither the time, not the ability
for such work, is practically the creation of an
unintentional but gigantic fraud practised
on a too confiding public in a matter where

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trustworthiness and truth are literally of vital
importance - vital that is in its true sense
- as involving life &/or death. No one is so
confiding as a sick man - except a sick woman
And no public is so confiding as a sick
public.

best intentioned
mismanagement

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With regard to the List published
by the B.N.A.

~~without going into~~ {the following 8 lines seem to have been copied over FN's
original pencil}

[a proportion of those on the List have never been
trained in the Hospital against their names.

a proportion have for various reasons never
completed their training

a large proportion could not be called trained
at all technically or otherwise -

Some have neither training, qualifications or character

A careless Register encourages a bad Nurse]

The B.N.A. now assert that they have not
attempted to guarantee the qualifications of
those Nurses on the List, but have only stated
facts as to their previous training, & that

THESE FACTS WILL AFFORD "PROTECTION TO THE
"PUBLIC"!!!

Without going into details, it may be stated
that the List contains many names who have
not been trained in the proper sense at all -
- who have merely been employed in a
Hospital without pretence of training -
some who have been discharged either as
inefficient or for misconduct

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How are these errors to be corrected?

Are the "facts" concerning inefficiency,
want of training, or dismissal to be stated?

If, as already said, the names are simply
omitted from next Register, the harm done
is not cancelled.

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8. There is not a great outcry as to the dangers which the public are liable to from "ignorant nurses, calling themselves trained -"

Is this a new discovery?

Or *is* it to be met by providing an imperfect remedy fraught with grave evils to the continued progress of Nursing?

A greatly improved service of Nurses ~~dec~~ diminishes - it does not enhance - the dangers which are incurred in employing incompetent women.

It is the old story of ignorant interference by legislative measures with what is best left alone.

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9. *Alternative*

Is it not quite premature to attempt any cut & dried system? You cannot register what is not there.

Hospital organization & education of Nurses are still imperfect - even in the best Hospitals - indifferent in a large number - But both of these classes are in process of development.

Nursing experience & history tend to the conclusion that Homes for Private Nurses *properly organised* must be looked to, to afford what the Public requires, and not a supply of Nurses acting independently without supervision, carrying a certificate in their pocket perhaps many years old, or a printed Register of the same or a less trustworthy character.

It is truly said that the people in England have got the CERTIFICATE DISEASE (or Register disease) - for they attach a meaning to such a piece of paper which it has not, even in the most bureaucratic countries which have

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certificates for almost everything But to attach a meaning to such a Register as the B.N.A.'s shows the disease at a fatal point.

Who is to certify the B.N.A. certificates?
who is to guarantee our guarantors?

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Result.

(a) The evils above mentioned - from no discrimination either as to Nurses' qualifications or as to character of training.

(b) The public will not & are not competent to discriminate. The best Certificate can only mean that the Nurse *at that date* was a respectable woman & had been trained somehow. Many Certificates do not mean ~~if~~ even that. Did the Public know the value of the bit of paper, no harm would be done - But it does not. And this is proposed to us "for the protection "of the Public"!

(c) If the Register is backed by any "authority", the Public will accept it blindly.

(d) The published ~~evidence~~ List of Trained Nurses affords patent evidence of its seriously misleading & untrustworthy character. And it cannot be otherwise.

(e) the body to carry out any Public Register (if & when required) must necessarily have

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large powers of regulating the selection of those who are to be placed on it - & hence of controlling either directly or indirectly the education & training of the Nurses - And this is what the B.N.A. by their Articles seek to acquire. But they are not a body properly constituted for such an object.

(f) In the present undeveloped state of the education of Nurses & of Hospital organization as well as of the supply of women to be trained, it is altogether premature to attempt a scheme of General Registration X

(g) The extension of Private Nurses' "Homes" on sound lines aided by the Nurse Training Schools & Hospitals affords at present the best prospect of meeting the requirements of the Public.

X X {in another hand} the effect of such an attempt to seriously impede the development of nursing and to nullify the valuable work which is being carried on by the Training Schools

No 7 Part	stereotypes
Petition	mediocrity

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Note - One disadvantage of a Public Register

(only casually referred to) is : the necessity of allowing existing Nurses to be placed on the Register, if of an authoritative character No such obligation rests on a private Register i.e. a system of registration of a really confidential character by voluntary bodies. It cuts both ways. The voluntary Register can safely admit trustworthy Nurses, good up to a certain point but not so thoroughly trained as to be qualified for a Public Register It lies under no obligation to admit all practising Nurses at the outset. And it does no harm to them by the omission -

The B.N.A. arrogating to itself the position of a Public Register finds itself in the position of being compelled to admit all practising Nurses

{in different hands}

British Nurses Association

Notes by F. N.

sent to M. Rathbone

in 1889

Mr. Montague's

Pamphlet

by Saturday 9th

f582/44/1, 18 Princes Gardens, London, S.W., July 29, 1891 from Wm. Rathbone re comments made on Mr. Montague's paper

f582/44/2 the Memorandum mentioned in f582/44/1 regarding Registration

Hampshire, unsigned note, f582/44/3, 1 f, pencil

The value of registering
Medical men resides not
in the Register but in the
previous examinations rising from
difficulty to difficulty in a
well thought out system.

It is idle to say that
investigation into moral
qualities cannot be made
in the case of Nurses if
people are true

(if Hospls would act
together)

Leicestershire Record Office 1398

Hampshire, initialed letter, f583/1, 1 f, pencil [8:873-74]

March 27/96
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sibella
St George
sitting on Dragon
Joan sitting on Music Stool
is not £5 cheap
for this?
your affectionate
F.N.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f583/2, 1f, pencil

10 S. St. April 12/96
My dear Sibella
I think the Sabbath is
a proper day to remind you
that Miss Joan has not
sent me in her Bill yet
for Charlie -
As to Charlie: the "temptation"
to a "young man" starting
on a "Soldier's life" are
indeed very great - But do you
know what is the *only*
safeguard? Early
training.

Charlie was quite angry
with me, because I said
that we could not expect
such frequent communicat{ion}
from *all* boys as writing
home once a year -

He said: 'I write home
once a week - And Mother
taught us all when we were
children to write letters, &
what to say & how to say
it - And I do - And
she does to me -'

Alas! I know boys,
rather young men, *now*,
(*not* of our family,)

with many kind qualities,
who get into all sorts of
scrapes - Why? Because
they have had no *home*
training - And the School
training & the training of
the Play-ground, tho' good,
are worth little without
the home training -

In a long life I seem
to learn this more & more
every year -

With our Nurses, ~~the~~
home training is invaluable
And Miss Crossland partly

supplied the want of it
in some cases in her
(individual) training at the
N. Home - *Now we shall*
have none - It is
individuality that makes
the difference -You
can't train human beings
like monkeys & dancing
dogs, or *muzzled* dogs,
as now, poor things.
Why have all Missionary
efforts failed hitherto,
more or less - especially
in ~~Chi~~/India - Because you

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can never obliterate the
early life - You may
plaster over the Hindoo,
but the early associations
always *show through* -
I remember Sir John
Lawrence saying: It
takes two generations to
make a Christian.

And had he lived to see
the results of the Govt
education, he would have
said: It will take ten -

Now they have neither
Hindoo nor Xtian religion -

The only religious
Orientals I have ever seen
are the Mahometans who
lived for 3 months in
Dorchester House, opposite
us - But then they were
Affghans, who, tho' they
murder a little, & ~~are~~
would have liked, I dare
say, to kill us all in
South St. in a night
after prayers, [I heard
them practising with pistols]
are delightful with their

boys & their Prince -
unlike the Hindu Babu,
who is odious, as far as
I have seen him.
So *I* bet on Charlie
& his *early training* - And
I shan't lose my bet -
ever your affectionate
F. N.

Please remember the Bill.

Charlie is in a good Barrack

There are two bad Barracks
& one, a Cavalry Barrack, which

is, thank God, no more -
The horses said: if we are
not moved, we shall mutiny
And man & horse were
removed to the Curragh -
And the Barrack either has
been or is being demolished.
- *Military* horses are quite
capable of organizing move=
ments. Did you ever
hear of Jack? Jack was a
riderless horse (his Master
having been killed) at the
Charge of Balaclava. And
he was seen collecting about 30
riderless horses, & at the
head of his troop, leading
them back to, I suppose,
Cavalry Head Quarters.

I have failed to discover

whether "Jack" allowed
some horseless men to
mount some of *his* horses -
~~but~~ these men certainly
returned on horseback
- but when they found that
a comrade or an Officer
was missing, ~~there~~/they rode
back, one & another,
mounted the wounded
man & fought their
way out of the Russian
mêlée, but many died
in the attempt - a
glorious death.

And when I see in

the Hansom Cabs in
Park Lane horses who
by their beautiful legs
must have been hunters
or even racers - galloping
up Park Lane as long
as they can stand, I say
too - "a glorious death" -
and horses should teach
us, not we them, duty.
- do you think?

Now I'm talking
nonsense - you will say.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f583/3, 2ff, pencil [8:875]

10 South St April 26/96

My dear Sibella

Very many thanks
for your very kind letter -

I stick by Parents'
early training & Charlie -
Parents must of course
have wisdom, like you :
& not be werriting the
children - And the father
be a father, as the mother
a mother - like yours -
There seem to be odd
exceptions - but you

generally find when
you look that there has
been some friend, perhaps
only an old Nurse, who
has captured the child's
attention - But that's an
immoral doctrine - And
you are not to listen -

I don't know whether
 you mean to come up
 for the May 2 Concert
 in aid of St. Thomas' -
 I was sending down two
 tickets for Joan (the
 Great Singing Mistress)
 & a brother -

But I can't get the
 Tickets till tomorrow,
 Monday, when they
shall come -

Thanks so many for
 the Bill & all the trouble
 you have taken so kindly
 But was not there a
Blotting-book (Writing book)
 to be got for Charlie
 besides the Despatch box?

However, here's the
 present state at the
 Bank of England

Music Seat	£5. 15
Despatch Box	3. 11
	<hr/> £9. 6

Paid March 27
 by Cheque

April 25
 with thanks

£5
4. 6
<hr/> £9. 6

But where's the *Writing Book*?
 ever your affectionate
 F.N.

Hampshire, signed letter, f583/4, 2 ff, pencil [8:875]

Oct 13/96

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sibella

I cannot thank you
enough for your great
kindness in thinking of
me & wishing to lend
me your charming house
on Hayes Common -

Alas for me! I fear
there is no earthly chance
of my being able to avail
myself of your kindness.

I have not been out
of my own room but five

or six times since before & then only to into the
Xmas - And I was told Drawing room
only the other day again
that I must on no account
go out

It sounds only too
delightful -

But please not to
dis-order any "dismantling" for me
- for I am quite sure no
Doctor would let me
come -

1000 thanks - love to Joan - Do you hear
ever your affectionate "every week" from Charlie?

F. Nightingale He told me he wrote & you
to him "every week"

Hampshire, signed letter, f583/5, 2 ff, pencil [8:876]

Private July 28/99
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
 Park Lane. W.

Dearest Sibella
I hope you will be kind
 & let me send you
 this small sum -
 Harry saves me ten
 times that sum every
 year -
I am glad he is going into
 the country - tho' I miss
 him so very much when
 you go -
It is not 'genteel' when
 a wife tells her husband

these trifles - And if
 you do it, I will
 bite you, which is
 very genteel -
God bless you both
 ever yours

 F. Nightingale
I will get this Cheque
 cashed for you at the
 Bank if it will
 save you trouble.
 F.N.

{archivist: (cover)
Mrs. Hy Bonham Carter
 5 Hyde Park Square
28/7/99

Hampshire, signed letter, f583/6, 2 Ff, pencil

{in another hand: } *Tuesday 29th Jany 21, 1901*
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Sibella

[8:876]

Many, many thanks for
your most kind letter. But
I am sorry (for myself) that
I am engaged to-day & all the
week up to to-day week.

Could I ask for
tomorrow week? or any day
after, if you would kindly
say what would suit you
best - at 5 (five) p.m.

And also I should so
like to see Gerard one day
next week, if you would

kindly say what would
suit him best at the
same hour

With much love,
your affectionate
Florence

Hampshire, signed letter, f583/7, 2 ff, pencil

January 23, 1901

[8:876]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Sibella

I shall be so glad to see
you next Tuesday at 5 -
Would it be convenient for
Gerard to come on Thursday
instead of Wednesday at
5?

May I ask; is it necessary to
give my maids mourning?
as I feel undecided whether to
do so or not? So I thought
I might ask your advice.

I should like to do some-
-thing to show that one

cares. and this is the
only thing that it seem
one can do.

[It would of course be
only a simple black gown,
not expensive]

Or a cheaper thing to do
would be:

to give what they had
not got:

a black hat to any one
who had got a black gown

With much love
your affectionate
Flo

Leicestershire Record Office 1409

Hampshire, signed note, f583/8, 1f, pencil

Feb 18 1901

[8:877]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dearest

I am not very well this
morning - but my chief concern is
that I am not able to see
you -

Could you kindly come this
day week?

ever your
old Flo

{archivist: (cover)}

Mrs. Henry Bonham Carter
5 Hyde Park Square

18/2/1901

Leicestershire Record Office

1410

Hampshire, signed note, f583/9, 2 ff, pencil, black-edged paper and envelope

Oct 16/1901

[8:877]

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dearest Sibella

I am sorry to
trouble you, but
may I ask you: do
you think it necessary
for my servants to
be vaccinated? One
does not want one's
servants to be the
only ones unvaccinated,
if there is necessity
But if there is no
necessity, why do it?

With very best love

yours

Flo

{archivist: (cover)} {stamped} EXPRESS

wait for answer

Mrs. Henry Bonham Carter

5 Hyde Park Square

16/10/1901

Leicestershire Record Office

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Hampshire, signed letter, f584, 8 ff, pen

Hampstead N W

[8:156-58]

Private

Aug 15/61

My dear Sir Joshua Jebb

You know that my dear master is dead - an irreparable loss to the nation but oh! how much more so to the troops & to me - & that Mr. Clough is banished abroad for *the winter by his health*.

I am obliged therefore to trouble you to lay before the Committee of the N. fund a scheme for utilizing the remainder of its income, supposing, that is, that it meets with your own approval & that you will urge it, as from yourself - Otherwise it will appear, as all experiments must do, so unformed that I

doubt its recommending itself to them. It is not however really 1 unformed X X X It has been a matter of anxious consideration & consultation between me & the Lady Supt of King's College Hospital for months. And I once mentioned it to you before -

It is that of training Midwife=nurses for the country. It was necessary to ~~have~~/find for this purpose, not only Midwifery wards in a great London Hospl, but eminent practitioners who would be willing to take the trouble of instruction - and also, which could not be found in any of the Lying=in Hospitals in London, a tried & religious Supt who would undertake the labour

of training for the love of her fellow-creatures.

I believe that I have found all this at King's Coll. Hosp.

It is true that the Hospl is so poor that it would not even entertain the proposition of having Midwifery Wards at all - unless freed from expense for itself - The N. fund will therefore apparently pay for the Patients, instead of for the Nurses, which I am afraid the Committee will not like - But, on the other hand, it pays at St. Thomas' for that which it will not have to pay for here. The real expense will be pretty much the same in both cases.

The great point of difference will be that the Probationers in the present case, will, at least

for the first year of the experiment,
have to pay for their own board -

[I believe that there are
many country ladies & clergymen
who will be glad to send up
a woman of their own parish
& pay for her - to be trained &
sent back.

For it is not proposed that
these Probationers should enter
afterwards the Society of St. John's
House : but should be set entirely
free, as in the case of St. Thomas;
Probationers - only, as in their
case, they are supposed to follow
up the service for which they
are trained]

I myself have advised Miss
Jones, the Supt of St. John's House
& King's Coll: Hosp. who is kindly
anxious to undertake this, not to

do so, unless

1. the N. Committee will guarantee to her £500 per ann. for two years.
2. ~~will~~ that it will not require a more exact scheme than this for 2 years: because it is an experiment - much more, so than in the case of St. Thomas', for here the wards have to be formed.

I have however been, of course, anxiously considering ~~all~~/and enquiring all this time, how to make the best (national) use of the remainder of the N. fund income - And believe me when I say that, after enquiry everywhere, I cannot find any Hospital or any scheme which

Promises (it can be but a promise) nearly the same amount of good for the same amount of money

You must remember that Miss Jones and I have both won our spurs for economical management in large & important concerns - & therefore that we must be somewhat trusted when we humbly say that we believe this experiment promises good -

The way I propose to lay out the £500 per ann. is

£100	furnishing 10 beds
£350.....	{ annual maintenance
	{ at £35 per bed
£50	Midwife as chief Nurse

The second year, the first £100 would be available towards the board of some of the Probationers

After two years, the experiment may either be given up - or, if it has somewhat succeeded, a more exact Prospectus be given to the Committee,

I am aware that the surplus income of the N. fund does not amount to £500 per ann. I do not know whether Mr. Marjoribanks would consider it sound (financially) to make it up to £500 per ann. for two years ~~with~~/by means of the (unspent) surplus income of this last year. If not, I should like to make it up myself (privately without saying anything to Miss Jones) for two years to the required £500 per ann.

I can assert, without any doubt that I know nowhere where the Probationers will receive such

Christian & motherly training as from the Supt of St. John's House in England.

I think I had better send you Miss Jones's own statement - only adding that both this letter & the enclosed are "private" & for you alone - & that, till I know your own opinion, I would rather they should not be copied, or handed about, among my Committee, but that the enclosed should be returned to me - & farther worked out.

For many reasons, I should be glad that the experiment, if sanctioned by my Committee, should begin at the next Medical term (October -

Ever, dear Sir Joshua,
yours sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/1, 2 ff, pencil

July 25/67

[1:186]

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

Dear Alice

Only this word to say
that your account of my
mother's feebleness rather
makes me anxious to
say to you - wherever
she stays or goes, I shall
come to her. I am most
fearful lest the idea of
me should modify her
wishes as to going or staying.

Sir Harry writes to you
today that 32 will be

empty on Saturday -

But, if she does not
feel equal to come or to
go on to Lea Hurst, I
am anxious that no
idea of me should
urge her -

N.B. I shall certainly
not be free till middle
of August.

I am very glad you are
with her - (in haste).

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Hampshire, initialed letter, f585/2, 2ff, pencil

Dearest Alice

I can't thank you
too much for your
account of my mother -
I must write myself
to say so -

Will you give my
kindest love to Miss
Kingdon? -

Legg called here some
days ago - very anxious
to get a place -

I can't tell you how

grateful we all are to
you for bringing my
mother up so
comfortably -

ever yours

F.N.

August 2 1867

To-day, 6 years ago,
Sidney Herbert died.

I am overwhelmed
with business -

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/3, 2 ff, pencil

10 Nov./67

[1:449]

{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dear Alice

I must thank you for
the beautiful stuffs for
screens -

The Indian embroidery
on a dark ground, which
I suppose belonged to dear
Hilary, I think you
would hardly like to see
returned to you after my
time is out, tarnished &
spoiled.

The very pretty gold &

red stripe, which I suppose
is the one Elinor brought
from Cannes, fits my
wretched old screen
exactly & makes it
look quite sublime. I
idle for the sake of looking
at it.
I have still dear Hilary's
beautiful Lioness, which
I look at hourly.

I am so glad that
Elinor is able to go to
Liverpool to work with
Miss Clough -
ever, dear Alice
your affectionate
Flo-

Hampshire, initialed letter, f585/4, 2ff, pencil

{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

Dear Alice

I do not "dislike" the
"Western rooms" - or any rooms
in the house - indeed -

I only said what I did
because I thought Aunt
Joanna probably had the
S. room -

I hope my mother
would not "leave the Music
room" for me

I should probably not
leave my room at first at
all - except just to pay
her a visit in her bed-room -

I propose to come by the

3.10 train on Saturday
& have ordered the
Railway Saloon Carriage
But you know how
uncertain I cannot
help being -

ever yours

F.N.

I propose to send with
many thanks the beautiful
Auguste Bonheur &
dear Hilary's Oil sketch
which you have so kindly
lent me to Beatrice's
to await your pleasure.

F.N.

July 8/69

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Hampshire, signed letter, f585/5, 4 ff, pen

Embley

[1:450-51]

Romsey Aug 15/72

My dearest Alice

I am so stifled in dirty
anxious cares and sordid
defensive business that
I know not how fittingly
to approach her who,
I hope, is *all* happy now &
with the best kind of all
happiness.

I feel - in spirit - don't
you know? - like the maid
of all work who has to
wipe her dirty hands

on her dirtier apron
before she can shake
hands with the radiant
bride, whereas I
should like to feather my
pen out of the wing of
the dove & dip it in
the brightest Thessalian
spring to give her joy.

Seriously, my dear child,
my joy has been pouring
forth all this time ever
since I heard it - and
I knew not how to present
it to her. And you must

do it, not because I am
not too dirty to touch *you*
but because you are
the dear sister who is
almost as glad of her joy
as she is herself - & who
can give her joy for me
much better than *I* can.

How joyful is this time
compared to what it was
last year for her when
all were so anxious about
her - & when you went
to Paris to settle about
her going to Cannes -That
was so very dreary. Now

I hope it is *all* right -- and
that, after a somewhat trying
life, she is established,
not in the mere pleasure
of holiday makers & love-
makers - but in the
really highest happiness,
"solid, substantial, never failing bliss."
But I am afraid of her
wicked little tongue - so
I shall not be sentimental
but merely ask you to give
her joy for me from
the bottom of my heart,
aye & from the top, too,
with all my soul & with
all my strength.

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Do you know that there is
hardly any man whom
I should like to know so
much as her chosen? And
therefore I think I may
wish him joy too.

I do not forget, dear Alice,
that your life will be in
some things more poor
for her being a little farther
away, but it will also be
more rich - And I know
that you feel it to be all
joy in your unselfishness -
almost as much as if you
were her sister in heaven -

And now, my dear child,
my thrifty soul is thinking
of furniture. I wish I could
afford to give her a good
piece, but I can't. And I
don't know what she would
like. What do you think?
Shall I send you £25 &
ask you to choose? Or shall
I be quite prosaic & send
her the £25 & ask her
to put it in her pocket? If that
is not enough to buy a piece, there is more to come.
Advise me, do. Shall it be 2 stools
for the ancient Briton to sit on?

God bless them both -
And He *will* bless them -
And believe me, ever yours
& hers lovingly & joyfully
poor old Flo

My mother has doubtless sent
her congratulations to yours
& to Elinor.
She is quite sympathetic &
tenderly glad (when one
talks to her about it)
with intelligent interest
[& would send a message
if she knew I was writing]
- often has more affectionate insight
than ever in all F.N.
her life.

And I too feel thankful
that I have lived to see
this joy, dear Alice.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f585/6, 1f, pencil [1:451]

Dearest Alice

I open my letter - because I have just
received Elinor's dear letter by afternoon
post.

Tell her I think it is beautiful -
that is real love - & I ~~believe~~/am sure true
to the *least-est* little letter. And
I do so delight in seeing people
really in love- that is, you know,
with real people -love which
makes people heroes, (let the Devil
say what he will) -

And I say God bless her,
God bless them both, not only with all my
heart & with all my soul & with
all my strength - but with all my mind -

And He *will* bless them -
Aug 19/72 F.N

Leicestershire Record Office

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Hampshire, initialed letter, f585/7, 2ff, pencil [1:451-52]

Petition of Women: Lea Hurst

&

Bulgarian emancipation

Cromford: Derby

Sept 21/76

Dear Alice

You ask me if I know anything of Miss Albert:
nothing but a rather unwise letter; NOT very, I
saw of hers.

But Mr Lewis Farley, who is, I believe, the
President, has a bad name with almost
all of us, even with *good Serbians*.

I think it, the petition, is such a good
thing to do that I felt tempted to sign it
quand même. [She *had* written to Miss Irby.]
But all our other groups of things, for "Sick and Wounded," for

"Bulgarian Relief" &c. have been taken up
& amalgamated, each group by some great central
concern, *as they ought to be*.

And I am not without hopes that ~~some~~
Women's Petitions will also be: so that one
can sign without having anything to do with "League" people.

I sent it (unsigned) as you directed.
God speed the Right:

yr aff

F.N.

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/8, 2 ff, pen & pencil

July 21/81

[1:452-53]

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

My dear Alice

How good of you to take
so much trouble about poor
Madame Mohl.

The nieces entirely & strongly
deprecate my taking lodgings
at all for her. They do not
make the least mien of
intending to come.

I have no doubt they
are perfectly right.

At first when I opened
your note I was struck
with alarm that the "she"
who had "written" to you
"with addresses of lodgings"
was Mme Mohl herself -
But I think I understand

it is Aunt Julia.

I think I would let it now
entirely alone. What
Mme M. wrote to me was
to take her lodgings for
herself alone, "without a
maid," "*in*" my "*street*."

For us to start a fresh
plan for her which
she has not herself
contemplated I think
would be unwise, even if
we could get the niece.

I wrote to her, Mme Mohl, on Tuesday
after I had had the various
answers that (without
saying why) lodgings could

not be had as she proposed.

And I wrote to Elinor the
same morning a note which
I hope she forwarded to you.
I gave Mme M. your kind
message about how, thinking
she was going to Klagenfurt
& not coming to England till
September, you had filled
up your house till - I did
not say when -

There is scarcely any one
our hearts bleed for as
for her. Her note to me
was heart-rending. I
shall never be surprised
at her arriving at my door
without notice. But I
pray *not*. What *will*
become of her?

You are very good to
have bestirred yourself so
much. I may yet have
to claim it all, & to make
one of the nieces come -

But I trust not -
With love to Aunt Joanna
ever yours affly

F. Nightingale
I hope Mme Mohl will not come to
England at present but
go to good Ida in Carinthia

Dear Alice I re-open this letter:

I have just ~~heard~~/had a long letter from Mme Mohl
She writes *most* affectely & pathetically
but says: "I wish I could box every bodies (sic)
ears successively that has been saying I
was going with these poor things" (Ida & Anna)
to spoil their journey" - Not one word
about coming to England - She seems to have
quite forgotten it.

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/9, 2 ff, pencil

Lea Hurst, Cromford, Derby

[1:453]

Nov 21 1881

My dear Alice

I cannot help sending
you a line with my
dear love to give you joy
on, as I believe, Aunt
Joanna's 90th birth day -
I hope she is as well
as your care can make her,
such tender care -
2.

I have seen such an
exceedingly nice woman
here, age 43, daughter
of Joseph Smith, gardener
at Cromford Bridge for 30

years who still lives -

If Aunt Julia wanted a maid, I think she would do. I should have taken her at once had I wanted one, - subject of course to her (12 years') character from Ireland proving satisfactory [She left this Irish place, because they were compelled to diminish their household.]

As *housekeeper* in a small family (*not* cook) or as *maid to an elderly or Invalid lady* she wishes to find service.

3. I am sorry to say that I shall be wanting a cook (in South St.) by the middle of December -- the "good" woman proving a failure in almost every way (as cook) & utterly dirty and a muddle.

I am sure you will kindly think of me (& mention my wants to "the family") if you hear of anyone -

My best love to Aunt Julia - & oh what a letter of interest to her &

to me I cd write her
from here, had I but
strength -

But I have scarcely been
downstairs at all -

Miss Irby goes tomorrow.

ever yours affly

F. Nightingale

Excuse (*not* conventionally)
this villainous scrawl.

Hampshire, initialed letter & envelope, ff585/10/1-2, 2ff, pencil & pen

29/4/82

Dear Alice

Would you kindly
manage to see the letter
I have just written to
Aunt Julia - in order to
insense the lady, whoever
she be, who is going with
her to Lea Hurst - or
the maid - I refer
particularly to her
employing Jane Allison
& to her NOT employing

poor Lizzie Brooks -
[Shall I tell you what
she did within one
fortnight of her returning
from Miss Kingdon's?
But I kept her for years
after that.]

Blessing on Aunt Julia's
journey to Lea Hurst -
And blessings on you -
*Has she written to the
Shore Smiths?*
My love to Aunt Joanne, if
she remembers - yrs ever
affly F.N.

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archivist: (cover)} {postmarked:} WINSLOW D AP 29 82

Miss Alice Bonham Carter

Ravensbourne

Keston

Beckenham

29/4/82

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Miss Alice Bonham Carter

Ravensbourne

Keston

Beckenham

24/5/82

Kent

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Hampshire, signed letter, f585/10/2, 5 ff, pencil

10, South St., Park Lane, W.

[1:539-41]

May 24/82

My dear Alice

I trust that I am not troubling you too much by writing to you about Lea Hurst furniture for Aunt Julia. I have waited till her return to Ravensbourne, in order that it might only make one trouble in your speaking to the maid, if you kindly will. [I have tried to make things as comfortable as I could in having all kitchen utensils

re-tinned and everything 'washed up' - And I am going to send down by Aunt Julia's maid a new piece of some ~~thin~~ satin to ~~be let into the~~/renew some Drawing-room furniture]-

You know Aunt Julia has a room full of her own "things" & utensils there - And I have directed Mrs Francis to give out in the way of counterpanes &c &c &c kitchen utensils &c &c &c everything that Aunt Julia wants - but to take charge of the rest herself -

Please tell the maid that there is to be no stint in anything that Aunt Julia wants -

I come now to what I know you will not think me ungracious in ~~to her~~. It is because the Shores propose to go to Lea Hurst as soon as she leaves: & Shore's alas! repugnance to the place depends a good deal on what I am going

to explain, whether it increases or not.
[I always retin & renew the whole of the
Kitchen utensils two & even three times
a year: once after Aunt Julia's servants,
- once after Shore's - That is a very
small grievance indeed - And I should
never have mentioned it. I always renew
all broken glass & china several times a year.]

But the last time Aunt Julia was at
Lea Hurst, her cook - I *think* her name
was Philpots - not only used the kitchen

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utensils we always leave out for Aunt Julia
but broke open a large box - of course without
Aunt Julia's knowledge - in which all our
kitchen utensils, entirely new & clean
were packed by me for Shore's arrival.
That again is a small grievance - But
these were put back without an attempt
at cleaning - black off the fire, ~~most~~/many
of them *burnt* through - all more or
less spoiled - Shore's family followed

unfortunately at once - And - je vous
laisse à penser - they thought this
was my way of receiving *them*, the Shores -
[I unhappily did not follow that year
till September]

A room was also left in an incurably
dirty state, carpet quite spoiled. This also was laid
to my door, in spite of all I have spent
upon the house - This again would be
a very small grievance - if it did not
make Shore dislike the place more alas!
than he does already.

You will know how very much I grieve to be
troubling you about these petty cares who
have so many petty cares already, as well as
great ones.

All I want to say is this: I have not
left any kitchen utensils out for Aunt Julia
this time: not because I did not mean
to do so: but because all of them were
sent to be made good in preparation.

If you would be so very good as to tell
the maid that Mrs Francis, the woman
of the house, *will give out all she wants;*
there need be no ~~stu~~/difficulty.

But if she, the maid, would be so kind as to see that
charwomen are sent for, at my expence
of course, *to clean up all the Kitchen*
utensils when Aunt Julia leaves -
& especially if any are burnt through or
otherwise injured *to have them sent at*
once to Cromford (Mr Yeomans or Mrs
Francis will manage it) *to be re-tinned or*

renewed there at my expence of course -

I shall be very grateful -
What a long story I have inflicted on you -
dear Alice. I

earnestly hope that Aunt Julia's stay at
Lea Hurst will be *most* successful -
There are many waiting for her: Mary Bratby
- Jane Allison - Mr Haywood - God speed her.
How grieved about Miss Kingdon's illness -
Marianne Galton told me- Is she better?
That is a real misfortune.

I am afraid Arthur Coltman is not
better.

Dear Alice, you are the goddess of
many whom you help - Shore and Louisa
not the least. -

Shore is better - he was very poorly.
ever yours affly with love
& many beggings for pardon
F. Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/11, 2 ff, pen & pencil

Nov 21 1882

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

My dear Alice I thought of
Aunt Joanna's 91st birthday
& of you. May your
cares for her be blessed:
and He does bless them.

May I send you the money
for Aunt Julia for her so
kindly taking Jane Alison
at Lea Hurst? I ascertained
from Jane A. that she had
been employed at L.H. for 9 weeks
at 1/ a day. And this
would make £3.3.

I was so glad to see
that letter of Mme Mohl to

Aunt Julia. It is the
first letter I have seen
like herself. It must be
Ida's being with her. Her
letters to me were distressing
beyond anything I can tell you.

Dear Alice In vain
I have tried to finish
this. It must go as
it is - I am going to write
to Aunt Julia & return Mme Mohl's.

She will be sorry to hear
that Jane Alison's surviving

niece, little Florry Platts,
the good old hero's last
grandchild, has had a
frightful attack of
Diphtheria, & poor Jane
burst in upon her. But
the child is getting better
under Doctor & Nurse.
ever dear Alice
yr aff
F. Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter, f585/12, 2 ff, pen

Feb 15/85

[1:454]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Alice

I am so glad to hear of you and
Edith. What a life you may
make for her if she can recover
health & work under Miss O. Hill.
My ~~most~~ fervent wishes are hers -
& yours yet more, dear Alice.

With regard to our beloved Madam
Mohl, I have not time or strength,
(which is the same thing) even to look
out her letters - much less to look
them over, to see what is *not* private

for the purpose you mention. I think
(& I thought ~~her~~/Mrs S's article was
evidence of it) that Mrs Simpson had
the most surface knowledge of her -
She merely knew her picture -
the tricks of voice, speech and manner.
She did not know the living original
mind which made her the life of
M Mohl, M Fauriel & many others -
which made her the inspiration of
the rich as in England many have been
of the poor. Yet I am very glad that
you are helping Mrs Simpson. How is
Elinor? ever yours F. Nightingale

f585/13, Lea Hurst, August 11, to Alice from Parthe Nightingale with family news

Hampshire, signed letter with envelope, f586/1/1, 3 ff, pen

Lea Hurst

[8:859-60]

Oct 30/79

My dearest Louisa

Your letters drop manna
in the way of starving
people.

God bless you ever.

I will return the (charming)

Prescriptions tonight.

Thank God that under

your tender care, she
is so wonderfully recovered.

Pray give her "Florence's"

loving love - [You know

Euripides says there is

"unloving love". That you will
never know anything about.]

I think I see dear Shore

{archivist's note: on the facing page: I think the "charming prescriptions may have
been for her mother, Aunt Fanny being at York Place. Euripides!

watching her.

I am so glad you have found
etchings that Sam will
like. But now comes
the framing of them. And
please be so good as to
let me pay for this: I
intended it.

I have a letter from
Miss Irby - all right -
arrived alone at Serajevo.
But one of her best girls
is dead of consumption
'at home.'

ever & always yours

F. Nightingale

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{envelope} {postmarked:} CROMFORD A OC30 7

{archivist:} F.N. to Mrs. W Shore Smith (later Shore Nightingale) Lea Hurst 30 Oct 1879

Mrs Shore Smith
30 York Place
Portman Square
30/10/79 London W.

Hampshire, signed letter, f586/2, 5 ff, pen & pencil

Jan 30/93
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

[1:513-14]

Dearest Shore

Thank you for your very
kind letter. As to the pecunia, you
have no call to be reckoning
it up in that way; I haven't.
As we agreed, we can fight
& squabble about it in
another & a better world.
I am your debtor - not you
mine. ~~The~~ Not only as
the ~~time~~ day approaches
for the anniversary of
my death Mother's death,
but always - my thoughts
dwell on your love &
kindness to her & how

all the happiness of her
last years was due to you
& yours - And I feel that
nothing I could say or do
could at all express
my thankfulness, & hers,
I am sure.

I thank God that you
are so much better. And
don't be cross & ill natured
to your head. You will see
he will get better too -
As for me, it is years
since I could bear two
people in the same
room at once, which is
sometimes very awkward.
And I was shocked to find

out that I could not bear
a young lady playing the
violin in my room -
Mendelssohn's "O rest in the
Lord," which I had much
wished to hear -

But I believe your head
will get better soon And
then you will bless
Bournemouth & the endless
pleasure of the sea - &
enjoy, I trust, some other
place. But don't be in
a hurry to go abroad -
That will come in time.

You were so good as to
telegraph an enquiry to me
the day of the house being

burnt in our street. When
the danger was over, I
wished you could have
been here: to see what
I did. The two upper
storeys of the house,
next door but one to this,
w & under repair were
in flames before the
alarm was given. But
then to see the Fire-Gods
rushing & roaring up the
pass, i.e. Park Lane - to
see each dissolve into
7 or 8 demi-Gods with
helmets on, as it arrived -
you heard no order given
- everybody, even the horses,

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seemed to know exactly
what to do - The scaffold-
-ing in front of the house
that is, the tops were already
alight - four demi-Gods
flew up like eagles &
with their axes, slashed
off the tops into the street
- others stood below &
trampled out the fire
with their boots. I suppose,
if the scaffolding had
really taken fire, nothing
could have saved the 5
houses, two on each side.

Now, if you call this
penny-a-lining, I shall
bite you. The discipline

of the men, all acting
like one, yet each
with his eyes & ears
awake to the smallest thing.
You should have seen the
intentness of their faces,
set to their work - I
assure you there is
nothing in Hindoo or even
in Greek mythology equal
to the Fire-Gods here -

I could not help thinking
how we waste our time in
criticism. These Gods did
not waste a moment in
thinking what idiots the
workmen were who went
to their breakfasts leaving

a fire burning near pitch -
but up & on to their
work in a quarter of a
second.

The police worked well
tho' they were late on the
scene - they ranged the
traffic on both sides
Park Lane - so as to let the
Fire-Gods pass - ~~th~~ 7 of them.
the hose was all along the middle of the street.
They drew a cordon at the
mouth of Park St - & of South
St & on the other side the
5 houses - one of which was
so hot that a lady & a
Nurse, half dressed carrying

babies came out - & after
- wards went to live at Dor-
-chester House. The next
day the skylight at the
top of their house fell in
from the heat - upon a woman.
But she was not much hurt.

All was discipline on this
side - all was indiscipline
on the other - maids standing
at their doors akimbo -
gabbling & giggling.

But it was a grand sight.
I am interrupted - but will
write again if I may.

ever dearest Shore
your loving old F
{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

{cover} {archivist: F.N. to W. Shore Nightingale, 30 Jan 1893 A fire in South Street
next house but one to No 10. A very lively & dramatic description of the fire brigade

envelope, f586/1-2,

{Postmarked:} LONDON W 7 OC 31 79 7

{in another hand} Elises Fattorini
89 Via Marguttai
Mrs. Dukes
Via Sistina

signed letter with envelope, f586/3 & f586/38, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

f586/3

[1:517-18]

[in pencil] Thanks for all the Christmas Day,
charming, Evergreens 1893
your munificence has sent
from everybody.

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dearest Shore

On Christ's birthday I
must wish you & the darling
people about you - a happy
Christmas, "not dragging
"our hearts along the earth"
"but fixing our hearts on
"heaven," as Augustine, I
think it is, says: not
meaning by "heaven," you
know, any future state,
for he expressly says
to-day. "I see

"The beautiful child Jesus
"A-coming down to me,
"And in His hand He beareth
"Flowers so rich and rare."

Those were almost the
last words I ever heard of

Parthe's, the last day she
was here, just a week
before her death. And she
looked up at the Dresden
Raphael and asked the
child Jesus to come down to her.
And He *is* "coming down" *today*
to give us "His flowers so
rich and rare." And you are
to tell me what they are -
And we must not sadden
His soul by anything.
One of the most striking
things in Mr Jowett was:
his ever-abiding conviction
that life was a splendid
gift. And this was not
the fruit of animal spirits,

for he had none. On the
contrary, he was too often
depressed. And what
makes it a splendid gift?
Not ease, not prosperity -
But that the real virtues,
the greatness, come out of
evil, & the contrariness of life,
& even weakness. For as that
great man, Paul, said,
'When I am weak, then am
I strong.'

The 'kingdom of heaven,'
which Christ certainly
meant for that on earth,
is given to the 'poor in
spirit' & to those who are
labouring for others & yet
are not praised.

So Augustine says, "I have already torn myself from that hope of ours, (that apparently of becoming "friends of the emperor") "& have settled to serve God, "& this I begin from this hour, "in this very place."

Needless to say that God & Truth & Love (working for our fellow creatures) Mr Jowett said meant all the same thing. ~~And~~ He would not have us think that God was particular in being named *Himself*.

"But," Augustine says further; (still referring to becoming "friends of the *Emperor*") "if I choose to become a

£586/38 black-edged paper [letter continues]

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"friend of God, {printed address: 10, South Street,
"I can do it here Park Lane. W.
"& now."

Dearest Louisa has been so
good in writing & telegraphing to me
& she has sent me a turkey.
And how good it was
of Vaughan to come down
here - And now I
think of you all as
"serving" Truth & Love -
all that dear darling
party at Gangmoor
assembled today.

And we have only to
say: 'Da quod jubes et
'jube quod vis," as Augustine
did.

Hoping to see you
soon & that you will let
me know the hour & the day
- & with Express Trains of
love to all the *dear yours*,
ever your old Flo -
Do you remember Mrs Holmes
at Lea Hurst, my most
particular friend, who used
to give out the milk? She
is very poor, she is lame & ill, her
husband is almost blind -
She has only one daughter
left in England, who has
had two operations - Yet she
writes to me for Christmas,
"I can't think how we can
say, I fear, when God says,
'Fear not."

F.N.

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Hampshire, envelope black-edged

W. Shore Nightingale Esq
Vaughan Nash's Esq
Gangmoor
Hampstead Heath
S-/N. W.

Xmas Day } 10 South
1893 } Street

Hampshire, signed, child's printing, letter, f587/1, 2 ff, pen {arch: April}

Dear Bon

[1:426-28]

Here is a list of my books:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Goody Two Shoes | 8. Irish Legends |
| 2. Tales of the Vicarage | 9. Sunday Evening |
| 3. The Promised Visit | Conversations |
| 4. Juvenile Biography | 10. An Abstract of |
| 5. Fruits of Enterprise | the history of |
| 6. Bird catching | the bible |
| 7. Maria's Visit to London | There are all.. |

I forgot to tell you that I have got 1st &
3rd volume of Berquin, Pop the 2nd & 4th, and
I have Sandford and Merton. Which would you
like? Here is a beautiful hymn of Montgomery's
called Prayer. I have learnt it.

1

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered, or unexpress'd,
The motion of a hidden fire,
That trembles in the breast.

2

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye,
When none but God is near!

3

Prayer is the simplest form of speech,
That infant lips can cry,
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The majesty on high.

4

Prayer is the christian's vital breath,
The christian's native air,
His watchword in the hour of death
He enters heaven with prayer!

5

Prayer is the *contrite sinner's* voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their song rejoice
And say, "behold he prays."

6

In prayer, on earth the saints are one,
In word, in deed, in mind
When with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

7

Nor prayer is made on earth alone,
The Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus, on the eternal throne,
For sinners intercedes!

8

O Thou! by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer thyself has trod;
Lord! teach us how to pray!

Goodbye, dear Bon, believe me, your
affectionate cousin Florence Nightingale

Hampshire, signed letter {in child's printing}, f587/2, 2 ff, pen
My dear Aunt Ann **[1:461-62]**

I hope you have got safe to your journey's end. I hope you saw the eclipse of the moon the day you went. Papa says that you were blind boobies if you did not watch it for a whole hour as we did. The garden goes on very well. We have got a very little pretty new book called sacred poetry. Papa has hunted

twice this week. My eye is well and I went to church on Sunday. Kate or Laura has left a pinafore here. Gale wants to be remembered by nurse and all the children. I hope Marianne and Laura and Kate do their exercises. Pray give my love to everybody and believe me your very affectionate niece
Florence Nightingale
Please give me an answer.
{archivist: Novr 1826}

Hampshire, signed letter, f587/3, pen

Dearest Aunt Joanna

[1:429]

What will you say to me,
if I came down with Alf tomorrow
night till Monday? I do so
long for a sight of all your
faces - And it was not
proved till today that I
could go. Which gives you
no time for an answer
to stop me. Pardon me &
let me sleep in a drawer,
Dear Aunt Joanna, yours
lovingly, gratefully, repentantly

F.N.

Though these ex post facto
repentances are unsatisfactory
things.

{archivist: 185?} Friday Burln St

Hampshire, unsigned letter, f587/4, pen

[1:445-46]

Wednesday

Dearest

Aunt Evans desires me
to write & thank you & say all
that is kind in answer to your
dear little note - which indeed
I can for I am sure, out of your
many sympathizers, there was
no heart which responded more
warmly to your appeal than the
old lady's or wished the young
pair joy with such a youthful
trust in their happiness &
flutter of cheerful life for them.
She was exceedingly pleased with
your kind thought of her. She is
deaf & thinner, but more
lively than ever - & younger, i.e.,
as Aunt Mai says of real youth,
{illeg pure?}} more energetic, more really
alive.

[end 1:446]

{illeg Tires,} me rascaI - I shan't take
the 30/ - it didn't cost ~~the~~ 30/,
it isn't as if I went to Rome
every winter for the fashions &

did commissioning for the votaries
of fashion. I shall never go to
Rome again - so you might let me
do a commission for once & as I
shd like to replace J.B.C. to his
mother, if I could, but I can't,
you might let me replace his
brooch to her & no more about it.
so as we owe you £4/4 for the
picture, I shall send back the
30/ & don't you be riling me up any
more - won't 'ave it. I won't...

Poor little dove comes away from
the Lushingtons early in August, in
consequence of Mrs Rupert's tiresome
confinement. I have no other place
for her so shall ask her here -

Jack, when shall I see thee -
but as I said, I don't care for
{illeg that?} so farewell till death
us do unite.

Best love to dear Fan.
boy Shore does not come here
till Monday.

Hampshire, signed letter, f587/5, 5 ff, pen

5 Royal Terrace
Belfast

[7:339-40]

Dearest I think your Malta
plan an admirable one -
I am very sorry to think
it will prevent me from
seeing you this year - but,
on all accounts, it seems
to me such an eligible
idea that I cannot regret
it. Of all the picturesque
little towns in the world
I think La Valetta one of the
most comical, the most
beautiful, the most
interesting - & though you
must expect Malta to
be the barest of islands
& a garrison town the
most gossipy of places,

yet you are well protected
from the last by the
company you go in - &
the delightful climate, the
pomegranates & the sea
make up for the first.
It is such a lovely climate.
And there is ~~a great deal~~/something
to be seen on the island
after all. And the Maltese
are so queer - one is never
tired of them. Do ask
for our friend & Dragoman,
Paolo (he was not known
by any other name) if
you can see him.

I can give you no hints,
which the Tom Carters,
who knew so much

more about Malta than
I do, will not give you
better - I think a maid
is nothing but a trouble.
Certainly so on the voyage.
And when one gets there,
if one wants one, I had
so much rather have
one of the country. We
found our maid the
greatest trouble we had.
I suppose Mrs Giffard
takes one for the children.
Still, if you feel inclined
to take one, don't let me
deter you - For
or I think it is a mere matter of
idiosyncrasy.

I don't think you will
suffer much from sickness,

But the only advice I
can give is to keep your
berth or your mattress
on the deck. Sitting up
is the devil. The real
misery of a sea voyage
is the impossibility of
washing & that I don't
know how to cure - I think
~~one~~/the india rubber bath,
which folds up into a bay,
is a great comfort - It
is so difficult to get
tubs anywhere. But
even that is difficult
to get filled on board a
vessel. Ask if you
suffer from mosquitoes
at Malta. I don't think
you do - But, if you do, take

a "Levinge," which is a complete set of curtain & sheet. Hilary knows them - they are to be had in Leadenhall St.

A little arrowroot & Sherry, which can be made in a minute, is a comfort on board a ship, where you sometimes can eat nothing else - But my advice is, Eat not at all - A hot water bottle for the feet is a great comfort - as you are often cold on board ship in the hottest weather. But you will find all grievances

about climate vanish the moment you have passed Sicily. Take warm cloaks for the voyage.

And my blessing go with you. I think it is a beautiful plan.

You will be a great comfort in companionizing Mrs Giffard - who will want you much - For do not be disappointed if you find a garrison town knowing, not only everything you have done, are doing, but everything you mean

to do - or don't mean to do.

In haste, dearest,
ever thine with all
good wishes & blessings

F.N.

I am here to nurse
Mrs Fowler, who is
very unwell, but
obliged to come here
with Dr Fowler for
the Brit Ass.

Hampshire, initialed letter, f587/6, 2 ff, pen

To the

Dugnacious little Pog

Dearly beloved With exquisite
yawnings of the heart do I sob
out the cruel fact that you & I
shall not *continny* our studies to-
gether, at least not just now that
my prospect is removed afar off
& that the prospective delight
of taking many rides on three quad
rupedated animals, instead of a
solitary one, is blotted from my view.
Under these afflicting dispensations,
I can find few words to express other

[1:429]

than that Papa shall bring Sam's
watch & the naval military Gazette
and that I hope that worthy is
recovering his elasticity of mind
& limb. I heard from Miss Parker
this morning enclosing a pair of
mitts worked in red chenille,
as there were none left like yours.
We hear a poor account of Aunt
Jane & of Gerard, rather - who
goes to Exeter Hall the evening
after Dr Arnott pronounces
it a complt of the heart &
quite essential.

I suppose Sam has recommenced
hunting upon the strength of Mrs
Lyford's recommendation - Give
my love to the Horners. I do
not know which of them, besides
Susan, is with you. I cease -
for we are all in a state of cold
which beggars description and
are going to *play about*
Ever my dear little pog's
disconsolate viddined F.N.

Embley Towsday

Hampshire, signed letter, f587/7, 2 ff, pen

35 South St

[1:539]

W Oct 17/72

Dearest Aunt Ju

Thank you so very much for
being so glad to see Miss
Torrance.

She will thankfully come
to you for a fortnight or so
tomorrow (Friday) by the
train which reaches
Cromford at 4:18. And
I thankfully accept your
kind offer to order her
a fly for that train.

I am sure that you will
like her - that does not
trouble me at all - & that
she will be made happy
& well.

But I hope that the

necessary housekeeping will
not trouble you too much -
and please charge it
all to me - *including flys,*
(fours-in-hand, powdered
footmen & the rest -)
for which purpose I send
£5, & will send as much
more as you please to
charge.

She ought to eat, sleep &
run about morning,
noon & night - & read
fairy tales, which is
a religious duty - or the
like. Shall I send
down some books of the
kind? Or will you unlock
your literary (fairy) stores
& those of the house?

She is, I believe, a Scotch
Presbyterian - but tho'
intensely religious & devoted,
the most entirely un=bigoted
person I think I ever
met with - for she is
not bigoted either against
or for any Denomination.
Her Bible classes are: a lesson
& study.
I send by her 3 bottles Sherry
& 2 lbs Tea - For tho',
dearest Ju, I agree with
you that Derbyshire
tropical productions are
beyond any other, yet
I do not think that it shines
in its 'Teas' -
God bless you
ever your old Flo

Hampshire, incomplete letter, paper copy, from Lymington Hospital

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[16:865-66]

2. In very many instances when Cottage Hospitals have been built, they undoubtedly are the means of with-drawing patients from the County Hospital, & thereby diminishing its usefulness.

Cottage Hospitals are very convenient for the Local Medical men; they save their time, centralising cases, many of which would be visited without remuneration; they also afford them opportunities of performing operations & of experience, which country practitioners do not otherwise obtain. If the Hospital is thus the means of withdrawing Patients from the advantage of more skilled advice & attendance, it is of course in so far an evil.

Then the cost - most important - depending mainly on the average no. of legitimate cases which the District supplies - usually *very few* in an agricultural district. The Workhouse Infirmary meets the demand to a great extent [And to improve workhouse Infirmary nursing is one of the things to which this present time is awakening; & in London & the great towns with some success.]

A Cottage Hospital should at any rate require a minimum payment for every inmate (to be remitted only exceptionally after due enquiry) -

It is not suitable for Fever cases for which the Parish authorities are responsible.

A qualified Hospital-trained District Nurse at a cost of say £100 a year may be sufficient to meet the larger part of the requirements to the District. In a populous district both Hospital & District Nurse may be usefully combined.

Effective supervision whether of Cottage Hospital or of District Nurse is difficult.

The advantages & disadvantages are a question of degree & local circumstances. and sound

conclusions can hardly be arrived at by a stranger. May the highest success attend the carrying out of this work, (& the decision arrived at be the just one) & all your works is the hearty wish of yours ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale
The Revd
Charles Stubbs

Pardon dryness - *not* of good wishes. I am sorry not to be more definite.

Should a Cottage Hospl plan be ultimately decided upon - & you care to send me the *sketch plan* I would have it carefully considered & criticized by experts.

F.N.

[end 16:866]

Hampshire, signed letter, 1f, pencil, pub in Victor Bonham Carter, *In a Liberal Tradition* 120

Jan. 28/97

[1:457]

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear "Charlie"

I should be very
sorry not to see you
before you go.

Would 5.30 or 5
tomorrow (Saturday) or
Sunday suit you?
Or have you twenty
five better engagements?

Your affecte

F. Nightingale

This is you:

Je suis le capitaine de vingt
cinq soldats
Et sans moi, Paris serait pris.

Hampshire, signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 S. St Feb 3/97

My dear Charley

If I am not too late
in asking you, I should
be very glad to see you
to-day (Wednesday) at
5.30, if that will
suit you, & if it is not
too dark to see the lamps.

Yours affly

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pencil

14 Oct/98

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

My dear Charlie

We shall be very
much pleased to see
you on Sunday at 5
ever your affectionate
Aunt Florence

signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 11/98

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

Dearest Joan & Charlie

How can I thank you
for the beautiful print,
the lovely picture of the
man & horse, now
delighting my eyes &
mind?

A million, million thanks
& again a million

And dear Charlie
will you not come &

see me some afternoon
next week & please
make an appointment
(about 4 or 5 -5 is
now rather dark)
for I have an
appointment every day
this week, barring
Saturday & Sunday -
And I am only able
to see one person a

day -

ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale
(Aunt Florence)

signed letter, 1f, pencil

Jany 27 1902

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dearest Charley

Many, many thanks for
your most kind letter. And
I trust this will find you
better. Allow me to
give you jot of your
coming marriage -

We trust that you will both
be blessed with every
happiness & with God's
best blessing

I am sending you a Cheque
for £20 as a little

token & present for you
& your bride.

With much love
Your affectionate
Aunt Florence

Hampshire, 16M91/22 signed letter, 2 ff, pencil

April 6/1900

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Miss Allsop

How can I thank you
enough for the beautiful
flowers we received this
morning - charming
Daffodils, primroses
& moss, which do so
remind me of Embley -

also for the lovely
snowdrops received
some weeks ago -

I do not know how to

thank you- they are so
delightful both as a
reminder of Embley
and of you -

I trust that your
mother is well - please
give her my kindest
regards - & also that
Mrs. Humby & James
Porter whom you
kindly reminded me of

are flourishing -

We are of course in
great anxiety about the
War - England always
succeeds at last - no
fear of that - But
must I say that we
have been very stupid
at first, & generally
are: but we are
getting over it, & shall
make a good job at

[15:1028]

last of it, as we
always have done
We have sent out Nurses
& are still sending
some -

[end]

I do hope you are all
well. & I do thank you
from the bottom of my
heart - for all your
kindness -

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

Hampshire, 16M91/23 signed letter, 1f, pen

April 3 1902

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Mrs. Allsop

How can I thank you
for the most lovely
flowers you have been
so very kind as to send
us?

We have no or not **[15:1029]**
much Peace news.

Would we had!

But you probably know
as much as we do.

However when I remember
the Wars in my youth

these seem to me
comparatively small.
But would they were
over.

[end]

yours ever

Florence Nightingale

We get no such flowers
in London as those
you are so very kind
as to send us.

How lovely Embley &
Wellow will soon be
looking!

Leicestershire Record Office

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Hampshire, 16M91/21 signed post card, 1f, pen {postmarked: LONDON 3 FE 21 91 3}

London Feb 21/91

Loving thanks for the lovely
snowdrops & the beautiful
moss, smelling so sweet & fresh
out of the country.

& most of all for the kindness
& dear remembrance of those
at Wellow Mill

from Florence Nightingale

Miss Louisa Dinah Petty

Wellow Mill

2/21/91 *Romsey*

Hampshire, 65M96/1 letter fragment, 1f, pen

to remember where they
were put or to find them -

 This also could only be
done in the afternoon -

 A small round table
wants one of its legs making
firm.

 The new (second-hand)
book-case in the little

{in another hand, written across the note Park St a letter {the rest is illeg}}

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

I wish you a happy New

Year with hearty good
wishes - & many happy
New years

F.N.

{in another hand: January 1886}

Hampshire, 334M87/1 signed, incomplete letter to Sir Charles Wood, 2ff, pen, black-edged

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Lord Stanley's Commission. [9:511-12]

comes up to the reality,
even in some of the
best Bombay Stations.

The (W.O. and I.O.)
Commission has now
distinctly recommended
a course, Para 22., p. 12,
of proceeding to be
followed at all Indian
Stations. And the
next thing to be done
would be that the
Presidency Governments
should have surveys

made.

Perhaps the best
way would be for
them to select two or
three of the Stations
to put into proper
order - then to make
the surveys, and send
home to the India Off:
their reports & proposed
improvements for
sanction.

Thus a beginning
would be made.

The present position

is simply this: - that
every body is willing.
And yet nothing is
done.

I have heard (from
India) that they have
no Sanitary Engineers
capable of making the
requisite surveys.
This is curious, if true.
One would think there
must be men in the
Public Works Dept.
If not, I have reason
to believe that we
could find them men

who would gladly go
to India to do this
work.

Should you think
well to circulate the
"Remarks" in India,
(which are, in fact, a
sequel to the "Suggestions")
the W.O. would furnish
copies.

I trust that you
will pardon my intrusion
& that you will believe me
ever your faithful servant

Florence Nightingale **[end 9:512]**
{printed address, upside down:} 27, Norfolk Street,
Park Lane. W.

Rt Honble

Sir Charles Wood M.P.

Leicestershire Record Office, paper copies, copies at FN Museum, 16 letter, 47 pages

letter Nov 13, 1854, Before Sevastopol, from Lord Raglan to FN, recognizing her presence at Scutari or Nov 15 RP 3618/1; Having heard that you have arrived at Scutari for the benevolent purpose of administering comfort to the sick and wounded, and have brought with you nurses to attend upon them, I hasten to tender to you my grateful acknowledgment for thus charitably devoting yourself to those who have suffered in the service of their country regardless of the painful scenes you may have to witness, and abandoning without hesitation or reluctance the comforts you enjoyed at home.

You will doubtless be supported in this arduous undertaking by the sensation that you are doing good to your fellow creatures and you will be rewarded by the gratitude of those who will benefit by your tender care.

I have the honour to be, Madam, your very faithful servant
Raglan

Leicestershire signed letter, 4ff, pen, copy in NAM

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

[14:100-01]

29 December 1854

My Lord

I regret that so long
a time has elapsed
since your obliging letter
to me, respecting the
office I have undertaken
here -

I have now not only
to thank you for your
very kind communication,
but also for a message
delivered to me yesterday
by General Sir George Brown.

The General went over

this Hospital & expressed
himself satisfied with
the comfort of the men -
to Dr MacGregor, who
accompanied him.

I cannot mention
this gentleman's name
incidentally, without
expressing my sense
of the obligations, which
this Hospital is under
to him, as being
virtually its founder,
& still supporting it
with unabated zeal,
vigour & assiduity.

I regret to say that
the three last arrivals

of men, in number
about seven hundred
and fifty, have come
down in a wretched
state of sickness. They
complain (upon the passage)
only of want of *orderlies*
& of *UTENSILS*, by which
a great amount of
avoidable stench
resulted.

Having been informed
that there is a quantity
of warm clothing in

Balaklava harbour, I
nevertheless grieve to find
that these men (all
landed since the 19th)
are more ragged & even
destitute of clothing than
any of the preceding.
The number of frost-bitten
cases might, it appears
to me, have been diminished
by an examination of the
state of the men
on their return from the
trenches.

The majority of cases
are those derived from
Dysentery & exhaustion,
sometimes both.

These have suffered
by the length of the time
on board, ten days -

The naval arrangements
for landing the sick
have certainly not been
so prompt as they might
have been. The authorities
do not seem to perceive
the importance of
this for the saving of life.

I will not venture to
trouble you with any
further observations &
I have the honour to be,
my Lord,
your Lordship's most

obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

[end]

Leicestershire signed letter, 4ff, pen

Barrack Hospital

[14:114-15]

Scutari

8 January 1855

My Lord

I have no excuse to plead for
the impertinence of which I am about
to be guilty, other than that extraordinary
circumstances, such as those in which
we find ourselves - these Hospitals
being unparalleled as far as I know
in the history of calamity - urge for
extraordinary proceedings, of which one
of the most extraordinary is certainly a
woman venturing to address a Commander-
in-Chief upon a matter ~~of~~/within his own
province.

I have, however, been, while freed
from professional trammels, in a position

to observe as many of the details, possibly more than anyone else. Throughout these Hospitals now containing 3600 sick. And these three thousand six hundred include those only in the General & Barrack Hospitals.

The comforts of the sick do not depend so much upon the skilful surgeon even, as upon the careful orderly & the constant change of these continually neutralizes the orders of the former.

My Lord, I know well that what I am going to suggest may be simply impossible. But I also know that hundreds of lives may depend upon it.

The French have a permanent system of Orderlies, trained for the purpose, who do not re-enter the ranks. It is too late for us to organize this.

But two things occur to me as desirable, if possible.

(1st) an exceptional Order for the

moment from the Commander-in-Chief
that the Convalescents, if good Orderlies,
be not sent away to the Crimea.

(2nd) that the Commander-in-Chief
call upon the Commanding Officers to
select ten men from each Regiment as
Hospital Orderlies, to form a dépôt
here - (not young soldiers, but men of
good character), also 3 Serjeants from
each Regiment, for upon the non-
commissioned Officer, who now is recalled
as soon as he begins to learn his duty,
when placed in charge of a ward,
depends most of the good order of
that ward.

I have only, my Lord, now to thank
you for your kindness, to beg once more
your forgiveness for troubling you on behalf
of Hospitals in which I have been so
interested, & to remain,

your Lordship's obedt & obliged servt
Florence Nightingale

P.S. The approximate number of Orderlies these two Hospitals I consider to be about 500, viz. twelve to every hundred sick, for the sickness & mortality among the Orderlies themselves, in this Dysenteric atmosphere, has been extraordinary), of 70 on general service.

Out of this No of 500, it is not perhaps seeking too much that one-half should be permanent Orderlies, carefully selected?

I throw it, my Lord, upon your kindness & forbearance to me not to betray that I have interfered with you in this matter, whatever decision your enquiries may lead you to.

With regard to the nurses for Balaklava, I am inclined to think that we shall be able to send three or four, but I am anxiously considering the point, & must delay the answer for a few days.

[end 14:115]

letter January 12, 1855, Before Sebastopol, from Lord R. to FN, re her request that soldiers be examined after leaving the trenches and that their transport be as quick as possible

letter January 17, 1855, Before Sebastopol, from Lord R. to FN re her request for permanent orderlies

Leicestershire signed letter, 5ff, pen

Barrack Hospital

[14:165]

Scutari

14 March 1855

My dear Lord

I should be very glad to know, before any active operations begin in the Army, whether it is your intention to treat the majority of the Wounded at Balaklava instead of sending them, as heretofore, to Scutari.

My reason for troubling you with this enquiry is that the

illness of my poor Superintendent at the Hospital at Balaklava has compelled her to return to England. I am consequently requested to go to Balaklava, also to increase the Staff of Nurses there, which is very difficult to do, on account of the great pressure of sickness here. I should be sorry to absent myself from here, unless, as has been reported, the greater

number of wounded will be kept at Balaklava.

Pray forgive me for giving you this trouble & also for enclosing the copy of a letter which I have written to one of the Sisters who seems without my orders to have joined a Hospital in your Camp, lately formed.

There is a great improvement in the appearance of the last

draughts of sick whom we have received from the Crimea. The cases from the two last vessels, the Ottawa & Sydney, were very slight - & nearly all could walk on shore - Not one death on board.

Pray believe me, my dear Lord, your Lordship's obliged & obedient servant

Florence Nightingale
I have always scrupled to take up your Lordship's time in thanking you for your very great kindness shewn to the Sisters & Hospital at Balaklava.

[end 14:165]

Leicestershire signed letter, 1f, pen

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

March 18/55

Copy {in FN's hand}

Dear Miss Clough

I hear with some
surprise that you are about
to be established at the
Highland Hospital & shall
be glad to know your
reasons for taking this step.

Believe me,

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

letter, The Heights, Balaclava, March 23, 1855, from Miss M. Clough to Lord Raglan,
enclosing a copy of her reply to FN in which she declines to recognize FN's
authority, black-edged

letter, British Embassy, Constantinople, March 23, 1855, from J.T. Burgoyne to Lord
R. reporting negative opinions about FN

letter, Before Sevastopol, March 30, 1855 from Lord Raglan to Miss M. Clough assuring
her of his support

letter, The Heights, Balaclava, from Miss Clough to Lord Raglan thanking him for his
letter and offer of assistance

letter, The Heights, Balaclava, March 31, 1855, from Miss Clough to Lord Raglan
complaining about the accounts of supplies she is required to keep

letter, Before Sevastopol, April 1, 1855, from Lord Raglan to Miss Clough proposing
that the Surgeons make the necessary requisitions for her

letter, April 10, 1855, from Lord Raglan to FN, (copy) suggesting that she not come
to Balaclava until further notice and praising Miss Clough's work

Leicestershire signed letter, 2ff, pen

"Robert Lowe"

[14:184-85]

May 7/55

Dear Lord Raglan

I have the honor
to inform you that
I have arrived here,
with a little party
of three nurses, &
intend to land to-day
or tomorrow with
a view of organizing
the Hospitals of
Balaclava -

I bring with me
M. Soyer, who has
letters for your Lordship
from Lord Panmure &
Lord William Paulett,
& who is prepared to
exert himself in
re-organizing, as he
has done at Scutari,
the cooking of the
Hospitals.

[end 14:185]

I remain, my dear Lord
yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale.

Leicestershire Record Office 1481

Leicestershire signed letter, 22D63/70, pen

Scutari

Barrack Hospital

[14:431]

July 14/56

Sir

I learn from His Excellency the Governor of Malta that you have been kind enough to consent to my request that you will receive, & cause to be properly disposed of, some private Hospital supplies, for the comfort of the Sick Soldiers in your command.

I have, therefore, shipped on board the "Antelope" this day

41 Cases

1 Cask

25 Bales

addressed to the "Officer Commanding the British Troops " at Malta.

And I now beg to apologize for troubling you with enclosing the Lt General

Sir John Pennefather

Invoice of their Contents -

In doing this, I am aware that I am imposing upon you, who have much weightier matters to attend to, the trouble of decision as to the disposal of these things, which were sent out for the Crimean Army by the British nation - or purchased here upon the spot for the same purpose.

I venture to add, by no means with the view of making a suggestion which would be impertinent, but simply of stating what my own difficulties of distribution have been - that, in order to prevent waste, to insure the Articles reaching those who required them, & those for whom they were destined - and to prevent them from being consumed by, and

adorning the persons of those for whom they were not destined & who did not require them, I have always followed the rule & custom of the Service, in giving them only upon Requisition from the Medical Officer in charge, in case of the Sick, or from the Commanding Officer in case of loss of kit &c with the men.

Permit me to repeat my apologies for the trouble I am causing you -

I have the honor to be

Sir

your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

The Air Beds & Pillows in Case 39
were sent by Her Majesty

[end]

Leicestershire incomplete copy of a letter, 1f, pen {arch: MISC 504}

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between the two elements of
the nation but that, if
both had equal political
powers, there is a proba-
bility that the social
reforms required might
become matter of political
partizanship - & so the
weaker go to the wall? -

I can scarcely expect that you
will have time to answer my
humble questions.

As to my being on the Society
you mention, you know
there is scarcely anything
~~that~~/which, if you were to tell me
that it is right politically,
I would not do --

But, I have no time. It
is fourteen years this very day
that I entered upon work {breaks abruptly here}

subjects very near my heart -
the India Sanitary Service.
I have worked very hard
at this for 6 years - And,
during all those years, my
great wish has been -
would it be possible to ask
Mr Mill for his help &
influence? -

But you were so busy,

Pray believe me

dear Sir

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

J.S. Mill Esq, MP

Leicestershire Record Office

1485

Leicestershire signed letter & envelope, DG 6/D/44, pen [8:569]

Lea Hurst

Matlock Sept 19/68

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Mrs Frewen Turner

I have never thanked you
for your most kind note
of July 31, full of encourage=
ment & sympathy - nor for
your goodness in sending
me a valuable little pamphlet=
tract. But I have thanked
you in my heart, tho' not
in words.

May I venture to send you
my little "Notes on Nursing",
which I have just had
reprinted, because it was
out of print? --

Perhaps Miss Eleanor
Martin may find in it
something for her poor
cottages, in the Chapters on
Health of Houses & "Minding
Baby"?

Madame Mohl also desires
me to ask my father to
send Miss Eleanor Martin
"some sun=flower seeds,
when ripe," because "they
are wonderfully fine at
Lea Hurst."

My father thinks that
Madame Mohl must
mean Holly=hocks, because
we have no longer Sunflowers
here. --. But he could
get her some Sun=flower
seeds from the Cottages, if
these be really what she
means -

Perhaps Miss Martin
would write a line to my
father to say whether it

be Hollyhocks or Sunflowers
or both -

I am afraid I shall very
soon be returning on my
business to London.

I hope that I am not
troubling you by writing
these things to you.

Dear Mrs Frewen Turner, I so
often think of you - of
the kind defence which
I once heard you make
of me & which I dare say
you have long since
forgotten - of the peace
& happiness which I
pray that you may be
enjoying, as I think you
should, after a long life
spent in the service of God,

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tho' with many cares &
sorrows.

I trust that your bodily
sufferings are relieved --
pray believe me
ever your faithful & grateful
servt

Florence Nightingale

envelope Mrs. Frewen Turner
Cold Overton Hall
Oakham

Leicestershire signed letter, DG6/D/217, pen

35, South Street, Nov 14/68
Park Lane, {printed address:}

[8:572]

W.

Dear Miss Eleanor Martin

My mother has desired
me so many times to write
& ask you to forward kindly
the "Letters on Egypt", (when
Mrs Frewen Turner has
quite done with the book,)
to *this* address - and I
have so often put it off
from excess of business --
that I snatch the pen
now in a rampant state
to execute my Mother's
desire. I hope that
you will not think it

troublesome.

My mother will send
Mrs Frewen Turner another
copy if she desires it.

Pray give my most
respectful love to Mrs
Frewen Turner - I trust
she is not worse but
rather better than usual.

May I, on my own
account, ask whether you
returned by Madame Mohl,
(there is no possible hurry
for the same) two books,
one on some American
War Hospitals, by a lady,

& one on the American

Christian Commission - The
latter I think I saw here.

You must excuse my asking
these questions, because, being
a prisoner to two rooms,
I cannot hunt for myself -

I am at this moment in great
tribulation because
I cannot find a copy of a
Persian poem, with French
translation, by Al Khayyàm,
which M Mohl gave me.

People take my books away
& return them perhaps,
(perhaps not) into my
Dining = room, where they
become mixed up with
other older books there.
And into my Dining room
I have not been able to go
for 2 years -. Excuse haste
& complaints. And believe
me ever yours affectly
F. Nightingale

Leicestershire signed letter, 718 DG6/D/218, pen

35, South St., [4:108]
Park Lane, W.
Jan 8/76

Dear Eleanor Martin

I cannot thank you enough for writing to me:
[I had only heard of M Mohl's death from some
one who saw it in the newspaper:].

Yours was almost greedily received by me:

I have written to *her*: but what human
tongue can comfort her?

If you know whether he was sensible to
the last: & whether he said anything those last

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days, will you kindly tell me?

No one knows what the loss is to me, but
God. Since I was 18, he was my truest
friend. The world was a different world to
me, because he was in it. But, because
no one can know what it is to me, I am
almost glad to be alone with my dead -

As for *him*, what can one say? - but "Glory
to God in the highest": he was the truest
follower of Christ, (by whatever name he called
himself). He was the most enlightened & at

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the same time the lowliest
& purest soul: he really tried to lived as
~~like~~ Christ did: & was the only
man I have ever known
who *might* have said like
Christ: 'Learn of me, for
I am meek & lowly in heart.'

Few knew him as he really
was: tho' few will be more
missed than he -

I cannot speak of him -
[I think, if *she* has health, she
may have a life in editing
his papers. She ~~told~~/asked him
that she ~~would~~/might do this: & told me.
Do not mention this to her -]

My respectful love to Mrs

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Frewen Turner. I know
what she & you have lost
in him -

Please write again -
ever your affecte

F. Nightingale
My mother is 88 in a month.

Leicestershire signed letter, DG6/D/219, pen [4:109]

35 South St.
Park Lane, W.
Jan 27/76

My dear Eleanor Martin

I ought to have written to you long ago:
(but somehow I feel as if a spring of my earthly
life were gone: & I can scarcely do my daily work:)
& told you, as I feel, how thankful I was to you for
these letters which I return. You may guess how
eagerly I read them over and over again.

As you say, we *must not* think of "second causes" :
a "friend of God" is gone back to the bosom of his God:
I think his life might have been prolonged some little
time by what we call good Hospital Nursing,
& it used to make me quite sick to think this:

but prolonged in the midst of suffering?
perhaps God saw it was not desirable:
there was no possibility of restoration.

-- French Doctors are generally excellent Nurses: they
don't write a prescription and go away, as London Doctors:
perhaps they saw there was nothing to be done:
there is no doubt the seat of the disease was the bladder
& there was Cancer.

I wish they had not produced that Haemorrhage on
the Wednesday before the last:
it weakened him & hastened his end:

but even that we cannot be sure was not in
mercy.

— It seems certain that he did not foresee the end was near: & yet I say it seems certain: but it would have been just like him, if he had known it, & not spoken of it, for fear of giving pain.

I have heard from both Ida & Fanny Tourgueneff: but nothing probably but what you know -

Fanny de Tourgueneff hopes that when Ida goes you will be summoned: as she says, Mme Mohl cannot be left alone - Perhaps this is settled already - however -

I return the 'Temps' with many thanks.- It is good: the Articles upon him have been much better than newspaper Articles in general: & the speeches at the funeral were good - But yet

these Articles (not the ~~these~~ speeches) almost irritate me: they knew but the surface:

they hardly knew the mine of pure gold that lay beneath, that mine of which will now be worked thro' eternity.

Somehow I cannot help thinking that Madame Mohl will hardly leave Paris again: but I may be quite mistaken.

God bless you:

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

Leicestershire copy of letter, DG6/C/153, pen [6:553-54]

"About the Cottage Privies: -

My father always puts privy
& pig-sty together - & both at ~~the~~
as far a distance from the
cottage as the garden will allow.

Also: but this is particularly
at Embley - the *whole* seat, you understand,
is made to open on hinges - After the privy
has been used or (say) once
a day, the Cottager's wife puts
down all her ashes - in this
place (Lea & Holloway) there
are plenty of ashes, because
the people burn coal - In
Hampshire, where they burn wood,
the wood ashes are not much -

And a spade full of garden earth is put down too - so that the privies are really not offensive at all -

Above all, my father always gives *each* cottage its own privy.

The privy opens behind at the bottom. And the cottager takes out the whole results (not often enough, *I* think) & buries them in the garden, which, of course, improves the garden.

"Moule's Earth Closets" are used by a neighbour of ours. They are expensive & we (i.e. we of the India & War Office Sanitary Department) believe from experience that, where

those are used on any large scale, when Cholera comes, those houses always have Cholera - For schools, I do think the landlord (as my father has done here) ought to have Lavatories with hot & cold water laid on - consequently water closets, as, when you have laid the water on, you may as well have water closets.

But I tell you this out of my own head, as my father rather scoffs at the School Water-closets here-

If Miss Eleanor Martin chooses to write to me & send me details drawn up, both about privies & about drainage, accurate

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enough to be consulted upon, I will consult us of the Sanitary Dept (I often do this for villages & Institutions) in London & give her a regular answer -

I quite agree in what you say as to spending £1000 a year & neglecting the privies.

The Bishop of London gets together £500,000 for building Churches - & does not a thing for the dwellings - the seat of all vice.

I ought to say, if you build Water-closets for schools, those for the girls & those for the boys ought to be as far apart, & the paths to them as far apart, as possible.

It is very undesirable for boys & girls to be "chaffing" each other ever on the way to the WC - much more when they are in it.

Bishops have not the least idea how much vice arises merely from breaking down the barriers of decency in this way - as also in crowded dwellings - nor how much what you may call *innocent* vice there is, as Euripides says there is *unloving* love -

Lastly, you probably know that, latterly, people of any enterprise in villages of any large soil have furnished

the whole village with water closets.
It is much less expensive than
is usually supposed. And if
you thought there were any chance
of its being done, it would be
very easy to get you exact
particulars of average expence.
But I have so often fashed
myself to do this kind of thing
for people, who had as many
hours of leisure in a day as I
have in a year, that I am
more prudent now - especially
as I found out that, in most
cases, they did nothing &
had no intention of doing anything.
(My father never has a privy *in*
a cottage, or very near a cottage.)
F.N.

Leicestershire signed letter, DG6/D/220, pen **[13:299-300]**

35, South St.
Park Lane, W.
June 23/77

My dear Miss Eleanor Martin

I delayed writing to you about a Trained
Nurse for the proposed Cottage Hospital, because
I thought I had one in view: one of the District
Nurses (Miss Lees) who is leaving. But she has chosen
& been appointed to another Cottage Hospl
of which we had the particulars.

As, I suppose, the proposed Cottage Hospl
in Leicestershire is not ready & no particulars
about the Nurse yet sent, I do not despair
of yet being able to supply you from St.
Thomas': but we have not at this moment
any Nurse leaving after 3 or 4 years' experience.

These are those we like to appoint.
If you could give us the *time* and *particulars*,
we might have by and bye someone to recommend,
tho', in general, we do send out our Nurses in Staff,
as you say.

I have seen Madame Mohl, 2 or 3 times:
I do not like her looks, tho' she goes about
as usual. I hope one of you is
going back with her to Paris, if I may say so
when she goes:

My respectful love to Mrs Frewen Turner:

My mother is pretty well: & I am going
to take charge, please God, in 10 days
May I send you (enclosed) a paper of Miss Irby's,
our friend's? The distress & starvation
among the (Turkish) Christian fugitives is
intense.

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

[end 13:300]

Leicestershire Record Office

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Leicestershire signed letter, DG 6/D/221, pen

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 6/77
6 a.m.

My dear Elinor

I hear from Madame Mohl that
you are going with her to Paris.
I entreat you to come *here* (-I shall
be gone) with her on Monday - & stay
here till you go with her to Paris:
(picking up a cat which she is to have
from me).

I assure you she is not fit to be
left alone. If you were to see her

as I have seen her, you would need
no assurance.

It is the most piteous & most pathetic thing
to see *her* who has occupied a place
à part like a Queen at Paris:
& the widow of such a man:
beating about London - & destroying
her own purposes:

Please, dear Elinor, come here & save her:
yours ever affly
Florence Nightingale

signed letter, DG 6/D/222, pen

No 2

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

July 6/77

My dear Elinor

Since I posted my letter to you, Mme Mohl tells me that she stays at Montagu Sq till Tuesday:

then that she goes to Lady Eastlake, 7 Fitzroy Sq - & that she does "not know when she returns to Paris".

The rest of my letter to you remains the same:

Please make use of this house (by writing to Mrs. Legg who keeps it) whenever you like for accompanying Mme Mohl to Paris -

And write to me at Lea Hurst

Cromford. Derby: for otherwise

I shall probably know nothing of Mme Mohl's movements.

in great haste

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

The cat which she wishes for
shall be left here.

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Leicestershire Record Office

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Leicestershire signed letter, DG6/D/223

March 24/79 {printed address} [8:591-92]

10, South Street,

Park Lane, W.

My dear Eleanor (if you will
allow me to call you so)

I cannot help writing to say
what I *cannot* say how much
we feel with you at the
calling home of our dear

Mrs Frewen Turner:

'Is it well with her?' 'It is well.
She is gone home.

To you I am afraid it is
the breaking up of a home.

And I long to know not
only about her, but about
you. Only I do not like
to press you to write.

Dear M Mohl; he was so
fond of her. Perhaps now
they have met. I always

used to think of him -- there
 was no one who
 wished so much to know
God, who so longed after
God. He could have spent
his life in writing the history
of God, as far as man can
know Him, & he was sad
because he thought man can
know Him so little. Now
he *knows Him* after whom
his soul yearned.

And your dear grandmother:
she is home, beyond all
misunderstandings, where
all is love.

It is six and twenty years
to-day since I lost my dear
grandmother Shore: she
was 95, but what a blank
that made in my life.

How much I have lived thro'
since. And how much she
has known: how much she
has enjoyed since.

I have often the saddest
letters from Madame Mohl.
I trust you will be with
her soon.

Pray for me: & I pray for
you. May God be with you.
Fare you very well: now &
always.

ever yr affecte

F. Nightingale

How dear Hilary would have
been with us now:

Perhaps she *is*.

Did you know our Miss Irby?
She is on the Bosnian frontier.

signed letter, DG6/D/224, pen [8:592]

Easter Eve

6:00 a.m.

April 12/79

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane, W.

My dear Eleanor

Indeed I do pray for you:
as I hope you pray for me:
pray that we may both
find God's highest call for
us - He has sometimes
a heavy load for us to carry -
May He give us & show us
what we have to do for Him,
be it hard or easy.

There is so much to do for
Him in life: & so few real,
genuine labourers.

One does indeed feel what
a blank life is to you just
now: but what a joy to *her*
that you were "provided for."
Ah, but it is a good thing that at her death
there was no aged person to be turned out of home!

I *pray* that God may show
you the way! And
do you pray no less for me! f
or my way is hard and heavy.
God bless you ever:

God bless & keep you & your
sisters, & Madame Mohl, is one of the deepest
Easter prayers of yours ever
F. Nightingale

I have lost both my beautiful
long-haired *Tom kittens* (black & orange)
-- only a little white cat left
which is very miserable. (Mme Mohl's cats).

You once kindly offered me a
Persian Tom kitten:
have you a *Tom kitten* to spare
now? tortoiseshell?

F.N.

signed letter, DG6/D/225 [8:592-93]

Lea Hurst
Cromford, Derby
Oct 13/79

My very dear Eleanor (if
you will allow me to
call you so)

I was so very glad to see
your handwriting again.
I do pray, as you wished,
that you may find your
place & your work. But
we may trust God for that.
There is such a field for work.

Thanks very many for
the little Tom kitten. I wrote
to Miss Crossley ~~for it~~/direct: & she
was so kind as to send it
here. It misses its mother,
but is too 'manly' to cry.
It is a charming little animal.
And I have called it Darius.
("Mr Darkie's" progeny, as you said).

Dear Madame Mohl has written to me. She is seriously offended with me for not being in London. She does not know the circumstances - I come down here every year at the risk of my life (this year the journey was more serious to me than ever) in charge of my dear Mother. Her condition here was very anxious. She has just returned to London under the care of my cousin, good Shore, who *is* so good to her. And I stay here to ~~regulate~~/help in such a mass of business, Schools, sick & dying people &c &c &c, as we are the only resident family, if poor Mother & I can

be called 'a family,' ~~her~~ at
Lea Hurst now: besides
trying to work up the arrears
of my own business.

Then when,
But I will not write all this,
dear Eleanor: you were
so kind as to ask after us:
& I thought perhaps it was
as well to tell you, as
you might make Mme Mohl
understand, thro' the lady,
(your cousin?) whom she is with:
Mrs Fickers: [I will also write to Mme
Mohl.]

Pray for me
& believe me
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale
Mme Mohl wants *me* to "decide"
or at least to "advise" about the publication of his
letters to her. Priceless his

letters must be: but I am
wholly unequal to such a
"decision" or "advice." A competent
person should give a
month or 6 weeks to looking
them through. How I, were I
competent, should enjoy such a task.
But I could scarcely give
6 hours from the business
which has had far too
many claims upon me
for 25 years & more -
F.N.

signed letter, DG6/D/226, pen

June 6 1882

[8:597]

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

My dear Eleanor Martin

I have had a piteous
letter from Madame Mohl,
I cannot tell you how
piteous.

But she asks me to write
to you to come "to look
after" her.

It appears to me from
her letter that there is
not a day to be lost:
and I am ~~quite~~/sure if
you were to see it that
you would kindly set off
for Paris with the least
possible delay, provided

indeed that you do not know
more than I do.

But you will judge better
than I -

I will write again:
but now, in terrible haste,
ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale
Telegraph to me your
address, please -
I am not sure of it

signed note, DG6/D/227, pen

To ask if Madame Mohl arrived
last night: & how she is after
her journey:

& to ask whether she will come &
see me *this* or *tomorrow* (Sunday)
afternoon at 5 or at 6, as
she desired.

Mrs. Simpson's
14 Cornwall Gardens

with

Florence Nightingale's love
10 South St. Park Lane W. June 10 1882

signed note, DG6/D/228, pen

very anxious to hear how
Madame Mohl is
so sorry (for myself) that my
time is so filled up with
business now & by appointment.

To morrow (Friday) at 5 or at
6 is the only time I have this
week to see Madame Mohl, if that
would suit her, as I hope.
10 S. St. June 15 F. Nightingale

signed letter, DG6/D/229, pen

Burn 10, South St., W. [8:597-98]
June 19 1882

Dear Eleanor

She was so unspeakably pathetic - not in
the least wandering - but she actually told
me all her wanderings about M Mohl --

- that she saw him several times "quite distinctly"
pass the glass door of her room (in Paris):
- that she reproached him for not remaining
with her - that she actually wrote to him at
the Institut, but as I understood did not send

her letter - that she has not been able to help
writing to know whether & where she could
find him - but that she reasoned with
herself, & knew it was an "illusion," viz. that
she had seen him - [oh dear friend,
[~~oh~~ I do "pray" for her - May God comfort
her. I never wished so much that I could
have said the right word.)

that she had never fancied him *sitting with*
her [I almost wished she had].

She has never wandered with me in the
slightest degree about HIM either in her
letters or in talk but on the contrary
been exceedingly perceptive & touching -
more so indeed I thought than when he
was in life here -

[I thought her sadly altered in body.]
She asked it is true the same question
many times about some things - but many people
do that -.

There was little trace of her former brilliancy.

She was sad and silent for *her*, but her
talk was oh how far more interesting than
ever.

I should like to hear of her from time to time
if you would be so good -

I was so sorry not to be able to see
you

ever yrs sincerely,
F. Nightingale

signed letter, DG6/D/230, pen [8:598]

Burn 10 South St.

July 9 1882

My dear Eleanor: oh how grievous it is -what
you write about dear, dear Madame Mohl -
I know not what to say: only to pray : But

I ought to explain something in Madame Mohl's
last letter to me which has been misunderstood.

She did not write to me - not *that last* letter
- pressing to come to England "at once," - but
pressing that some one - mentioning particularly
you - should come out to her at once - at Paris.
And she gave reasons which would have so

alarmed a Doctor or Nurse - ~~as to~~/for her not
being left alone a day longer - that I
telegraphed & wrote, as you know -

For she had never said anything of *that* sort
to me before -

I do not think I said anything in my
telegram or letter did I?, about her being in
a hurry to come to England then - But I gave
almost the exact words of her message to you -
that she *must* be with you "at once."

[Knowing how imperfect her memory is, I
sent down to the Bonham Carters first, who
are in constant intercourse with Ida,
to know whether Ida might not be with
her, or going to her, then - in which case I
should not have troubled you ~~so~~ emphatically.]

It is grievous indeed that she should
be so restless in England as you describe.
- I earnestly hope that this ~~does~~/will not continue.
If it does, it is because she has again her
illusions that M Mohl is *there* at Paris, & that
she ought to be with him.

I hope these will pass away -
I am quite sure she did desire to come
to England - & would not have been satisfied
without it - but if unhappily (And may
God forbid!) you should be obliged to take
her back to Paris, because she thinks *he* is there,
may I say that if you were to see her last
letter to me - [I thought the more of it
because she has never been in the habit
of saying such things - but just the contrary -]

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you would think it quite unsafe for her
to be alone at Paris -
I know how difficult it is to be there -
And perhaps you have many, many
other calls at home - But I venture to
think that some one of her nieces should
always be with her, or some lady friend.
- Is it not so? -

I WISH I could be with her, as you say
it quietens her, & as she talks rationally
& oh so pathetically with me: but alas!
it is impossible.

I was aware that she had written thro'
Ida to M Moritz Mohl to find *her* M
Mohl - And she told me herself that
she was subject to these illusions -

Her strong mind must be helped by
those who are with her to overcome them - She does try.
If she is left alone, they will increase -
If they were comforting instead of painful
illusions it would not matter so much.
It would not be so unlike the truth of God's
love - & her husband's love -

O may God be with her -
I pray, I pray for her & for you -
ever yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

signed letter, DG6/D/231, pencil

[8:599-600]

Lea Hurst
Cromford, Derby
Sept. 9/82

Dearest Eleanor

Just before I left London a few days
ago I had an unspeakably melancholy
letter from Madame Mohl - She spoke
a great deal about you: full of
tenderness for you: wishing to have you
like her child: & ended with asking
me to tell you not to give her "lessons" -

but not as if it were your fault but hers that she could not take "lessons" from you - that it was as if she were your "mother" - There was no incoherence in the letter - She spoke of M Mohl as dead & of her great loss & misery - She did not allude to her visit to England:

I answered her letter at once; (I wrote ~~without~~ entering, of course, into the "lessons" question: & indeed only spoke of your love to her as far as my letter regarded these things) & urged her to ask you to come to her). Afterwards my sister told me that Margaret was with her. Is this so?

But, whether it is so or not, I had so strong an impression all last night, viz. that, however almost impertinent it might seem to me, I ought to keep you 'au courant' of what my friend of five and forty years says to me, however

~~almost~~ unreasonable, that I know you will forgive me, my very dear Eleanor.

I often think with the greatest pain, could I not do something more for this friend of more than, I suppose, eighty years old? But it is impossible.

Dearest Eleanor, I do not know what

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she means by "giving her lessons" - But

I guess that it is this - if you could put the things that concern salvation & God & Christ which you so truly feel & say to her into words more familiar to her habits of thought ----- you & I mean the same ~~things~~/truths: but somehow she understands you less than she does me -

I venture to say this because I know we mean the same things.

You truly knew M Mohl: knew him as I did to be a man more occupied with God than almost any man ~~I ever knew~~. If I were to try to describe him, I should say: truly filled with the Spirit - the Spirit of God. What a thing that is to be able to say of any man! But his words, his manner of speech, were different from the usual phraseology of English orthodoxy - ~~Yet~~ those are the words which suit her now. And one cannot wonder at it -

Forgive me -

I do feel so excessively anxious about her I think one can never know what might happen.

We have been exceedingly occupied with sending out Nurses & Orderlies to the War, under circumstances of great anxiety - Pray for them - pray, pray - I have been very ill since I came here, which I only mention that you may excuse this scrawl: wh: I address to Wormstall, tho' I know you are not there, as I did my last - God bless you. ever yrs anxiously

F. Nightingale

signed letter, DG6/D/232, pencil

10, South St. Feb 25/86
Park Lane, W.

[6:649]

My dear Eleanor (if I may
call you so) Mr Croft,
one of our Senior Visiting
Surgeons, will admit the
poor little Club-foot case
under his own care, in St
Thomas' Hospital. He has
been very successful in
these cases, in restoring a
serviceable foot, & preventing
preventing the necessity of further
operations, - tho' these are

not cases generally liked
in large Hospitals,
overdone with acute & severe
cases - But, as Mr Croft
says, the child would
certainly "come to grief"
where it is - There are
no cases I pity so much;
for a child certainly
cannot get itself born of
married parents, or of
careful parents. And God
does let the sparrow fall to
the ground. But you will
say: Where is your faith?

So I enclose the Order
of Admission without further words.

Mr Croft has purposely
put no day & no hour for
admission, because the child
is from the country - And it
causes so much inconvenience
to poor people, he says, to do
so -

He may be brought up
any day - Eleven o'clock
is the usual hour for
admission - But he may
come in, any time -

Yes: I suppose "Charing Cross

Station" is the nearest
Station to St Thomas'
Hospital. A cab must
take them to & across Westminster
Bridge, & St Thomas' is just
on the other side of the Bridge,
as you know - I will gladly
pay for the cab, if there
is any difficulty.

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Thank you very much for the
title of M Fauriel's book.
What excitement *she* would
have felt about this book.
And thank you very much too
for two photographs of her
which have arrived from
abroad & which I am sure
I must owe to your very great
kindness - Do they come from
Ida? [There is an address
in them: "Baronin Anna von
Wächter Brixen"]. I think they *must*
come from Ida - Will you
thank her very much?

God bless you, dear
Eleanor. May He give
you the highest happiness!

For all our "Auld lang syne" [end]

ever affly yours

F. Nightingale

Leicestershire Record Office DG/6/D233 [3:512-13]

[printed address] Claydon House,

Winslow,

bucks.

19 August 1887

Private

My dear Eleanor (if you will allow me to call you so)

May I ask you a *confidential* question? My brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney, has had a small living of his suddenly to fill, Grandboro,' three miles from here, its excellent clergyman having been drowned accidentally. The Rev. C.H. Hanning, six or seven years curate of Branchley, has been recommended to him as an admirable successor. Sir Harry has asked me to write a quite *confidential* enquiry of your kindness, at the same time saying that he has recommendations of others and very good men, too, and that he begs you to be so good as *not* to mention his enquiry to anyone, least of all to Mr Hanning.

What is Mr Hanning as to ritualistic views, or as to evangelical views? How much can he win (a) farmers, (b) labourers, as he is doubtless well acquainted with country work? What has been his bringing up as to liberalism or conservatism? The working men at Grandboro' are shrewd, hard, toiling, patient men, with a contempt that quite startles one for the weak amiable young Tory parson. The farmers as a rule are more or less attached to the church, but the labourers are in many places so bitter and so unsettled that it only needs a narrow bigoted vicar to drive them into extreme socialism.

What sympathy would Mr H. feel with the farmers and what with the labourers--two classes alas! now in opposition, and with the questions of the day that concern, so as to be able to guide them to Him who is the way, the truth and the life, and to decent living. Sympathy rules the day now, not reverence.

Is he deeply religious? devoted? genial and modest? Would he be an agreeable friend among his fellow clergy round about? Is he a hard-working man at schools, and an affectionate visitor to the poor, so as to win their hearts? What sort of sermons?

Now I think I have troubled your kindness with questions enough, and will only add that though his political views are enquired after, it is far from wished that he should take part in any political organization. What is his share of a good sound common sense? manliness? uprightness and downrightness?

I was so very sorry about that little child with a club foot whom you entrusted to us at St Thomas' who died of diphtheria, which he was supposed to have brought with him, but which we had feared he had taken at St Thomas,' though there had been no diphtheria for months in the ward where he was. His case was always reported to me by the doctor under whose care he was. And on his death I immediately wrote, as usual, to undertake his funeral at the place whence he came. But this was negated as it appeared it was desired otherwise. I always do so grieve for children or patients who come into hospital for one thing and fall sick or die of another. Abut every care was taken of him.

God bless you, dear Eleanor. How are you? And are you happily employed?
ever your affectionate

F. Nightingale

I shall be back in London shortly.

Leicestershire signed letter, DG6/D/234, pencil

10, South St. June 27/88

My dear Eleanor (if I may call
you so) You must have

thought me so ungrateful -

And I was so grateful to
you for this notice of the
last of that noble family,
one of whom was such
a light to the world & so
inexpressibly dear to us.

I ought to have returned
it you long ago -

And tho' I had heard of
poor Ida's terrible affliction,
your account of it was such

a great interest to me --

Perhaps now that the last
of the brothers is gone,

she may publish some of
their letters: & this will be a
welcome task to her -

I have to thank you too for
the "Waifs and Strays" Socy Report -
Accept my thanks for all.

The fact is that for 4
months I have been
seriously ill. And I ~~am~~/have been
scarcely out of bed 6 times.

And now I am a good
deal overworked.

But how I go back to those
dear old times -

Fare you very well -

What a tragedy, the two
German Emperors -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

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WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged

1 Upper Harley St

Sept 7 {archivist: [1853]} [16:25]

Dear Lady Canning

Not having heard
anything of your Gutta
Percha rings, I went
out *foraging* - & finding
their companions at
the Gutta Percha place
in Bond St, I took
the liberty of enquiring
whether any such had
been sent to your house
in Grosvenor Sq - &
finding that 6 dozen
had been sent there,
& the man of the Gutta

Percha Establishment
shewing me your order
in his file, I ventured
to desire them to be
brought here - I hope
I have not taken an
impertinent step -

We shall require
much more than 5 doz.
probably in all, 12 doz. I suppose
that I had better order
the remaining 6 doz. at
the same place & the
same price? May I?

[end]

[12:80-81]

We have had the
most vexatious delays,
bothers & confusions
with our workmen,
with which I am not
going to trouble you in

your holiday -

They are not yet out
of the house - & we are
not yet in the front
large ward - The patients
still number only seven.
But we have several
applications when we have
room -

We are putting our
linen into order - The
beautiful linen which
you sent us (I must
tell you) Mrs. Clarke
has chosen to mark
V.C. I had intended
to have all the linen
marked according to its
floor - But Mrs. Clarke
holding firm, & I not
wishing to be disrespectful

to your towels, we effected
a compromise, - I had my
"1st floor" - & she had her
"V.C." over it, "V." for Vice,
& "C" for Countess, as she
informed me! - I hope
you will approve of this
titular arrangement &
believe me, dear Lady Canning,
yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

We have had such work
with our workmen, & if we
had not had "the courages
of lions & the eyes of ocks"
(by which we mean hawks,)
as Mrs. Clarke puts it, we
should never have kept
the peace -

[end 12:81]

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1 Upper Harley St

Sept 13 {archivist: [1853]} **[12:81-82]**

Dear Lady Canning

Mrs Perez bore the
moving like a hero, &
was decidedly the better
for it! - Now however
she is failing, & sometimes,
I think, cannot live
through the night -
Miss Robson has not
yet returned -

I have parted with
the under=housemaid, &
I have been obliged to
give poor Nurse Bellamy
warning, though I had
no fault to find with
her, farther than that

she had nothing of a
nurse but the name &
the wages -

We have now one nurse
& one servant less than
in Chandos St - we bake,
preserve, & do all the
Needle=work of the new
furniture at home -
(having made all our
blinds, curtains, carpets
& linen ourselves) - &
we don't find the want
of those extra servants.

Your furniture from
Mr. Fisher's has not
yet all arrived. That
which has come we like
exceedingly - The curtains
for the great ward are

all made, & look very
gay - but they are not
yet *all* up, owing to 5 doz
of Gutta Percha rings
being still wanting - I
have been to the place
in Bond St. about them
twice - They will not let
us have them for less
than 2/6 per doz. (but they
say the price to other
customers is 3/9) I have
got those which were
sent to your house in
Grosvenor Sq - & ordered
5 more doz - which ~~£~~/of
~~illeg~~/course, ought to go to the
account of the Institution.

The arm=chairs you

ordered from Mr. Fisher's
have been the delight of
the Patients, & are all in use.

I have not seen any
of the Committee but Miss
Maurice since Ly Caroline
Russell's departure - Every
body else is out of town.
Mrs. Lindsay has not been
~~here~~/seen yet.

The workmen are not
yet nearly out of the
house - The lift & the stoves
seem to be stumbling
blocks & stones of offence,
as if no one had ever
heard of them before -

We have seven patients -
two more coming in - two
more making application -

I believe that some alterations in the way of organization will be required, as you say - But I have not mentioned them yet - preferring to wait till you & other ladies of the Committee were in town & on the spot again -

Mr Marjoribanks has been most kind & helpful - Indeed, without him, I don't know how we should have got through - Lady Stuart de

Rothsay was so good as to call one day about your furniture & said that she would write to you. We have not been able to take patients into the "Camp" yet - I fear we shall have to change the "Fry" nurse - Mr. Fisher is a dilatory gentleman & has not yet! finished putting up our blinds, but at this time of year London workmen "strike" for their amusement, just as country workmen marry when they are out of work to divert their minds -

With regard to my own
share in the business I have
been so busy for the last
fortnight that I really
had never asked myself
the question till your
letter came. Now I ask
myself in obedience to
your desire, how do I
like it? And I can truly
say that, as far as the
Patients are concerned
my business is full of
joy & consolation. They
are much easier to
manage than I expected
& they are always to be
cheered, tho' not always
cheerful. Indeed I think

we are most fortunate
in our Patients - & we
are going to lose one
on Thursday, who is
going home to die,
because Dr. Farre can
do nothing for her,
whose loss I shall regret
as if it were my own
sister -

I think I have answered
all your questions, &
I must conclude, in great
haste, dear Lady Canning,
ever yours most truly
& gratefully for all your
kindness

F. Nightingale

[end 12:82]

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Barrack Hospital

[14:176]

Scutari

5 April 1855

My dear Lady Canning

Most truly obliged am
I to you for your two kind
letters & for your unwearied
exertions in our behalf -
I will write more fully
next post - I only trouble
you with one line now to
say that, as the eighteen
Nurses whom I wrote for
were for Scutari *and*
Koolale, 8 for Scutari & 10 for Koolale (according to the
rate fixed by the
Inspector-General) - and,
as Lady Stratford has

written for & is expecting
thirty-four for Koolale
alone - I must request
that no more be sent
here - our Quarters being
already overcrowded for
health, & the difficulty
of getting more quarters
being inappreciable in
England - I have received
the eight sent out by
Mrs. Herbert who are all ~~/whom~~ that I
intended for *this* place -Scutari.
The seven whom you are
kindly sending out -
this letter will be, of
course, too late to prevent.
But it will be impossible
to hold any *more* at present
here.

Mrs. Herbert has been kind enough
to send print & ribbon for our Nurses'
summer clothing - & my sister has sent
Barège shawls - I believe - which I
suppose will be all we want - So
that we need not trouble you at
present. With many thanks for
your kind exertions, believe me, in
great haste, dear Lady Canning,

Yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I have written to the W. Office
to resign Koolale. }

[end 14:176]

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 3ff, pen

Barrack Hospital

[14:181-82]

Scutari

April 22/55

My dear Lady Canning

I cannot sufficiently
thank you for all the trouble
& care you have taken about
my Nurses - The seven
penultimate whom you were
so kind as to send are,
I think, take them for all
in all, the most respectable
set we have had - They
are not experienced Nurses,
but they seem to be all
dependable women - with
the exception of Miss Brookes,

who I think from her
grammar, French & Irish,
is nothing but a parvenue
Bonne, & who *does* go on
about "her friends the French
Duchesses" till the Nurses all
laugh at her - except when
she is abusing the washerwoman
in good round terms - There
is not one of the other six
whom I do not like -

The four who landed
yesterday are very respectable
looking - One of them, Mrs.
Sullivan, had been dreadfully
sick - I like their looks,
but that is all I know of
them at present -

{last line is cut off}

Very many thanks for all

the trouble you have taken
about our summer dress -
The things are not yet arrived.
I am going up to Balaklava
this week with four nurses
of my old ones - The reason
I have not been before is
that we have had much
more work here than there
& I have been ill -

Do not, please, send me
out any more Nurses till
I write for them - I am
rather glad the drunken
lady fell short -

I am very sorry for all
the trouble you have had

I shall have quite enough
~~to supply Balaklava with~~
out of the bonnets & print

which you have been kind
enough to send to supply my
Balaklava nurses with -

Many thanks for the quinine
Mr. Sabin's sister did not
apply to you - She had declined
coming -

Pray do not be uneasy
about Kulleh's share of "gifts".
It has had from Scutari whatever
Miss Stanley or Dr. Tice (the
Medical Officer) made requi=
sition for - But indeed there
is no more need of the "public"
at all, as far as regards
gifts. Pray stop them from
coming in any more -

With regard to Nurses,
should any more be sent,
I would recommend that, as

was done with the first set,
they should be paid 10/ a
week for the first month,
to be raised to 15/ a week -
if they stay three months,
to 18/ or even 20/. But there
is no hold upon women who
come out without Xtian motive,
if they begin at once with
16/ or 18/ & have no looking
forward to being raised, if
they conduct themselves well -
They get drunk at the
first provocation, knowing
that they can only be sent
home -

Believe me, dear Lady
Canning, ever yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

{in another hand: April 22 Miss Nightingale received May 5/55}

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

I am in great want
of two Household Servants
immediately - In order to
save the Government
expenche, I have tried
both here & at B'clava
all the soldiers' wives
in turn who would come
& never will try another.
I want one for the
Castle Hospital, B'clava,
& one for the General
Hospital, Scutari -

[14:233]

The soldier's wife now
there, on getting drunk
the other day & being
reproved by me, assured
me that it was the
smell of three grapes

{in another hand: Miss Nightingale Sept 23}

which had got into her
head! *fact*.

[end]

Believe me
dear Lady Canning
most truly yours
Florence Nightingale

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

April 22/55

My dear Lady Canning

I shall be happy to
carry out your wish of paying
a portion of the wages of the
Nurses (whom you have sent out)
in England - they making
the request individually -

I prefer to give them
Orders of payment on my
own account in England -
I have had experience
enough of the ignorance &
the insolence of the Purveyor's

Office here - (vide the evidence
of Drs. Andrew Smith & Menzies,
"Times" of 27 & 28 March, as
it has been told to me)
to refuse to have any dealings
with them as to minor details,
not strictly comprehended
in the War Office Orders -
The Nurses must depend
entirely upon one head -
or this Hospital will
become the bear=garden
which the others have done.

I have received something
like a reproach from the
War Office that three
Nurses, sent home by Miss

Stanley from Therapia,
called at the W.O. for
a balance of Accounts -
as to which accounts I was
ignorant -

Believe me, dear Lady
Canning, your very truly
Florence Nightingale

The "print" for Nurses' gowns
& the bonnets are just
arrived - many, many thanks.

[end 14182]

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Balaklava

[14:188-90]

May 10/55

My dear Lady Canning

I would write more at
length to thank you for all the
trouble you have taken for us - to
tell you what an useful person
Miss Tattershall, the tradesman's
daughter, is turning out, - what
nice respectable women, two of
the Oxford Nurses, Clarke & Howse,-
-these are of the first party - &
Logan, the Scotch Presbyterian, I think
I like the best of the second party.
(their agreements were all right-
& so were their certificates, excepting
that, being expressly designed
therein as for *Scutari* Hospital,
it gives me no power to transfer

them to Balaklava, if found desirable)

Also, I have stated to Mr. Hawes my objections to giving these women 18/ at once, without any power of raising their wages - In this way, women, sent back from hence for drunkenness in a short time, will have almost as much use to them as those tried ones who have borne with me the toil & burden of the day. Or I must raise the wages of the whole of the old set at a great expence to Government. The terms of the old set were 10/ per week with permission to raise up to 25/. I raised none till they had been with me six months.

I begged Mrs. Bracebridge, who remained at Scutari, to write & thank you for your

great kindness in taking so much trouble about the summer clothing - & to say that I have had no trouble about *drinking* with any of your eleven - (the two sets whom you were kind enough to send me) - as yet.

I would like to say much more. But this is principally a letter of business to say - pray *prevent* any more women being sent out - The "female troops", as we now are called, are becoming quite the laughing-stock of the Army. (this is strictly "entre nous") or will ~~illeg~~/be so - if it is continued - to send them out in such numbers. Koulale & Smyrna are so over stocked that I hear nothing but jokes on the subject - I mean overstocked under present circumstances

Matters are very different now
(thank God, as my Mrs. Clarke,
now gone home, used always
to say & to write, thank Gog!)
from what they were when I
came out. I have plenty at
Scutari now to supply Balaklava,
even should there be a great
& sudden emergency, for I have
far too many at Scutari under
PRESENT circumstances - The number
of sick, including Convalescents, were,
when I left Scutari (& they must
have decreased since, owing to
sending home several more ships)

	{Barrack Hospl	1100
Scutari	{General "	378
	{Palace "	240
	{Koulale "	410

Though there were 1100 in the Barrack
Hospl, not 100 were in bed - & 10
women could *easily* have done all the

work - whereas I had 26 -

I am very glad to have a
reserve, but I have quite
enough to ~~p~~ garrison Balaclava.
I brought three with me - I
had eight ~~yes~~ here before for the
two Hospitals - & such is the
difficulty of housing them, ~~that~~
such the difficulty of obtaining
labour of any kind, & wood
(we pay Croats 3/ a day to do,
3 in 3 days, what one English
workman does in 1 hour.)
that, though we only require a
hut for the whole party, that
but cannot yet be erected, & I
have them still on board a
Transport with me - We have
here but 400 sick & wounded -
of whom but 120 wounded. We

are now amply sufficient for this number - as upwards of 100 of the sick are Convalescents - & we are twelve - I have inspected most of the Regimental Hospitals - in which the number of sick & wounded vary from 4 to 50 - Of course it is out of the question to place women there with an army too which may take the field any day - nor would the authorities, of course, permit it.

Should there be an assault, for which we are all, officers, men, cattle & women, earnestly praying, (for what is the carnage of an assault compared to what we had last winter?) or should the army take the field & march upon Simpheropol &/or have an engagement which

sends us its wounded, - we have still, at least, twenty nurses to spare from Scutari - Two things appear certain that nothing will be done before Napoleon comes if he does come - & when he passes thro' the Bosphorus, it will be time for my Nurses to pass through too from Scutari - the other that it is the intention of Lord Raglan to keep all his wounded up here in the Krimea - (Whether I shall be able to find accommo= dation such as can keep women respectable is a different question) I wish that there were some combination between Commander= in=Chief, Medical Inspector= General in the Crimea, War Office & its Civil Hospital - There appears to be none - For, while we hear

from Lord Raglan that all the
wounded are to be kept here -
while the Hospitals now existing
in the Bosphorus, are comparatively
empty, - we hear from home that
three Civil Hospital, two besides Dr. Parkes' are coming
out, of 1000 men each for the
Bosphorus, the Dardanelles or Sinope,
we hear from Dr. Parkes, who
interests me greatly in his success,
that he expects everything but
Patients - For there is more than room for
sick, already existing -

[end 14:190]

When I see the camp, I wonder
not that the army suffered so
much but that there is any
army left at all - not that so
many passed through our hands
at Scutari - (4000 once in 17 days)
but that all did not pass through
Nothing has been exaggerated -
But now all is looking up - fresh
meat 3 times a week - fresh bread
from Constantinople - Sir John MacNeill has
done wonders -

{from the first page, top margin}

Pray believe
me, dear Lady
Canning, yours
very truly
F. Nightingale
There is some
Cholera in
camp but
not much.

{in another hand: received May 24}

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 7ff, pen (Goldie 151-56)

Scutari Barrack Hospital

[14:221-27]

Sept 9/55

My dear Lady Canning

I have been waiting only for an hour to thank you very, very much for your most kind letter & to answer the questions contained in it - I have been driven by our work more than usually of late from the sudden death (~~of~~/by Cholera) of my excellent Matron, who managed the Linen Stores for 1200 Patients & the Hospital Furniture - & from the illness of my Assistant - at the same time.

I never doubted the sympathy of the Queen for her poor soldiers, & consequently for all those who tried to do them good. Indeed the fellow-feeling at home with these poor fellows has throughout been a great help in their sufferings - And to be assured of the Queen's sympathy was the highest pleasure to them. We feel it the more because on all hands we hear of the pains & the interest she takes in informing herself of all that concerns them -

It seems as if I had been negligent in accounting for the use of the £200, which Col. Phipps desired me to lay out for the Queen in any comforts which it might seem well for her to give - But I have not - The only use I have as yet made of it was to purchase a tent for the Convalescents to air themselves under, which cost £21. Soldiers are strange beings & it seemed desirable that they should have to thank their Queen for something which they did not consider their right - To spend her money in ArrowRoots & socks would not have attracted their attention - At this time too we are amply supplied with every kind of store, very different from what it was when we first came out - Tobacco is, above all, the luxury which the soldier most enjoys & far be it from me to grudge it him in this miserable war - Still it is not exactly a *Queen's* present - But I look forward to a time next winter, when we shall be less fashionable in all human probability than we are now, when England will be tired of us - & the Queen's kindness will be well applied & fully appreciated by the soldier

Question I

It struck me when I read the agreement signed by the Civil Nurses that the last paragraph would not do for a Military Hospl. Because the Nurses there must not be placed under the *immediate* direction of the Principal Medical Officer - In Civil Hospitals, the Medical Officer is accustomed to the direction of women - & may be trusted with it - in Military Hospls not - Bind the *Superintendent* by every tie of signed agreement & of honor to strict obedience to her Medical Chief - (I think it has been the defect at Koulale that this has not been done) But let all his orders to the Nurses go through her - I mean, of course, not with regard to the medical management of the Patients, but with regard to the placing & discipline of the Nurses - I have never had the slightest difficulty about this - the Medical Men always coming to me & saying, "I want such & such assistance" - and I always informing them of any exchange or removal of Nurses - & consulting them - But I would never have undertaken the Superintendency with that condition that the Nurses consider themselves "under the direction of the Principal Medical Officer" - I am under his direction - *They* are under mine.

I will give two instances just to explain that my meaning is to attain not insubordination to the Doctors, but a power of explaining to the Doctors -

It has continually happened to me, especially at B'clava, to be asked for a Nurse to attend an Officer where there was *no possibility* for the woman to retire day or night for even a moment - & where ~~she~~ it was too far for her to return to her Hospital. And this request has been made by an old married Doctor & a father - In one instance, the Principal Medical Officer of B'clava, when I pointed this out to him, immediately gave up his own room for the Nurse to retire to at certain hours - shewing that it was not indifference but inadvertence. In another instance though, - similarly with the first instance, - the house was crowded with men, (viz. Officers, servants & doctors &c) & there was not a cranny where a woman could go unseen, yet though three of the men were Chaplains & the sick man nursed was a Chaplain, it was only by going myself & turning out an Officer & servant & providing for him elsewhere that I could ~~p~~ secure a corner for my poor Nurse - whose Patient required her constantly, - These are the things which deaden women's feeling of morality & make them take to drinking & worse - if the Superintendent is not continually on the alert.

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The other case which makes me "stickle" for the Superintendent being *first* in authority over the Nurses ~~this~~ was that of a Nurse whom I removed from her wards on account of an intrigue in which she was slightly to blame & removal was all that was necessary - In the anger of the moment, she said she thought she had been only accountable to the Medical Officer - She immediately repented, saw the justice of the removal & was forgiven - But a Medical Officer would neither have discovered nor removed her for this - & she could have quoted her agreement to prove that she was chiefly responsible to him.

Under these circumstance, therefore, I must suggest that the Form of Agreement should bind Nurses to obedience to their Superintendent, the Superintendent to the Principal Medical Officer by another Form signed by *her*. But, if the Medical Officer conveys his orders, in the first place, to the Nurse, the Superintendent can only interfere in the second place - And there will be continual quarrelling, which there never has been in the four Hospitals under my charge -

Question II With regard to the wages, a sliding scale is absolutely necessary - At what rate it shall begin I cannot decide - Because I have no doubt that the excitement

which has been made about us in England has raised our price - I will only remark that the lowest description of Nurses I have had were a Mrs. Gibson who came out at 18/ in the 2nd party, a Mrs. Whitehead who came out at 18/ with the same party & who has not yet returned home, because she has broken her leg, - a Mrs. Thompson, & Mrs. Anderson, who came out at 18/ each by the 3rd party & returned drunk in 3 weeks, a Mrs. Holmes of the same party, who was a woman of bad character, but whom I have kept, because I believe she has really been shocked into reform here - also at 18/ - a Mrs. Clarke from Oxford, of the 4th party, who came out at 16/- & several others whose names I will not give, because they are not likely to trouble you. These all came out at 18/ - whereas some of the most respectable women were of the first party, who all came out at 10/. I do not think their having children to settle has anything to do with the Government question of providing good & responsible Nurses for their soldiers - But I am not aware, as I have already said, of the present state of feeling in England - & think that your sliding scale may be a necessary one viz 14/ a week for 3 months, to be then raised to 18/ & after a year to 20/

I have not had a single ~~person~~/Nurse yet, either at high or at low wages, whom I could place in a situation of responsibility, excepting Mrs. Roberts & Mrs. Walford, (the latter I found out here & she is the poor woman just dead of Cholera)

I think a mistake has arisen that a Nurse out of a surgical ward means a surgical Nurse - The nurse out of a surgical ward is nothing but a maid=of=all=work. She scours, washes the Patients, makes the beds - sometimes the poultices &c - Mrs. Orton, of the 4th party, who came out as a Surgical Nurse from Bartholomew's, is scarcely fit for a maid of=all=work. She came out at 16/. But she is such a good creature, though silly & vulgar, that I employ her in the Linen Stores under direction -

I send ~~home~~/you the first Agreement & first Certificate which I think, after all, were the best.

Question III I see no objection to the "Drink" rule being left out - Because it is different at different Hospitals - But, without the rule ~~about~~/against Presents, no discipline could be maintained - I have had no difficulty in enforcing it. I know of many instances where the Nurses have refused money & have never told me so themselves - I know of only one

instance where money was accepted & that was by an unprincipled woman, Mrs. Lyas, of the 2nd party, whom I was about to dismiss, & who has procured herself a situation as Governess!! in an Armenian family by the agency of the R.C. priest. Experience connected with this woman leads me to the suggestion that it is desirable *never* to send out R.C. Nurses, who will always be borne scatheless by their Priests - through any misconduct - & never to pay ~~them~~ their wages, or any portion of their wages, in any other way excepting thro' the Superintendent - This woman sets ~~me~~/all at defiance, has carried off all her new summer clothing, endeavours to seduce away the other Nurses, because I had no check over her - her wages having been paid in London by the W. Office - She sent me word, when she ran away, that she was sure of her wages without me - And she has completely deluded that unlucky ~~unfortunate~~ Lawfield of St. John's, whom she converted.

We require, if you please, a large ~~Assortment~~/number of new Badges, Ours are worn out & we have no time to work them - Mrs. Bracebridge has the pattern.

I think it undesirable that the Nurses should be allowed to take with them their own outer clothing. It will be a constant struggle to prevent their wearing it.

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I would suggest that, if Nurses choose to wear white Petticoats & white stockings, it should be made a condition that they put them out to wash at their own expence - Grey twill would do very well for petticoats. I have sent for some to Malta -

The rule about wearing the regulation dress applies *particularly* to when they are *out of Hospital* - & therefore the rule as it is written about ~~the~~/this is not explicit enough - I have myself heard one soldier address another, "Don't you speak to her'n! don't you know that's one of Miss Nightingale's!" The necessity of distinguishing them *at once* from the camp-followers is particularly obvious when they are *not* engaged in Hospital work -

I think the rule about receiving wages should be - quarterly -

I hope the additional rules I sent home by Mrs. Bracebridge will be adopted - especially that about their accepting no other situation out here - People in the East will take a servant, or even a Governess, with no character whatsoever.

The rule about remitting nurses' wages thro' the Paymaster is undesirable for two reasons 1st the extreme delay - It is stated "in the same way as soldiers' remittances-" The delay in making

these is so well known that the soldiers are in the habit of remitting by me to England in small sums of 20/ or 30/ a weekly amount of (now) not less than £150. It is stated that "the Genl Agent will in due course issue the same." The "*due course*" is one of many months.

2nd the Nurses should be dependent on the Superintendent for their wages - entirely - as she alone can know their deserts -

The Exhortation to the Nurses is excellent - but something might be added - In the rule (4th) about the walking, we are obliged to arrange that they should not go out for exercise excepting with a superintendent, as when two or even three were together, the soldiers would make appointments to meet them - for we have here the misery of a depot - On the other hand, I have been obliged to waive the rule that two must always be together in the wards - It cannot be always maintained.

The 5th viz. the instructions of the W. Office respecting religious intercourse to Lord W. Paulet has been so completely misunderstood by the R.C.s that it has been, in fact, my principal difficulty - & the less publicity which is given to it the better - The R.C.s who, before, were quite amenable, have chosen to construe the rule that "they are not to enter

upon the discussion of religious subjects with any Patients other than those of their own faith" to mean - therefore with *all* of their own faith - & the 2nd party of Nuns, who came out, now wander over the whole Hospital, out of Nursing hours, not confining themselves to their own wards nor even to Patients, but "instructing" (it is their own word) groups of Orderlies & Convalescents in the Corridors - doing the work each of ten Chaplains - & bringing ridicule upon the whole thing, while they quote the words of the W. Office, which indeed seem to have been left intentionally vague, & to bear this construction.

(1) Aprons may "well be served out like Towels" But it is better for the Nurses that each should have her own towels, aprons &c - as some tear & destroy so much more than others - & the tidy ones ought not to be called upon to succeed to the others' patches or rents -

(2) Extras &c are very useful

(3) A good stock of needles, cottons, &c &c would be eminently acceptable to me - I am constantly "emptied out" - as we give a small stock to each Patient returning to the Crimea - He cannot drink cottons - Buttons may be sent us by the million & used - gratefully -

I will send back the Lists of the clothing which the Nurses *have had*. I have not yet got in those from the Krimea, which has caused my delay.

We are truly grateful to you for all you have done for us - I am very anxious that Mrs. Bracebridge should be the person to approve the Nurses sent by Lady Cranworth ~~or~~ & that none should come without her approbation - because she knows so exactly what we want.

Death & illness & misconduct have thinned our ranks & I now require

2 Matrons for the Linen Stores

one at each of the two Scutari Hospitals

For we have now undertaken the

whole of these immense Stores - There

are four Divisional Stores to this

Hospital only - & each man has now

his clean shirt twice a week &/or oftener

& his clean sheets once a week or oftener.

These Matrons will have nothing to do with nursing -

1 Housekeeper - who will exercise control

over the Nurses ~~in~~ the Quarters -

not in the wards - she too has nothing to do

with nursing -

2 steady elderly healthy Maids of

all work - willing to go to B'clava,

if necessary -

4 Nurses - who must also be willing to go to B'clava,

if necessary -

I cannot sufficiently say how much I feel

all the trouble you have ~~had~~/taken with us - nor how

great I feel your loss will be to us - Believe me,

dear Lady Canning, most truly & gratefully yours F. Nightingale

P.S.

Many, many thanks for your kind enquiries after my health, which is as much improved, I believe, as I can expect in the time - I have most seriously considered the kind wishes of my friends that I should leave this place for a time - But I believe those about me come to the conclusion that, on the whole, it was best that I should remain here -

Can you pardon this long letter, which I have not time to make shorter, written among interruptions & business of all kinds?

There are of the many good wishes, which will follow you to your command in India, none more *fervent*, at *least*, than ours - I do not know how you will look upon the exile from England - But I cannot help rejoicing at your going to so responsible & important a post -

Many thanks for your encouraging words upon mine -

[end 14:227]

WYAS, Leeds, Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari

[14:231]

September 16/55

Dear Lady Canning

I write this in haste to say that I have discharged Miss Brooke for drunkenness, incompetency & insubordination at the General Hospital at Balaclava - that she did not choose to return home, having, I fear, made acquaintance in the Crimea - & that she has now therefore

no further claims upon
Government of any kind -
Also that I consider
her an improper person
to be sent out again
to any Hospital whatever.

[end 14:231]

Believe me

dear Lady Canning

sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/2 signed letter, 8ff, pen black-edged
{in another hand: received Oct 17}

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

October 1/55

[14:235-38]

My dear Lady Canning

I have a very painful
duty to perform in
giving you some infor=
mation concerning
Miss Salisbury, which
is today to be made
the subject of a Dis=
patch from the General
Officer commanding here
to Lord Panmure -

Miss Salisbury's name
is probably known to
you through Miss Wyse,
(who recommended her to

x {in another hand: This is a mistake as Miss Stanley never saw her
or recommended her - C.C.}

Lady Stratford.) & thro' Miss
Stanley x as one of the Lady
Nurses here -

Miss Salisbury under=
took in this Hospital
the charge of the "Free
Gift" store - upon a written
understanding that nothing
was to be given out of
that store, excepting by
a written Order from me -
I considered it my duty,
& it has been my constant
practice to keep an
account of every Article
given - which account
could be, at any time,
made known to the Public -
my responsibility being

to the people of England -
These accounts have been
already printed in the
"Blue Book" up to
February 15/55

Circumstances occurred
which made me believe
that property from the
"Free Gift" stores was
withdrawn by Miss
Salisbury, unknown to me.
And this suspicion became
so much strengthened
that I mentioned it
to the Commandant -
who, thinking that I
had grounds for it,
at once advised me to

dismiss her. I did so,
paying her her salary,
offering to ~~have~~/take her passage
home to England or to
Patras, whence she came -
& supplying her with
money, besides, out of my
own pocket.

She refused to go -
& offered her services to
Mrs. Moore, Superintendent
of the Officers' Nurses -

She was about to
proceed on the same
errand to Lady Stratford
at Therapia, when
material proof of her
dishonesty appeared.

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Farther evidence against
her having come to light,
the General Commanding
sent men to search my
house in Scutari in
which she, Miss Salisbury,
slept. Property was found
there, which I may
safely assert was of
above £100 value, -
concealed in the room of
a Maltese couple, who
were brought here by the
recommendation of Miss
Salisbury, & were in my
employment.

I must leave it to
others to interpret this
circumstance for them-
selves -

Miss Salisbury says

that it was her intention
to give away this property
& acknowledges that she
has given away much
from the "Free Gift" stores
unknown to me -

The excuse she offers is
that the Stores were rotting
& eaten by rats - And
that Mrs. Bracebridge,
when here, had given her
& the Nurses leave to take
or to give away any thing
out of the Free Gift store.

It is my wish to leave
the latter assertion to be
answered by Mrs. Bracebridge -
That rats abound in all
these Hospitals is an
unlucky fact. But I never

heard that ~~the~~ Purveyor
or Commissariat gave away
their stores in consequence.

Be that as it may, Miss
Salisbury has broken the
agreement which she made,
in disposing of the Free
Gift stores at her own
pleasure - without record
or responsibility - And
the people of England are
not to be left at the
mercy of Miss Salisbury.

To this I must add, with
the greatest pain, that
Articles of my own wearing
apparel, which I had
missed, have been found
in her boxes - It is undeniable
that the circumstances are

such as would, in any other case, be considered a felony - Five men are now in custody, two of whom she brought to Scutari, in whose possession have been found goods given over to them by her.

It reaches me from various quarters, as being said from one person to another, that a desire is expressed to know the plan that has been & is pursued in the disposal of the Free Gifts & the Queen's Gifts here - I wish that it had been said to myself, as I could then immediately have afforded the information.

For the Free Gifts addressed

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to me, I have, of course, considered myself responsible -

I have made it a rule in these Hospitals of Scutari to answer all the Requisitions of the Medical Officers, having first ascertained that such Article does not exist in the Purveyor's store - I have then procured it either from Constantinople, Malta or England, if it did not exist in the Free Gift Store - I have spent thus upwards of £3000 in Constantinople alone - part of which has

been repaid me by Govern=
ment, part has come out
of my own & other private
funds - This is wholly
independent of the "Times"
Fund - To other Hospitals
I have sent *all*, (but
nothing else) that was
required of me in *any*
Requisition, representing
things as wanted, either
from Medical Officer,
Chaplain, or Superintendt
of Nurses - had I sent
other things, the public
Gifts would have been
wasted -

Only in the case of Koulale

Hospitals have I deviated
from this rule & sent
stores unasked -

I have invariably sent,
when asked, to all other
Hospitals in the East,
whether I possessed the
Article actually in store or not -
& I possess an exact
record of what has been
sent.

The "free gifts" & the stores
(procured by money at
Constantinople), which have been distributed
in the Barrack, General
& Palace Hospitals of
Scutari up to February
15/55 have been published
in the Blue Book, as above

mentioned -

An exact account is
ready for publication up
to May 1/55 of the Free Gifts
distributed in the same
Hospitals -

Also, of the Free Gifts
distributed to the Hospitals
of Koulale & Balaclava -
between Nov 4/54 & May 1/55
(It will perhaps surprise
some to hear that, in
the Barrack & General
Hospitals alone of Scutari, in the
first three months of my
stay here - were given out
by me upwards of
10,000 Shirts &
4,000 flannel do.
independently of all other
Articles of Hospital Furniture)

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During May, June & July,

I was prevented by illness
from taking any part
in the distribution of the
Free Gifts, which was
undertaken by Mrs.
Bracebridge, who will
answer any questions
concerning the distribution which took
place at that time -
From July 28/55 to the
present time I have
an Account of every
Article distributed -
And all these Accounts
will be published
subjoining that of what
is regularly given to each
soldier who leaves the
Hospital, either invalided

home, or convalescent to the
Crimea -

Believe me, dear Lady
Canning yours most truly
Florence Nightingale

P.S.

The Queen's Gifts, i.e.
those which came to my
address, dated Dec '54 &
Jan '55, were immediately
divided into proportionate
quantities among *all*
the Hospitals - a double
portion only having been
given to the Palace Hosp=
ital, where were most
Officers, who would prize
most such Articles as
the Queen sent - Of the

distribution of these, I also
kept a record - I have
also had a voice in the
distribution of her other
gifts, particularly of
the games, concerning which
I can also give an
Account - as I made out
the List of the proportions
to be given to each "Division" -

I should perhaps add
that the correspondence
of Miss Salisbury was
seized by order of the Commandant
here, who thought this
step a necessary one -
as indeed it proved - & that it laid bare a

{in another hand: Miss N. Oct 1}
most curious system of
falsehood, which she had
been pursuing in her
letters to England. It is
so easy for an adventurer
of this kind to trade
upon people's sympathies
in this way.

F.N.

[end 14:238]

Wyas, Leeds, Canning 177/2/3 copy of testimonials, 4ff, pen

Miss Tattersall

It is quite impossible for me to say [14:293-94]
what I owe this lady for her untiring
industry - for her flinching from no
menial employment, as at her own
request, she had been Cook & Housekeeper
to the female Staff of the General Hospital,
Scutari, since April/55 - for her truth,
judgment, faithfulness, discretion, &
entire trustworthiness, for her temperance,
in all things even in flirting: and for
her high religious principle, I cannot
express too highly my respect & esteem.

Mrs. & Miss McLeod

These ladies are excellent, but not
useful. They are gentle workers - And
the old lady- though most amiable
& attractive, having both age, & delicate

health in the way of her working; it is
difficult to understand for what she
was sent out.

Mrs. Evans

A most eccentric, little Welsh, woman.
Her manners make many wonder whether
she is a knave or a fool - but none have
been more useful, laborious, honest, respect=
able, sober and trustworthy than Jane Evans.
I am under great obligation to her for her
active zeal - And from her Farming=Know=
ledge she was able to keep one of the
Crimean Hospitals supplied with Milk
during the Winter -

Mrs. Shaw Stewart

I should fear to offend this lady - were I to say what my opinion of her is. Without her our Crimean work would have come to grief. Without her judgment, her devotion, her unselfish consistent looking to the one great end, viz. the carrying out the work as a *whole*, without her untiring zeal, her watchful care of the Nurses, her accuracy in all trusts and account, her truth - in one word, her faithfulness to the work as a whole, laying aside the desire inherent in all weak minds) that it should be observed how much more good she was doing in her own particular Hospital than others were - without *all her* qualities, I believe that our Crimean work could not have withstood the insidious petty persecution, the laying of traps, the open opposition which it has received Her praise and her reward are in higher hands than mine.

Miss Morton

Last come out, but not least useful; In the constant good influence exerted by her over the Nurses, in her unfailing desire to teach them and train them to good. In her willingness to take any work which offered to be most useful, and which only her physical want of strength prevented her carrying out more fully. I have the deepest obligation to her for her faith=
=fulness to the work, for her tender care of the workers.

[end 14:294]

F. Nightingale
(copied)

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/3 signed letter, 11f, pen (Goldie 287-93)

30 Old Burlington St.

[14:463-70]

Nov 23/56 London

Dear Lady Canning

I have just received your very kind letter "finished Oct 7. at Barrackpore" - You have been too kind & efficient a mistress to me & mine for me not to think it an "official" duty to give you some account of my stewardship, & answer your letter step by step.

1. *This* seems to me like a dream & not my past "campaign". It seems to me like a dream to see the women driving ~~walking~~ about in little bonnets & big petticoats & hear them saying that "poor Lord Raglan", (that most chivalrous & noble old man in his disregard of mere public opinion), "died of the 'Times'" - to see the men playing the game of party politics over the graves of our brave dead, & trying to prevent us from learning the terrible lesson which our colossal

calamity should have taught us - Oh my poor men, who died so patiently I feel I have been such a bad mother to you, coming home & leaving you in your Crimean graves, - unless truth to your cause can help to teach the lesson which your deaths were meant to teach us -

2. The public has been, on the whole, very considerate of me. Two or three of my friends have made very great mistakes & been unable to understand that publicity must, by injuring my cause, be painful & worse to me - And puffing always injures any real work, were it only by collecting round it elements of frivolity, vanity & jealousy. On the whole too, the War Dept, has been very kind to me, & forgiven me my popularity as well as it was able tho' it was very angry with a speech

of Sir John McNeill's at Edinburgh which was made contrary to my earnest and written remonstrance.

3. The Hospitals of the East were, at the end, quite perfect, as also the Sanitary arrangements - I conceive that this year, the Barrack Hospital at Scutari was the finest in the world - Also, The deaths in the second week of January 1855 were 578 per 1000 in the Army - (& this was not ~~the~~ our highest mortality, which was in the end of that month) - The deaths in the corresponding week of January 1856 were 17 per 1000. The deaths from Epidemics were reduced from 70 ~~60-80~~ percent of those from all causes to 45 per cent - And the sickness from Epidemics from 60-80 per cent to 16 per cent - This, of course, is attributable to the excellent Sanitary arrangements in the Army, introduced by the Sanitary Commission - &/as well as to those in the Hospitals - The frightful

mortality in the Barrack Hospital at Scutari diminished in like manner - During 54-55, that Hospital was literally living over a cess-pool - & the Military Medical Officers ascribed the unmanageable outbreaks of Cholera which took place up to November/55 to a Cemetery 3/4 mile off - !!

To give you some idea of the way in which H.M.'s Ministers are informed of the health of H.M.'s troops, the only authorized returns of Cholera (of course Ministers may have had private returns) sent home were (& are) of the Patients who are in Hospital from Cholera on *Saturdays* (Cholera running its course in 3 or 4 hours) & the Patients who are admitted the other six days in the week, dead & buried - of them there is no other record than in the Death Returns & not always there - The excess of burials over recorded deaths was 4000

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4. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that of your "friends", as you kindly call them, Nurses Logan, Sullivan, Cator, Jane Evans, Miss Tattersall, Woodward (from Koulali) Montague, Orton, Maloney &c turned out "all right". Miss Morton so good - & many others honestly anxious to do their duty - I do not mention the virtues of those who were before your reign, as they will be less interesting to you - But I cannot help just recording the gratitude we owe to Mrs. Shaw Stewart, to the "Revd Mother" of the R.C. "Sisters of Mercy" at Bermondsey, to Sisters Bertha & Margaret of the Anglican "Sisters of Mercy" of Devonport & to the immortal Mrs. Roberts -

5. I have not had time to read the Koulali & Smyrna books - But even had I, I would not - For women who have had the happiness of serving God & the honor of serving their country in her War-Hospitals to make a book

about it is to me quite enough, whether that book were prompted by their own vanity or by silly or astute advisers. The Koulali authoress, Miss Fanny Taylor, has now joined the R. Catholic Church, which indeed she had done privately before she went out.

With regard to what you say about the necessity of Chiefs at home having the cause of dismissal always sent them, it is so true, both theoretically & practically, that I only wish it had been more strictly enforced - But, on one occasion, that of Miss Salisbury, a woman proved to be profligate, intemperate, & dishonest, the War Dept did not act upon the character sent home by the Commandant as well as by myself -

6. I am very much obliged to India for their zeal in our cause - I am

pleased to hear it, because, ignorant as it is, it is upon a right principle - One is sick of the cant about Women's Rights - If women will but shew what their duties are first, public opinion will acknowledge these fast enough - I dislike almost all that has been *written* on the subject, Mrs. Jameson especially. Let the "real lady", as you call her, be as much professional, as little dilettante as possible - let her shew that charity must be done, like everything else, in a business-like manner, to be of any use, (a thing I found it more difficult to make my ladies understand than anything) - And all that is good will follow - provided, of course, that the real love of God & mankind is there - And, *with this*, I conceive that we have even an advantage over the R. Catholics - (A vow implies a fear of failure) just as the really sober man

is undoubtedly better off than the man who has taken the Temperance pledge - Besides this, R. Catholics, even the best, are essentially incapacitated (from their inherent Manichæan=ism) from doing the best kind of good - They are to console the suffering which evils have produced - They are not to remove the causes of those evils - As a curious instance of this, I will mention that I tried to ~~make~~/persuade a great ally of mine, the Superioress of the Sardinian "Sisters" at Balaclava, Countess Cordero, (one of the most remarkable women it has ever been my good fortune to know,) to join with me in a strong protest against a certain Canteen, up to which we used respectively to see our respective Patients in Hospital slippers & clothing - stealing past the (conniving) sentry - out of the Hospital Huts. The protest was to have been addressed to our respective Chiefs of the Staff & would have been easily

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attended to - But I never could persuade her that it was any use to take any Preventive Measures against drunkenness or anything else - I have seen this even among the excellent French "Sisters" at Paris -

You will be glad to hear that Miss Shaw Stewart is hard at work improving herself at Guy's Hospital, where she is training as Nurse - I envy her - For I have much more harassing work to do -

7. I am sorry to hear your account of Indian (middle class) women - But I really think that it might be read aloud here to great advantage, for "Indian" substituting "English"

India is a wonderful field for you - There is very much that we might imitate, with much advantage, out of the Indian Army, & what you say of the Sepoys reminds me of it.

I saw hardly anything of the Turks

as you may suppose - And what little I did see made me think that poor Turkey's days are numbered - But men, far better informed than I am, say that she is making steady progress onwards - the merest sight of Turkey impresses one, of course, with the immense superiority in civilization which Constantinople has attained over her provinces - The Turkish Contingent was the best thing we did - And I regretted much its being disbanded - They, ~~we~~ the soldiers, were getting so attached to us -

How ~~you~~ Tropical colouring must call out your artistic feelings - We had small time to look at colouring - but even I feel the change to this London sky deaden all my artistic perceptions -

8. You will wonder what is the grievance with us when everything was so perfect about the Army when it left - The fact is we have not made one step towards a system which will prevent the recurrence of such a disaster - If we were set down at Batoum tomorrow, we should have all /54 over again - I have never heard any sensible man doubt this who was with our Army in the East - We are no nearer having the next Army live on fresh meat at 1 ½ per lb instead of die on salt meat at 8d per lb - we are no nearer having the next War Hospitals drained & ventilated - the next Land & Sea Transport well organized than if we had not died & lived respectively in the years of Disgrace /54 & of Grace/56. Because the system does not exist to compel it. Nothing has been done but a violent expenditure & the relaxation of all rules & all logical scheme of Government - And the very luxury & expence of /56

was bad for our cause - Because it gave the supporters of the old system (or no= system) the right to say, Look what these innovators do -

Lord Panmure is going to give us a Royal Commission of Inquiry into ~~the~~ all that concerns the health of the Army at home & abroad - And I have been commanded by the Queen & by him to write a Precis for the Government - I do not feel very sanguine as to the result of either - But I shall "eat" straight through - Of all those in Office whom I have had to do with since I came home, you will, perhaps, perhaps not, be surprised to hear that I have found the Queen, Lord Palmerston & Mr. Herbert the most free from the Office Taint - These are really, (after their different fashions) not officially, interested - I have had much to do with two Taints lately, the Scorbutic & the Office Taint - And the latter is the worse -

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The points in my Precis will be to try to show

1. that the Army must be taught to "do for" themselves - Kill their own cattle, bake their own bread, hut, drain, shoe=make, tailor, &c &c. But in this the Camp at Aldershot is, if possible, behind that in the Crimea - everything is done for it by civil contract - (Its clothing only is going to be given to it to do) - You will hardly believe that, in the Crimea, even when we had fresh meat, we buried one fifth part of it & that the most nutritious - Our Naval Brigade & the French dug up our ox=heads & make soup of them - & I dug up the feet, & made jelly of them -

2. that the Commissariat must be put upon the same footing as your East Indian Commissariat which has, I believe, never broken down except during the first Burmese War, which was not its fault - instead of which our Commissariat is made, with other arrangements, to destroy an Army

3. that the Quarter=Master General's stores must be periodically reported, as to what they contain, to the General Officers of Divisions - You are probably well aware that, while our men were lying in one wet blanket & one muddy great=coat, - wet & muddy because they had been 20 hours out of the 24 in the trenches, - while they were dying of Scorbutic Dysentery upon salt meat, rum & biscuits, our stores at Balaclava were full of rice, lime=juice, great coats, crates, rugs & even blankets -

4. that, in time of war, the Transport must be under military control - For, while stores were daily arriving at Balaclava, & every man in the front would gladly have given 1/ to have his blanket carried up to him, & every man in the Transport Service could have carried up 10 blankets, we positively never thought either of using or of paying the seamen on board the Transports to carry up stores to the front.

5. that a Sanitary Officer must be

attached to every Quarter Master Genl's Office - to advise upon matters relating to encampment, diet, clothing, hutting, sick transport - Even after our great distress was over, it was found that the 79th, altho' down at Balaclava, was in such a state from Fever that, if matters went on thus, the whole Regiment would pass thro' Hospital 4 ½ times in 6 months - After the usual recalcitration from Commanding Officers as to "Military Position" &c, it was found that by moving the lines 20 yards, which did not alter the military position in the least, the troops were saved from Fever - The boards of the huts were found positively covered with green algine matter - But now a Medical Officer, if he analyses the water & finds it unfit for human health, & remonstrates in writing, may be placed under arrest. Military health, as was written 57 years ago, is sacrificed

in an enormous proportion to ignorance.

I have 11 other points which relate

1. to the Government of General Hospitals, which, being in the hands of eight Departments, the Officers of which are appointed by different authorities, ensures delay, irresponsibility & inefficiency - A requisition to mend a broken pane of glass must pass thro' six Departments.
2. the Sanitary Element in Hospitals
3. the Army Medical Department, - its rate of pay, - education, - system of promotion, - confusion of its administrative & professional functions, - absolute necessity of a *Practical Army Medical School* at home, impossibility of its ~~being~~/producing, as at present constituted, ~~a good nursery of~~ good surgical science -
4. the necessity of a Hospital being complete in itself & furnishing a Hospital kit for each man - We positively had no

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power of inventing any scheme, (when the men were ordered to leave their knap=sacks on board ship when we landed at Old Fort, which knap=sacks they never recovered), of clothing these men when they came into Hospital with nothing on but an old pair of trousers & a dirty blanket- nor of feeding them, because it was a Queen's warrant that they ought to bring their spoons ~~in~~ with them into Hospital

5. Cooking & Dieting of the Army
6. Washing
7. Canteens
8. Soldiers' Wives
9. Nursing by male & female
10. uniformity of Stoppages, the non= uniformity of which engenders a want of confidence in the men, (and justly,) as to the accuracy of the balance of pay they ~~get~~/receive, there being one stoppage of 3 ½ for the field, another for on board ship, another for wounds in Hospital, another for sickness in Hospital - I have had so much to do

with the little money = deposits of the men that I know how badly this works on their moral confidence, without any proportionate saving to Govt.

11. Engineering of Hospitals
12. Mode of keeping Statistics -

That good little Sardinia has adopted our civil mode of keeping these at the Registrar-General's Office, while we are not allowed to have any sickness in the Army but what they had in Charles II's time - And I could make you laugh at our classification which seems made to deceive & bamboozle Govt as to the causes of our disease - Just as the system of the Army Medical Department seems made to prevent it from rising to the level of the Medical science of the day -

I think, if you could see our *real* Statistics, you would think that I have been moderate in my statements. In eight regiments in the front, of which the 46th actually lost more than its average strength from disease alone, we lost 73 per cent in seven months from disease alone - I am not aware that we can show any instance in our history of a similar disaster except in the Burmese war in /26 - At Walcheren, which is called the "ill=fated" expedition, we lost 10 1/4 per cent, in 6 months from disease, - in the Peninsula 12 per cent ~~per ann.~~/in a year from disease -

Contrasting this 73 per cent with the loss in our Naval Brigade, which was scarcely 3 1/4 per cent from disease, & among our Officers which was 3 3/4 per cent from disease, shewing that there was no fault in the climate - & with the loss, ~~from~~
more fearful than ours, from

disease among the French this year, when they began to do *on purpose* what we did from stupidity, - namely ill=feed, ill=clothe, ill=shelter the troops; shewing that it was not only over=work in the trenches which killed us, - I think we arrive at a pretty just conclusion.

The question is, shall we have any Reform? The Queen has been most earnestly interested - so is Prince Albert. But I fear they have taken the wrong sense as to the Crimean Commission - They do not see how, if all the men, there=in blamed, were so excellent, what must the system be which killed from disease alone 50 per cent of all our infantry *in the front* in 7 months - & 39 per cent taking *all* the Infantry & Cavalry together.

You will wonder at the din & bustle of our English business in your Indian life, &, may I say so?, I think you a little

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prefer the former in your approbation. I wonder more at the way we have here of making out of the most critical subjects conversation only. I think the proof of this is the degree to which, in England, the newspapers influence people's opinion or rather talk - It is said that the speeches may be counted which, in the House of Commons, have commanded a vote. (That is because an M.P. has an opinion about his vote -) And it is impossible to believe that, if anyone has a definite opinion upon any subject, the Article of a newspaper gentleman, who has to get up his opinion before 4 o'clock could alter it - Yet how many people read & talk newspaper - shewing, I am afraid, both how little definite opinion there is, even upon important subjects, & how much these are made mere grinding organs to grind a talk of =

However, one could not be too thankful for one's own free press when one saw the disastrous consequences to the French this spring of having none -

Lord Panmure has given me six months' work (but no wages or *character*) After that, I go to the nursing business again.

[end 14:470]

believe me, dear Lady Canning,
sincerely & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

WYAS, Leeds, Canning 177/2/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Great Malvern

Sept 16/57

Dear Lady Canning

Will you think
me trespassing too much
on your former kindness
to me, if I venture to
recommend to your
notice my cousin,
Lothian Nicholson, a
Major in the Royal
Regiment?

He did his work

well in the Crimea
& is going out to do
the same in India -

I will not say a
word upon your all=
absorbing affairs -
You know how all
England is thinking
of you -

I need not say
that, should you
think it possible for
me to be of the

[9:48]

smallest use, I would
come out, at 24
hours' notice, to serve
in any capacity,
in my "line of business",
that you would
direct -

[end 9:48]

Believe me

dear Lady Canning
ever faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Leicestershire Record Office

1571

WYAS, Leeds Canning 177/2/3 signed letter, 4f, pen

30 Old Burlington St

London W.

5/11/58

[14:984-85]

Dear Lady Canning

You have been
my "mistress" on two
different undertakings
And therefore I have
ventured to send you
(though not to hope
that you will read)
a copy of my Report
to the War Office.

I need not take

up your time in
expressing to you
what all England
has felt about
Indian affairs -
And about the
noble & mighty things
which have been
accomplished.

I am only going
to ask you to turn
your attention to
two things, which I
am quite sure have

occupied it already,
but which I know
(from my own experience)
are particularly
hopeful things to do.

1. There is sufficient
evidence to shew that
a great amount of
disease in India
springs from intoxication
among the troops,
especially on landing -
& that the evil is
greatly increased by
poisonous liquors

[9:72-73]

sold in the native
Bazars. There is
evidence also of great
saving of health & life
having been effected
by supplying the men
with wholesome liquors
under suitable Regulations.

-Could not something
more be done in
providing proper
Canteens under proper
Regulations at all the
Stations, & in putting
down all other traffic
in liquor near the

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men's quarters?

To me who have seen
Scutari in the year
of its drunkenness
& Scutari in the year
of its sobriety, the
soldier appears the
most hopeful member
of mankind for this
experiment -

I have described
the process of cure at
Scutari at Page 453 of my Report.
Of course the same
process will not do
for India, I am well
aware -

Games under cover
& amusements must
be necessary for the men
every where.

2. The terrible
catastrophe at Dum=dum
& the evidence as to the
enormous rate of Mortality
among soldiers' wives &
children prove the
necessity of providing
proper "married Quarters"
at every Station - Space
& fresh air are wanted
as well as needful
conveniences - It is

terrible to think of
these poor women &
children suffering when
so much of it can
be prevented - Could
not something more
be done in India to
remedy this defect?

[end 9:73]

As to means of
remedy, I do not
presume to offer any
suggestions to you. At
the head of those who
have the power & the
will to benefit India
you stand -

Poor Mrs. Polehampton
sent me your kind
letter of introduction,
with a very sweet
letter from herself. It
is now 15 months
since I have been able
to see any one, except
on the pressing business
which still takes up
all my time - And I
believe I am very little
likely ever to leave my
room (or rooms) again -

[end 14:985]

Believe me, dear Lady
Canning, faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Leicestershire Record Office

1575

Gloucestershire Record Office, email, black-edged paper

32 South St.

London W

Dec 20/61

Dear Sir

Thinking the
paper you have
sent me was a
Proof, I have
ventured to make
certain corrections
as to matters of
fact with regard
to the London
Memorial & also
as to the way in

which I would give
my humble assistance
to my late dear
master, if desired.

most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Rt Honble

T. Sotheron Estcourt

M.P.

With envelope package

Rt Honble

T. Sotheron Estcourt MP

Estcourt

Glamorgan Record Office, signed letter, 2ff, pen {black-edged paper}

London Nov 28/71 [16:768]

Madam

Let me say first with what
deep sympathy & earnest admiration
(which yet I can hardly express)
I see such efforts as yours & Dr.
Lewis' for the benefit of so many
done in the quietest most
persevering manner -

Other people begin with a
Prospectus, great names, a
Secretary, a Public Meeting,
and a Castle in the air.

You begin with a cottage, a
few suffering people, who at
last number a great many,
and your own noble personal
exertions & wise practical
Mrs. Lewis

benevolence.

I shall feel too much honoured
in being permitted to help in
ever so slight a degree in your
plans- believing as I do that
no greater benefit could be
bestowed on the working people
of this country than that
every county & every Hospital
should have such a "Rest"
as yours.

If you wish, (as you propose,)
to send me the Sketch plans
of the Institution it is now
projected to build, I will look
them over most carefully, &
also procure a good opinion
upon them

With your practical wisdom,

you will of course, include
in the Sketch-plans your
past experience of inconveniences
to be provided against in
the new building- And any
information of this kind you
could give me will be valuable.

[All cost for mere ornament should
be avoided. Good & substantial
wood & stone work is what is
wanted at the sea-side.]

The question about "*Officers*" is a
difficult one- & in general is
best decided by local experience,
(which I, of course, have not-)
Nevertheless if when I know
more particulars of your
undertaking, I can answer any
questions, I will do so, according
to my past experience-

But people are apt to forget

that no amount of official help
will do exactly what you have
done from sheer love of the
work.

Any sketch-plans to be commented
upon should include a sketch
of the *site* proposed.

Your letter of the 24th= did not
reach me in time for post-
which must excuse my delay in
answering. Pray believe me

Madam

ever your faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

May I ask you to excuse any delay in
future answers owing to my being
constantly overworked, & a constant
prisoner to my room from illness? -
Any letter addressed to

care of Mrs. Wardroper

St. Thomas' Hospital

will always reach me -F.N. [end]

West Glamorgan Archive Service, signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

18/11/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W

[16:678-79]

Dear Sir

The account of your
meeting about the new
Swansea Infirmary -
which you were kind
enough to send me -
has afforded me very
great pleasure. Your
enlightened Committee
has rendered a real
service to the cause of
humanity in adopting
Mr. Graham's beautiful

plans. When completed,
you will have perhaps
the finest & most perfect
small Hospital in the
kingdom.

I was deeply grieved
to hear of the death of
Dr. Williams- who is
indeed a loss.

I shall be very much
obliged to you to add my
name to your List of
subscribers- & to summon
me to pay the £25, when
you are ready for it.

I think it is an extremely
good idea to interest the
men (in the great Iron &
other works) in your
Hospital - as it takes
away from the idea of
a *charity*, & gives them
a personal care and
anxiety for a measure
which ought to concern
their feelings.

[end 16:679]

Pray believe me
dear Sir
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Robert Eaton Esq

Staffordshire County Council, Lichfield Record Office 1 paper letter, note presented to the High School for Girls by Sir Graham Balfour

April 23/58

Dear Dr. Balfour

Dr. Sutherland
understood you to say
yesterday that in
Genl Lawrence's evidence
in your Report, I
should find an
estimate of the
annual cost of the
Soldier. I cannot.
And I dare say he

made a mistake-

Could you tell me
the Page where it
is to be found?

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Lincolnshire County Record Office M.C.H.

[printed address] 35 South Street
Park Lane

W. July 19/69 [16:766]

Sir

I beg to acknowledge your note of
July 15, regarding the proposed plan for
a Convalescent Home in Lincolnshire,
which has since been forwarded to me
by Mr. Fowler.

The plan is good. It will face
a fierce wind, very bracing, and not
requiring the same amount of precaution
& separation of parts necessary in a
milder situation.

The following points require attention:
a sick ward cannot be placed in so
isolated a situation. It must be where
the Nurse or "Attendant" can overlook it
day & night. In this case the "Attendant,"
if by "Attendant" is meant a Nurse, is
where she is not wanted at night &
not where she is. I myself should
prefer the Sick Ward more apart from
The Revd
F. Pretyman

the Convalescents. But you might move the sick ward to the Attendant's room=side. i.e. leave the bath where it is, & shift the sick ward across to the two windows to the right (and vice versa on the left) - & place the two windows between the Sick ward & the Bath. There must be an Inspection=window through the attendant's wall to the Sick ward. [If you have 2 sexes, you will require 2 Baths.]

Also: a Lavatory on the *men's* side.

If there are two floors, the Sick wards should be up stairs- and the down=stairs room turned to some other purpose. [I think your Matron should have 2 rooms-bedroom & sitting room.]

also, a small *light* Linen=store or press
The central parts should not be raised above one floor.

One can scarcely ~~say~~ from present information, answer the question how to build.
I fell disposed to think that it is better not to begin till one has the money.

Will you present my apologies to Mr. Fowler for having returned the plans to you, as you requested, & not to him, as he requested- on the ground of my total inability to write two letters?- overwhelmed with illness & hard business as I am.

[end]

Pray believe me

Sir

ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale