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8997/1 signed letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand **[14:441-42]**

Lea Hurst
Matlock
August 14/56

My dear friends

I wish that it were in my power to tell you what was in my heart when I received your letter & the valuable & beautiful present which accompanied it - my dear friends, the things which are deepest in our hearts are perhaps those, which it is most difficult to us to express. Your welcome home your sympathy with what has been passing while I have been absent have touched me more than I can tell

in words -

"She hath done what she could"
these words I inscribed on the tomb of one of my best helpers whom I left in the grave -yard at Scutari -
It has been my endeavor in the Sight of God to do as she had done -

I will not speak of reward when permitted to do this work - It is what we live for. But I may say that to receive sympathy from affectionate hearts like yours is the greatest support, the greatest gratification

that it is possible to me to
receive from man -

I have read over all your names
with grateful tender affection
I beg that you will believe me
my dear friends
yours ever faithfully & gratefully

[end 14:442]

Florence Nightingale

To the
Female tenantry
of Pleasley

8997/2 unsigned letter, 1f, pen not FN hand,

Aberdeen - September 17 -1856

Sir -

I wish that it were in the power of
words of mine to express the grateful
pleasure with which I have received
the mark of your sympathy with the
recent labours of my companions & myself.

Little as I am able to say what
I feel, I yet greatly regret that my
absence from the house, where your kind
communication was addressed, has caused
so long an interval to elapse, before I
could return the acknowledgement which
I now beg you to accept & to convey to
the gentlemen whom you represent

To know, while engaged in a distant
land, that there was for us an intelligent

sympathy at home. was our most
cheering support under many
difficulties. To receive this feeling
expression of it on our return cannot
but greatly enhance to all of us this
happiness of home -

I beg, Sir. to subscribe myself
your grateful & obedt servt.

Wm. Ferrer Esq.

Mayor of Christ-church

8997/3 initialed letter, 1f, pen

B.H.

Sept 24/56

{written vertically in top margin} Many thanks
for the
letters -

My dearest I enclose
Robert's certificate of
discharge - He must
keep it carefully. Thank
Beatrice for doing so
much for him. I am
still writing about
schools for him.

People here most kind.

Sir James not at all
prejudiced.

Both the Q. & P.A.
everything they ought to
have been - also Sir G.
Grey. I doubt not the
desire but the power of
both Q. & P. to do what I
want. *I said everything*
I wanted - ever yours F.

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8997/4 initialed letter, 1f, pen

[14:448-49]

Sept. 25/56

My dearest Would you
acknowledge the enclosed Poetry if
you do answer these effusions?
I never do -

Also, Sullivan (Nurse) now
Mrs. Serjeant Tye says she sent
me her "marriage lines" & begs
me to return them to her. They
never came to me - But you
forwarded her letter to me here without
its envelope - Please return them
if you have them to her. Her address
is 19 Leonard St. Shoreditch
If you have them not, please
tell her so - & tell her that I
shall always be glad to hear from
her - Please always to forward my
letters *in* their envelopes - as I don't

know otherwise which enclosure
belongs to which -

It is now settled by the Queen's
desire that I stay here to see
Lord Panmure

Yours ever & ever

F.

[end 14:449]

Birk Hall

Sept 25/56

8997/5 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept 29/56

My dearest

I will see my T.s
in persona when I
come back - so need
not write to them.

I have received
a pr of *beautiful*
grey fur cuffs from
Harding's - now never
off my hands - I hope
they are not present
from him but an
order from you - many
thanks - they are most
pretty & comfortable

Pray order directly
the "British & Foreign
(quarterly) Medico=
Chirurgical Review"
for October 1855 -
& read the first
Article - I read it
in the Crimea & regret
I have it not here
to quote to Sir J. Clark.
It will be valuable
to me for reference -
giving a just &

unbiased character
of Sir J. Hall - I am
glad however to find
that the Q. is alive
to his merits. She
knows everything. And
Sir James, tho' blinded
about Dr. A. Smith,
fully appreciates Hall.
However it is not
my tack to attack
men, but systems
Yours ever my dearest
F.

8997/6 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

Aberdeen
Oct 9/56

Dear Pa
The Braemar Road
being broken up, by the floods,
Lady Coltman & I came
tonight to Aberdeen -
& go on to Edinburgh
tomorrow - where I
mean to see all my
people - Pray keep
Col Tulloch for me
at home till I come -
which I suppose
will be on Monday -
I have a great deal to
say to him -

I hope to persuade
Lady Coltman to go to you
on Saturday - Would it
be as well to order a
vehicle at Ambergate
to meet the 7.30 train
in case she comes ? I
do not know that she
will -

I had my master
Pan for a long day
yesterday. He was
uncommonly civil to me

in the best way, viz
of entering into every
one of my propositions.
But character which
makes the word & the
deed the same
appears to me the
stuff wanting in our
statesmen -

I was excessively
pleased with Prince
Albert -

I hope you are doing
well - ever dear Pa your
loving child

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8997/7 initialed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen [Bundle 131] envelope Ballater,
postmarked: Matlock, Oc 7 1856

W.E. Nightingale Esq
Lea Hurst
Matlock
Derbyshire

Edinburgh
Oct 13/56

[14:457-58]

at it for
the next
4 months

Dearest people I am
very sorry to hear
that you are so bad -
very sorry to hear that
I am not to see Col.
Tulloch - whom I *must*
see in London on
business. I am so
happy to hear that
Aunt Mai is with
you. Uncle Sam is
so good, I cannot
get my business done

with Sir John McNeill
before Wednesday - &
he has agreed to stay
with me till that day.
We are both at Sir
John's & † it is such
a thing to see an
honest man again.
I take it, you are
in a great hurry to
go South. A few days
at the Hurst will
suffice me - But

for the next three or
four months, I shall
have business
(imposed upon me
by Panmure) which
will require hard
work & time spent
in London & elsewhere
to see men & Institutions
whom & which I must
see to get up my
Precis, demanded of
me by Pan - Also I

must have some
quiet hard work
with Mr. Bracebridge
to get up my private
Report.

I hope & trust you
will all be better when
I see you on Wednesday.
In the meantime, I leave
you to Aunt Mai's
tender mercies.

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

With regard to the Derby **[1:241]**
Infirmary, I doubt much
whether I could do anything

{in the first page top margin} at it for)
the next)
4 months)

{continued inside envelope}
Just starting for Balmoral.
Dear Papa, I hope you are better
ever yours
F.N.

I wish you wd be
Prest of the
Derby Iy

8997/8 signed letter, 2ff, pen, printed letter 5484 f38v

answer to Lea Hurst
Sheffield Men Matlock
about first Stone Oct 23/56
 laying

My dear Lydia

The purpose mentioned
to me in your letter
has my deepest sympathy.
It would have been most
congenial with my feelings
on my return from the
death=beds of so many
brave men, to take a
part in it. I shall
be with ~~you~~ the men of Sheffield in spirit,
whenever you/they execute
you/their proposed plans/plan -

It is with real pain
that I feel compelled to
decline the privilege
which ~~you~~ they offer to me
of laying the first stone.
But I believe I shall
best honor the cause
of those brave men dead,
by abstaining from
appearing to court that
publicity, which I
consider to have been
my greatest impediment
in the work I have
been engaged in for

their sakes - impeding
it by arousing in some
minds care for worldly
distinction -

I will ask you to
give this letter to
Mr. Overend. And I
should be glad that
Mr. Overend should
make known to those
who had expressed a
desire that I should
lay the first stone
my reasons & my
sorrow for not doing
so - should say also

that I feel an especial
regret in declining this
at Sheffield from old
& dear family recollections
connected with the
place

I must apologize
for so ~~tardy~~ late an answer,
as I have only just
returned home -

Believe me

My dear Lydia
ever very truly yours
Florence Nightingale
Miss Shore

8997/9 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen {not FN hand {arch: Parthe's hand}}

Oct 24 {arch: ?56}

My dear Sir John

In reply to your most kind letter of Oct 10
I am glad to say that I quite understood that the copies
I have read them & with a feeling of shame beyond any
thing I have felt before - When we were in the East the
consolation of doing what we could to help the soldier
thro' a struggle the result of which affected the freedom &
national life of half the world - together with the belief
that while incompetency was regnant there, the feeling
at home at least was sound, and that a great lesson
was to be learnt by us, which it was better for us in
eternity that we should learn, even tho its been at the
expenxe of the lives of half of us, these convictions were
a great support - and as was a little indignation an

excellent thing - I understood too that Lord Panmure's
language was "I am very sorry but I did not know that
these men had been promoted." & Lord Hardinge's
"I am very sorry, I did hear that the army had suffered.
But I did not know that these men were at all the
cause" And at this confusion of intellects one could
only laugh -

But to find as I did from Lord Panmure's own mouth
& from those letters which you have been so kind as
to give me to read, that the men in authority over
us are perfectly aware of the truth, of the man slaughter
committed in 1854 & of the falsehood as well as
incompetency of those principally concerned in it is a
very different thing. It is a very different thing to find
a Government deliberately destroying the fruits of that
terrible lesson upon by rewarding all who did the mischief,

& purposely & knowingly throwing the stigma ~~tacit~~ of neglect upon those who not only did their duty & saved us from our colossal calamity, but whom they know to have done it.

I have felt our disgrace far more than our sufferings - Those who are used to official life may think little of it. But to me it seems to involve the decline of our nation -

Before these great evils I am unwilling to revert to lesser ones. But at least it is worth while to ask your kind advice as to whether by sending in a Report to Ministers as pusillanimous as these one is not simply forfeiting means of future usefulness in the Service; which I should little regret as far as what I could do in an individual Hospital at home would be concerned, but which I should much regret

in the event of a War which seems so little & way off - Besides what is common to us both, (ie to your far higher position & mine) I almost regret that I did not make you aware, at the risk of troubling you with trifles, of my experience of the goods & evils of the position of a woman, qua woman, in official life - It is difficult to overrate the disadvantages attached to her means of efficiency, as a public officer among men-public Officers. All their defects, qua men of business, are laden upon her. because "a woman cannot be a man of business" - Her word is not taken as evidence, because "I could not contradict a Lady" so that she never hears the counterstatement till it comes before her in the ultimate decision upon both - I know that I have been reported both to the

Commander of the forces & at home for acts which I [not FN hand bundle 132] have never done, & have never contradicted having done -

If she is perfectly indifferent to all this & allows the Authorities at home to throw all the blame upon her, if the measure they have privately enjoined facts, to take all the credit to themselves, if the measure she has privately counselled succeeds, it is difficult to overrate the practical advantages of the position of a woman in an emergency. She is the scapegoat for all experiments. I should like to have submitted to you my Correspondence with the people at home privately, as a proof of this, had not my old friendship with one of the late Govt prevented me -

The only question now is whether I do not forfeit all the practical advantages of a woman's position as a worker, & assume all the disadvantages of the

theoretical position of a female writer -

You will judge better than I -

I never had the slightest objection to act scapegoat; but a very great one to have no practical work in the service - For I am fitter to create than to criticise & very much dislike the irresponsibility of opposition - I by no means wish however to shirk the task that I have accepted, but I regret that I did not make you (than whose advice no man in England could give me better) aware of all my disadvantages -

2. I will also ask you to remember what I ventured to solicit of you with regard to the things you have to propose at the Crimean dinner - the philosophical exposition of the Causes of our great sufferings it is impossible to set forth too often or in too popular a manner. I need make no suggestion of this kind to you who were the origin

of their (the cause) being known at all. I only wish that a shilling abrégé of your Report were published as a free Railway novel. But, while I consider that from the knowledge of such evils as you depict, so brought home to many honest hearts that they will feel as well as know them, it is that we may confidentially look for their removal in god's good time, I have thought it right to answer every Corporation which has asked me to lay a first stone, or do some such public act, that I believed I should best honor the cause of those brave dead by abstaining from appearing to court that publicity, which I consider to have been my greatest impediment in the work I was engaged in for their sake - impeding it by arousing in some minds care for worldly distinction - I shall be glad to keep your valuable notes on Mr. Filder's letter to Mr. Peel for the present, as I shall have to see a great many of the minor officials in London, & it may happen that the subject may come up, I never invite it. But for

the reason above stated, that the evidence of a woman is valueless, (because officials always ride off upon the "I could not contradict a Lady" to explain the disingenuousness of not affording a counterstatement at the time,) I am always glad to produce the primary statement which *must* be believed - I shall see Dr. Andrew Smith in London, because Lord Panmure desired me to do so, & because it is affording myself the advantage of hearing his observations & having the opportunity of a reply, not to him but to my Pan - it is not that I have any hope or expectation of Dr. Smith listening to anything I could say. If from your knowledge of him in particular or of official life in general you could kindly give me any advice as to my being quite open with him or as to the risk of thus making him too much my enemy you would be doing me great service - I would ask your advice whether I should request an interview with my Pan after I have seen Dr. S. Colonel T is in London for the winter & will get out his Defense (!) before the end of Dec. The question is not at all whether he will have brain fever or no brain fever, as I am sure either he or I would have 20 brain fevers, if that would bring the public to do anything. But this will not be done by a catalogue of Col Gordons equivocations so much as by a short & forcible Recapitulation of the great sufferings & great mistakes first set forth in your Report - Pray present my grateful love to Lady M.N & tell her how valuable in every respect was my happy few days time at your house & pray remember me to Miss M.N. also to Mrs. Gibb. If Lady McNeil thinks I ought to have the power of capital punishment in another war & only {in the left margin} she would think I ought to have this right of conscription over Mrs. Gibb

8997/10 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

30 Burlington St

Nov 1/56

I will thankfully accept your kind appointment for 11 oclock on Tuesday & have put off an engagement for that day in order to be free -

I did remember that tomorrow was Sunday, but thought you had fixed that day on purpose as not being an Office day.

I am much more afraid of Dr. Smith than of the Queen & Prince Albert, & indeed I do not know any one in the world of whom I stand in such fear. With a very honest man, without vanity, conscientious & abhorring popularity without benevolence sincerely believing old ways the best & that there is no great improvement to be made in this world, a Roman Catholic who always prefers the sanction of authority & is always ruled more by association than by the ideal - with such a man what can one do? There is no hold one has upon him - He is the most impracticable of human instruments

With regard to Dr. Alexander I am thankful to say that of the two Deputy Inspectors of whom I have formed the best opinion one Dr. Alexander I never saw & I know he patronizes my greatest enemy a most dishonest man Purveyor Fitzgerald. The other Dr. Lawson throughout (& by all fair means for he is an honest man) applied himself to thwart that branch of the Service I was commanded to direct. My testimony therefore is at all events free from the bias of gratitude. Sir John McNeil Dr. Sutherland, & Sir George Brown (tho' personally he hated Dr. Alexander) were all of opinion that he was the most efficient man in the Service. I suspect these names would do him no good with Dr. Smith. But generally the universal feeling about Alexander was personal dislike & admiration of his independence & efficiency. Indeed he was supposed to be the only man with sufficient independence to resist Hall's claim upon his subordinates of a lying

subserviency -

With regard to Dr. Smith's charge against me that he desired me to inform him of whatever was wanted & that I did not, it appears to me totally impossible that I could have forgotten such an order - When everything was wanted, when I was writing by every mail & sitting up every night to write to the War Department, to Lord Stratford to Lord Raglan that we were deficient in everything but bread & meat, I never could have forgotten the order to write to the Director General - which I should have been so glad to execute. Why did he not repeat it? His own Insp Genl told him that nothing was wanted. For me to write that everything was wanted (without an order) would have been sheer & useless impertinence. It appears to me that his is the delusion of an honest mind who thinks that he must have done what appears now so natural to have done. Why did he not write

to me?

The fact was that I never had but two or I think three Interviews with him at his Office where I was taken by Mr. Herbert or the Duke of Newcastle or both that he never looked upon me with favor, but simply looked upon me as a caprice of these two men which he was obliged to submit to. I rather honoured him for his independence but certainly never looked upon him as friendly, or as likely to think anything I could say valuable as evidence but only womanish exaggeration *And I believe he thinks so still.*

8997/11 copy of unsigned letter, 8ff, pen not FN hand, original in WYAS Leeds

30 Old Burlington St. Nov 23/56 No1 [14:463-70]

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
I answer your letter step by step
.....vide
to give you some idea of the way
in which HM Ministers are informed
of the health of HM 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 6 days in the
week dead & buried - of them there
is no other record than in the death
Returns. & not always then. the excess
of burials over recorded deaths was 4000

{in an different hand}

How Tropical colouring must eat 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 to set down at Batoum to-morrow, 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 d 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 & logical scheme of Government.

And the very luxury & expense 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 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. & the latter is the worst.

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. (It's clothing only is going to be given 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 & made 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, & biscuit, our stores at Balacclava were full of rice, lime juice, great coats, coatees, rugs & even blankets.

4. But, in time of war, the Transport must be under military control. For while stores were daily arriving at Balacclava & every man in the front would gladly have given 1s/ 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 Balacclava, 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. to the Sanitary Element in Hospitals
3. to 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 producing as at present constituted good surgical science.

4. the necessity of a Hospital being complete in itself & furnishing a Hospital Kit for each man.

We positively had no power of inventing any scheme [when the men were ordered to leave their knapsacks on board ship when we landed at Old Fort which knapsacks 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 with them into Hospital

5. Cooking & Dieting of the Army

6. Working

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 (& justly) as to the accuracy of the balance of pay they receive

there being one stoppage of 3d 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. in 6 months from disease in the Peninsula 12 per cent in a year from disease.

Contrasting this 73 per cent with the loss in our Naval Brigade, which was scarcely 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent from disease, & among our Officers, which was 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, from disease shewing that there was no fault in the climate - & with the loss more fearful than ours from disease among the French this year when they began to do *on purpose* what we did from stupidity, - namely to 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.

4. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that of yr "friends" as you kindly call them, Nurses Logan, Sullivan, Cator, Jane Evans, Miss Tattersall, Woodward, (from Koulali) Montagu, Orton, Maloney &c turned out "all right". Miss Morton is 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 Miss Shaw Stewart, to the "Revd Mother". of the RC "Sisters of Mercy" at Bermondsey, to Sisters Bertha & Margaret of the Anglican "Sisters of Mercy" of Devonport & to the immortal Mrs. Roberts.

I have not had time to read the Koulali Smyrne books, But even had I, I would not, For women who have had the happiness of serving God & the honour 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 satisfactorily 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 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 Manichaeism) 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 a great 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 attended to. But I never could persuade her that it was any use to take any Preventive Measure against drunkenness or anything else. I have seen this even among the

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 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. It is very much that we might imitate with much advantage, out of the Indian army, & what you say of the Sepoys reminds me of this.

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 civilisation which Constantinople has attained over her provinces. The Turkish Contingent was the best thing we did - And I regretted much its being disbanded - They - the soldiers were getting so attached to us.

The question is - shall we have any Reform?
The Queen has been most earnestly interested,
as 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 blamed were so excellent, what
~~must~~ the System must be which killed from disease
alone 50 per Cent of all our infantrys *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 wish
for it. I wonder more at the way of
making conversation out of the most critical
subjects which we have here. I think nothing
is more extraordinary proof of this than the
degree in which the newspapers influence
people's conversation. It is said that the
speeches may be counted which in the Ho. of
Commons have influenced votes; it is impossible
also to believe that, if any one has a definite
opinion upon a subject, the newspapers could alter it.
Yet how many people read

& talk newspapers - shewing how little definite
opinion there is
however one could not be
too thankful for one's own
Free press when
one saw the disastrous consequences to the
French that 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
Believe me

[end 14:470]

dear sincerely & gratefully yours

another version of above, slightly reworded
The question is - shall we have any Reform?
The Queen has been most earnestly interested,
as 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 blamed were so excellent, what
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may I say so, I think you a little wish
for it. I wonder more at the way of
making conversation out of the most critical subjects.
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
Ho of C. have commanded a vote; because an M.P. has an
opinion about his vote and it is impossible to believe
that if anyone has a definite opinion about any subject
the article of a newspaper gentleman who has to fit
up his opinion before 4 o'clock could alter it. Yet

how many people read & talk newspaper shewing I
am afraid how little definite opinion there is even upon
important subjects & how much these are made mere
grinding organs to grind a talk upon.

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
nursing business again
Believe me
sincerely & gratefully yours

{in FN hand} bundle 132
prefer the former in your approbation
~~wish for it.~~ I wonder more at the
way we have here of making conversation only out of the
most critical subjects ~~which we have~~
~~here~~ I think ~~nothing is more extraordinary~~
the proof of this ~~than~~ is the degree ~~into~~ which in
England the newspapers influence people's ~~conver=~~ opinion
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definite opinion there is - even upon important subjects,
& how much those are made mere grinding organs ~~to grind a talk of~~
However, one could not be too thank=
ful for one's own free press when one saw
the disastrous consequences to the French
that spring of having none.
Lord Panmure has given me six
month's work (but no wages or character)
After that I go to the nursing business
again. Believe me, dear Lady Canning
sincerely & gratefully yours F. Nightingale

8997/12 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private 30 Old Burlington St.
 Dec 4/56 **[16:240]**

Dear Lord Panmure

I have completed
the Report which you
directed me to make,
with the assistance of
Dr. Sutherland, upon the
new "Victoria Hospital"
at Southampton.

But, as I know that
you will not read it,
I would come & say it
to you at any place
(except in the Newspapers)

that you might be
pleased to direct

I beg to remain

dear Lord Panmure

Your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

It appears that there is
no time to be lost, if
your Lordship intends
making any alteration
in the said plans.

[end]

8997/13 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {arch: 14 Dec 1856}

My dear dear mother

[1:144-45]

My heart was very
full at parting with you
& my dear loving Parthe.
Your ceaseless watchfulness
to ease & help me in the
time we have been together
can never be forgotten
by me. Such devoted love
is a very precious possession
- it cheers me even
while absent from you -
it surrounds me with
a genial atmosphere

even when clouds look
black & heavy - You
will live with me, I
know, if I faithfully
strive to do Our Father's
work as far as is in me,
even more than if I
left it to see your dear
faces & hear your voices.

I know your
anxious tender thought
for me - Be assured
that I will not
unnecessarily give you
cause for anxiety - He

who "would have his life
shall lose it" - & I know
you are willing that I
should offer my all
of life & health to the
Father, to serve whom
is life, - & to those poor
children, remembering
whose sufferings, it is
a solace to me to strive
that those sufferings
shall not have been
endured in vain - But
be assured that I love
their cause too well

heedlessly or recklessly
to risk any means I
may possess to serve it.

To my dearest Father
I would add whatever
words could best
express my tender
love - but neither
he nor I are apt
at using words to
express what is
deepest within us -

God bless you all,
my most dear ones
& for the present
Farewell -

If work prevents my
writing often, it will
not prevent that the
loving remembrance of
you will go about
with me wherever I
am & whatever I do -

I shall not forget
your desire for our
meeting at Xmas
which would be so
welcome to me - You
know that I am unable
to look so far beforehand,
but you will be assured

if we do not, it will
be because such
meeting would be
desertion of my work. **[end 1:145]**

Ever, dear people
your loving child

F.N.

Dec 14/56

8997/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand?}, also 5484 f37v

30 Old Burlington St.

London Dec. 14/56

Private

My dear friends,

Your words

of affectionate sympathy come
home to my heart and will be
ever treasured among recollections
dear to me.

I have read each well remembered
name, in your memorial with grate-
ful pleasure in having been thus
remembered by you.

My friends, if I have been permit-
ted a little to labour, in God's work,
I may not call your kind words my
reward, because our Father's work
needs no reward, and to soothe

such sufferings as we saw
bravely borne was a solace which
could only make us grateful
to be so employed.

But this I will say - Your words
shall cheer me on, while life
lasts in doing such work as may
yet be permitted to me.

The country you live in is, indeed
my well beloved home. Its woods
and fields, and cottages are cherish-
ed, in my remembrance. It will
gladden me to see them again
whenever my work shall per-
mit. But I shall best show
the value of your sympathy
if, in it I find encouragement

still to do what I can, even though it keep me at a distance from my home. We can do no more for those who have suffered and died in their country's service. They need our help no longer. Their spirits are with God who gave them.

It remains to us to strive, that their sufferings may not have been endured in vain - to endeavour so to learn from experience, as to lessen such sufferings in future by forethought and wise management.

God bless you all. I say with all my heart, and I will

beg of you to think of me always as your faithful friend and wellwisher

Florence Nightingale
To the Householders in the
Parish of East Wellow.

8997/15 signed letter, 2ff, pen

3 Old Burlington St.

London Dec. 14/56

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of affectionate sympathy come
home to my heart and will be
ever treasured among recollections
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Florence Nightingale
To the Householders in the
Parish of East Wellow.

8997/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

30 Old Burlington St.

London

Dec. 14/56

My dear friends,

Your words of affectionate sympathy come home to my heart and will be ever treasured among recollections dear to me. I have read each well remembered name, in your memorial with grateful pleasure in having been thus remembered by you.

My friends, if I have been permitted a little to labour, in God's work, I may not call your kind words my reward, because our Father's work needs no reward, and to soothe such sufferings as we saw bravely borne was a solace which could only make us grateful to be so employed.

But this I will say - Your words shall

cheer me on, while life lasts in doing such work as may yet be permitted to me.

The country you live in is, indeed my well-beloved home. Its woods & fields, & cottages are cherished, in my remembrance. It will gladden me to see them again whenever my work shall permit. But I shall best shew the value of your sympathy, if in it I find encouragement still to do what I can, even though it keep me at a distance from my home.

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endured in vain - to endeavour so to learn from experience, as to lessen such sufferings in future by forethought and wise management.

God bless you all. I say with all my heart, and I will beg you to think of, always as your faithful friend and wellwisher

(signed) Florence Nightingale

To the Householders

in the Parish of East Wellow.

8997/17 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Combe Hurst

S.W.

Dec 22/56

My dearest people

I am uncertain whether I shall not have to go to town on Wednesday - in which case I should not be able to come till the 3 o'clock train - In the other case, I should leave Kingston at 1.5. In both cases, I should infinitely prefer what you propose, the Southampton plan - I will write tomorrow - I have asked Dr. Sutherland to come, for the sake of

doing some business
with me. I do not
expect he will.

If he does, & if I come
by the late train, I shall
bring a maid & take
a fly from Southampton,
for the sake of not being
alone with him, if
you cannot send for me
at that late hour -

Au revoir -
ever yours
F.N.

8997/18 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Sutherland does not come -
But I do - I come however
by the 3 o'clock from London
which saves me time, &
shall be at *Southton* at
5.20, which gives me
Mr. Bracebridge's escort
all the way. Will you
either meet me there
or send a servant to
bring me in a fly?

Auf Wiedersehen
F.N.

Combe
S.W.

Dec 23/56

8997/19 initialed note, 1f, pen

My dearest

Bring me down Lord
Panmure's Netley plans
which are in two long
rolls on my table. Lord
Palmerston wishes to see
them

Mrs. W. Cowper is here
ever thine

F.

Saturday

8997/21 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

Birk Hall

Ballater

Sept. 29/56

[14:454-55]

Dear Lord Murray

Your letter of the 13th
Mr. Horner concerning certain statements
of Miss Stanley & Mrs. Burton & others
relating to my conduct while in the
East, was forwarded to me this day
thro' my Uncle S.S to whom it was
sent by Mr. Horner - with the view of
obtaining an answer from me I trust
that you will not consider this as a
breach of confidence on either of their
parts. & that you will believe how
much I appreciate the kindness of
your letter. & your desire to find out
the truth, which is the only real
kindness -

It was well known to me that such statements & others equally far from the truth were in circulation. There is, as you anticipate, a very different statement to be made - But it will be obvious to you - who have so much experience of this kind of human things, that if I were once to be tempted to enter the arena of dispute, my whole life would be spent in making counter statements. and though, from the respect & love which must always be borne to your character by me in common with all those who are acquainted with it. you would be the very person with whom I should like to make my first exception to the rule of silence

when attacked which I have laid down to myself, yet I believe you would be the first person who would advise me to make no such dangerous precedent - who would say to me "Go on with your own work - silently in God's name, the truth will come out at last to all those whose opinion you would care for."

No head of any department, great or small, trusted to hold that which implies heavy responsibility & peculiar duties, in addition to the common labour, can with propriety to the service either at the time or afterwards, answer the accusations of his or her subordinates

But if you should at any time
wish to cross examine me in conver-
sation - in order then, in your Judge's
mind, to weigh the evidence, I shall be
at Edinburgh between the 6th & 11th
October, and then (if you happen to be
there) or at any future time or place,
I shall always be ready & willing to an-
swer any questions from you -
Sir John McNeill will always know
where I am.

And in the meantime, that Lord Murray
should reserve his judgment till he has
heard both sides, is no new proof to me
of the impartiality of his love of truth
in things small or great

I beg you will believe me

dear Lord Murray

Your obliged & faithful servant

Florence Nightingale

[end 14:455]

I hope I am getting on well here
but remembering as I do that I
gave all these suggestions & plans
at the beginning of the war &
that *they were accepted* & that I feel
nothing has yet come of it
but little encouragement in making
converts of these people, although
I think I have succeeded with
P. Albert & Lord
Panmure comes on Saturday -

8997/24 signed memorandum, 2ff, pen 1856

How to train a Nurse

I have been favored by Correspondents, anonymous & otherwise ~~with~~ most of them enclosing a strip of newspaper, with so many hints on this subject that I am induced to submit them to my Council, which honors me with its support & assistance, for its consideration -

I have no time to read the news= papers, not to bestow more than a cursory glance & a much more summary inspection than I should wish upon the Extracts, with which I am thus favored.

I take at random, those which first present themselves.

One is a magnificent elevation, with my statue on the top, to be called the "Nightingale Hospital" of "Wing" of a Hospital -

Another is a "Home" for Nurses, with no Hospital at all -

One is advice to admit none but gratuitous services - "after the example of all R. Catholic Institutions - & of Pastor

Fliedner's *essentially* "Evangelical" Institution on the Rhine at Kaiserswerth -

Another is a fulminating recommendation or rather ~~threatening~~ command from the "Avenir" to admit none but *paid* services. This includes a threat, if the obnoxious word "Sister" is allowed - a terrible warning as to the "*cut of our aprons*", which are to be "large" & "white" - a caution as to "Celibacy", which I was not before aware came at all into the question, excepting in as far as a mother in charge of her children at home cannot be *at one & the same time* a Nurse in charge of her Patients in Hospital - & a solemn Charge that the Nurse, after she is trained, is *not* to remain in the Hospital where she has been trained.

We are also solemnly assured that the "Apostles received a *salary*", (how much was it?) & that the Nurses must lead an *ordinary* life. I thought the object was that they should *not* be "ordinary" Nurses

One offers me "a clergyman and *six sons*",
& insists upon a service every day in the
week - probably a son for each day &
the father on Sundays -

Another insists upon no clergyman
at all - no service but what I can
conduct myself - & a strictly "secular"
education -

One desires me to confine my
operations to the Work-houses - another
to the Hospitals - and a third
recommends the training of Nurses for
private families only -

One wishes for an "Order" - another
for an "Asylum for old age" - & a
third for high wages which shall
enable each to save for herself -

In this clash & confusion of opinions,
but two points remain clear to me

1. that I must immediately write
to those wicked men, the Treasurers
of "Bartholomew's" & "St. Thomas's",
warning them, in these their strongholds
of Papistry, that, if they ~~do~~ are not

converted from their wicked ways of
calling the Head Nurse of each ward,
"Sister", and oh! horror, Sister "George"
Sister "Faith", according to the name
of the ward, the abomination of desolation
will fall upon those Popish places

2. that if I do *anything* at
present, I shall be smothered in the
dust raised by these religious hoofs,
& have no time to attend to my
poor Patients at all -

Florence Nightingale
Scutari

1/3/56

8997/25 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Recd from W.E.N.			
at Birk Hall	£20.	0.	0
ditto at Edinbro'		18.	6
	£20.	18.	6
Repaid to F.P.N			5
& Mama		5	
Due to Papa	£10.	18.	6
Paid as per Cheque enclosed			
{arch: ? Feb 1844			

Combe Hurst
Kingston on Thames
S.W.

Dear Papa

I enclose the amount
of my debt to you, £10.18.6.
& beg you to be so good as
to send me up immediately
all the Bills I still owe
you - I am winding up

all affairs & accounts
Glyn's, Mr. Bracebridge's,
Private Fund, my own,
Government's & mean to
separate them at once
& for ever. It is a
Herculean task, as I have
to unravel other people's
affairs who are incapable
of business - *besides* my
own -

Please do not delay,
as I wish to do it now
for once & for all. And
never, so long as I live,
will I allow any other
hand than my own
in Public Accounts, for
which I am responsible

ever dear Pa
your loving child
F.

I enclose a letter for
Miss Sullivan to be enclosed
by you to S.G.O. accordg
to his desire.

8997/27 unsigned note, if., pen

Please let the Purveyor's
people come in, to our Quarters,
inventorize & take
away all they
claim as their own,
both at the Barrack
& General Hospitals,
giving you a Receipt
for all -

8997/28 unsigned note, 1f, faint pencil

Call upon me in trouble & thou shalt praise me. We do the
first indeed, we cry, O God O God help us but when he
has helped us, do we praise him -
when we are ill or when anything happens to us, it is
that God has something to say to us unter vier Augen - let
us be still & listen - We have broken some law of his,
He wishes to tell us so - we are unhappy in this way he
tells us, by suffering -

8997/29 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {not FN hand, copy of 8997/24, first page}

How to train a Nurse

To Mr. Bracebridge

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Council, which honors me with its
support & assistance, for its
consideration -

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newspapers, nor to bestow more
than a cursory

8997/30 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 13 Jan 57} bundle 132

My dear You have never
sent me up your great
book, as you promised
with Extracts from "Times"
in it.

There is a letter from Dr.
Hall (out of "Times") in it,
which I saw at Embley
for the first time, &
which would be of great
use to me now -

You said you meant to
put some marks in the
book to guide me -

I dine at Tremenhoe's

[16:245]

on ~~Saturday~~ Thursday to meet Sir
John Liddell who wishes
to talk with me on
introducing Female Nursing
in the Naval Hospitals.

This is done by Sir
John Liddell's own desire
who wishes of course to
~~do it~~ see me as quietly as
possible - & I have
not mentioned it even
to Uncle Sam It may
lead to much

[end]

ever yours

F.N.

Jan 13/57

8997/31 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen bundle 132

Great Malvern

Mar. 7/57

My dearest

1. I go to town Monday
or Tuesday, & as the S. Smiths
have given up their rooms
in Albemarle St, have no
alternative but to go to
Burlington St.

My life has long since
known no staying on "from
day to day " anywhere -
nor ever will ~~it~~ again.
Whether this is a matter
to be glad or sorry about
will be a question for
different opinions to settle

I cannot say what my
subsequent plans will be.
How gladly would I
accommodate them to
yours - But how impossible
this is - now - & ever will be.

I imagine I shall take
active service in about three
months from this time.
that I shall spend the
remainder of March in
London - with the exception
of a few days, which I must be, some time or
other, with Sir J. McNeill
at Edinbro' - & I must
have 6 weeks water=cure

alone somewhere before
I begin active work -

2. I have arranged [1:805]
for Wm. Jones to go to
school at *Barnet* with
170 boys & girls imme=
diately. It was very
good of Beatrice to keep
him so long. I fear
he has been very trou=
blesome. This is a
School for Soldiers' &
Seamen's orphan children
& they make an
exception in my favor
for Jones (who is neither)
on payment of the
same annual sum
as the others - [end 1:805]

3. I feel very much the matter of Lea School. It appears to me unquestionable that the right thing to do is to build, to put it under the C. of C., & have a certificated master & mistress. all of which is of little avail, if Beatrice does not give her daily attendance, I agree. If she feels pretty sure of herself, then it seems to me, that Mama ought to give the money for building - Beatrice only, if this be decided in the

8997/32 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 132 [1:242]

30 O. Burl. St.

March 20/57

Dearest Pa

I am sorry that you will not enter the House of Commons in this world But I am very sure that there is a H. of C. in the next - I hope one upon sounder principles - If *that* world is in advance of *this*, it must be - If not, we must go & "prepare a place" for them

Do you believe that
God's word is *not* "pray"
but "work". do you
believe that He stops
the fever, in answer
not to "From plague,
pestilence & famine,
Good Lord, deliver us"
but to His word &
thought being carried
out in a drain, a
pipe=tile, a wash=house,
Do you believe that
mortality, morality,

health & education
are the results of
certain conditions
which He has imposed.
Then you must
believe that Houses
of Commons, or similar
institutions, are far more
certain than Churches to exist
in all worlds till we
become like God -

I will write again -
but I can now only
ask whether you are
likely to be in town,

soon, as the Election
is contested in Derbyshire,
- as I am going
to Chatham to see
the Hospitals there &
would put it off till
you came, if you do -
ever dear Pa
your loving child
F.N.

8997/34 initialed letter which folds into an envelope, 1f, pen postmarked:
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Please read & send all the enclosed
Sutherland's by post, of course - But
let them go directly. If Genl Storks
does not like to give my note to
Lord P. he may send it back to you
to send.

Pray don't be alarmed at my
coming up by the Night train.. I
don't say I shall - But if I do,
I do it because it is the least fatigue
to me -

ever yours dear people

F.

Granton Ho.

Ap 9/57

{stamped} MORE

TO PAY

Miss Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St

London W.

{on side}

Mrs Anderson

care of Mrs Gray

3 Prospect Terrace

Douglas

Isle of Man

8997/35 initialed letter, 1f, pen, this one is FN hand, bundle 132, with not FN hand copy, and with a continuation, also a copy not FN hand in Claydon bundle 132

Edinburgh

Ap 11/57

Dearest mother

Sir John McNeill

does not approve of my
being fetched up for this
business - And I some=
what reluctantly yield,
because I have never
known Sutherland with
sufficient stability of
purpose to stand to his
points. I have written
them all to him -

And I will write to
you the day I am up.

ever your loving child

dearest mother

F.

8997/36 is a duplicate of /35, presumably with the not FN hand continuation

8997/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 132

30 O. Burln St.

April 23/57

Dear Papa

I should like very much
to come to Lea Hurst, (where
you, it seems, are going
almost immediately,) while
you are there. We shall
see - I am now printing
my Report to the Queen
& while this is doing, I
must be in town - We
are besides sitting in
Commission on the alterations
in Netley Hospital, which
we have actually carried,
though not all that

[14:486-87]

could have been wished.
I am besides employed in
making suggestions of
improvement in the
management of the old men
at Chelsea Hospital.
And in the scandalous
condition of the wives &
children at Chatham -
Also, the reformation
of the Rationing of the
Army, together with
abolishing Stoppages for
a net pay is now under
consideration at the War

Department. I do not see
my way at all out of
London - especially as
we are now committed
to the Medical Commission,
& Mr. Herbert, who has
been ill, is not yet come
back to town -

I must have some
water cure soon somewhere

I got through a good
deal of work with Sir
John McNeill - The place,
even seen through the
constant medium of a
sea-fog, is like an

Italian lake in beauty -
I think that something
is quietly being done for
our Army, but not much.
I hope I shall be able
to see the right moment
when I should leave off
trying an hopeless task -

Colonel Sir A. Tulloch
is well & in great spirits.
But that does not reform
the Army -

[end 14:487]

I should like dearly
to come to you, if you
will not come to me -
I would have liked to have been with you
all this time ever dearest Pa
Your loving child
F.N.

Hilary is gone to Paris

8997/38 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, cut off bundle 132

Burln St.

April 29/57

Dear Pa

I have written to Mr.
Westlake & also seen him
& engaged to do anything
I can to assist him & his
most praiseworthy &
necessary object, subject
to the restrictions of a
time no longer at my
own command -
[Bottom of page is cut off]

Pray give the goat away,
if he is troublesome -

8997/39 initialed letter, 1f, pen bundle 132

My dearest

I wish you would ask **[14:384]**

Mrs. Roberts

W.H. Brown's Esq.

Lewisham

While I am away, she
might have my bed-room,
& I don't think you could
ask her to take her meals
~~in~~ with the servants -
But it would not be
much tax upon you to
let her *dine* with you.
I think that, after having
saved my life, which she
unquestionably did, she

must feel hurt at
having never received
any attention from you.

~~As~~ I think I shall
scarcely be back on
Monday. But I will write **[end]**

ever yours

FN

Good Friday [April 18]

8997/40 signed letter, 2ff, pen [original is in Scottish Record Office] this is a clean copy or draft, bundle 132

30 Old Burlington St.

W. May 3/57

Dear Lord Panmure

You directed me, last week, to make suggestions to yourself as to the organization of Female Nursing in Army Hospitals - The Director Genl, A.M.D. directed last week the expulsion of all Female Nurses but two from the Woolwich Artillery Hospital, & the substitution, not partial but complete, of the

Hospital Corps -

May I ask if this were by your orders & if you contemplated, "after this manner", the introduction of Female Nursing?

I have a little pencil composition, "to be dedicated, with permission, to your Lordship, exhibiting the order emanating from the S. of S. to introduce Nurses, & a simultaneous one from the Army Medical Board to turn them out.

I enclose a Memo -
(merely tentative &
experimental) as to the
duties of Nurses - I
cannot expect the
S. of S. to enter into the
details - Perhaps I may
ask to hear his decision
as to the ultimate steps
to be taken -

Believe me to be
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

8997/41 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand} [3:498-99]

May 5

I am sorry to be obliged to call
your attention to the neglected
patients at Brompton Barracks
Hospital. There does not seem
to be exercised that attention toward
them on the part of the Chaplain
which the country has a right
to expect - I am informed the
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
has never been administered there
& there is a total want of those
bedside ministrations which I used

to see so well & so frequently
performed at Scutari -

I do not know the name of the
Chaplain & I will not stir in the
matter further at present if you
will be good enough to assure me
that this negligence shall not
continue.

There are upwards of 300 [800?] sick &
wounded soldiers there at present
& I think if you went down there

at once & enquired *of them* you
 would find that I have not
 complained without some cause.
 The conduct of the Roman Catholic
 Chaplain offers a strong & painful
 contrast in this respect - **[end 3:499]**

8997/42 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand} bundle 132

30 Old Burlington St W **[16:251-52]**

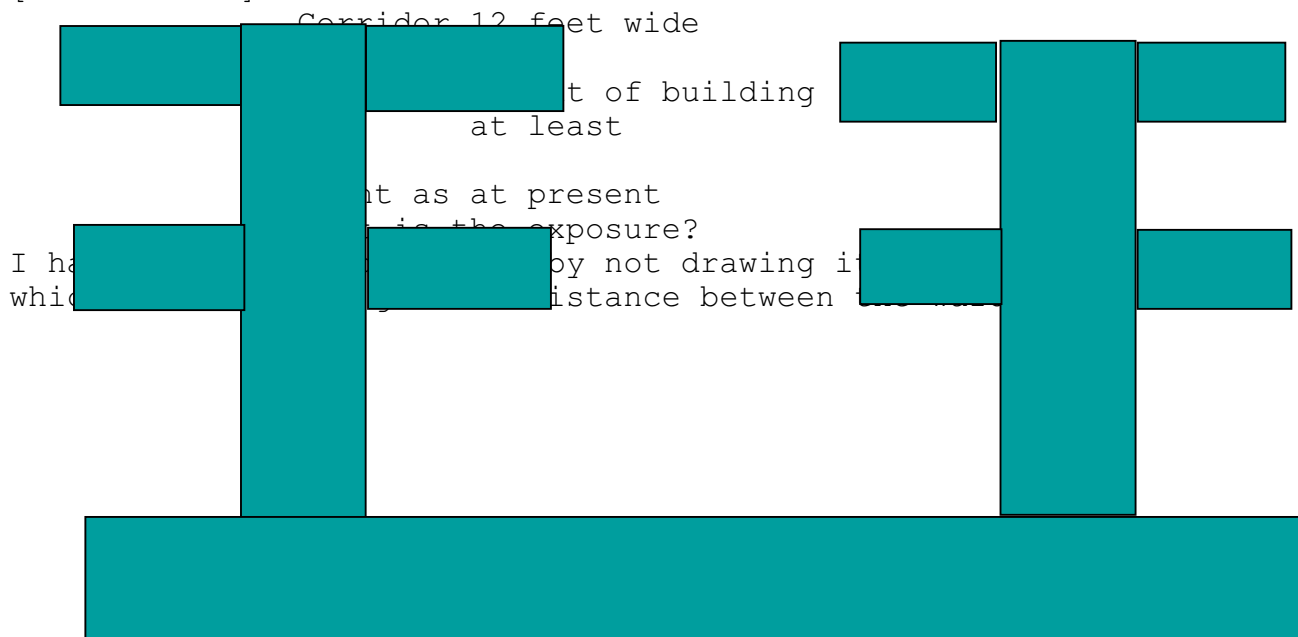
May 11/57

My dear Sir John

I have carefully looked over the plans
 which you did me the honor to shew me - and the
 suggestions which I would beg to offer merely is as follow
 pivot the wards round -
 pillar the corridors, fill up the space with glass -

Ward	Ward
14 beds	14 beds

[sketch here]



As you were kind enough to consult me I ought to explain what I said about Scutari, which is an historical instance of sufficient importance to furnish us with much absolute knowledge, no longer within the domain of hypothesis -

It is true that the Sanitary arrangements adopted brought the mortality down to 1.8 per cent in the latter year of the war - But on what condition? That of not allowing above 1000 patients in a building, 700 ft square, 3 flats in height. Had this building been differently distributed as to its construction, it might easily have accomodated 3000 patients with good recovering conditions. It is ruinous to build after this fashion - The question is to find a construction which will accomodate the greatest number of Patients upon a given area with the greatest facilities for recovery -

I do not hesitate to say that the causes of the great catastrophe of Scutari were want of ventilation
" " draining
" " cleanliness
" (too disgusting to detail farther)
" " Hospital comforts
frightful overcrowding -

However good the construction & ventilation of the Corridors, if you fill them up with Patients, it is the same as building two Hospitals back to back. In all our experience, whether of healthy, or of sick men, such a construction generates disease - And our knowledge is now somewhat absolute on these points -

If it is objected that the condition of the men sent down from the Crimea &c during the first winter was such that they could not have recovered under any circumstances, I answer that the Land Transport Corp sent us down men in exactly the same condition the second winter, & that under different circumstances they did recover -

witness our ratio of mortality - 1.8 per cent -
But again, it was at the expence of limiting a
building upwards of 700 ft. square to an extravagantly
small number of Patients -

Our mortality from

"Diseases of Stomach & Bowels" was

at *Scutari* 23.6 per cent

in *Crimea* 18.3 " "

Why this fatal increase? The condition of the building
at *Scutari* is a sufficient answer. You will observe
that we lost at *Scutari* nearly 25 per cent more than
we did in the *Crimea* from this cause alone. And the
disease was chiefly generated within the building itself

I would furnish the amplist details on this all
important subject to any one interested in it officially
as I have already done to H.M.

[end 16:252]

& I remain dear Sir John

ever faithfully yours

(signed) Florence Nightingale

8997/43 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen not FN hand, FPV copy? bundle 132, copy of
original in Derby

May 17/57

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 equity - I mean as regards
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 resumé of Lord Grey's evidence -
It seemed to resolve itself into three
principles -

1st Selection is bad because you
can't select -

2. "As you were"

3 Abuse must be immortal 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 Crimea
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 judgement 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 tests
little else than the memory. And the
tendency of the Civil Service Examinations
as to consolidating the Gov in a Bureaucracy
to which it seems inclining ought to be
watched with some anxiety -

Believe me

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

8997/44 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

29 Burln St.

June 13/57

My dearest people

1. Papa does not go
till Tuesday

2. You cannot have
other rooms ~~on the~~ in 29,
Burlington St., till
Wednesday week, - in
19 Cork St. till Monday
week - in 30 Burlington St
till July 1.

3. It is quite
impossible for me to
move my papers again.

~~4.~~ therefore, I shall
stay in one of the Houses of this Hotel till
the end of the Commission

4. It is quite impossible for you to live in our present rooms & preserve your health. The distance of our present ground=floor room in 29 Burlington St is greater from the bed=rooms & the access more disagreeable than that of the room you saw in 19 Cork St., which I still keep, as I must have two rooms.

5. As I know you don't think of yourselves,

I ought to say that the only result of your coming up on Monday would be to turn me out of the sitting room we have in 29. Because that in Cork St., if the windows are shut, is pestilential; if they are open, you cannot hear yourself speak for the noise.

6. ‡ Parthe cannot get into my dressing=room, which is chuck full of my papers, which I cannot move - Papa's dressing=room is too hot - And the back

stairs would be quite
insuperable to you -
I mean, if you are
to preserve health -
And the end would be
that I should have to
move again, which
is really impracticable.

7. Moral. That you
let good Aunt Mai
stay with me till I
can announce other
rooms to you - & that
you stay either at
Embley or at Combe
till then.

I am sure my dearest
people will not think that
I state things harshly. I am
too hurried. And I see it
{continued in the margin of the first page}

would be quite impossible for
them to manage here, at
present.

8997/45 incomplete initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 132

negative. I agree she is too young to give £300 away, but far better that she should, than let this great & most efficient interest drop. Do not let the child waste her young vis vitae - [life's strength GB] Look at poor *Hilary*. And of *Hilaries*, alas! there is enough -

A certificated master & mistress, of whom there is no lack, but not at less than £50 and £40 respectively, must then be looked for - & above all, the school placed

immediately under the C. of C., which will give Papa the satisfaction of having part Education rate -

I do not know as to ~~the~~ what is best, viz of having certificated master & mistress *before* or only *after* building.

I hope the Rheumatism & Spasms are getting better - & will be well by the time you reach London -

ever dearest people

Your loving child

F.

Should you feel it too
great a hurry to come up
on Monday or Tuesday,
I shall have Aunt Mai
& Papa at the Burlington
& there is no need to put
yourselves to inconvenience
on my account.

Au revoir, dear ones.

8997/46 partial copy of unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand,

July 5/57

[14:517-18]

Dear Lord Grey

I am very grateful to you
for your long letter which was a
great help to me in various ways.
You are the only statesman whom
I have seen who really thinks the
destruction of our army a very
serious thing - who thinks that
their blood is calling to us from
the ground not for vengeance but
for mercy on the survivors.

Secondly your

suggestions are of very great use
to me, both those which have
altered my opinion & those which
have cleared it up. For I know
that you will not think me
presumptuous in differing with you
still in some things - The only
point on which however I shall
venture to give you my reasons
for differing will be the Sanitary
question, because I think it just

possible that the facts I may be able to lay before you may not have come under your notice & may perhaps modify your opinion.

The want of arrangement, the obscurity & diffusiveness which you notice I am very conscious of & shall endeavour to correct as soon as I have time -

What you say of Lord Raglan is too true. But in me it would be

ungenerous & untrue to attack him who is gone, while those who misinformed & misled him have all been promoted & rewarded for the very acts for which he is blamed -

[end 14:518]

8997/47 signed note, 1f, pen {arch: 22 July '57}

I want, please, the number of Deaths from Cholera at Scutari in November 1855, distinguishing those of the German Legion & of our own men -

F. Nightingale
July 22/57

list follows not in FN hand [JS?]

Troops	Civilians	Med Staff Corps
45	4	9

Officers

2	
German Legion	15
Osmanli First}	
Artillery }	9

Wellcome 8997

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8997/48 initialed note, 1f, pen **[1:145]**

Dearest mother

I am very glad you
are gone down to the
Hurst. How beautiful
it must look -

I am resting in the
entire quiet here - & shall
not move this week -

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F.

I am glad to be alone.

Bury Ho

Gt Malvern

Aug 25/57

8997/49 signed letter, 2ff, pen **[16:254-55]**

30 Old Burlington St.

London W

Nov. 26/57

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I return the letter
from Lord Palmerston,
which was sent by
my people to me -
with, as I understood,
your desire for any
suggestion

I can only make
the same as I sent
down, viva voce, by
my Aunt the day
you were good enough

to call here -

The principal objection, stated by Lord Palmerston, against the plan of the Lariboisière Hospital is the distance between the blocks. but this is a mere matter of *detail*.

The difference in *principle* between the Lariboisière & Netley is a final one. The former represents the

Sanitary science of the present age - the latter the Sanitary neglects of a century back -

Netley, as amended, is very greatly improved. But could we not adopt what is know to be best, rather than improve what is known to be bad?

The French are the only Hospital builders of the present day. We must copy them,

if we desire Hospitals
to be places of recovery -
As a British Hospital,
Netley is not bad.
As a French Hospital,
it would be detestable.
And, anyhow, it is no
fit monument of the
Crimean War, of the
Queen's reign, or of
Lord Palmerston him
self, who deserves
more of us than either.

Dr. Sutherland
re=echoes every word
fo this - faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

8997/50 signed letter, 2ff, pen [Not FN hand] dup of /49

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London W
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Dr. Sutherland re=echoes
every word of this -

[end]

faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

8997/51 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Dec 2/57

[16:255]

My dear Sir Harry Verney

With regard to Netley
Hospital & Mr. Tite, the
latter sent me his
letter to Lord Palmerston,
before it was sent -

The chief point of it
was to urge a reference
of Netley to London
architects - and in proof
of the desirableness of
this, Mr. Tite sent me

a plan of the new part
of King's College Hospital
by his friend, a London
architect, which is twice
as undesirable as
Netley. Netley, as
improved, is better than
any London Hospital.
And, if they will not
give us the Lariboisière
principle, they had
much better let it
alone - The defect in the
Lariboisière details, which
Lord Palmerston mentions,
we deplore the most

The principle we stick to -

I do not apologize
for writing in this
dogmatic manner, because
these Sanitary principles
are neither my discovery
nor my invention -
They are recognised by
all the advanced
Sanitary reformers of
Europe, of whom Mr. Tite
is not one - Nor any London
architect that I know of.

If we put sick in
Netley Corridors, it would
then be as bad as the
King's College Hospital,

which he, I believe,
advocates -

I was very sorry to
have to decline seeing
your daughter - But I
am unable to see any
one, except on business.

Very many thanks for
the letter & the game -
ever yrs faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Sutherland quite
leads the forlorn hope
of the Sanitary reformers
and is a safe counsel
in everything of this kind,
which I have only learnt from
a dreadful experience

[end]

8997/52 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

Dec 2/57

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Wellcome 8997

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[end]

8997/53 dictated memorandum, 1f, pen

Hospital Floors

I am not quite sure that I understand what kind of rubbing Hospital floors is meant - the best way that I have found for Hospital Floors where I had it in my power to do it, & where it was a pine floor already laid, was to close the joints, plane the surface as smooth as possible, saturate the wood with bees wax & turpentine. Before this last operation it is best if possible to saturate the wood with what is called Drying Linseed Oil which means I believe Linseed Oil boiled over lead. This must be well rubbed in, of course, the floor will look better if it is stained, after it has been planed Washing Hospital Floors is unquestionably bad for this reason. If you go into a room constantly inhabited & by no means only with sick, when it is being scoured you will observe a most offensive effluence, not at all that of soap & water. this is of course prejudicial to the sick - The rationale of it is that the wood becomes in time saturated with organic matter from the feet & the breath of human beings & only moisture is necessary to make it give off this effluence

This was one cause of destruction at Scutari. Enough bees wax should be used to fill up the grain of the wood. The surface should then be smoothed by rubbing with a brush which will polish it, but not make it slippery, the amount of polish depends of course on the brushing. List slippers (which ought to be always a part of Hospital furniture) prevent all risks if there be any of slipping. with regard to keeping clean afterwards, the French (& I believe it is the best way) tie a cloth over a brush, round the neck of it, it will be seen the cloth gets very dirty, & the floor very clean. If otherwise liquid is spilt, of course it must be removed with a cloth wrung out of soap & water - Soda lees is sometimes used by the French as a sponge, but soap is better than water & a sponge is a dirty thing. the surface must be immediately rubbed dry. If by ~~dry~~ rubbing is meant dry rubbing - it does very well on board ship, but is very ill adapted for sick wards, although prescribed I believe by our Military Hospital regulations. It is done with sand or with a sandstone & is never done sufficiently carefully to prevent the dust naturally injuring the sick. The rationale of it is of course to remove a certain amount of the floor itself. rubbing with a hard short brush is another kind of dry rubbing which is objectionable obviously because it does not remove the organic matter. There is no danger of a deal floor ever being made so slippery as our oak parquet because no deal (except the very fine deal used for musical instruments) likes a high polish. Mrs. Fowler is a very good authority

dictated by F. Nightingale
Gt Malvern Dec? 27th 1857

8997/54 incomplete, initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 132

is anything but an
amateur - and she
discouraged any such
dilettantism -

Robert's two eminent
qualities are trust=
worthiness & facility
in business. And I
look forward to his
being a professed
Bailiff - (at Lea Hurst,
I shall hope & trust)

His defect is
desultoriness - And
this must be overcome.

The disadvantages of
the Chester School were
all fully discussed at
the time -

Chiefly, the danger to
health, and the
companionship of
gentlemen -

But the first, I
believe, is disproved -
And the latter are
not "gentlemen" -

I think Robert is
worth more than the
position you propose
to put him in. To

Wellcome 8997

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see him turn out a
"George" would break
my heart -

Jones has been
bound apprentice to
a watch=maker -
He is a bad boy -
And I was obliged
to remove him from
Barnet -

I should like to
know Shutler's Regiment.

I have no intention
of keeping Robert more

than a year at Chester
ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

Mrs Nightingale
31 Dover St.

8997/55 unsigned note, 1f, pen bundle 132

Did not Andrew Smith's
evidence yesterday answer
to this?

"I act upon no rule,
I

8997/56 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pen {arch: not FN hand - copy by ?
and Parthe of letter of FN to ? Ly Canning

1. This seems to me like a dream & not my past Campaign - to see 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 great mistakes & been unable to understand that publicity must by injuring my cause be harmful & worse to me, & puffing always injures any real work, were it only by collecting round it elements of frivolity vanity & jealousy - on the whole 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 Sr J. McNeills at Edinburgh which was made contrary to my earnest & written remonstrance.
3. The Hospitals of the East were at the end quite perfect as also the Sanitary arrangements I believe that this year the Barrack Hospital at Scutari was the finest in the world. the deaths in the second week of Jany/55 were 578 per 1000 in
the army

(& this was not our highest mortality which was in the end of that month) the deaths in the corresponding week of Jany 1856 were 17 per 1000. the deaths from Epidemics were reduced from 70 per cent of those from all causes to 45 per cent & the sickness from Epidemics from 60 to 80 per cent to 16 per cent. this of course is attributable to the excellent sanitary arrangements introduced by the 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 we were literally living over a Cesspool & the Military medical officers ascribed the unmanageable outbreaks of Cholera which took place up to Nov 55 to a cemetery $\frac{3}{4}$ mile off!!!

{In another hand}

to give you some idea of the way in which HM ministers are informed of the health of HM'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 Saturday (Cholera running its course in 3 or 4 hours) & the patients who are admitted the other 6 days in the week dead & buried. of them there is no other records than in the Death returns & not always there - the excess of Burials over recorded Deaths was 4000

{This preceding paragraph is the same as part of 8997/11 -GB}

8997/57 unsigned memorandum, 4ff, pen, not FN hand, copy of Durham letter to Lord Grey, continuation of 8997/46

The general argument used by Lord Ss to prove [14:518-23]
that Army Medical Officers must look after the Hygiene
as well as the cure of their own men is conclusive,
a double set of Officers could not act ~~&~~

The conditions are so various in which Armies &
Detachments are placed, that those only who attend
to the sick can protect the health of the troops -
A whole Regiment might be laid low with fever
in a week, if the Regimental Surgeon did not
understand those questions called by the name of
personal Hygiene, which include clothing, diet
cleanliness duties positions &c of troops -

Such a thing has actually happened -

If a choice were to be made of any one class of
Officers exclusively to be put in sole charge of
all that concerns the health of troops - undoubtedly
it would be better to educate all Army Medical Officers

as Officers of Health - They would treat disease all
the better & have less to treat -

II The difficulty is with Barracks Garrisons
Hospitals &c with existing buildings & future ones to
be constructed & with towns & villages to be occupied
by troops -

The highest order of intelligence of education
& of practical experience is required in an Officer
of Health who has to deal with these -

Need instances be multiplied.

1) Scutari Hospitals - the most hideous Sanitary
evils were festering there - evils which each time that
the number of Patients was doubled, raised the
mortality *PER CENT* to more than double, viz from
3% to 10. For six months nothing at all was done
to remedy these evils -

Yet these Hospitals were seen by all (& reported on
by most) of the Senior Medical Officers out in the East

Drs Hall Dumbreck Menzies Cumming Forrest
Linton Cruikshank Gordon -

These Hospitals had within their walls at various times the men best informed on Sanitary Subjects in the Army. and every one of them missed the evils & failed to suggest the remedies -

More than this, these Hospitals were "favourably" reported upon, "satisfactory", as "flourishing", as "convenient for the reception of the Sick & Wounded". And this when the mortality at Scutari was rising to 200 per cent per annum, & at Koulalee to 300 per cent per annum.

(2) Occupation of Balaclava - No effort was made to establish a sanitary police in this little village which came into our hands as clean & beautiful as any village in Holland -

What it became after our occupation may be inferred from the following facts

- i. Large numbers of beasts of burden were daily passing in & out & no measures were taken to remove the manure.
- ii. large numbers of cattle were slaughtered, when cattle were obtained, & no slaughter houses were arranged -
- iii. 20,000 or 30,000 men were passing in & out daily & no arrangement for them -
- iv. a burying ground existed at the head of the harbour into which the bodies of our men were thrown & lay almost in the water. Decomposition going on immediately below the surface & portions of extremities & red coats to be seen even above the surface -
Yet no representations were made by the Army Medical Dept as to the necessity of a Sanitary Police - The evil, when done, was *it is said* reported upon. But no precautions had previously been suggested in time to avert it

3) Netley Hospital - The plans of this building had

received the fullest consideration from the Army Med Dep & its Officers & were sanctioned by the best men among them - Yet the Hospital can never be any thing but a discredit to the country -

4) Supposing that a street in London were to be drained & a large sum to be laid out in draining it as is the case now with New Burlington St. should we consult the Physician attending us on the best method of doing so.

III To one who with some Sanitary ~~experience~~-knowledge) who has seen Scutari Balaclava Netley the following conclusions appear inevitable -

1) A few of the most competent Sanitary Officers in the army may eventually be set apart for such duties as are involved by the above considerations - But the occupation of towns & of large buildings present insurmountable problems to ordinary observers. Such problems are specialities like those in our Barracks & Military Hospitals throughout Great Britain & her

colonies at this moment. Our army mortality shews that excepting in Gaols in the last century no sanitary conditions exist or existed equal in permanent fatality to those of the Army -

With the Army Medical Officer new & hitherto unobserved conditions continually arise as he is moved from place to place in which he may be wholly inexperienced & uneducated. He may have to prepare a building or town for the occupation of troops, having been all his life entirely out of the way of any knowledge on such matters -

A most valuable practical lesson may be learned from the experience of Netley.

The Engineer Officer who made the plans distinctly stated the evidence that he considered himself responsible only for constructing a building which would not fall - that he assumed the necessity of a Sanitary advisor to the Engineer's Dept - now it is vain to say that there is one already. The best opinions & advice, the

Registering is essentially a different work from searching out & remedying operative causes nay more to be able to do the first is almost a disqualification for the second - witness the great actuary Neison's mistakes as to causes witness Sir A. Tulloch's invaluable Blue book, in which scarcely a word could be practically applied by a Sanitary Officer.

The Registrar is not a Health Officer
The contemplation of figures tends rather to fatalism, while a practical combativeness against operative causes is what we seek in the Officer of Health

And altho' the latter must be furnished with statistics, the former need not essentially be furnished with sanitary knowledge - **[end 14:523]**

8997/58 copy of unsigned memorandum, 5ff, pen, not FN hand **[14:435-38]**

Ladies

1. Mrs Shaw Stewart
17 months in the
Crimea - of which 15
months successively
Superintendent of the
"General" "Castle" &
"Left Wing L.T. Corps"
Hospitals
in the Crimea
- 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 judgement,
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
accounts, her truth, - in
one word, her faithfulness
to the work as a whole,
laying aside the desire
(inherent in all vain &
weak minds) that it should
be observed how much
more 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 invidious petty persecution, the laying of traps, the open opposition which it has received. Her praise & her reward are in other hands than mine.

2. Sister Bertha (Turnbull) "Devonport Sisters of Mercy" came out in Octr/54 with me has served the whole campaign - chiefly in the Genl Hospital, Scutari, & latterly in the Castle Hospital, Balaclava, as Superintendent.

All that I have said ~~with~~ of Mrs Shaw Stewart with regard to moral qualities relates, also, to this lady - She is not a woman of such commanding abilities as the former - Nor have I placed her in so exposed a situation - But she has never given me one moment's uneasiness

as to fear of her not taking exactly the right course - and I consider her, after Mrs. S. Stewart & the "Revd Mother" of Bermondsey the most valuable person I have as Superintendent I cannot estimate too highly the advantage which the faithfulness of these two to the cause has been to us - their total superiority to the praise of men - their utter disdain of flirtations spiritual or otherwise - their entire obedience to the law of God - Both are besides, excellent Nurses - so good that their great powers of nursing interfere, perhaps, a little, as frequently happens, with ~~with~~ their duties as Superintendents.

3. Sister Margaret = "Lay" Sister - Devonport Sisters of Mercy came out in Oct/54 & has always followed Sister Bertha. As valuable as Sister Bertha in her different sphere - & different duties - an excellent Nurse & perfectly above all or any wishes but that of doing her duty.

4. Sister Stanislaus 5. de Chantal 6 - Anastasias - Bermondsey Roman Catholic "Sisters of Mercy" came out with me in October/54 - I have almost the
{a page seems to be missing -GB}

Hospital, her qualifications as a Nurse were, of course, of an infinitely superior character to any others of those with me - She is indeed a surgical Nurse of the first order, of that race which is now almost extinct, since, in Civil Hospitals, dressers now do almost all that the "Sisters" used to do - Mrs. Roberts' valuable Services have been recognized even & most of all by the Surgeons (of Scutari where she has principally been & where, after Inkerman, her exertions were unremitting). Her total superiority to all the vices of a Hospital Nurse - her faithfulness to the work - her disinterested love of duty & vigilant care of her Patients, her power of work, equal to that of ten Nurses, have made her one of the most important persons of the expedition.

Nurses 8. *Mrs. Robbins* came out in Decr/54 sober respectable kind & excellent Nurse, good and active cook for Hospital extras -

9. *Mrs. Logan* came out in April/55 - sober - respectable, kind & excellent nurse, (surgical) very clever at her business, industrious, & *thoroughly trustworthy* also good washerwoman & very clean

10. *Mrs. Tandy* came out in April/55 - this is one of the cleanest, handiest, most useful women I have ever had - excellent cook for Hospital Extras - good nurse good servant - clever in every way - One fault, her proneness to intemperance - mars continually her excellent qualities

11. *Mrs. Tainton* came out in April/55 perfectly sober & respectable - good & active nurse - trustworthy & truthful but much given to thoughts of marriage, which is inconvenient in a Hospital Nurse in the field, perhaps more so than in a young lady in a drawing-room -

Lady Matron 12 *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 & train them to good in her willingness to take any work which offered to be most useful - & which only her physical want of strength prevented her carrying out more fully - I have the deepest obligations to her for her

faithfulness to the work, for her tender care of the workers.

Ladies

1. Miss Wear (unpaid) This lady is a devoted untiring & most kind & conscientious nurse - But, from habitual inaccuracy of thought & expression, & from want of habits of ~~order~~ business or order is totally unfit for a Superintendent.

2. *Mrs. McLeod* (1) Miss " (11) paid 18/ per week each. 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 -

3. *Miss Ecuyer* (paid) 18/ per week - excellent useful, laborious, active - devoted to nursing but from a peculiarity of temper, can only work by herself -

Nuns. i.e. *Sisters of Mercy* - 4 *Sister Helen*
5 *Sister M. Martha* 6. *Sister M. Joseph*
(unpaid) - It is impossible to estimate too highly the unwearied devotion, patience,

& cheerfulness, the judgement and activity & the single heartedness with which these "Sisters" (who are from Bermondsey) have labored in the Service of the Sick Nurses 7. *Mrs. Montagu* 16/ pr week - perfectly sober & respectable honest & trustworthy a good Nurse & has also cooked for the Patients -

8 - *Mrs Barker* 18/ per wk. perfectly sober respectable trustworthy & honest & with strong religious principle. (She is a Wesleyan & somewhat peculiar) she is a good, tho' not an experienced Nurse a laborious a laborious & useful woman - Cooking & house-keeping are her forte - And she has cooked single-handed the whole of the Extra Diets for one of the Hospitals in the front - 9 *Mrs Evans* 16/pr week a most eccentric little Welshwoman - her manner makes many wonder - whether she is a knave or a fool - but none have been more useful, laborious, honest, respectable, sober & trustworthy than Jane Evans. I am under great obligations to her for her

active zeal - and from her farming knowledge she was able to keep one of the Crimean Hospitals supplied with milk during the winter

10. *Mrs. McPhersen* 16/pr wk perfectly sober honest respectable but habitually indolent & ~~giving~~ - en to flirting, although ancient

11. *Mrs. Nesbitt* 12/pr wk ideal, useful, clean equally good cook & washerwoman - but from the long established habit of intemperance & what this brings in its train, I have never been able to trust her from out of my own supervision, without her disgracing herself - I verily believe she wishes to reform - But I fear it is too late. I have kept her on for the sake of giving her an opportunity, under myself, of trying her good resolutions, these several times -

12 *Mrs. Brownlow* 16/pr week Though this person is not strictly one of H.M.'s Nurses, being the wife of a Pay Serjeant of the Coldstream Guards, & having been originally taken into

[end 14:438]

Wellcome 8997

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8997/59 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil {arch: 1857?} mauve paper bundle 132

Mr. Herbert leaves town for good on Thursday

All that we want done must be done first

He has asked me for assistance on

8 points -

I am to go to him to day at 3

1. How to get up new Q.M.G's Instructions
for encampment
 2. How to get up a new Book of Hospital
Regulations
 3. about the School
 4. about the Barrack commission & who is
to be the Engineer
 5. about the Statistics & how they are to be
managed
 6. about the Warrant for Pay & Promotion
- You must think because I cannot
We are to do the Digest of the Defects &
Recommendations for the Report

8997/60 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 133 **[1:145-46]**

Great Malvern

Jan 6/58

To my dearest Mother I apply
for ease & for help in my present
pressing & difficult circumstances
I will explain -

My Father's letter to Aunt Mai
asks "what next?", in reference to
plans, & speaks of a "house in
London". I ought not, therefore,
to delay saying that, if you are
so kind as to think of a house
on my account, it is a kindness
I am unable to accept, though
I thank you for the thought.

I am obliged now to restrict
myself to one companion, or, rather,
I should say that companionship
can be no more for me, while my

work remains unfinished.

In order to keep up to my work,
I feel the necessity of having *one*
person with me to perform offices
which I am sure my dear Mother
& Parthe would feel, each for the
other though not for herself,
that health would not permit.
And, for myself, I should feel
such anxiety in seeing either of
you attempt the sort of life
I am compelled to require in ~~any~~ the
one person staying with me through this
work, (who might not be in full health
& strength) that it would overpower
not help, me. I have no other
plan, then, but to ask Aunt Mai
to stay with me. I know she will
do it willingly.

Such power for headwork as I

ever had, I have still, & with that
remaining power, I feel called upon
to do what I can to rescue the
children committed to me from
death, from disease, from immorality.
This work is in such progress that
I may have the hope of seeing it
completed, if I can sufficiently
save my remaining strength.
The details are too small to particu=
larize of what is necessary to do this.
Yet they are essential. And I know
not how to do without them. This
help I can receive, without much
anxiety, from dear Aunt Mai. But
I could impose it upon no one
else.

The help & the ease then, which
I ask from *you*, my dear Mother,
is not to misinterpret what I am
thus compelled either to say or else
to give up my work. One person with

health for these small but necessary
offices is essential to me. More
than one I have not the strength
to see - During the time I have
been in London, I have seen literally
no one but those whom the
necessities of business have com=
pelled me to see - For these I
am obliged to reserve such strength
as remains to me -

If I could give companionship
or receive it, I would beg you to
come & share it with me -

I enclose a little Nasturtium or something else
which the good people here give
me for nosegays - It makes the
prettiest winter vase=ful. I do
not remember ever seeing it. You
ought to have it.

[end 1:146]

ever my dear Mum

Your loving child

F.N.

On diagonal:

I hear that Lady Dunsany is a quick worker

8997/61 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

Gt. Malvern
Jan 16/58

Dear Papa

Dr. Sutherland wrote
to me on Thursday from
Wilton, offering to come
to me here on Saturday
from Embley. His letter,
of course, reached me
on Friday night, & my
answer would reach
Embley on Sunday
morning, altho' I sent
a messenger off instantly

to catch the Night Mail.

Business has been
accumulating for him
here, which it was
impossible for me to
transact alone - which,
had he come here,
instead of going to
Embley, would have
been done -

I can form no guess
now as to the day he
will come - But I do
not see how, even should

he come on Monday,
I can be ready for
you till the end of the
week - As it is quite
beyond my present
powers to see more
than one person who
interests me.
And I believe it
will be more
convenient to *you* to
come later.

I wish you would
say to Parthe that
she does not know

the destruction it is to
me, ~~of her asking~~ inviting Dr.
Sutherland without
asking me -

How noble the Defence
of Lucknow - How grand
the death of Havelock -
We had no Havelock -
Otherwise, it would
remind one of our
own six months' defence
of the trenches without
yielding an inch &
dying without a groan -
ever dear Pa

Your loving child

8997/62 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand)

London

Jan 28 1858

Sir

Your words of affectionate sympathy & the expression of feeling from the Gentlemen, Colonists of South Australia, which you are so kind as to convey to us, have come home to the hearts of my fellow workers & myself. We have read your Memorial with grateful pleasure in having been thus remembered by you -

If we have been permitted a little to labour in God's work, we may,

not call your kind words our reward, because our Father's work needs no reward - & to soothe such sufferings as we saw bravely borne, was a solace which could only make us grateful to be so employed.

But we will say, your words shall cheer us on while life lasts, in doing such work as may yet be permitted to us.

Since the defence of our Trenches before Sevastopol by your countrymen, you have heard of the defence of Lucknow

The first I saw, of the second we
have every particular. There is nothing
in Homer more heroic than these deeds -
well may we be proud of our race -

The country you live in, Gentlemen,
is indeed part of our well-beloved
Country. England is *one* wherever
her people dwell. That your hearts
were with us in our struggles & will
be with us always, we know with a
gratitude which will not pass away -

We can do no more for those who
have suffered & died in their Country's

service. They need our help no longer,
Their spirits are with God who gave them.
It remains to us to strive that their
sufferings may not have been endured
in vain - to endeavour so to learn from
experience, as to lessen such sufferings
in future by forethought & wise management.

God bless you all, we say with
all our hearts - And that progress &
happiness in all that is good & true
may await the colonists of South
Australia is the fervent prayer of
their obliged & faithful servant
(signed) Florence Nightingale
To the Colonists of South Australia

8997/63 {exact replica of 8997/62}

8997/64 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 133

30 Old Burlington St.

[16:263]

April 13/58

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I see your motion
for tonight about
the Netley Report -

Perhaps you are
not aware that
Mr. Herbert is not &
will not be in
town till Thursday,

& that Genl Peel
has referred the
Report in question
back to an old
& adverse
Commission -

For both these
reasons, I would
ask you not
to press your

motion till Mr.
Herbert comes
back, as I think
the effect of it
now might be
that Genl Peel
would make a
statement in
the House, which
there would be

no means of
answering

[end]

Pray believe me
very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

8997/65 initialed note, 1f, pen

Mr. Herbert will
not be in town
till Thursday. *Pray*
don't hurry up. Mrs.
Clough takes great
care of me & comes
twice a day.

in haste

ever yours

F.N.

April 13/58

8997/66 initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 133

My dear

If you have anything
to say to (or to hear
from) me, will you
come between 10 &
11 this morning; or
if that is too early,
between 12 & 1; or,
if you have any
engagement at that
time, could Mama
come then; or, if that
is too early for her,

could she write?

But, if there is to
be the going backwards
& forwards there has
been here yesterday & the
day before, - you will
find that I shall
not only be unable
to help you, but that
I shall be unable
to live till Whitsuntide.

ever yours

while I can help FN

May 14/58

{upside down: printed:} Privy Council Office

8997/67 initialed note, 1f, pen

London

June 22/58

God bless you, my
dear Pop - And
take my blessing
and my best
thoughts with you
on your marriage day
ever my dear Pop
your loving sister
F.N.

8997/68 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 133 [1:320]

June 28/58

My dearest

This is only to say
that Lady Dunsany
is dead - not because
I think it a misfortune
but that you might
not hear it first
from the newspaper.

She died very
gently yesterday
(Sunday) morning.
She was unconscious

& quite without
pain -

Almost her last
conscious words were
"to give her love to
all her friends &
wish that they might
have the same comfort
of their faith in
death as she had" -
something to this
effect -

I think if you
were to write a few
words to Lord Dunsany
(I wish I could)
it would relieve
his sad hours -

She was very fond
of you -
ever yours
F.

8997/69 initialed letter, 1f, pen with env not stamped bundle 132 [1:321]

My dear I do not think
I ever said to Papa what
you report him to have
written to you - Because
real love never hurt
any body. But there
is so much ἀπερωτος
'ερως, unloving love, as
friend Aeschylus has it -
L'amour de ce qui
n'est pas - as somebody
else has it - If, for
instance, I found
myself loving gardens
or houses or woods
more than the wish

of my husband in these
things; more than
pleasing him in these
things, I should say to
myself, You had better
run away, I had
much rather you
ran away at once
It is doing less damage
in the long run - Oh my dear
do always like to
please your husband
first, do like this always
better than anything
else or never marry.
I had much rather
hear that you gave up
covering the chair, as you say,

[in the top margin of the first page]
for 7/6 than
all the
fine words
about
"woman's
love" & so on
ever yours
F.N.

[envelope] FN hand:

Lady Verney
32 South St.

[not FN: hard to read]

In answer to one of mine saying I
found it pleasant here to please H than to
do anything I wanted & that he did not
"spoil" me - that three
days love was
[can't read rest]

8997/70 signed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133

30 Old Burlington St.
London W.
July 9/58

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I send you a
privately printed
document, drawn up
in anticipation & in
answer of one (in
favor of NETLEY) to be
presented to the
HO. of C. tonight
- in anticipation too
of your kind assistance,

[16:264]

Wellcome 8997

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whenever you leave
home again -

I heard from
my mother this
mornng, in delight
at all she had
seen at Claydon,
moral & material.

Yours very truly
F. Nightingale
The enclosed is to
be presented to

Genl Peel, who will
not be able to
understand one
word of it. Perhaps
you will help him
when you see him
again.

[end]

8997/71 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133

Great Malvern

Aug 1/58 Sunday **[16:588]**

My dearest

I have just received
your note - Letters from
Bucks go to London on
their way to Worcester
shire. I have
forwarded it to London
Aunt Mai, Hilary &
the Spanish Troops
were to come down
here tomorrow. And
I think Hilary would
like very much to

stop at you's. But
I doubt their getting this
note in time. If they
are at Combe or Ravens=
bourne, they will not.

I saw the architect
Bellamy before I left
town, à propos to
the new plans of King's
College Hospital which
are his, which are
execrable & which
he brought me - [Farr
& Bellamy are my
darlings] I was so good

as to hold forth upon
Sanitary Architecture,
which he received as
from the mouth of an
oracle - [Of course he ought]
But the gist of this is
that he told me he
was to build the new
Winchester Hospital
for Sir W. Heathcote
& would be glad of my
advice [sic] Nothing is
to be done directly
but, as you gave me
some message from Sir W. Heathcote about it
once, I should be very

glad as Bellamy is the
architect, to help &
to make it the model
of its set, an example
for all time.

Two things I never
expected to come to - to
drink Aether & write
in the newspapers - I
am come out upon
Netley in Examiner,
Daily News, Lancet,
Builder & shall be in
Times & Saturday Rev-
I shall then write an
article upon the
beautiful unanimity
& *common* sense of
the British Press
ever yours F.N.

[end]

In margin:

My love to your belongings & many thanks
to Harry Verney for his note.

Wellcome 8997

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8997/72 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133

Great Malvern

Aug 14/58

My dear - I never
answered your note
about Sir W. Heathcote.
I would never undertake
to give advice about
the administration of any
Hospital, unless I were
able to go & look into
it personally. Cela va
sans dire, it seems to
me - And this was
what I understood
from you, a long time
ago, Sir W.H. wanted of
me -

[16:588]

Plans are quite a
different thing. - I
could give a judgment
about plans, both
as to Sanitary &
administrative points,
by simply looking at
them - And this was
what Mr. Bellamy told
me was what was
wanted, with regard
to Winchester. But he
also said the plans
were not even planned
yet. If, when they are,
Sir W.H. would like

to put me in communication with Mr. Bellamy on the subject, I am very much at his service - & have no hesitation in offering mine, because it is very evident, from recent shewing, that the subject of the Health of Hospitals is a totally unknown & unstudied one, & chiefly so to & by Doctors & Architects

[end]

Uncle Sam came last night. I have

not seen him. Mrs. Sutherland is here - The Spanish Troops at Manchester. I like Mrs. S. the best of all my wives.

In the "N. British" for August is an Article, "Our Indian Army", by Chadwick, extremely able & ill-written - the best we have ever had - with matter enough for two vols, & grammar not enough for half a page -

My love to all your belongings - ever yours

F.N.

seems missed bundle 133

8997/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 133 [6:514]

Great Malvern

Sept 23/58

Dear Papa

Do you remember
introducing to me a Mr.
Westlake, of Romsey, who
wished to establish a
Dispensary for Ulcerated
Legs in Bloomsbury?
Out of a provincial
tenderness for him, &
knowing that half the
suffering of workmen
is from that disease,
which is nevertheless
never received into
London Hospitals, I

broke through my usual
rule of never being
Patroness where I
cannot give personal
assistance & became
his President.

He is doing a great
deal of good & has as
many as 90 Patients.
Under his treatment
the Patients can walk
about.

I understand the
Dispensary is in want
of money. I sent £5.
An old lady of 80
has collected £54.
If you would like to

give £5, please tell
me. If you were to
tell some of his country=
men in Romsey, perhaps
they would like to do
something too for him.

His method of treatment
is thought very much
of by Medical men
who know: but will
not take the trouble
to attend such tedious
cases -

I think him quite
disinterested -

I have sent you two
letters from Sir H. Verney
& Parthe - I am so glad

they are going to Heidelberg.

I rather think I shall
be up in town again
by the 1st of next month.
Shall I see you here or
there?

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

F.

Wellcome 8997

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8997/74 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged mauve paper bundle 133

30 Old Burlington St

W

Oct 5/58

Dear Papa You will have today
or tomorrow 2 Copies
of my Report to the
War Office - one for
yourself - & one for
Robert Wildgoose *Jun*
& the men who came
to me about giving
me that desk -
explaining to them, of
course, that it is
strictly "confidential",
& *why* it is strictly

"confidential", & that
it is only for old
love's sake that
I ask them to read
what I have been
about -

Yours dear Pa
ever lovingly
F.N.

Wellcome 8997

121

8997/75 initialed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged mauve paper bundle 133 [1:243-44]

30 Old Burlington St
Oct 8/58

Dear Papa

I think this School
affair such a brilliant
opportunity of introducing
civilization instead of
brutality that I have
done a daring thing -

I wrote to Rawlinson
yesterday (he who Sani=
tarized the Crimea &
Scutari) the first Water
Engineer of the age
& saw him this morning.

He was going down to
the Liverpool Meeting
on Monday - & said
directly that he would
sleep at Lea Hurst
on Monday & do your
business for you -

He is quite the first
authority in Sanitary
water=appliances &
has an enthusiasm
for all these things -
Any fee I will settle
with him afterwards.

Pray forgive him

for murdering the Q.'s
English. I think it
is so creditable to him.
He was the son of a
private soldier -

Let Beatrice ask
him how it is possible
to give boys & women
an enthusiasm for
keeping their own
out-offices clean -
And he will tell her.
Let him tell her
about Alnwick -

He will go down
on Monday by the

train which reaches
Ambergate at 2.30.
And I promised he
should be met there.
I thought Mama
would do it in her
daily drive - And
it saves strength & health
His is bad. And he
must go on to Liverpool
on Tuesday. Nevertheless,
if you do not like it,
could you send a
message to the Ambergate
Station Master to tell
Mr. Rawlinson to go
on to Cromford & that
he will be fetched there.

Not having time [black-edged mauve paper]
for a reply from you,
I have settled these
things with him.

He is a man whom
I like & respect far
more than any one
I met in the Crimea
except Sir J. McNeill.
- far, far more than
Sutherland.

He has a passion
for Art & the country,
so will be very easy
for Mama to talk to.
He would like very

much to see the country.

With regard to the
appliances, please tell
Beatrice that I do
not think expence
must be considered.
From a long experience
of large bodies of men,
I know that the
best things are the
cheapest in the end -
And I should be
very glad to take
my share in the
expence of proper

appliances.

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

F. [end 1:244]

8997/76 initialed letter, 2ff, pen mauve paper bundle 133 [1:244-45]

30 Old Burlington St

Oct 9/58

Dear Papa

A fear came over
me that I had expressed
myself as if Rawlinson
were a kind of foreman
& that you would not
know where he was to
dine or sleep. [*He sleeps with
you on Monday night.*]

He is just as much
a gentleman as you or
I. And I know I shall
have all kinds of
difficulties in making

him take a fee - altho'
I expressly told him
that I could only
consult him profes=
sionally & that -
No pay, no advice.

He has ruined
himself for ever with
the War Dep. by standing
up for the pay of
the workmen & foremen
who were sent out
to the Crimea under
the orders of the Sanitary
Commission - altho'

Sutherland, who was
at the head of that
Commission, ought to
have taken this upon
himself.

I do not blame
Sutherland. He has
it not in him to
do that kind of thing.
But no one, who has
not been so much
mixed up with
professional life as
I have, can know *how*
few have it in them -
- *how few* will, ~~lay~~
for the sake of right, lay

themselves open to
being called what
Lord Panmure called
me a "turbulent
fellow".

I commend Mr.
Rawlinson to your
utmost kindness -
And I also assure you
that his authority in
all water-matters is
quite the first in
the United Kingdom
& may be safely depended upon -
ever dear Pa
your loving child

F.

He goes on to Liverpool from you on *Tuesday*.
[letter continues in bundle 133]

8997/77 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged mauve paper bundle 133

Oct 13/58

Dearest mother

I was very sorry
indeed to hear of poor
Burton's distress -

As far as my rather
large experience goes,
I am quite against
operations - quite
against the American
System, which is only
a species of operation -

A healthy, easy
but by no means idle

life is the best
régime -

I should consult
Sir James Clark
again, if I were she,
whom I think much
the best. But he
does not leave
Balmoral till the
19th. If he is not in
town or if he wishes
her to see a Surgeon,
I would consult
Mr. Bowman

5 Clifford St.

But by all means
be guided by Sir James
ever dear Mum
your loving child
F.

I have seen Parthe, -
looking so much better,
cheeks filled out &
[illeg-scribble]
red - I have not
seen her look so well
for years -

Wellcome 8997

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8997/78 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged mauve paper

30 Old Burlington St

Oct 19/58

My dearest

There was no
"mistake" in the
Diagrams - Those of
my Report are
done *area to area*
Those of the Blue Book
line to line. I
prefer the former,
as being more
mathematically

correct - There is no
doubt that the
others are more
picturesquely
striking - But
there is also no
doubt that they
are open to (&
have *actually*
been subjected
to) mathematical
criticism - as the

only comparison
intended being
between the *lines*,
& nevertheless the
spaces being shaded
to bring out the
lines, ignorant
people conceive
that the comparison
is intended to be
between the *areas*,
& people who know

say, No, it isn't.
In all the later
copies of the latter,
I have inserted
a note to explain,
in order not to be
taxed with inten=
tional exaggeration.

I have seen
Mr. Rawlinson today
& am to see him
again with plans
on Thursday, please
tell Papa -

F.N.

[continues in bundle 133]

8997/79 initialed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged mauve paper bundle 133

30 O Burln St

Oct 26/58

I do not see that
these "ordonnances" are
meant to be taken
together. Every month
5 days of the pills.
Every 2 months 15 days
of the Tincture. This
is contrived especially
that they shall *not*
be taken together
e.g. Nov 1 - 6 Pills
7 - 22 Tincture
29 - Dec 4 Pills
Dec 27 - Jan 1 Pills
Jan 2 - 17 Tincture

Pray thank Sir Harry
very much for his very
kind note about
Liverpool - & say
that I remember the
two men Freeney &
Aynsley perfectly -
& was very glad to
hear they remembered
me - They & another
(Wilson, who was
my *particular*
friend) were the
three Inspectors of

[14:567-68]

Nuisances in the
Crimea & at Scutari.
[Aynsley & Freeney in
the Crimea & Wilson
at Scutari] and
were much more useful
men than Airey,
Gordon & Estcourt
or any of that genus.
Lord Shaftesbury
sent out the whole
concern, under a
Civil Engineer of
Liverpool. (Newlands)
& they cleaned away

at us right well.

[Sutherland & Rawlinson
were the heads of the
Commission] -

[end]

I have been wishing
to thank Sir Harry
for his kind letter
& news of these men
for some time -

If all the good
the Civilians did &
all the harm the Army
men did were put
in the same scales,
they would about
balance each other.

There is an attack

out by Army Medical
Men against me
& my Hospital (Scutari)
Statistics. It is
without author's
or printer's name -
a blackguard thing
to do -

I am going to
answer it by shewing that,
instead of over=
stating the Mortality,
I actually under=
stated it by 735 Deaths.

F.N.

8997/80 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, pale blue bundle 133 [1:707-08]

Burln St

13/11/58

My dear love When
you told me that
your youngest boy
was going to Harrow,
I had a very strong
opinion on the subject.
But I did not like
to express it, because
I did not know
whether it was trust=
worthy - on comparing
it however with that
of men, of whom I
am allowed to mention

Clough, I find that
other people's opinions
are so exactly like
mine that I think
it may be worth
mentioning -

~~My~~The opinion is that
Harrow turns out nice
boys but not manly
boys - that Dr. Vaughan's
is not a manly mind -
that he is devoured
by the love of appearances -
that he has a timidity
which stands him
in lieu of conscience

- that he is an elegant scholar & most accomplished school master - but that vanities & not realities are his masters. The school is a far more aristocratic & expensive one than Rugby. Temple is Master of Rugby - I should like much to send a boy to Rugby, rather to send one to Eton, not at all to Harrow - I should expect a man

to come out of Rugby, a gentleman out of Eton, & a dilettante out of Harrow -

I ought perhaps to add that my opinion of Dr. Vaughan is formed from quite other sources than Mr. Stanley's & that I don't know what, if any, part he took in that matter -

I have no doubt that, if Sir Harry has made up his mind to Harrow, he has done it

{In the left margin of the first page}
on quite sufficient sources of information

Take this
for what
it is worth
& no more.

F.

Wellcome 8997

133

8997/81 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133, to?

Dec 6/58

My dearest I am
very very sorry to
hear of your failure -
But I think it must be a very
little one, as Mrs.
Candour says, &
therefore will not
count for much in
future prospects -
I do not make
out from your letter

where Bishop Potter
is. If he is with
you or in England
at all, I would
send him a copy
of my Report, as
being a much more
private thing to do
than letting him
ask the S. of State* -
At the same time
cautioning him that
I have not sent
it to very intimate

* This the Social Science Meeting was put
up to do, by Mr. Bracebridge - But I heard
of it in time & stopped it.

friends in America, ,
for fear I should
get a cheap copy
back published
(for my gratification)
in a cheap popular form
for popular reading.
If he is in England
I would also send
him some M.S.
cautions about
Nursing Orders,
which I never
meant to shew to
any one, if you can
guarantee him to
send them back

without letting mortal
eye see them -
Conolly is the only
person who ever has
seen them -

Louisa has written
to me from Brighton,
In Lord Ashburton's
name, for books &
information about
Egyptian hieroglyphics
& history - All mine
is (Not in my head
but) at Embley - Can
you tell me what
books I have there,
their titles, & anything
else to the same effect?

{in the left margin of the first page}
They start almost immediately -ever yours
F.N.

8997/82 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133

30 B St
Dec 17/58

My dearest Mr. Rumsey
is a very well known
man (all true
Sanitarians know one
another) and Mr.
Ceely need not be
at all afraid of
"seeming to puff him"
[He knows me & I
knows him!!] I will
send him the
Diagrams which I
suppose is what you

mean by the "Sanitary
Report", altho' you know
to a true Sanitarian
it is worthless, because
it in no way indicates
the remedies for such
a state of things -

I have been "out
with the hounds" again,
however, which I
always do in Mr.
Herbert's absence -
& will send ~~N~~Mr.
Rumsey & you a
copy of the result.

I sent Bishop Potter
a copy of my "Notes"
to American Minister
Dallas's, according to
orders - but have
heard nothing of
him since. I do not
at all *desire* to
shew him (or any one)
my M.S., & therefore
I am glad - But I hope he has not
received the "Notes"
without any intimation
as to their being a

confidential Govt=
document - I sent
~~none~~ such intimation of
course - trusting to you, who
asked for them ever yours
F.N.

Read the Article
upon us in
Edinburgh Medical Journal
for December
& in the forthcoming
Westminster for January
F.N.

8997/83 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {arch: copy by Ly Verney of a letter of FN}
bundle 133

Embley

Xtmas Day 1858

I was very sorry to see you as
depressed about yourself. I hope
you will not let yourself die, not
that I think this a nice place to
live in, but that there are very
few true hearted ~~ones~~ left in it
for the good cause. They are all
falling away from it our party
who were out in the East. General
Storks & Colonel Tulloch are not heroes
tho' I once thought the latter was.

Sidney Herbert is as ever a dear good fellow with brilliant powers & no perseverance. Col Lefroy cannot distinguish between truth & falsehood Sir John McNeill is old & prudent tho' true & faithful. The Duke of Newcastle is conscientious but ill tempered & personal. & as for Sir James Clark his weakness carries him to the brink of dishonesty in [?] his conduct about Andrew Smith

While the blood of those murdered men calls to us from the ground not for vengeance but for mercy on the survivors I see less & less any chance of accomplishing anything & I do not believe in our party there is any left true hearted but you -

If you think I get excited about the East, please to remember that it is as different to see the men dying as they did in 54 -55 & to hear

about it as it is to look at a picture of some Saint on the rack & to be racked yourself
[very faint pencil]
then comes the moral asking her to come for a month here to rest while we are away.

8997/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ?1858, bundle 123

Florence Nightingale
to Mrs. Nightingale
Embley Park
Romsey

Please send immediately per Rail
to me (for Lady Ashburton starting
for Egypt) my Bunsen "Egypt's
place in the world's History"
Volume first in English,
Volumes first, second and third
in German; Also Lepsius, one quarto
volume; Also Wilkinson's "Ancient
Egyptians", five Volumes; Also "Gliddon"
two large ~~folio~~ f quarto pamph-
lets - and any other books of
mine on Egyptian history or
hieroglyphics. Turn over

Dearest mother

This message was to have
gone by telegraph - But, on second
thoughts, we think it better to
send Richard down to fetch back
the books to=night -

Bunsen was in the Bow=room
compartment left of door into
garden=hall -

Lepsius was in narrow
compartment immediately to the
left of fire=place

Wilkinson was in small
book=case, lowest shelf, between
the bow & the folding=doors -

Gliddon used to lie, two great

torn pamphlets (in, I think,
yellow covers), on the book=case
~~in~~ at end of Drawing=room

Perhaps Papa will help you
to find these books -

I am extremely anxious to
make the collection of books for
the Ashburtons going to Egypt
as complete as possible - and
if you would send any other
books I may have had in
Egypt, I should be very much
obliged. They start directly
They will return all these books
to you - They have telegraphed
to me for them -

ever dearest mother
your loving child

F.

Please send *both* the English & German

Bunsen - the first Vol: exists
in both languages

8997/85 initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 133

My dearest I did
not know you were
in England - I have
been in town more
than a week - The
parents go to Remp=
Stone next Saturday,
to you on Monday
after -

It is quite impos=
sible to me, I am
sorry to say, to see
more than you - glad
as I should be to see

Sir Harry. Before one
or after six today
would be my best
times for seeing you.
The Drs. have said
in quite distinct
words that for me
to talk a word or
see a person more
than is absolutely
necessary is hurrying
the end of the days
left to me - pro tanto
ever thine F.

8997/86 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: [1858?]} bundle 133

My dearest
If it can help you
in any way to talk
over this most
important matter,
come tonight at or
after 7. But say
when -
ever thine
F.

8997/87 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: [1858?]} bundle 133

My dear
Do you remember
at Edinburgh (of all
places) a Vandyck
(?) of a little
female thing with
a muff hanging
to its side - Was
it of the Pallavicini
family? a large
family picture.
Could you get me
a print of it *now*
at once yrs ever F.

8997/88 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [arch: ? F.N.] green paper [I think it is FN hand]

Oh my dear soul you
never wrote to Miss Ellis,
as you promised

And it has brought on
me such a peck of troubles.

If you had only sent
me those letters you brought
yesterday before you went,
it would have saved me
the trouble of writing.

As it is , would you
put the enclosed packet
into Sir Harry's hand &
ask him to do his
best with them

I have written to Miss
Ellis, asking her to put
herself in communication

with Sir Harry -
the three points being
1. to effect a junction
between the two Associations
2. *to withdraw my name
from the "F.N. Fund",* if
possible. But it has
already been advertised
everywhere. And I
suppose it is not
possible.
3. to make the Ellis
paper alter that
miserable sentence
about "defeat" if possible

Miss Ellis, not
hearing from you, had
routed me out at
Burln Hotel & 6 Whitehall

I have been writing
letters about this untoward
business till (what with
illness) I am quite
unable to do a *stroke of*
W.O. business today

The main point is
however

Can Sir H. effect a
junction between the
two Societies thro' *Count*
Zamayski

and he must deny
to the Ladies that I
gave my name to the
others of which I never
even heard.

8997/89 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand} bundle 133

Wednesday 12th/59

[1:147]

Dearest Mother

Thank you very much

for your long letter with the better report of Parthe & for your
long list of game sent. La

"reconnaissance n'est qu'un

vif sentiment des *faisans*

futurs!" & I have a

remarkably stupid old friend

now sick in bed who would

like such *faisans* much

W.H. Burrell Esqre M.D.

37 Hans Place

Sloane Street

London. SW

I am glad to hear that Burton
was able to go through the

Christmassings & I think
she will do well to keep
on - I am glad too to
hear ~~that~~ of little Peter so
good a report -
We're sitting with the
window open at half past
four - a beautiful afternoon
& no chilliness - I do hope
you have the same & that
your attack of cold
is going quickly away.

I hope Papa will come
& see me on his way to
the Hurst

[FN hand] ever my dear mum's
loving child F.N.

[other hand resumes]

PS

I have had a note from
Sir Chas Trevelyan
lamenting the necessity of
leaving his family, but
without any doubt as to
his duty in accepting the
governorship of Madras
Lady Trevelyan keeps
the house in Grosvenor
Crescent open for their
children. Hamilton
the financial Secretary
succeeds him as permanent
Secretary & Hamilton's
place as it is *said*, has

been offered to Sir Stafford
Northcote. I am surprised
at Trevelyan's going, but
I daresay he will do it
well. Sir John McNeill
thinks very highly of his
powers of organisation
but he must surely have
ulterior views on Bengal
or he would not accept
Madras. # F.N.

[end 1:147]

8997/90 initialed letter, 1f, pen bundle 133 [6:625]

March 20/59

Dearest mother

If the scrofulus spine
has to go away from
home, it may as well
go to the Ormond St.
Hospital as anywhere
else - better than to
Verral's, the locality
of which is bad.
But ~~no~~ all the London Hospitals
"can do nothing for it".
It is too early in the
year for the Margate

Infirmary. But there
is where it ought to
go later in the spring.
The Middlesex is
much the best Hospital
in London & they "could
do nothing for it",
you see - Apparently
we shall take a
long time to learn
this truth.

Thanks for the
Photographs which
are beautiful -
ever my dear Mum's
loving child
F.

8997/91 unsigned letter, 3ff, pen bundle 133

30 Old Burlington St.

March 21/59

My dear Sir Harry

It seems to me
very desirable if you
would press further
on Mr. Ingham that
~~get~~ the Comm. of the
Ho: of C. ~~to~~ should force the
Railway Directors to
take *all or none*
of ~~the~~ St. Thomas's
Hospital land -

The Charing Cross
& London Bridge

Railway came on in
Committee on Friday
- tomorrow the
Hospital opposition
comes on -

[I think, from
your last note, I
did not make
myself sufficiently
understood that
there is no danger
of the Hospital
opposition not being
represented. Two
thirds of the Medical

Staff, which is large,
the Architect & Treasurer
all appear as
evidence in opposition]

Unless the report
of Mr. Ingham be
to the following
effect - that the
Bill be carried,
provided the Directors
engage, if they touch
the Hospital or the
grounds thereof, [or that
they, the Directors,
be compelled] to take
the whole at a

fair & proper valuation
the Hospital will be ruined.

[Of course the price
will be decided by
Jury - about this
therefore we need
not squabble - The
ground will be far
more valuable to
the Railway than to
the Hospital because
the former would sell
what they do not
want to considerable
advantage -]

All that the Directors
of the Railway have
as yet proposed to

the Hospital is to
build it a cross
ward (such a
Railway idea) cramming
up the Hospital
ground yet a little
more than before
to the destruction
of life. But the
Hospital Committee
entirely rejected
this offer -

Wellcome 9001

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Wellcome (Claydon copy) Ms 8998

8998/1 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 133 **[1:322]**

Highgate

May 26/59

Dearest

Would you order
two copies, one for
Claydon & one for
Embley, of H. Martineau's
"England & her Soldiers."
Smith & Elder -

Would you also
create a run upon
Mudie for it - by
writing yourself &
making every one else
write to Mudie for
it -

We are told this
is the way to make
a book known - thro'
that "great fact"
Mudie.

Also, any
provincial Libraries
or Reading =rooms,
at Romsey or Claydon,
should have it by

your means -

It is not at all
infidel

Sir Harry was so
good as to call here
yesterday -

Yours ever

F.N.

8998/2 memorandum, 1f, pen bundle 133

Highgate

June 1/59 [9:91]

Parable - the unjust
judge & the
importunate widow.

Dramatis Personae

Ld Stanley - Unjust Judge

F.N. Importunate widow

Result of 8 months'

importunacy - as below

[clipping from the *London Gazette*]

From the LONDON GAZETTE of Tuesday, May 31

INDIA OFFICE, May 31,

The Queen has been pleased to issue a commission under Her Royal sign manuel, appointing The Right Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., Major-Gen. Sir Robert John Hussey Vivian, K.C.B., Col. Sir Proby Thomas Cautley, K.C.B., Thomas Alexander, Esq., C.B., Col. Edward Harris Greathed, C.B., William Farr, Esq., M.D., James Ranald Martin, Esq., John Sutherland, Esq., M.D., to be Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into, and report upon, the measures which it may be expedient to take for maintaining and improving the health of all ranks of Her Majesty's army serving in India.

[end 9:91]

8998/3 signed letter, 1f, pen bundle 133, and draft 45791 f1

30 O. Burl. St.

July 7/59

[16:783]

My dear Sir Harry Verney

There seem to be three points
to be attended to in the compensation
(v. St. Thomas's)

1. the value of the number of
square yards of the Hospital land
to be taken by the Company, which
should be the same as the land in
the neighbourhood

2. a sum in the name of
"dommages intérêts" of the Hospital
property, even if the Hospital
were removed - For the Railway
will damage the ground for
building purposes

3. a sum to be paid for the total cost of removing the Hospital. There need be no controversy except about the amount to be paid.

It appears to me that an ordinary valuer could settle the point

£30,000 is certainly only a fractional part of what ought to be paid to the Charity; *unless* the Legislature intend to lay it down as a principle that Trust property & private property are to be sacrificed to the schemes of Joint Stock Companies.

[this section drafted by JS]

If you can do any thing in this matter, I am sure you will be doing a national benefit.

I am doing my best
yours affectely F. Nightingale

[end JS section]

[end]

8998/4 reply to mother's letter, 2ff, pen {written at the end of the letter}
{arch: 16.7.[1859]}

Dearest mother

Thanks MANY for the
£5.

Indeed you must
not conclude any such
thing about my going
to Hampstead. You
know I must send in

maids & furniture
anyhow there on the
21st.

I was just going
to ask you to conclude
definitely for your
two rooms for me
from 21st to 31st,
with stipulation to
take in all letters
& parcels left for
me - And I to ~~be~~
~~able to take~~ have
the refusal in
addition of the two
rooms over & the
one room under,
in case I have to

stay myself entirely

Do you really go
today? If so, I
must see you for a
minute? What time
do you go?

Please let me
know what day you
leave Ravensbourne,
whether you stay a
night in town on
your return (I could
give you a bed at
Hampstead - that's
grand) you will have
to take the three cats
down to Lea Hurst

Wellcome 9001

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8998/5 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: July 1859}

Dearest mother

What is going to
become of you? And
when are you going to
Ravensbourne?

You could not
lend me £5, could you?
without the faintest
prospect of its
being returned for
many months

ever your

F.

8998/6 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 30 Sept 1859} **[1:322-23]** bundle 133

My dearest

I think Sir Harry's
plan an exceedingly
ingenious one - & the
Architect's an exceedingly
abominable one -

I should fight for
his with all my might:
But I have suggested
a few modifications
which I should think
an Architect would

adopt & a committee
vote - I hardly
know whether it
would strengthen your
hands or not to shew
the enclosed paper -
I should say

1. get Sir Harry's
plan voted

2. get these
modifications adopted,
if you can.

3. I should be
very glad to criticize

any plans you send me,
before they are finally
adopted by the
Committee -

Yours ever

F.N.

Hampstead

Sept. 30/59

If I had a distinct
ground plan of *what is*
built already, which
I do not quite understand,
I should know which

of my suggestions in the
enclosed paper are
impracticable & which
would require modifying.

It appears to me
rather doubtful whether,
with £6000, you
could not build a
very nice Hospital
from the foundation -
I would furnish you
with a plan.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 133, 7204

Hampstead NW

Oct 5/59

[16:642-43]

My dear Sir Harry

I should be very glad
to write in the "Builder",
(a discreet little paper
which always puts me
in!) for your Hospital
- and am only afraid
of setting the Bucking=
=hamshire backs up/
If, however, things should
go wrong, & before they
have finally ~~bee~~ gone
wrong, if you will tell

me & tell me also
exactly what you
wish to have said,
I could at any time
give Buckinghamshire
a "blowing up" in the
Builder, which might
make some
difference.

As to the width of
the wards, you might
make only the two
ends of the Pavilions
two feet wider than
the middle part - Or,
as you have plenty

of length, make wards
only as wide as they
are now & put the beds not
opposite but alternate

I I I I I to each other-neither
I I I I

plan is sightly but in either
would the sick recover.

I should have ~~been~~ gratefully accepted **[5:80]**
your kind offer to read
a paper for me at
Bradford, as there is
a subject I wished
very much to start there.
- Hospital Statistics. They

are, as well as Workhouse
Statistics, at present an
unworked mine, both
in France & England -
And these Institutions,
created for the relief
of human distress,
positively do not know
whether they relieve
it or not - But my
facts are not all ready.
So that I have not
finished my Paper. As
I do not like to read up
or get up a thing, but
must have personal observation &
experience to go upon -
Yours affectely F. Nightingale

[end 16:643]

8998/8 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 133

Hampstead NW

[1:773]

Dec 13/59

My dear/ I think Bratby
a most valuable servant
& in every respect what
you want.

Trustworthiness is
Mary's name - As the
moral head of a
household I think
her unequalled. She
is the ONLY servant I
ever knew who placed
her honor in speaking
the truth at all times

& in every thing, about
others as well as herself.
[I say this literally &
not as a flourish]

I do not think you
would find her useful
in *any* manual
employment. She
never was a good
cook, housemaid or needlewoman.
And "the little" goodness
she had "hath been
taken from her," by
her poor thumb.

En revanche, she

~~had~~ has a curious talent
which I never saw
to the same degree
in *any* woman, educated
or uneducated, & which
~~wa~~ is more like a clerk's,
of knowing where I
had put any paper
or report, of always
bringing the right
book &c - This made
her loss to me an
irreparable one - And I
should think would be turned to account
in a large house - charge of furniture &c
There must be
many details as to what they will have

to do with you which make it
impossible for me to
give a more particular
opinion.

All the things you
specify, *except the*
needlework, I would
trust Mary to do
exactly as I would
myself. She is a *really* religious
woman

I think I never saw
a luckier marriage -
For the things Mary
is most deficient in
are those best done
by Bratby - And they
are the most inseparable
couple. I need not say

{continued in margin of first page}
that it would be a great relief to me, were
Mary well
settled.

F.N.

8998/9 initialed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 133 [1:766-67]

Hampstead NW

Dec 14/59

My dear It occurred
to me after writing
yesterday

1. if you are going
to set up a needlewoman
under the housekeeper,
Mary Jenkins

Bathwoman

Dr. W. Johnson's

Great Malvern

has a niece, living
at Oxford, a first-rate

needlewoman, eldest
girl of a very large
family, who wants
&/or wanted a place .
If she is at all like
my good old friend,
her aunt, she would
be a very valuable
servant - Perhaps
her needlework
would be almost
too good for your
place - I believe
she is a qualified
"Young Lady's maid",

tho', when I heard of her,
she had never been
"out" - i.e. in service -
Perhaps she has a
place.

I think it answers
very well in a large
~~family~~/house to have as
much as possible done
at home, as little as
possible "put out."

2. You know Mary Bratby
is almost *too* maternal
- I mean ~~instead~~
~~of~~ you need not fear her thinking it
a *trouble* to arrange

& manage for the boys,
she would take almost
too much trouble for
them - especially if they
came down without
you - You know, on
all the Health exped=
tions to the sea or
elsewhere of Shore or
of Beatrice, years ago,
she was always sent
with the sick sinner -

3. Bratby's health
necessitates some out=
door work. He is a very
good out=door servant.
If he is left in charge

of Claydon when you
are in London, I
should think it
would suit very
well - I suppose there must
be some man left in charge.
yours ever

F.N.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/10 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: [Sept/Dec 1859]} **[1:147-48]**

Dearest mother

I am afraid it
would not be possible
for me to see you on
~~Monday~~ Sunday. For
my engagements thicken.
I could see you for
a few minutes now
or tomorrow & be
thankful - perhaps
today better than
tomorrow.

I think you had
better come to me
at Hampstead - for
one night than go

straight through to
Lea Hurst from
Ravensbourne
ever your

F.
Mrs. Nightingale

[end 1:148]

8998/11 incomplete, unsigned letter, 1f, pen {not FN hand, maybe Mrs Bracebridge's?} {arch: ? Dec 1859} bundle 133

I never can express what I feel of all that you have been to me & to the work in which we both were engaged. I feel it however presumptuous in me to say this as you were working for God & not for me - and you required no more reward than I did. But I always felt with you that you understood without my telling you from similar experience at home a great many of my trials which none of my other ladies did & which I never told to you or to any one -

And I cannot tell you what a support your silent sympathy & trust became altho I never acknowledged them - I felt that you knew the real difficulty of my position - The praise & blame which have been lavished upon us have been [illeg] so unknowing & so unintelligent - I have been so busy & so ill since I returned

8998/12 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? Hilary 1857? - 1859

My dear

I should like to see Mr. Herford before he goes - & will come down to see him for a few minutes before he is obliged to go -

Please ask Dr. Farr from Mr. Herbert whether he has any Statistics of comparative Mortality in relation to comparative *height* among Agricultural labourers
your F.

8998/13 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1859}

Dearest Mother

Mrs. Sutherland was
so sorry not to see you
the second time you
called.

What have you
done about my pied
à terre at No. 2? And
how much will it
cost?

ever your

F.

Please return the
enclosed letter of Lady
Amelia Jebb's.

8998/14 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: to be put in [?1859]} black-
edged paper bundle 132

Ly Alicia Blackwood

My dear Sir Harry

[14:1010]

I have written to Lady
Alicia Blackwood at
Middleton Tyas, Yorkshire -
& can get no answer -

~~The~~ Do you know where to
find her? -

The case is rather important
A very respectable Color Serjt
of the Crimea could get a
place in the Queen's yeomen
if I could give his wife
a certificate - as I did
in the Serjt. Brownlow
case, which you may have
heard of.

I have no reason to doubt
the wife's story, which is
that I employed her for 6

months in my Lying-in house
at Scutari. But, during
exactly those 6 months,
I was absent almost
entirely (in the Crimea)
And Ly Alicia was in
charge -

I have sent all her papers
to Ly Alicia - & cannot
get them back -

What shall I do? -

Color Serjt Phillips, 1st Batt.

Coldstream Gds is his name.

[end]

F.N.

8998/15 unsigned note, 1f, pen bundle 132 [1:322]

Dearie

Could you send me, 1, 2, or 3, or even 6
bottles of Sherry

to pay for, of course?

and, if you have a *home-made* pot
of strawberry or raspberry jam,
to spare?

Many thanks for the beautiful flowers &
plants.

Dearie ~~And~~ could you order the shop, where
Mama bought that beautiful photograph
of the head of Guido's Bologna Christ
(which she gave me), to send me
facsimiles from which to select
two. It is for India. I don't
know where she got it. But I
have never seen any thing at all
all like it. ~~Any~~

Wellcome 9001

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8998/16 initialed note, 1f, pen bundle 132

My dear

Please read the
two notes enclosed
And please go & see
Ferooza, early, so that
you may see her, if
you possibly can, &
bring me word about
them all. You see
she goes tomorrow.

F.N.

8998/18 initialed letter, 4ff, pen {arch: 29.1.60} bundle 134 **[1:808-09]**

Dearest mother/ A girl
of 19, who was housemaid
to the Cloughs for 2 years,
& whom they parted
with to Lady Emerson
Tennent, merely
because they wished
for a better situation
for her, was overdone
with the too hard
work of the new place,

& had Prolapsus of the
womb - Lady Tennent
parted with her,
without any enquiry
as to where she could
go - And the Cloughs
took her back &
nursed her & she is
still in their house.
Her Doctor recommends
her to go into a Hospital
for 6 weeks, but
admits that if she

could have perfect rest
in country air with
some medical treatment,
it would be better -
I feel certain that, if
she were cured *locally*
in a London Hospital,
it would be at the
expence of her constitution,
perhaps of her virtue,
& that she would
gain in one day in the
country what she would
not in two in London -

If I were going to stay
here, I would have
her here -

I feel certain that,
if you were to see her,
you would like to help
her - besides helping
the Cloughs who have
been so kind to her -

She will go on
Wednesday into the
Hospital, if not
otherwise provided
for -

Now I thought

if you would let her
come down to Embley
on that day for 5 or
6 weeks, it would
be perhaps the
difference to her of a
painful helpless
dependent life & of
a healthy active
independent one -

She would require,
I believe, to lie up
entirely for 6 weeks -
But Mr. Taylor would

probably see her &
direct what she was
to do -

Nurse Watson, I
am sure, would look
after her while you
were there - and
Mrs. Watson, if you
went away -

She is a most
properly=behaved
girl in all respects.
She is niece to the Cloughs'
faithful nurse=maid,

Emily.

If you will have her,
I will take care that
she brings down with
her her Dr.'s account
of her case for Mr.
Taylor. But I believe
that fresh air, entire
rest upon a hair
mattrass & ~~good food~~
are what she
principally wants -
As she is so young &
unmarried, she may
get quite well with
care - She is not helpless

Wellcome 9001

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& walks about which she
ought *not* to do, I believe.

Please direct your
answer to me to
Burlington St. I
will take care to
send for it, if I am
not there - in time
for her to go, if you will have her.

` ever dear Mum
your loving child

F.N.

Hampstead NW

Jan 29/60

8998/19 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 134

Feb 29/60

30 Old Burlington St.

My dear Sir Harry

I should indeed like
to see Sir John Lawrence
whom, of all men, I,
with all Europe,
revere & admire -

[9:195]

I am very glad to
hear that present
Ministers, if they
stop in till December,
wish *him* to be the
next Governor- General.

But I should not
think of troubling him
to call upon me for
the mere pleasure
of seeing him - did
I not believe that
it might materially
help forward the
"Indian Sanitary
Commission", (which
intends, of course, to
take his Evidence,)
if he would be so
good as to give me

some of his Instruction
as to Indian Sanitary
affairs -

The worst of it is
that I am getting
more & more helpless
as to seeing people -
I have such bad
nights now & am
so drenched with
Morphia that I
am sometimes unable
~~now~~ even to get up
to see Mr. Herbert
on business - when

he comes - And I feel
so unwilling to take
up the time of a
man like Sir J. Lawrence.

If you would say
something of this kind
to him tonight, (as
you so kindly propose,)
& say too that if
he would allow me,
through you, to make
an appointment with
him some few days
hence *ad HIS libitum*,
I should indeed think
it a privilege - Yours ever
F.N.

[end 9:195]

8998/20 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil bundle 134 [12:706-07]

Mar 2/60

My dear Sir Harry

I have taken the
law into my own hands
about granting rights
of translation of the
"Nursing Notes" - and
written to tell Harrison
so - Because, if he does
"sues me at the law," -
as he has already
taken away "my coat
& my cloak also", - it
won't much hurt me

Therefore, if Mlle
Bunsen is good enough

to wish a *German*
translation to be made,
I only too gladly put
it into her hands -
There are none I
should like better.

With regard to the
French, "il y a concurrence"
You have yourself been
good enough to forward
to me two proposals,
one from Mlle Bunsen,
one from Mme de Stael.
M. Mohl has been
written to to ask
his advice. And the
moment I hear, I
will let you know -

Parthe will like to
hear that I have had
an application from
an *Italian* publisher
as well - which I
have granted -

I have a high
opinion of the Italian
powers of nursing.
I thought the Sardinian
"Sisters", generally, much
better than the French
in the Crimean War -
contrary to all my
preconceived ideas.

yours affectely
F.N.

[end 12:707]

Wellcome 9001

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8998/21 FN letter (partial copy in FPV hand) 5ff, pen bundle 134

Mar 5/60

[12:707]

My dear Sir Harry

In re translation
(into French) of my
Nursing book -

After consulting M.
Mohl about "la
concurrence", I
unhesitatingly *opt*
for Mme de Stael, if
she will be so good
as to undertake it.

There are no one's
hands in which I
would as soon see it.

[end 12:707]

Thank you very
much for the enclosed.

I am sure you will
be glad to hear that
Sir John Lawrence
was so good as to
come here & to give
a very important

[9:196]

direction to the Indian
enquiry. And I trust
that the information
he was kind enough
to give in other ways
and the views (in
which as far as ~~a~~
I can agree with
"Hercules" I entirely
agree) will be of
real use in stronger
hands than mine.
I trust he will
live to see the good

of his exertions for
human (Indian) nature
in all ways -

[end 9:196]

Neither Cuvier nor
Darwin nor any
Naturalist will
ever make me believe
that Sir J. Lawrence
& Lord Wm Paulet,
for instance, are of
the same genus. For
I SEE they are not -
Yours affectely
F. Nightingale

I should like the white [black-edged mauve paper]
rose (him of the pot)
very much -

[16:643-44]

I am very much
obliged to my "half nephew"
for his noble offer -
And as I am often
employed in drawing
plans for Hospitals,
I may very likely
avail myself of it
with great gratitude.

I am just now
about some noble plans

for a great "Pavilion"
Manchester Infirmary
out of the town.

This is the more
promising, as I hear
from a man who has
just been making a
tour of the Provincial
Hospitals that they
are only fit to make
the sick into incurables,
to put poor men on
the rates - & that the
new are on worse principles
than the old -f

[end]

Mme Jenny Lind is
much too great a lady
for me to ask to come
here. But, if she
should wish to consult
about her Swedish Nursing
plans, & would let me
know when she drives
into town, *beforehand*
I could not but like
to see her - seeing I
admire her character
beyond most, & only
think her a very
great coward for
leaving the stage. Let
alone that I am very much indebted
to her -

If you will give me
her address, I will
send her all my
books, as desired, in
neat & appropriate
bindings, newest
Editions.

What can a man
say more?
May 9/60

The information I have
received about Provincial
Hospitals makes me the
more feel that, without
some knowledge of the proportion
of Surgical & Medical cases, & of
what cases, I cannot give reliable advice
about the "Bucks" Infy.

I have a *folio* volume
of information about
all the Provincial
Hospitals in the U.K.;
which has been lent
to me (Aylesbury is
included) But, oddly
enough, this most
important information
as to the average
proportions of Medical
& Surgical cases, &
their character, is
nowhere given.

[end 16:644]

8998/22 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen bundle 134 **[5:163-64]**

May 28/60
My dear

I have offers
from ten of the
largest houses in
Lancashire for the
Spitalfields weavers,
capable of absorbing
the whole population,
if it will go -

The mills at
Blackburn alone

would take from
500 to 1000
hands.

If Mr. James
Marshall would
kindly write
to *me* any
proposal, I
should be very
grateful -

Of course
we want no

charity. Unless
the hands are
wanted, it would
be no charity.

The whole
thing will be
done, if at all,
in the most
business-like way
And I have a
man at Manchester,
one of the leading
men, who will

make himself
our Honorary
Commissioner, as
he says - for *Lancashire*.

[Count Srszelecki
knows nothing about
the "hands". I
wrote to him
to ask him for
Emigration advice,
that was all
And his answer
was, like Punch,
Don't]

[2]

Of course whether
the Spitalfields
people go to Leeds
or to Lancashire,
all the ~~great~~
owners who take
them will require
certificates as to character; &
forms of agreement
will be made -
It will be done
through Agents,

[3]

I learn from some
of these Lancashire
letters that "there
has already been
an importation
of hands from
Coventry & its
neighbourhood".

I am very glad -

Of course I
was only in joke
in my message
to Mrs. Bracebridge.
I didn't care for
Spitalfields more

than I do for
Coventry

It is no comfort
that there is an
opening for Spital=
fields - if Coventry
is starving -

[end 5:164]

If I were you, I
would say nothing
to B. but his
message & that
he had a real
reason for not
coming. I think
all the talking
is wanted at
the other end.

8998/23 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged mauve paper, bundle 134

May 29/60

[1:323-24]

My dear

It is about the
worst case I ever
heard. I never was
so "shocked" in my life,
except at King's College
Hospital being built
over old St. Clement
Dane's Churchyard

You come clearly
under the "Burials Act",
[I hope you will be

tried & transported
for the terms of your
natural lives, Freddy
& all.]

The only thing to be
done is for Sir Harry
to write at once to
Cornewall Lewis x (the
slowest oaf, tho' learned,
I know) & say he
wants an Inspector
to be sent down to Claydon immediately,
stating the circum=
stances - Grainger

x The Home Office works the
"Burials Act", as of course you know.

or Holland will be
sent down - And
will say what is to
be done -

I have consulted
Dr. Sutherland, and
he says *this* -

[You have no
alternative. For, if
you don't, I shall
lay an information
against you myself.
I know the Burials
Act Office very

well. and Dr.
Holland is my
devotee.]

In my old age
I take just the
contrary course from
what I did in
my youth. I
"protest" on every
occasion & with
all my might.
Dr. Tait at Carlisle
lost all his children
(but one) of an epidemic

[2]

disease, by placing
them over an old
church=yard - The
Bishop of London
grants a licence
(as no one protested
on the first occasion)
for placing that
unfortunate King's
College Hospital over
an old church=yard.
for ever -

Such are the effects
of non=protesting

F.N.

The purport of Sir Harry's
note to Sir George Lewis
should be "the
churchyard at the
Claydons has become
overcrowded and
nuisances arise from
it. Would you be
so good as to direct an
enquiry to be made
with the view of
precautionary
measures being
adopted?"

The Home Office
takes all the respon
sibility - And th
directions are sent

[3]
down to the Burials
Act Office directly -
[And, if you behave
well to the Officers,
you are not transported.] You
must be prepared
of course for the
Church-yard being
closed, which it
will be.

If the Bucks
Infirmary plans
are what I like
& if the Churchyard

at Claydon is closed,
you shall have
£25 for the Infirmary.
If not, not. Not
a penny of my
money shall you
touch.

F.N.

8998/24 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134 **[1:324]**

June 10/60

My dear

I send Hallam
(£5) because you ask
me. Nothing can
prove, certainly not
£5, my respect
for dear old Hallam.
And I would rather
give to the living
than the dead -

Also I send
£1.6 as you ask

for the Ladies'
Sanitary Ass.
£1.1 for them
& 5/ for their
tracts, of which
I never saw one
that I would
not give 5/ to be
without.

This £1.6 I send
for "la raison contraire",
because nothing can

prove my disrespect
for the Ladies' Ass.
And so they may
as well have this,
as you ask it.
They can't do much
harm with it.

I am going to
answer all your
questions without
waiting for the Reports -

Gas spoils
enough air for
11 (not 6) men.

I have put this in
my little book..

ever yours

F.

8998/25 incomplete, initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 134 (but not same size paper as other Hallam letter)

5. You have not
sent back the cheque
for Mr. Hallam - which
I only mention - because you say so -
(At least it was
not in the note) -
But burn it - It will
do as well -
And I will tear
out the flyleaf
from my cheque book.
I have so much
to do for the living
that I cannot do
for the dead. And
I wish the same
rule to be observed
by me, when I am
dead.
ever your F.

8998/26 signed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134 **[1:562-63]**

30 Old Burlington St.

June 26/60

My dear Sir Harry

From your account
of the Church yard
at M. Claydon, it
appears that the
old ground is chiefly
at fault. It does
not appear that
a new Cemetery
would be at all
required. The smell

from the old ground
admits of removal.
And, if you applied
for an Inspector,
there would not
necessarily be any
costs, except that
arising from the
operation of
preventing the
smell.

If I might
advise, it would
be that you should

go yourself to the
"Burials Act " Office,
4, Old Palace Yard,
& ask for Mr.
Baker. He would
put you in
communication
with Grainger or
Holland, who
would probably
be able to tell
you what to do,
without a formal
application to

the Home Office.

From what you
say it appears
that the removal
of the new Church
Yard is not necessary

- And the having
an Inspector does
not at all entail
a recommendation
to close it.

Many thanks for your
concluding kind words
& believe me dear Sir
Harry, affectely yours F. Nightingale

8998/27 signed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134 [1:563]

30 Old Burlington St.

W June 30/60

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I find that, by
a recent Act, all
that is necessary
to do is to have
Claydon Church &
Church=yard
inspected. The
Secretary of State
can issue an order
to the Churchwardens

to abate any smell
& to take precautions
regarding health,
- quite apart
from providing
new ground -

And the
Churchwardens
can present the
bill to the
Overseer of the
Poor, who would
pay the cost out

of the poor-rates.

The worst of it is
that you are, I
dare say, Church=
wardens, Overseer
& Rate-payers
all in one -

From all I
hear from different
quarters, I do
believe that both
old Church=yard
& Church are very

much in want of
this measure, which
will not necessarily
entail any other

Yours affectely

F. Nightingale

8998/28 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134 **[1:245]**

30 Old Burlington St.

London W

July 12/60

Dear Pa

The "International
Statistical Congress"
(of which I am a
Member & for which
I write papers)
meets in London
today & for the
next ten days -
delegates from every
civilized country
come - QUETELET.

is the Belgian one.

They meet at
my rooms a good
deal for business
(I of course not
seeing them)
under Dr. Farr's
Presidency - and
I am obliged to
give them to eat.

Lord Mayors,
H.M.'s Ministers,
P. Albert & all
the Institutions of

the country also give
them to eat (but
not, I suspect, for
business.)

Now I want you
to send me all
your flowers, all
your fruit, all your
vegetables, in fact
all you have got,
for this great
occasion - which
is to "cement the
peace of Europe"!!!!

Also, Oat=cake

or anything, you
think, of our savage
productions will
do to shew our
"distinguished"
foreigners.

If you did not
dislike travelling,
I should almost
have thought it
worth your while
to run up & chatter
French & Italian
to them here, & take
a brace of them back
with you - ever dear Pa
your loving child. F.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/29 signed letter, 1f, pen bundle 134 blue paper **[1:564]**

30 Old Burlington St.

July 16/60

My dear Sir Harry

The wise foreigners
come here to breakfast
every day this week
at 8 ½ A.M. - sometimes
there are too many
- sometimes there
are none -

I need not say
that we shall be
glad to see you
any & every morning.

yours affectely

F. Nightingale

8998/30 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134

30 Old Burlington St.

W

July 16/60

[11:31]

Dear Papa

I send you, as
you say you wish
for Metaphysics,
the first Vol: of
my "stuff". the
first 131 Pages
are new to you -
I have had it
printed in a fine

print for you.

There is a 2nd Vol:
~~to~~ in course of printing.

This is one of six
copies printed on
half=margin, on
purpose for the
reader's written
remarks.

It is being done
also in a tidy 8vo.
form, which you
shall have, when

it is ready - when
perhaps I may ask
for this copy back
again.

I have looked
at your little
green tract. There
are some philosophical
books, like Mansel,
Sir W. Hamilton &c,
which I read in
order to see what
I do *not* think.
I look at this book

in order to see what
I do *not* feel -
What I/*one never* shall
feel, never could
feel & never ought
to feel - If God is
like that, how much
better *not* to "know
Him"!

ever dear Pa
Your loving child
F.

[end]

8996/31 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: July 1860} bundle 134

Dearest mother

I sent in my
other envelope two of
my ~~Pros~~ Regulation
Papers for Mrs. Wass
& Mrs. Wildgoose -
It is not that we
want *applicants*. We
have always more
than we want. But
when I used to
attend Mrs. Smedley's
Eveng. School, I saw

then the *stuff* we
want for our work;
~~viz~~ country Wesleyans
of a little higher
than the rude sort.

I send these
papers to Mrs. Wass &
Mrs. W.goose merely
as a remembrance
now of old pleasant
times. It is
refreshing to me
only to think of
Lea Hurst - But
in course of time

they may see the kind
of person who wants
training to get her
livelihood in doing
good -

I should like to
send the enclosed
to the person at
Pleasley (who gave
me the Bible) with
the same explanation
~~if Papa will take it when he goes.~~

ever your loving child

dear Mum

F.

8998/32 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 23 Aug '60} bundle 134 [1:708]

My dear

I hope Freddy is
not too grand to
read Mr. Clough's
little Plutarch -
much better saints
these than some of
the "Saints" in the
"Calendar" - & who
have formed a
much better English
character than

the latter have
~~done for~~ a French.

I send it for
Freddy's consideration.

ever your F.

Aug 23/60

8998/33 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Sept 1860 ?1870} **[1:148]** bundle 147

I do indeed feel
W.B.C.'s marriage
the greatest possible
blessing. it is the
best piece of news
I have heard for
a long time. You
know I have a
very high opinion
of Bertha's
qualifications for
happiness in
particular, & life
in general. And

I do think W.B.C.
is worthy of her
& will appreciate
her, the more, the
more he knows
her. {6 lines scribbled out}
He is infinitely
superior to most
men & to most
women I know.

[You know A.H.C. is
an angel & not a
man.] But except
Spottiswoode, I know
no man whom I
would as lief they
gave their little
Buffie to as this
one -

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F.

It is extremely
distressing to me
to contemplate my
own death in the
newspapers (always
at the age of *five*) so often

In yesterday's there
were three.

The little Gwendoline
Galton was here for
a day or two for her
health - a sweet
little thing 3 times
the age and a third
the size of Prince Arthur.
I did so long to put
her up in a small
parcel & send her
back to God to be
made up again.
{3 lines scribbled out}

Wellcome 9001

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8998/34 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
NW.

Oct 9/60

Dearest Pa

I hope that you
will not fail to
spend the longest
number of nights
& days you can
here on your way
South -

But: we should
be glad of a day or

two's notice.

The fact is, our
one "spare room"
is sometimes occupied
by a Matron or
other person engaged
in nursing -
sighing for fresh
Air - whom I
invite.

But I would
see them a long
way off first
before they should
occupy the one

"spare room", when
you were
forthcoming.
ever dear Pa
Your loving child
F.

Do you remember
Miss Terrot, that
silent original,
daughter of the
Bishop of Edinbro',
whom you took me
to see at Edinbro'?
She is coming to
stay here from

Saty till Monday,
when she goes to
St. Thomas's Hospl
as a Probationer=
Nurse?

8998/35 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134 **[1:324-25]**

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
N.W.
Oct 12/60
My dear
Did you ever
think of Mrs. Sutherland
as your Secretary
to the "Ladies' S. Ass."?
You might "comb out"
the world, & not
find a better .
But, you know Dr.
Sutherland is so

extraordinary (in
selfishness) that
it is quite
impossible to say
whether he will
consent. If you
think well, the
best way would
be for you to
write to *him*,
(you who are a great
favourite with
him) *I* would
explain to Mrs.
S. (politely) why
she is not written to.

If you have time
& if it is good for
Emily, would you
drive down with
her here some day?
And would you
tell me first *what*
day, if any, that
I may not tire
myself too much
~~not~~ to see you?
And would you
spend £5 for
me on something
she would like
to take with her?

It is not a very
sentimental present
(a fipun note) But I
dare say she has
"no end of "Church
Services".
And when
I was a girl, I know
I should have liked
to have been "tipped" a "fipun"
to spend on a Writing
Case, or little Clock,
or Travelling Bag,
& to have chosen
it myself.

ever your

F.

You know all I think about
W.B.C. & Bertha. I QUITE approve.
But I wish she were not to live with Ly. C.

8998/36 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134

Hampstead NW.

Oct 26/60

My dear

1. I think the way
would be for you to
write to Dr. Sutherland
first - & say, (after
your own "manner")
that Mrs. W. Cowper
will call upon Mrs.
Sutherland to ask her, if *he*
consents. I think
this would clinch
the nail. Mrs. Sutherland
41 Finchley New Road
N.W.
2. The drawing is

not come (to me)
Perhaps you sent
it however to
Hilary.

3. I am very glad
to hear of Sir Harry's
acceptance of the
Lt. Colonelcy. He
will do a great
deal of good -

[15:294]

If he wants
a Clerk, I could
recommend a
Serjeant Major,
leaving the Service

after 25 years' good
character, with a
pension -

But then he
has a family &
wants a place as
Steward in a
Civil Institution,
for which he is
competent -

I only mention
this to shew

1. his qualities
2. the pay (expected).

I would send you
a specimen of his
calligraphy -

I have always
multitudes of these
kinds of men on
my hands to
recommend, as you
may suppose, if
ever you want them.

This man is
still in the prime
of life - {4 words scribbled out}
and is
complete as to
legs & arms -
Steward Hickie
Curragh Camp
Ireland
is his address - **[end**

8998/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134

Hampstead NW.

Nov 20/60

My dear

I have been thinking
& thinking to no purpose
for a present for Edmund.
Has he got a binocular
field glass with case &
strap to hang over the
shoulder? All young
Officers have these -
If not, would he get
one for me at

Callaghan's
23a New Bond St.

I am going to write
a long letter to Sir Harry
about the Hospital -
- merely as a protest.
Mr. Carrington's letter
is very easily answered -
I am going to send a
plan. But I don't
hope for much from
the Carrington -
ever yours
F.

8998/38 initialed letter, 1f, pen bundle 134

Upper Terrace
Hampstead N.W.
Nov 23/60

My dear

Of course I meant
George - And I know
his name very well -
Only my pen wrote
Edmund -

If he likes to come
down here on the 29th
& have luncheon, (but
I think it is hard
to expect a youth
to find time on the
day of his departure

Wellcome 9001

200

to go to see an old
aunt) we shall
be very glad to see
him.

Take care please
that Callaghan sends
the bill to me -

It should be a
good glass - And for
measuring purposes
they have lines over
the field of the
glass - But for
ordinary purposes,
these lines are awkward.
ever your F.

8998/39 initialed letter, 4f., pen bundle 134

Dec 2/60

My dear

I am very glad
you have Dr. Farre,
who is by very far
the first authority
in Women's Complaints,
and who would be
the Queen's Accoucheur
now (instead of
Locock) I am told,
if the thing were to
be done over again.

You ought to give
him a guinea
each time, except
for confinements.
But as you have
not done so, I
would write him
a civil little note
before you go out
of town *this*
Wednesday, asking
him what you
ought to give
him - and after,

that, give him a
guinea each time.

Twice a week
I once waited
upon a *private*
lady Patient, in a
somewhat similar
& much worse case,
when he made an
Examn & applied
Caustic each time.
And this is what
we gave him. He
cured her.

I don't know

whether it will be
a comfort to you
(or the reverse)
to know that ~~in~~
the *large* majority
of the *small* number
of my married
friends suffer
from nearly the same
cause as you do -
It appears to be
now the commonest
ailment - But
most of them are
cured - I should

say the *uncommon*
case now is for a
woman not to
suffer in marriage.

I liked George [1:714]
much. Want of
steadiness & vanity
are written on his
face. But, \mp there
is more high
purpose, more
idea of doing the
world's work,

more knowledge of
& interest in
interesting things,
than there was
in all our boys
at his age. I
am afraid their
highest idea,
when they had
one, was getting
a high class at
Cambridge. I
thought him also

much more gentleman
like than boys in
general - even than
boys in the Army,
of whom I have
seen a great deal.
He asked me to
write him any
questions I wished
to have answered,
which of course
I shall. Perhaps
you will send me
a proper direction.

Poor lad! he is going
for 10 years. We
have numberless
Indian Returns
already come in,
of which he looked
at some -
ever your
F.

[end 1:714]

8998/40 signed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 134

Upper Terrace
Hampstead N.W.
Xmas Day
/60

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry that
you are laid up -

With regard to your
Hospital kitchen: -

1. carry a tube
or flue, one square foot
in area, from the
ceiling of the kitchen
in the chimney stack
up above the roof

to act as a ventilator
to remove fumes
and heated air.

2: put a
glass louvred ventilator
("Moore's ventilator")
into the upper ~~window~~
row of the kitchen
window.

It is of course better
to put the kitchen
where it *can't* do
any harm. And upon
this principle we
act in all our new

Hospitals.

But in old
constructions we
find this plan
answer -

~~We~~ have tried
the plan for the
end appurtenances
of wards, indicated
in your tracing
and have not
found it answer -
Also the end bed
is much disturbed

by the passing to &
fro into the Lavatory
&c -

Something like
the enclosed we
are now doing.
And I am going
to send you a
tracing of what
we have decided
upon for the new
Woolwich Hospital
upon the plan of
the enclosed, which
I think will prove
perfect -

You have done
so much in this
new Bucks Infirmary
that it would be
a thousand pities
not to have it
quite perfect.

ever yours affectely
F. Nightingale

Wellcome 9001

205

This is such a
pretty letter I
cannot help
sending it you -
The rest is all
about the Bucks
Infirmary

F.N.

Xmas Day {arch: ?1860}

8998/41 signed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 134

Upper Terrace
Hampstead N.W.
Dec 28/60

My dear Sir Harry

I send you a
tracing of the *ends* of
our wards at the
New Woolwich Hospital.

- which, after many
alterations, we have
adopted as the best
that could be contrived.

Many thanks for
your hamper -

I sent the letters

to Mr. Carrington and
to Mr. Brandon, as
desired -

I am now doing
a new Hospital at
Lisbon for the King
of Portugal to the
memory of his Queen,
by Pr. Albert's desire.
[The tracing I send
you will be adopted
there]

[1:564]

I return Edmund's
letter, with many
thanks. It is most

interesting.

I hope that you
will favourably
consider a request,
which is about to
be made to you,
that you will
become a Member
of the Council of
the N. fund! It
will not take up
much of your time.
And it will be
a great favor, if
you can grant it.

I hope you are better
ever yours affectely

F. Nightingale

8998/42 initialed letter, 1f, pen black-edged paper bundle 134 [1:767]

Dearest mum {arch: 1860}

It is *quite* impossible
for me to see dear
Mrs. Sutherland tomorrow
at *any* hour. But would
you shew her this note? -

Nothing would
induce me to take
a maid recommended
by Frances or any
Bonham Carter -
having had *five*
of these "treasures" -
who were absolute
incompetents & worse.

As Bertha & Beatrice
have been in a
perennial state of
hunt for me, I don't

anticipate much
from *that*.
Indeed & indeed, all
these have been
asked, & failed
over & over again.
But, as for poor
Frances, I positively
decline seeing *any*
body sent by *her*.
Marianne Galton is
the only person in the
family, whose
recommendation is
worth anything. Could
you dearest mum
ask *her*?
ever your loving child
F.

8998/43 initialed letter, 1f, pencil bundle 134 [1:149-50]

{arch: ? 186-} Thursday
Dearest mum

I never send anything but game, fruit
& flowers to Miss Jones - nothing, in fact,
except for *her own* eating - or pleasure.
All the rest is simply making a present to
the Hospital Treasurer -

Don't you think it would be better to send
~~this~~/ your beautiful box to Mrs. Wardroper -
& then send what I have said above to
Miss Jones another time -

A parcel of game is coming here for me
from Lady Herbert which has unfortunately
gone thro' London.

If you have any tenants to whom you
want to give game, & would take this & give
me game instead of it - it would save it
the third journey back to London. [end 1:150]

ever your
F.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/44 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?60} bundle 134 [Helen Tollet?]

I am so busy today.
But if H.T. could come
here at ½ past 6,
I could at all events
see her for a minute
& appoint her again,
when she could
easily sleep here, if
I like her. But I
had almost made
up my mind to keep
the Bratbies
ever yours FN
Sat.

8998/45 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1860} bundle 134

My dear

Please read this
& send it on by this
day's post.

I think if you
would enquire farther
about Lady Rothes'
aunt's maid, it
would be well -
ever yours
F.N.

Wellcome 9001

210

8998/46 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1860} bundle 134

My dear

Do not urge &
press me about this -

You know I know
~~{illeg}~~ very well
and I have now
seen a great deal
more of Neilson
than you can have
done -

I assure you
there are considerations
much too long to write
which make the
exchange proposed
impossible - with all thanks

F.N.

8998/47 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1860} bundle 134

I think the chintz the prettiest
I ever saw -

I send a letter from the
K. of Portugal - which please
shew to Mama & send back
to me -

I don't think it will
do for me to try any more
experiments with maids.
You see one knows as much
of an maid advertising in
the "Times" as of this one -
I ~~want never to~~ can only try again (not
because I want a maid
but) *because a good maid*
is to be had - if that ever
turns up.

Wellcome 9001

211

8998/48 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1860} bundle 134

Dear

I was waiting for you
to settle your day for
St. Thomas's. If you will,
then write to Mrs. Wardroper,
& then come & see me
before - but not
tomorrow, as I am
busy. To-day, before
3, would do - for me.

I don't think I
could see any more maids,
however, good - The choice
must lie between this &
those I have seen. F.N.

8998/49 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?60} bundle 134

My dear

An excellent 2d. **[1:325]**
tract (in orange)
has been sent me,
by
Druitt "The
Health of the
Parish" which
tells people what
to do, how to do it,
whom to go to -
~~has been sent~~
~~me~~ - in favor of

which I recall
my abusive
language against
the "Ladies'
Sanitary tracts."

F.N.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/50 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: end 1860} bundle 133

Friday night

My dear

A Manchester

Statistical man is coming
here tomorrow to ~~make~~/talk
~~acquaintance~~/ over Barracks at Manchester (Statistically)
with Dr. Farr & Dr.
Sutherland. I am obliged
to give him breakfast
at 10. And if you
would come (Aunt Mai
will not be here) to
make breakfast for
those three, while keeping
them to their business, for
which they come together, it
would be nice - yours F.

8998/51 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

30 O. B St **[1:325-26]**

Sunday 14.

My dear

I am quite agreeable to try
the Cleopatra - if Mama is so
good as to wish to pay for it
and if I may reject it, when
tried, if found unsuitable.

I have been so pestered
with "treasures" of Invalid Chairs,
into which I could not get
& out of which I could not get
when I was in.

People seldom understand
that when I am incapable of
doing anything, I am in bed;
& that what I want, when up,
is an easy sofa, NOT on which

to loll but on which to do
something - No chair or sofa
I ever had answers this require=
ment - and the consequence
is that I spend more time
in bed than I otherwise should,
because it is at once the place
where only I am easy enough
to do something. & where only
I can lie when I can do
nothing.

Please go & do the civil
to Mr. Floris, the tooth=brush
in Jermyn St, & thank him
for his (really) beautiful
flowers, which he will keep
on sending me every week.
They are many of them out=of=doors flowers,
I think, because they have a scent

I should be GLAD to criticize
Bp Potter's Hospital =, if not too late.
I never think I am too ill to do
anything which comes in the way
of business - Though I am much
too unamiable to consent to people
wasting my time in what some
one else might do just as
well.

I believe it to be the rarest
(tho' by no means the highest)
talent, to be able to gather all
the threads of a new subject, &
put the knot on ~~.them~~. In nothing
has this struck me so much as in
Hospital Construction - I have
now received some hundreds
of plans, chiefly by Architects, and
said to be "founded on the principles

of my book" or to be "on the
Pavilion or Lariboisière system."
the last but one (which was
Bp Potter's) was a Cathedral
Church complete wards forty feet
high, beds where the altars
are in a R. Catholic Church
~~[illeg]~~ warranted perfect!!!!

I don't think it safe to be take
a maid from the old Chieftainess
But I am still on the look out
And shall be glad to hear of
any one safe. For many reasons
I don't think it will do to
go on as we are now.

ever yours

F.N.

8998/52 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {arch: ?60} bundle 134

My dear

I don't know
what to do about the
new Sofa. It combines
every disadvantage
of a Sofa. The man
will swear it is
like the last - All
I can say is, I had
rather be without it.
They say, Broadwood
can never make
2 pianos alike. But
I did not know this
was the case with sofas.

I am afraid to try
another, for fear
it should be worse.

I have put down
its 4 major defects -

You see, the defect
of the *original* was
that it was made
to lounge upon not to work upon. But
still it was so
springy which this one is *not at all* it was very
comfortable to my
poor sore back -

Now I can't come
down stairs *to sit*
at all

It is inconvenient

to lean over all
sofa arms to talk
into Sutherland's ear.
But over this it is
impossible.

It is also equally
impossible to sit
or to lie upon it -
to do anything. It
shoots one off - It
is stuffed so hard
& so high.

The legs could of
course be cut down.

But the back
goes in at the bottom
not enough to put a

pillow in & too much
to be any support.

Besides just
what you want is
not to have to
arrange ~~your~~/ any pillows.

I am afraid it
is hopeless. It is such
an expenditure of my
strength to try new
things.

Could he take the
old sofa & just shift
the arm? I don't
care how ugly it looks -
Or I would have the
old sofa back to lie
on in my bed room -
that I may not be quite

{in the top margin of the first page}

so much in bed

ever yours

F.N.

Sofa

2 inches too high.
Stuffing not springy
but too much stuffed -
throws the Patient up
upon a hillock -
arm too wide, too
high, too large altogether
back, goes *in* at
the bottom just
where it out to go
out.

Wellcome 9001

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8998/53 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1860} bundle 134 [1:325]

I *am* having a new
gown made - precisely
like the old one - an
event which occurs
once in 18 months -
But if you should
see a black ~~silk~~
skirt, suitable to
me, without any
trying-on to do, &
would buy it for
me, I am quite
agreeable & grateful.

F.N.

I am told that the
new Chapter "Minding

Baby" in my 6d Notes
on Nursing is very
successful - I think
myself it is the
best thing I have
done -

8998/54 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1863} bundle 137

{printed address:} 30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

Sunday

My dear If you and
Mama like to
come & see me
today, name your
hour - I am
free all day

F.N.

I have some papers
of Sir Harry's to
return.

Wellcome 9001

218

8998/55 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1860? ~~not 1864~~}}

30. O B. St.

May 9

My dear Sir Harry

Could you lend me
or borrow for me

"Bingham's Xtian Antiquities"

I should think
the "London Library" has it.

Please tell Parthe
that her arm=chair -
instead of being the
subject of my objurgation,
is the greatest comfort
of my bedroom

ever yours

F.N.

8998/56 list, 1f, pen, green paper bundle 134

pr week Nurse Smith

Wedy Nov 16

7 oz Tea

60 minims = I dram

= I tea=spoonful

1 oz. = two table spoonfuls

{upside down}

16 Nov Port 29 bottles

Sherry 38

Brandy 41

Hewer

Souls of the Sick

Seeley & Burnside

/6

green vine breakfast cup	1/9
tea	1/2
white & gold br	1/6
tea	1/
white embossed br.	1/6
tea	1/
Bedstead Iron & Spring Mattrass	£3 16
Rheocline without mattrass	£4 4
mattrass	1 15
chests drawers (3)	1 5
(4)	1 13
Arm Chair leather	2 5
stuff	2 8
Hermetical pail	£1 4
Pillow Sprake	7
Fisher	4/7

8998/57 unsigned note, 1f, pencil

A maid to wait upon me
& to take entire charge of
myself & of my tiny
household

No person unused to
domestic service would
suit me.

Wellcome 9001

220

Wellcome 8999 (Claydon copies)

8999/3 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 135 **[16:651]**

30 Old Burlington St

London W

Jan 2/61

My dear Sir Harry

Please to consider
the tracing I sent
you (of the ends of
the wards) as a
bill for £25, which,
if not accepted by
the Committee, will
be dishonoured.

That blessed Commee.

is still haggling
about the "polished
Parian". They want
to have oil paint.
Now paint requires re=newing, which costs
more. Paint is good,
varnished paint is
better, polished Parian
is best - I have
written to Mr. Brandon
about it; & asked
him to send on
my note to you,
for he, poor man,
I suppose, has no
power.

What you want to
get into people's heads
is this -

Walls, floors &
Ceilings may all be
equally dangerous or
equally safe - I know
of no distinction -
People say, oh yes,
the floors are walked
upon - Not *every where*,
not under the beds
& tables.

Yet there is no
Matron but would
have these washed.
I would wash my
walls just as often.

And the question is,
how to make your walls
& floors so that they
can be washed with
safety. Now paint
is certainly *saturable*
and *damp=able* -
tho' very much better
than plaster. But
to be safe it ought
to be varnished -
& varnish is very
destructible - And
In England deleterious
substances are often
put into varnishes
& paints - Yours affectely

F.N.

[end]

Wellcome 9001

222

8999/3 signed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old B St

Jan 18 {arch: 61} **[16:590-91]**

My dear Sir Harry

Mr. Rawlinson C.E.
and I are going to fight
the battle *à outrance*
for removing ~~the~~ &
rebuilding the Winchester
Infirmary.

I think I have
got the perfection
of a plan now,
which I invented
for one of our Regimental

Hospitals. It is on
the same principle
as your Bucks
Infirmary & as
a pencil sketch
I sent you & which
you have returned.

- but is, I think,
an improvement.
It consists of two
wings of two floors
of wards each -
with small wards
in front - but open
space between, up

to the door - kitchen &
offices pushed out
behind -

Would you be so **[12:707]**
good as to tell me
the rough general
estimate of your
plan, without the
ground - and the
number of beds?

This would help
us much.

Yours affectely
F. Nightingale
Would you be so good

as to tell Parthe that **[end 12:707]**
I have received a
request from a
celebrated man, Dr.
Ross, of Altona, thro'
a Dr. Lappenberg, of
Hamburg, to translate
my "Notes on Nursing"
into German - I
cannot help thinking
that poor Frances
Bunsen would be
very glad to be
relieved of it.
This is the fifth I

have had from *good*
German doctors -
I have forwarded
the letter to Mr. Clough
& asked him to
write to Parthe

[end 16:591]

8999/4 unsigned letter, 1f, pen [1:732]

30 B. St {arch: ?1862}

Feb 20/61

Dearest mother

Would you send
me up in the weekly
box any spring
vegetables, if it were
only salad?

Also, anything
which Burton may
have made for
luncheon for that
day - such as a
fricassee, or a bit
of chicken dressed
in salad - or something
sharp - (just as you would send to the poor people) only not

rhubarb) & not potted meat)

Mrs. Gamp used
to fold up a prong
of vegetables like
an umbrella &
cram it into her
pocket.

Such are the
vegetables here -

Also, I should
be ashamed if (in
the worst of times)
I had ever given
my patients what
they give me here -

I am ashamed
to write of nothing else.

ever dearest mother

Your loving child

8999/5 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

March 13/61

My dear Sir Harry

If Count Zamoysky wishes to study the "Hospital & Medical arrangements" of our Army, ~~the~~ he might perhaps like to look at our new "Army Medical Regulations", which have now gone thro' a two

years' trial - and are said to be the ~~first~~ very best in Europe -

I have turned down the pages about Hospitals, General & Regimental - But the Medical service rules are on every page -

And of our Army Medical Service we

may now be justly proud. I know nothing like it in Europe -

I also enclose a copy of my Confidential Report to Lord Panmure - the only copy I have left. which must excuse its dirt.

I have turned down the pages regarding Hospitals

Wellcome 9001

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in the fat Vol: The
thin Vol: is all about
Nursing & Sculleries
& such like - not
very interesting to
Count Zamoysky.

He need not
return any of these
to me - the Regulations
he is quite at liberty
to do anything with.
The Confidential Vols:
I should be glad to
hear he had burnt
when done with.
ever yours F.N.

{in the top margin of the first page}
If Count Zamoysky has any
questions to ask me, after
looking at the Regulations - I
should be very glad
to answer them.

8999/6 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 135, proofed and corrected here

March 15/61

[16:399]

Dear Sir Harry

I have not a copy of the Army
Estimates by me - But the increase
of £40000 in the Hospitals is ~~owing~~
~~to~~th part of the grant taken for
the new Woolwich Hospital.

Pray do not oppose our Estimates
The fact is the choice has only
been between what we could
least afford to spare. We have
not had a single new Hospital
yet - Aldershot & Malta we
have given up both. And yet
a large part of our Mortality
has been traced to our wretched
Hospitals. But there were more
crying things still, such as Married
Women's quarters &c. -

They were so alarmed at the size of the Estimates that the Comm. in Chief & others wanted to give up Woolwich Hospital. But Mr. Herbert stood firm & said he would have it. The old Woolwich Hosp. is the most beastly place -

Any improvement in this respect is economy - For the life of the soldier is the most costly article - and ~~of~~ the Artillery soldier the most costly of all our troops -

We are greatly disturbed by the small fight which Baring makes - e.g. as to our new grates last night.

[end]

I have only had a very good note from Mr. Brandon about the cost of the Bucks Infirmary - no Estimate.

[16:651-52]

His note proves that a good County Hospl could be built for £80 to £100 per bed for 100 Patients - Because your lower floor might be converted into wards & your Offices pushed out behind, at a cost, *my* advisers tell me, of £1000 more.

I should like to see the Estimate.

[end 1:652]

ever yours truly

F.N.

{arch: Mar 15v 62 -}

Wellcome 9001

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8999/7 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

Easter Day/61

My dear

Mrs. Bennett was
the woman I saw who
struck me as so
capable, good &
managing. I would
have taken her
instantly if I had
been going to Hamp=
stead - But then
you know I have not
the least idea whether
she knows anything

about furniture or
about such a place
as yours - She struck
me like a person
who had *not* lived
as a servant de
bonne maison. But
she had long kept a
brother in law's house
& family, who was
a Captain *not* in
H.M.'s service. And
the way she talked
about the children
was interesting.

Hilary knows her address & went to see one
of her mistresses I think
at Streatham and
would tell you more
of the kind of place
it was. She might
too be able to tell
you of others she
has seen for me.

8999/8 initialed letter, 1f, pen bundle 135

30 O.B. St
April 10/61
My dear Sir Harry
The Philadelphia Hospital
is a muddle of unintelligent
imitation. If not too late, I
would criticize it - But if it is
begun, it is too late.
I send you one of the best
letters that ever has been written,
in which I have marked the
passage about "public schools",
which Parthe alludes to. I
have quoted it in my no. 6 Edition
of Nursing (just out) p.11.
Please to ask Parthe
what she knows of the enclosed
person - She said she came to

me from P. Please tell her
I don't think the recommendation
of the Chieftainess worth much.

Please tell me Ld Dunsany's
present direction.

As for Harrow, I feel just
as strongly as you do
about it. Every body
knows that, if not
built on a hill, it
would be a pest house
In the same little no.6
book, I have said a
great deal about
public schools (towards
the beginning)

F.N.

8999/9 initialed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

April 20/61

My dear I shall be very
much obliged if you will
enquire after Mrs.

MacLeay's person &
Sophy Barnes - 1. There
are no renseignements
about S. Barnes at
all (in the letter) which
one could go upon -

2. Mrs. Ogilvy's character

I should not think
much of *by itself* -
Mrs. MacLeay's would
be the one -

With all my passion for
youth, it is rather
a jump from 50 to
half that age - But
I find there are no
women of 30 this year

I could see the
girls (just to look at
not to decide) if
you liked it. Sunday
about ½ p. 1 would
do - It is quite
impossible to me now
to be interrupted
either by letters or

otherwise on the week
day afternoon -

I don't know whether
either girl is "to the fore". Of course I
don't mean, "see them"
together -

Dear, if you "must
observe that the hotel
life complicates the
question", I must
observe that the
"having a place of my
own" "complicates the
question" also. Three

of my incapables had
to be dismissed for
no other reason than
that they were most
incapable when I had
"a place of my own" -
And one who was not
incapable, the most
hopeful I have seen,
dismissed me (on that
very account - viz. my being
in "a place of my own."
There are 6 on one
side and half a dozen
on the other.

But I have no
passion for a "hotel life"

that I know of -

The sofa is lovely -
But alas! it is left=
handed. Its head is
the wrong way. I don't
know whether to change
it (if it can be changed)
or to alter my place
in the room.

ever yours

F.N.

8999/10 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 21 Ap '61} **[1:148-49]** bundle 135

Dearest mother

I have sent you
by post two copies
of my new "Notes on
Nursing for the
Labouring Classes
Please give one to
Miss Daman as a
proof of the pleasure
her Verses have
given - & tell her
I hope she will like

the new Chapter on
"Minding Baby" - which
I was ordered to
write by a schoolmaster
of Peckham, Mr.
Shields, who had
made my book a
text=book for his
children~~but~~ and
said that the girls
went home and
removed dung=heaps
from before their
parents' doors &

opened their parents'
windows at night,
(to the great
discomfiture of the
latter -) but that
the "strongest motive"
was to tell the girls
to do this for the
sake of "Baby" - and
so I must write
a chap. about
"Minding Baby".
ever dearest mother
Your loving child
F.

A great part of the 2nd Chapter

"Health of Houses" and
part of the first
Chap. are also new =
And I was thinking
of the Lea Hurst
cottages all the time
I wrote them
F.N.
Ap 21/61

8999/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen [1:564-65]

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}
W
April 22/61
My dear Sir Harry
I find that a
kind intention has
existed of suiting
me with an apartmt
in one of the Royal
residences - but that,
with a most entire
ignorance of the work
I am engaged upon,
Kensington has been
mentioned -

Without any kind
of communication
with me, (who am
the only person, I
suppose, who can
know,) this place
has been arranged -

I might just as
well have been given
away in marriage
without my own
consent - for my
work has been more
to me than any

marriage I have ever
seen or heard of -

During the whole
time of the sitting
of Parlt. and of W.O.
Commissions, I might
as well give up my
work at once as
live at a place
which entails nearly
8 miles (to & fro)
from Whitehall.

During the remainder
of the year, there are
other spots near

London which would
suit me much
better - as to health.

If the *first*
question is returned
to, I would state
my requirements
as to whereabouts
I must live to
work at all
without, I am sure,
thinking of *begging*
from the Crown

Please help me out
of this scrape as fast as
you can -

ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

8999/12 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

30 O. B. St

Ap 29/61

My dear Sir Harry

The Table with regard to Winton Hospital is an indictment on which the verdict must be "wilful murder". Here are 24 poor creatures brought together to run the gauntlet of their lives, of whom 8 perish - This in 9 months - in a County Hospital - by no means the worst of its class of only 100 Patients. And this of disease contracted *in* the Hospital - the nature of the cases indicating the extreme risk run by the 16 who did escape with their lives ~~the being brought into~~

this fatal Hospital. The nature of the Table indicates that it is the ward construction & other causes which make foul the ward air, rather than deficient cubic space, which has produced this fine result.

Depend upon it that other Hospitals, if as properly interrogated, could produce other Tables equally or more disastrous

That is one of the best tables I have ever seen. -

The question is - ~~how~~ *what* use I *may* make of it?

Because I might make such use, if it is not "Confidential", that the Hospital authorities,

in order to avoid its being.
published against them, which
we might threaten them with,
would do anything we liked

Any how I mean to show it
to two or three great but
unbelieving Surgeons -

that Langdon is a very
clever fellow

ever yours

F.N.

8999/13 initialed note, 1f, pen, bundle 135

This was written to me
when the little Cloughs
left Hampstead. It
is due to you at
least as much as
to me. But I
never could find it
till today -

F.N.

April/61

8999/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

30 O. B. St

Tuesday {arch: Jan. 1863}

My dear Sir Harry

I am very glad that you
think I am in no way committed
to the Kensington apartmt.

I had heard that the repairs
had been estimated for & that
it was not "etiquette to refuse a
Queen". And the advice to me
was, Accept but don't go if you
don't like.

I think this would have been
an ungracious way of accepting;
and 2. from my indistinct remembrance
of the Apartmts, where I used
to go 100 years ago with poor Lady
Dunsany, I believe, from a very

rough calculation I made, it would be an actually greater expense to my father to have Kensington as my country house than Hampstead. For after Dec 1 both Sir Jas. Clark & Dr. Williams said (and I am of the same opinion) I should never be able to live another winter except in a dry London street. i.e. supposing I live in these parts at all. Therefore it curtails my residence at Kensington to four months at most.

I like your expression - the work which God has given me. It gives me strength to see

that it is right to resist the urging of very dear friends for what I conscientiously & deliberately have perceived to be necessary for doing the work. - one the details of which no one can know, not even those who lived with me - They do not know how the accidental knowledge which comes to me from being always on the spot continually makes the most important differences in causing to succeed in what would otherwise fail. - How can I tell *them* what these "knowledges" are?
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

8999/15 initialed note, 2ff, pen {arch: 1 May 1861} bundle 135

A plague on all
French & German
translators! I wish
it were Ash Wednesday
that I might "cuss"-

Could you write to
F. Bunsen & send
by book post the
enclosed, saying
that "Minding Baby"
is new - & a part of
"Health of Houses" &c
- that Frau Hauptmann
v. Sierakowski of

Ehrenbreitstein
wants to translate
it, aided by her
brother, a Doctor,
Jocke of Coblenz.
- that I tell her,
F. Bunsen, in case
she should want
to get rid of it -
but I shall simply tell
the Sierakowski to
whom I have given
it. This is the
fifth to whom I
should have liked

to have given it
who has asked me.
Besides which I
could have had
it translated by a
German Doctor in
London, whose name
would have carried
it all over Germany.

I could have
written another book
with the trouble
this vain correspondence
has given me.

But I wished
so much that the
translation should

be done by a woman

I am just in
the same predicament
about my French
translation still.

While that good
little Sabilla Novello
got out my Italian
one a year ago
with no trouble
to me or to any one

F.N.

May 1/61

8999/16 initialed letter, 1f, pen [5:91] bundle 135

30 O. B. St

May 7/61

My dear Sir Harry

I send you two copies of my
Statistical Hospital paper -
with the additions of the Stat.
Congress -

Perhaps you will be good
enough to send one of these to
Mr. Ceely.

They have been sent officially
by the Congress to most Hospitals
with a letter -

ever yours

F.N.

8999/17 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: May 13 61} bundle 135

My dear Sir Harry

I should be very sorry , if
Ct. Zamoysky thinks that I could be
of the least use to him with regard
to his Hospital arrangements *not*
to do it.

Just now however it is totally
impossible - I have only been
dressed once during the last
fortnight - and I have been
forced to decline seeing even
my "masters".

On Whitsunday if Ct. Z were [May 19]
in town, I might be better & would
see him at 3 o'clock, if I could &

he wished it.

Please tell Parthe that I am sorry for all the trouble about the sofa - I ~~th~~ feel quite sure that I had better have the old original one sent me back directly. For very soon I shall not be able to lie on sofas at all - This is almost the case now - And I have a great dread of trying a new thing again, which never answers.

The girl who came yesterday pleased me much. But she had evidently not the least

idea of the kind of Invalid place mine was - Mrs. McLeay (now in the Hotel) whom she thinks an Invalid, is one of the gayest & most flighty hypochondriacs in London - in bed one day & at a ball the next.

Thank you very much for your help to Capt. P. Jackson. I wish Miss B. Coutts would have helped us with money.

ever yours

F.N.

8999/18 incomplete, unsigned letter, 2ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

May 25/61

[16:593-94]

My dear Sir Harry Verney

As my name has been dragged into a discussion before the Committee of Winchester Infirmary, with reference to a request that the fact (almost unparalleled in a Civil Hospital) of the enormous mortality from Erysipelas in that Infirmary

might be used as a
proof of the absolute
necessity of shutting
up the present
building as soon as
possible - and as
the Committee have
declined to grant
such permission -
I feel bound at
least to enter my
protest against the
continuance of such
a state of things for

one moment longer than
necessary to provide
new buildings.

The Table viewed
in any way is a
sentence of condemnation
of the existing building.
What can you call it
but a pest-house,
- when a number of
people are exposed
to the risk of fatal
illness from a special
Hospital disease, while
several have been

literally killed off=hand.

The Question for
the County is - whether
this is to be allowed
to go on? Are we
Hampshire people
to go on tolerating
an Institution
which sends a
number to their
graves by a disease
which I, with my
Hospital experience,
know need never
appear at all in
a well=constructed

[end 16:594]

8999/19 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 135

30 O. B. St

May 26/61

My dear Sir Harry

I am most happy to be
able to say that, before I received
the Resolution of the Winchester
Infirmary in favor of having
Erysipelas within their walls,
I had already shewn their
table to most of the eminent
Surgeons in London - & given
it to the Registrar-General.

[16:594]

I have arranged with
him that he should only use
it thus - He is to call for the
Winchester Infirmary Deaths
- which are just coming in.
He will see that they are too

many. And you will then be
all struck with astonishment
at the *unfailing sagacity* and
at the *unerring law* with
which he will make out the
excess of Deaths from Erysipelas
- & all upon your paper
which he is not to see -

I send you a note which
you can forward or not as
you think best to the Win=
chester people who prefer
Erysipelas -

I have had the Statistics
of St. Thomas's Hospital
ransacked by the Resident
Medical Officer who was also
always in the wards besides.
And I find that in this,
one of the largest Hospitals

& one of the worst situations in London, the comparison with a small Infirmary in one of the healthiest Counties in England stands thus: -

St. Thomas's 1860 12 months
500 beds upwards of
450 constantly filled

Occurred in Hospital
Erysipelas 13 cases *no death*
Admitted 72 cases Phlegmonous &
simple Erysipelas
of which (phlegmonous E.) 3 *died*

Winchester 1860 9 months
120 beds

Occurred in Hospital
Erysipelas 24 cases 8 deaths
And possibly they did not *admit*
any, while St. Thomas's admits
72 cases of this (said to be) most
infectious disease.

It is you know wilful murder.
ever yours
F.N.

I am going to shew the Winchester Resolution in favor of Erysipelas to the Registrar General. It is quite as strong a case against them as the facts themselves - or rather it completes the case against them

[end 16:594]

Wellcome 9001

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8999/20 initialed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 3/61

Mother dear

Will you ask Dr.
Fowler in what way
to suspend my bed
or sofa in a "swing",
since, if I am to be
swung at all, it
must be in my bed?
& in what way to
enable a person, who
cannot bear even
the shock of being

shaken by the left hand,
to bear the motion
of a swing?

Truly it seems
that there are others
in their 2nd childhoods
besides Dr. Fowler.

If I am to derive
sleep from cowslip tea,
I am afraid I must
wait till next year,
since cowslips are
over -

Also, if from

bathing the head with
cold water, I ought
to have been asleep
for years.

When Montgolfier
tried his balloons,
he used to send
up his cat in them.
I think I will
try my cats first,
specially in the
"swing".

Will you ask
Dr. F. whether he

thinks a person,
whose sleeplessness
is occasioned by
spasmodic action
of the heart - upon
which, with very
little effect, has
been tried for two
years - by the first
Doctors: -

Opium -inside & out,
Codeia, Henbane
Jeremy's Camphor
Battley's Lettuce
Belladonna, Assafoetida
Hop
Morphia Aether &c &c &c
Sumbul &c &c &c
Chlorodyne Salvolatile

will be much
benefited by Cowslip
Tea?

Would Cowslip Tea
put a woman "in
labour" to sleep? the
cases are analogous:
tho' the spasm is
in a
different part.

It all comes of
the extreme folly of
no one asking (and
no one does ever ask)
What are the real
symptoms, what
the cause of sleeplessness
or - as the case may be.

I am very glad you
have kept the little
Galtons -

That Gwendolyne
is a sweet little thing
I had it at Hampstead.
ever dear Mum
your loving child
F.

Wellcome 9001

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30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 4/61

Mother dear

I find people
so totally ignorant
as to my condition
that sometimes -
once in a way -
I think it worth
while to explain it.

I send you
therefore the enclosed
- please return
it to me by return

of post - please
shew it to Papa -
please allow no
copy to be made
of it.

ever dear Mum
Your loving child
F.

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30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 8/61

[15:10]

My dear Sir Harry

I hear that Col
Gilpin & others ~~is~~ are going to
assail the Sanitary
vote (Army Estimates)
in the House -

I think that these
men can hardly know
what they are about.
To assail the Sanitary
vote is to wish
that the men should

sleep in foul air -
should cease to have
improved lavatories,
water=closets &
cooking - &c

They cannot know
how the Mortality
is already diminished
to nearly one half
where these
improvements have
been introduced.

They cannot know
that it is going

against the sense
of the House -
expressed in answer
to a motion of
Lord Ebrington's
in favour of this
Sanitary vote.

If it is against
Capt. Galton's grates,
(ventilating & warming
& saving fuel) the
only objection that
has ever been made
to them is in course
of being successfully

obviated.

Can you help us?
Or help Baring
to fight the battle?

We have not neglected
in the Indian Sanitary
enquiry your son's
complaint about
the (too) late drills,
parades, & marches
in the morning -

It was one of our
questions.

And I send you a
specimen of our

replies - (about a
twentieth part)

[end]

You will see
under Head VII
"Dress, accoutrements
& Duties" - (Sub=Head
Duties) of each Station,
the replies to the
questions we put on
this point. In most instances,
the wise thing seems
actually done. In
no one instance is
it not recommended
It is small
comfort this, if it

is ever neglected.

But we believe
we shall be able
effectually to put
an end to *this*
evil at least.

ever yours

F.N.

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30 Old Burlington St

W

June 9/61

My dear Sir Harry

I think that you will like to
see our Return from Umballa,
as your son is there - altho' in
M.S. only. The Abstract, made
as the other printed Returns I
have sent you, is not come
back from "Revise". I must
ask you to send me back this
Return immediately, as, being
an important Station, we mean
to have the plans lithographed
for our Report. You will see
by a glance at the "Cantonments"
plan that it comprises the
best (the echelon) & the worst
arrangement of Barracks -

[9:196]

[end 9:196]

I will ask you to let me have back the pointed (sewn) copy at your convenience -

I indeed congratulate you on the universal recognition of Admiral Hope's merit. I remember having a tough battle with Lord Herbert about it some time ago. And I was pleased when the other day, without remembering this, he said of him just what all the world thinks about him now -

I cannot say what I feel **[7:330]**
about Cavour - the most valuable life in Europe - His was the cord which kept the stone on the mountain side. The cord is cut - There are none to succeed.

I hope that Sir James Hudson may take the great part & be as it were Prime Minister of Italy - **[end 7:330]**

I should indeed like to see **[9:196]**
Sir Hope Grant - But on the eve of his departure can hardly hope that so great a man will give me a few minutes of his time - And I such a poor creature that I can hardly name a time -

I should like to be allowed to give him the printed Abstract of all such Stations within his Presidency as we have ready - **[end 9:196]**
Because these will certainly not be published for a year - And he can only have them now through me -

The results we have as yet obtained could be told him in five minutes: they are few & striking: -

1. the necessity of combining in the Stations the requirements of Military occupation & of health.
[People have accused the Indian Sanitary Commission of neglecting the

former - as if men could be such fools -]

There are certain unhealthy Stations which *must* be kept, as e.g. Allahabad. But in these Stations everything seems to have been done, as by fate in a Greek tragedy, to *make* the Station as *unhealthy* as possible, even if it had been placed on Salisbury plains.

There are other Stations which *must* be kept - as in the Punjab - but where by moving the Cantonment, e.g. to the top of the bank instead of the bottom, health might be secured.

There are other Stations where a removal of 5 miles would make all the difference to health & *none* to the Military position.

It is principally in Sir John Lawrence's (late) kingdom that we find Stations which must be kept (militarily) but which certainly much might be done to improve (Sanitarily) without moving them an inch.

2. The second point is this local improvement of Barracks & Cantonments, without moving them an inch.

The total neglect of all means of drainage &c is such that one would think each planner of ~~these~~/each Stations had fancied himself a Robinson Crusoe who might leave everything to drain off into the vast ocean around him, without caring a doit for any body else - there being no other inhabitant in the known world but Friday. And poor Friday, the native, comes off

very badly.

We meet constantly with [9:105-06]
this remark - "these queries
apply only to Europeans. No
reply." It is not the least
necessary for natives to have
any of the requisites for life
or for exercising any one of its
functions in a healthy manner.

And when they have said
"Caste" - tout est dit. "Caste" justifies
the absence of air; water, light, drainage, cleanliness, care
in Hospital &c &c &c

"P.G." (Patrick Grant) makes
some very racy & stern remarks
here & there, on the *laissez aller*
of his Officers. no one of whom
will ever allow that everything
has not been done to make
the Station "as healthy as possible".

3. The third point which
comes out strongly is - the
necessity of bringing the Indian

canteens under the same or similar regulations.
~~of~~as English canteens - of putting
down the sale of spirits in the
Bazar by the strong hand of power
- which *can* be done & *has*
been done.

4. the necessity of providing
work-shops, covered grounds
for athletic exercises, & every
means to save the men from
eating (!) drinking & sleeping
away the hot & the rainy seasons.

5. the necessity of providing
well=lighted & comfortable &
attractive Reading rooms & Day
rooms, &c

And how soon this "pays"! [end 9:106]
These five points, no doubt already
well known to Sir Hope Grant,
are really all that I should like
his attention to be drawn to.

I will, if he will allow me,
send him out the first Draft
of the Report, when written.

I should also like to be
allowed to give him, before he
goes, our (English) Barrack &
Hospital Sanitary Report. It is
not yet presented to Parliament,
And I have only had 6 Copies
as yet. But I am going to send
you one & Sir Hope Grant one
if I may.

I wish we were going to keep
him in England & have him at
Aldershot. This was Lord
Herbert's desire, who is one of
Sir Hope Grant's most ardent
admirers. But I suppose we
ought not to grudge such a man
to poor India.

Yours affectely

Florence Nightingale

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30 O. B. St

[15:596]

June 11/61

My dear Sir Harry

The view Bp Potter takes of
America is very comforting. I
have heard it before from eminent
Americans - viz that she was
getting into a sordid spirit - &
wanted rousing - & that this
disruption was after all a
blessing. The same view which
was taken of us, when our
Crimean disasters began & which
I believe after all was true.

As for the Hospital, if it
is to be pursued on that plan;
it is quite hopeless - I have
constantly experienced this - to
have a plan sent me which
I was told was made (*part*
for part) after my "Instructions"

& which had not one single essential feature of them in it.

I will send them a copy of our Barrack & Hospital Sanitary Report - if you will kindly take charge of it.

But criticism is useless - the more so as they do not say whether the foundations are not all already in.

[end]

This change of wind is very favourable to your daughter - and I trust will take away all the risk of her return.

Yours affectely

F.N.

8999/25 initialed letter, 1f, pen [1:708] bundle 135

30 O. B. St

June 14/61

My dear Sir Harry

I hear that Baring intends to bring on the Sanitary" Vote tonight.

I send a "tip" (£1) to my (step=) nephew Freddy - believing that "tips" give a great deal of pleasure - which people do not think enough of giving in this life - & do very little harm. If it were not so near the holidays, it should be more -

I hope your daughter is pretty well -

Please tell P. Yours affectely
that Mme Mohl F.N.
is at 40 York Terrace
Regents Park now.

Wellcome 9001

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8999/26 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 15/61

[1:149]

Dearest mother

Do you know that
Mme Mohl is in town

40 York Terrace

Regents Park

You will most likely
wish to ask her.

Could you send me
by next box my
little old poetry book
which used to be on

the shelf in your bed
room.

I will return it
to you - There is only
one poem I wanted
to look at.

Send me Forget
me nots by next
box. A beautiful
nosegay is Forget
me not, Scarlet
Geranium, White
Rose or Seringa

& reminds me of
Italy & our hopes -
They are her colours
- plus the blue,
which stands there for
eternity. **[end 1:149]**

ever dear Mum

your loving child

F.

Are the water lilies
out?

8999/27 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [6:519-20] bundle 135

June 22/61

I cannot forbear writing a word
about ~~illeg~~ case, tho' it is
no use -

To *manufacture* a case of Scurvy
in luxury in London requires such
an inordinate amount of effort -
so nearly unprecedented - that
it seems worth a word -

And this woman aspires to
superintend Nurses ~~illeg~~
~~College Hosp~~; & writes me dogmatic
letters about nursing.

Tell her to "live cleanly", as
Shakespeare says - Living without
vegetables is living uncleanly.

My dear, I come from scenes
of miserable suffering, valiantly
fought against: I have not one

particle of sympathy or pity for
suffering manufactured -

Scurvy is unknown in London
- even among the poorest. Do you
know why? Because they have the
sense ~~illeg~~ has not. They take
water=cresses with their tea -

It is absolute nonsense
& stuff to say as she does: that
she cannot take vegetables, lemon
juice or acids.

It is her own fault or her
cook's or her greengrocer's if she
cannot. I am not so old a Nurse
to be taken in in that way.

Many people have said
that; & have recovered ~~fro~~by
eating raw salad - slowly - &
without a load of food at the
same time - at dinner with a
little cold meat & a glass of wine

Or by taking a glass of

hot lemonade -

Or by taking a bunch of grapes,
fasting, at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Or by taking cooked fruit.

Or by finding out that the
vegetables they thought they could
not take were not properly
cooked -

But the bunch of water cress
at tea (with good butter with
their bread) is the best of all

The universal reasons ~~which~~ why
people fancy they can't take fruit
or vegetables are

1. that they take them with
too much other food
2. that they are not properly
cooked
3. that they take too much
at a time.
4. that they take them at
improper times, as at
dessert &c or with cream,
trifle, or ice.

I told one of my Doctors of the
case, & told him that it was
a person who aspired to reform
Nursing.

I never shall forget his ecstasy
"A manufactured case of Scurvy
I must see it. I must see it.
Do tell me where it lives. I never
saw but one manufactured case
of Scurvy - on board a Gang ship.
The most curious & interesting thing I ever heard
of."

My dear, I would put such
cases in the Ho: of Correction &
make them eat what is put
before them or starve. But here
is a woman who has manufactured
a case of starvation.

F.N.

Scorbutic Diarrhoea (which is what most
people fancy makes vegetables, for them,
unwholesome) is universally
cured by vegetables.

8999/28 initialed letter, 3ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 22/61

I should like to hear
more of your woman
the butler's wife. I need
not tell an experienced
Matron like you that
the objection is: that
you have all your
gossip carried thro'
the husband into
another house -

A curious instance
of this happened to
me at Scutari; in
which it was discovered
that my dear Mrs.

_____ actually wrote
to her husband in
the Coldstreams that
I was in love with
Dr. McGrigor - and
farther that I went
back to Scutari from
the Crimea, when
Cholera broke out
at Scutari, *because*
Dr. McG. had it & died.

I have sometimes
thought that, should I

go back to Hampstead
I would set up with
Mrs. Bennett or some
such woman and
a girl under her -
to wait upon me.

But this plan,
which is usually
suggested to make
two ineffectives do
the work of one
effective, never
answers unless the
one at the head is
really effective.

The cruel failure
of all our poor little

household at Hampstead
will never be forgotten
by me -

I have sent down
to the W.O. to know
more particulars
about the death of
that ~~Cold~~ Guards
private on the March
to Guildford. Perhaps
if there is material
to put a question
in the House, Sir
Harry will put it.
Because this is a
case entirely preventable
by our "Regulations" -
And either Commanding

or Medical Officer is
entirely responsible
for that man's death.

F.N.

The Floris brothers,
tooth=brushes in
Jermyn St, who send
me flowers (I think
they are R. Catholics)
have each lost their
eldest son by the
upsetting of a boat
last Tuesday. I wish
you would drive
there & say how
much concerned I

[end]

am - & how I wish
to know how the
families are - & I
should like, if I
may, to send them
a print.

F.N.

8999/29 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, 2 copies in bundle 135

Friday

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}

W

June 24/61

1. With what dress and
accoutrements the
Detachment of Guards
was marched to Kingston,
Guildford on its
way to Aldershot?
2. The name of the
Commanding Officer
by whom the
march was ordered
& conducted
3. The name of the

Medical Officer in
charge - with copy
of representation
made, if any, to
the Commanding
Officer, on the probable
effect of ~~the~~ such
march upon health
of troops.

8999/30 initialed letter, 1f, pen {in another hand: Jun 24.61}

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:}
W.

My dear Sir Harry
Pray don't trouble
yourself at all about
the unfortunate
French translation
of my "Notes".

It does not
trouble me in any
way, except that
I should be glad
it were done -

Mme Mohl is

so conversant about
the kind of thing
that I think it
would be better to
take her advice,
whatever it is.

F.N.

8999/31 initialed letter, 4ff, pen bundle 135

30 Old Burlington St {printed address:} [15:448]
W.

July 12/61

My dear Sir Harry

I am going to write
about a strange thing
for me to do. But
I have tried the
War Minister in vain.

It has occurred
to me that the "Society
for the Suppression of
Vice", whose offices are
in Lincolns Inn Fields,
might do something
for us - & that you

would be the person
to find it out.

Both at Aldershot
& at Chatham *illegal*
facilities to prostitution
are offered by publicans
to soldiers. E.g.
publicans sell a 1d.
drink for 4d., for which
the man receives a
ticket which admits
him to the superior
brothel, or 3d. which
admits him to the
inferior brothel both

on the publican's own premises.

Or, publicans keep prostitutes as their domestic servants.

Commanding Officers are well aware of these facts & deplore them far more than our Cabinet Ministers do - But they are not generally men of much resource - And they say they cannot bring the magistrates to act against these

practices - not because of the law, but because the magistrates refuse to act.

I suppose the Home Office could make them act.

I will not enter more into facts, till I know from you, what, if anything, can be done -

Of course the Parish interests arrayed in favour of these publicans are

very strong. It is a
very thriving trade.

[end 15:448]

It appears to
me so shocking
that the Government
should be actually
providing Lock
Hospitals in order
to enable its
prostitutes to
continue their
profession - & will
do nothing to prevent
it - that I have
thought whether
private hands
could do nothing.

[16:408]

It is a fact that
I have been lately
requested to make
plans for a Hospital
at Devonport, where
Lord Herbert's ten
prostitutes and the
Duke of Somerset's
fifteen, are to be
comfortably accommo=
dated - in illness -
for the Army & Navy respectively
Your affectely
F. Nightingale

And this when
we have to beg & sue
to get Hospital accom=
modation for honest
wives of Soldiers.

[end]

Wellcome 9001

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8999/32 signed letter, 3ff, pen

[15:448-49]

30 O B. St

July 18/61

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a letter from
Capt. Jackson - true evidence
as to the state of Aldershot,
- which may be of use to
you in the interview with Sir
G. Lewis.

I can corroborate Capt. J.'s
assertion that there is nothing
to compare among the young
unmarried workmen of even
the great seaports of England
with the Army for immorality
& disease.

Surely then something
might be done - It cannot

be said, "It can't be helped."

Major Dishon at Chatham
who commands one of the Depot
Battalions there, would give you
the best information in your
enquiry as to the recruits.

Capt. Jackson is here in
this house at this moment -
and I enclose a fact he has
written down, which is worth
all the rest -

He would go with you
to Sir G. Lewis, if you thought
his evidence would be of any
use -

I am so struck with the helplessness of our Clergy in this matter.

A clergyman at Aldershot has written in the "Times" & to me repeatedly on this subject. And his remedy is to found a Dispensary !!!!! for these wretched women -

I will answer the rest of your kind letter tonight

Please return to me both Capt. Jackson's documents at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end 15:449]

Berington's Knapsack

was recommended for trial by the R.C. on the San=y State of the Army. It was tried at several stations - but, by want of arrangement, the invention was not there to instruct the men in adapting it. He does seem to have been to blame for this, not as he appeared; but the trial was put off & took place without him.

The trials were made against another Knapsack - And the Reports are more favourable apparently to this other than to Berington's. On being examined however, the evidence is by no means conclusive on this point.

The only thing to do is to have another trial, with Berington present. T.O.

Private

The principle of Berington's
Knapsack we all admit. But
we do not think it efficiently
carries out its own principle -
tho' better than the old one -

We hope still for a better.

N.B. Berington is the Patentee
It was invented by a Medical
man.

I have a Statement
about Berington's
knapsack for Sir
Harry. which I will
send as soon as I
can.

I shall have two
statements for him
(Aldershot & Chatham)
ready on Wednesday
or Thursday, before
he goes to Sir G.
Lewis.

8999/33 initialed letter, 4ff, pen bundle 135

Hampstead

[1:327-28]

London NW

Aug 7/61

My dear/ You see I am
come here. It is very
pretty & sunny & quiet.

It is five years
today since I began
the work which my
dear master's death
has ended -

Oh my dear master -
my dear master. That
he should have been
taken & I left - He
who could do so much
with me - And I who
can do nothing without

him.

His last articulate
words were for me. He
said more than once,

"Poor Florence and our
unfinished work"

Oh he was better
than us all.

His was a great
simplicity.

His family have
been very kind, writing
me all the particulars,
several times - And
SHE telegraphed to
Williams (the very day)
to come & tell me -

But no one understood
& knew

him but me - No one
loved & served him
like me -

He did not die
happy, as they said.
He knew that he could
not say, It is finished.
He died with a cheerful
resignation to God,
which was heroic,
because he knew that
he had no more work
in him. If he had
died as they said,
it would have been
only selfish, to go to
heaven himself &
leave us in the storm.

But his was the

purest ambition I ever
knew - the purest heart.
And I don't think any
one understood this
like me -

Up to the day fort=
night of his death he
struggled on - oh he
was dying then - to
do his work. His last
official acts were to
write the instructions
I had written for him.
And I did not see
them till after his
death - He tried at
the last to do what
I asked him. And

it was too late.

But he never said,
as they say he did,
that he had "re=organized
the War Office and a
child could complete
it."

On the contrary
Disappointment that it was ~~with~~
~~himself~~ not done nor even *begun* hastened his
end.

I have written
an article on him,
at Gladstone's request.
I don't know where
it appeared -

I have stopped
all the newspapers

& not seen one since
his death. I knew
him so much better
than any one else did. I
cannot bear to see his
qualities & his faults
travestied. And
nothing would distress
HIM so much as to
take credit for things
which were *not* done.

Oh what have
these two years not
ravaged in my life.
Unless Dr. Sutherland
were to turn into an
Ourang outang, I don't
know what there is

left to happen to me -

Send this to Papa.
But don't copy it.
You will see that it
must not come round
to his family in any
way.

F.

Do not ask about the
Article - Gladstone &
I have been corresponding
about him. And this
must not be known.
I dare say it will
come back to me. And
then I will send it
you -

I have ~~also~~ closed
my paper for the
Dublin "Social Science"
Meeting with a little
tribute to him - oh
how much more he
deserved than all we could say - but I don't
think I could have
finished my paper
except to do this (at
Dublin where he was
so known & so well loved)

Also, at my request,
the new magnificent
Woolwich Hospital is
to be called after him
"Exegi monumentum
aere perennius" he may
say: I don't believe any
man ever was so loved -

8999/34 signed letter, 10ff., pen bundle 135

Hampstead NW
Sept 12/61
My dear Sir Harry
I will answer Sir
William Heathcote's note
first:

[16:594-96]

1. Mr. Rawlinson's
Report entirely settled
the question of the
Winchester Hospital -
The sub=soil is tainted
beyond the power of
cure. The construction
& internal arrangements are
~~as~~-bad - In 9 months
in a Hospital of only
100 -120 beds, they

cause 24 unfortunate creatures to run the gauntlet of their lives with Erysipelas - of whom 8 die - a circumstance wholly unprecedented in my experience of Hospital massacres - excepting at Scutari during a short period. So that Winchester aspires to rival the most colossal calamity of history in its small way.

In a London Hospital of 500 beds, badly situated by the river, in the 12 months of 1860, only 13 cases of Erysipelas occurred *in* the Hospital and without a single death - whereas 72 cases of Erysipelas, simple & phlegmonous, were admitted in the same period, of which 3 only died (all of the latter severe form, when admitted)

To the tainted sub=

soil alone the
Winchester deaths
cannot be referred -
but to the other errors
~~matters~~ of its
construction also -

The Winchester
Hospital Committee
is therefore going to
meet to discuss
whether they shall
try to do a thing
which is impossible -
or whether they shall
not rather do what
is in accordance with
common sense -

2

They are going to
consider whether they
can make a Hospital
which killed 8 people
by Erysipelas alone,
kill fewer in future -
or whether they should
not build a Hospital
where Erysipelas will
not shew its face -

Judging by what I
know about the present
building, I have no
hesitation in saying
that, if they try their
hands at "adaptation",
they will fail & not

only throw away their
money, but kill more
Patients, before they
finally make up
their minds to give
up a site & building
where sick ought
never to be placed -

Hampshire should
have as good a
Hospital as any
county in England.
And why in these
days men should
even raise the
question of preserving

the present building
passes my comprehension.

I understand that
Lord Ashburton will
give £1000 towards
a new Hospital if
built upon a new site.
If not, nothing.

I would gladly
give what I can
out of my own earnings,
which would be £50
& might be £100 -
and I believe my
father would give
as much more -

And I would

gladly revise &
consider the plans
for a new building,
if desired to do so.

But I should be
guilty of that
crassa ignorantia
which lawyers tell
me is a ground of
verdict of manslaughter,
if I helped the
Committee in any
way to repeat experiments
on the sick poor -

Captain Galton
is now building a
Pavilion Hospital

3

(60 beds) for a Regiment
at £70 per bed -
with every modern
appliance - the more
extraordinary in cheapness as the
number of beds is so
few -

The Pavilions are
end to end as in
your new Bucks
Infirmary - 2 wards
of 28 beds & 2 of 2.

It will become
cheaper to build
good Hospitals than
bad -

With regard to Sir
W. Heathcote's other
questions

2. I send him by post
today (to save
time) a copy of my
"Notes on Hospitals"
2nd Edit.

But will you tell
him that I am at
this moment employed
by Parker to write
a Third Edit. leaving
out all the Crimean
part - & adding to
all the construction =
& arrangement parts

which refer to all
Hospitals - And I
shall be undone if
he does not return
me my copy (at his
convenience) - as this
Edit. is entirely out
of print - And, strange
to say, the War Office
continually refer to me
for information out
of it.

The Report of the
Barrack Commission,
in speaking of *Military*
Hospitals, really refers
to *all*, as far as
construction goes -

But I shall be most happy, when it comes to building, to say in what internal arrangements consists the difference between Civil & Military Hospitals, Hospitals where both sexes are, & all nurses are female, & Hospitals where adult men only are Patients, & all or most of the Nurses are men -

Otherwise, that Report is a capital guide.

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3. I know of no better "authority" than Mr. Rawlinson on the points on which he has already reported. And he "examined the Hospital on the spot."

When it comes to construction, I am sure that Dr. Sutherland, either with Mr. Rawlinson or alone, will gladly "examine any sites which may be suggested & advise."

I wish that Sir

W. Heathcote's letter
had come one day
earlier - as Dr.
Sutherland & Capt.
Galton have just
sailed for the
Mediterranean
Inspection.

But I regret
this the less, as,
having fully discussed
the subject of the
~~removal of the~~
Winchester Infirmary
with Dr. Sutherland
& Mr. Rawlinson,
I am able to say

that Dr. Sutherland
declared that "nothing
"would induce him
"to have any hand in
"recommending any
"alterations in the
"present building on
"the present site -"
And, if he "were to
""examine the Hospital
""on the spot' twenty
"times" (he has
inspected it) "he
"could not say
"other=wise."

I know no authority
in Europe to compare
with that of Dr.

Sutherland in the
Sanitary Construction
of buildings - & the
inspection of sites.

He will be home
early in November
or before - And I will let
you or Sir W. Heathcote know -

Finally, I repeat,
I shall be too glad
to advise, criticize
& consider any Draft
plans which may
be sent me -
but only for a *new*
building on a new site.

[end 16:596]

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Thank you very much
for all you have done
for Robert Robinson.
I have had a very
sensible letter from
him. And he seems
to appreciate, as he
ought, the advantage
of learning under
Lord Berners. who
appears very kind
& judicious in his
management.

~~Some~~ months ago,
I received, I think
through you, a little

[15:449]

book called "Village
Sketches" by Mr.
Whitehead, the clergyman
of Gawcott, Bucks -

If so, would you
be good enough to
tell him that that
chapter on Evening
Clubs & on the
necessity of making
them easy-going,
smoking, innocent=
gaming places for
the wild young men,
because it is these
you want to catch
& not the steady

married or reading men,
is just our experience
with ~~the~~ Regiments -
& that we have been
successful, just in as
far as we have done
this - but we find
plenty of light & a
little cheap decoration
in the furniture way,
besides tea & coffee,
necessary to cope with
the public-houses.
{Our men pay} If
£5 would be of any
use to him to add
to his games, I would
gladly send it - And
I will beg for another copy,

as I have given away mine.

[end 15:449]

Believe me
affectely yours
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome 9001

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8999/35 initialed letter, 2ff, pen bundle 135

Miss Mayo's
Oakhill Park
Hampstead NW
Sept 17/61

My dear

I hope you will bring
Emily to spend the day here,
if you have time. Friday or
Saturday would suit me
very well - If Mlle v. Zeschau
or any body else likes to come
to; - it will not hurt *me* -
The house is large - And we
can give you luncheon -
And the heath is within a walk
of 10 min.

I did not know that Dr.
Williams was come back. But
of course you have ascertained
this.

Thanks many about South St.
The objection to me would
be the having to move - &
to move just at the time
when it is most difficult
to find a house. But I
may still be glad to avail
myself of your kindness -
tho' not till November 1,
at all events.

Did Sir Harry have two letters from me about the Winton Infirmy - ~~on~~/dated the 12th & the 14th. I must say I was "stumped" by Sir W. H. writing for "information & advice" - He just made me write all Mr. Rawlinson's Report & my own book over again. Has he not read Rawlinson's Report? I was very near advising that they should have Rawlinson down again. The whole matter was settled as far as it could be settled by "information & advice". *then*
ever yours
F.N.

8999/36 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen bundle 135

Hampstead NW

[16:599]

Sept 25/61

My dear Sir Harry

I don't know that I have any more to say about these terrible trees.

It is obvious that one ward will *not* be affected by them - but that the others will.

But as they do not appear to grow

in a thick ~~wall~~/line or
Screen, & as they are
to the North, it seems
to me that, IF
necessary to cut down
any, the cutting down
of one or two at
most would do -

And I can only
say again what I
did before that
I could not take
upon myself, *from*
what I know, to
advise the cutting
of these fine trees.

But that, in the
course of the winter,
I could send some
body to look at them.
And the Committee
could then decide
which, if any, need
be sacrificed.

As I understand,
the situation is an
airy one - and
rather exposed than
the contrary.

This makes all
the difference.

~~Pray~~ do not suppose
that I said I had
"rather Sir W. Heathcote
"should write to me."
on the contrary, I
had rather he wrote
to you, but for the
trouble to you - As it
is, I am quite
agreeable, if he likes
to write direct. That
is to say, I shall
be very *disagreeable*
if he does not
carry the removal
of the Hospital

[end]

~~=====~~ [2]

But what I want
to ask you is this.

A Meeting of
the Ladies' Sanitary
Assocn. is to be
called on Friday -
to eject Miss Powers,
if possible. But
it is doubtful
whether they will
get a quorum -
Of course, if Parthe
could come up, it
would be better -
But, if not, would
she do, as Mrs.

Cowper has done,
furnish Mrs. Sutherland
with a strong &
business-like letter,
expressing her opinion
The letter had better
be addressed, as
inclosed - when
Mrs. Sutherland, as
Co-Secretary, will
open it; & there
must be no delay
in sending it.

Mrs. Cowper's letter
was to the effect
that she hoped the

severe, tho' inevitable,
lesson of dismissal
might do Miss Powers
some good. [She
is really out of her
senses] She began
giving trouble last
year. And this year
she has done
nothing for the Society
- no work - but
give trouble &
write insane &
impertinent letters.

It is important
that Parthe's letter
should be strong &

business=like. For
Isa Craig, another
of the Committee,
has written the
weakest letter I
ever saw - wishing
to keep Miss Powers,
out of pity! for her
wild unreasonableness.

What I want to know is, Is the
object of the Association
to be a Lunatic
Asylum to "keep
Miss Powers" from
becoming "more
morbid than ever."

8999/37 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen

postmarked : London 2 OC 7 61

Hampstead

London NW

Oct 7/61

[16:627-28]

My dear Sir

I have heard with
great regret that the
Manchester Infirmary
is being added to and
enlarged.

I hope you will be
able to tell me that
I have been *misinformed*.

I thought it was
agreed among you that the
ill=placed, ill=
constructed, ill= ventilated
Manchester

Infirmary was not a place to give the sick a fair chance - however improved - & that, if added to, it would be fatal.

Sold, it would make an admirable ware=house - being indeed fit for nothing else. And the price would be available for a new building out of the town -

But, if all this is out of the question, would you not renew poor Mr. Adshead's

proposal for a Convalescent Hospital (to receive also those sick who cannot recover *in* the Manchester Infirmary,) a little out of Manchester?

It is hard indeed, if Manchester, with her high civilization, with her magnificent public spirit, never failing in the utmost generosity towards her public Institutions - & with her advanced principles of progress - should fail in doing what the pettiest

county town in England
as well as London is now planning or
proceeding with.

I am at this
moment engaged upon
propositions made
to me, & plans laid
before me for revisal,
from no less than
five of these Institutions
- all to be built
upon your Pavilion
principle in country
sites, where alone
the sick can be expected
to recover.

My health & time

will ill afford my
writing a single
extra letter. Yet
I could not but
appeal to you, upon
this bad news -
concerning a city I
respect so much -
reaching me -

[end 16:628]

Yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

{envelope}
John Robertson Esq
Manchester

Wellcome 9001

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8999/38 initialed letter, 1f, pen bundle 135

My dear Sir Harry

I return the enclosed,
as you desire.

I have also had
a letter from Sir W. H.

I don't think he
understands the
subject much - But
I am glad he is
coming to look at
your Infirmary.

yours ever

F.N.

Oct 8/61

8999/39 initialed letter, 5ff, pen bundle 135

Hampstead NW

Oct 8/61

[15:324-26]

My dear Sir Harry

I like to hear of your Volunteers.
I wish I could be with you. But
my heart is with you all.

At the beginning of this year
we had 150,000 Volunteers. And
already we hear, from the best
Military authorities, that ~~they~~/of these a large portion are
capable of manoeuvring & executing
movements with regular troops.

To me who know the stuff
of which the Anglo=Saxon is made
(no man knows him better) this
is not surprising.

These Volunteers are of the
same race with that handful of
men who defended their trenches
at Sevastopol - as the Greeks

held the position of Thermopylae,
& who, when dying of slow
torture in Hospital, drew their
blankets over their heads &
died without a word, like the
heroes of old.

Thank God! our Volunteers have
not to undergo these slow agonies
in the defence of their country.
But I, for one (and I speak
~~from~~ / notwithstanding an experience of the horrors of War which no
man has had) was not at all
sorry to see the spirit of War
brought home to our people's lives &
~~hearts which responded so~~
~~nobly to it~~ in the glorious rising
of the Volunteers.

A country needs re=tempering
sometimes. England, from her
grand Mercantile & Commercial

successes, has been called sordid.

God knows she is not! The
simple courage, the enduring patience
the good sense, the strength to
suffer in silence - what nation
shews more of ~~in war the like~~ of this, in
~~which war~~ - than is shewn by her commonest soldier
~~shews?~~

I have seen men dying of
Dysentery, but scorning to report
themselves sick, lest they should
thereby throw more labour on
their comrades, go down to the
trenches & make the trenches
their death=bed.

There is nothing in history
to compare with it.

Other nations may do it
for glory - But we ~~do it~~ for duty
as the Duke of Wellington said.

2. I say, no one has seen the

horrors of War as I have. Yet I was glad to see the spirit of War rising in our Volunteers

If both French & English statesmen have recorded upon their own observation, that the most intelligent, the most well=doing, the most *respectable* - in the best sense of the word - in any French village or district - are always those ~~who have~~ returned from serving out their time on conscription

And if this is the case with those who have served a *compulsory* service for a Government which we English cannot respect - what ought not the men to become, ~~the case with men~~ who give a *free* service for a *free* country, like our Volunteers?

Say what men will, there is

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something more truly Christian in the man who gives his time, his strength, *his life, if need be*, - for something, not himself, whether he call it his Queen, his country or his colours - than in all the asceticism, the fasts, the humiliations ~~the prayers~~ & confession which ever have been made.

And this spirit of giving one's life, without calling it a sacrifice, is found nowhere as truly as in England.

~~A poor woman in London, who lay starving, / was found, with 7 children, in a perfectly bare room, without fire, without food, without bedding, without furniture, & almost without clothes, was urged to recall her husband, to support her, "What," she said, that he may be~~

~~worse than a slave." I am bound
to say this was not in a good cause.
It was in the cause of a strike.
But this is the spirit which
makes; (I was going to say heroes,
but I mean) Englishmen.~~

This is the spirit which
rouses our Armies & our Volunteers.

3. But there must be more
drill - more discipline, in the
sense of teaching *how* orders are
to be obeyed - more acting in concert
to make our Volunteers ~~quite~~ perfect.

And our Volunteers mean
to be *quite* perfect.

It is wonderful how much
they have done already in precision.

On the saddest night of all
my life, two months ago, when my
dear ~~master~~ / chief, Sidney Herbert, lay
dying - and I knew that with him

died much of the welfare of the
British Army - *he was too so
proud, so justly proud, of his
Volunteers* on that night I lay listening to
the bands of the Volunteers, as
they came marching in successively

- it had been a Review day -
And I said to myself, The nation
can never go back which is
capable, of such a movement
as this - not the "spirit" of an
hour. ~~But~~ these are men who
have all something to give up -
all men whose time is valuable
for money - which is not their God,
as other nations ~~say~~ sometimes say of us.

4. One of the best appointments
my dear ~~master~~ / chief made was Colonel
Mc Murdo, the Inspector General of
Volunteers. I knew him in the Crimea,
where he executed a most
difficult
service, that of organizing the Land

Transport, with the utmost success.

No doubt the Volunteers have full confidence in him.

5. It was whispered to me, in Sidney Herbert's time, that Buckinghamshire had been behindhand in her tribute of Volunteers. Is that the case now? I hope not - But, if so, it makes those who have volunteered more ~~noble~~ / worthy.

If I might venture, I would say, I would gladly ask you to offer them from me a bugle a pair of colours, or a rifle to be shot for. Probably however, they have *all* these. If so, I can only offer them from the bottom of my

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heart - the best wishes of one who has "fought the good fight" for the Army, seven years this very month, without the intermission of one single waking hour.

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:326]

8999/40 signed letter, 4ff, pen bundle 135

Hampstead NW

Oct 9/61

[15:326-27]

My dear Sir Harry

I wrote to you yesterday
~~about~~/ for your Volunteers, as
you requested. But you
would see that what I
wrote was done in a
very great hurry. And
I dare say that you will
not be able to make
any use of it. Anyhow
it would be much better
rearranged by you
I should have thought it a great presumption
to write at all to the volunteers, if not
desired by you.

My point, if there
was any, was to tell
the Volunteers that one

who has seen more than
any man what a
horrible thing war is,
yet feels more than
any man that the
military spirit, in
a *good* cause, (that
of one's country), is
the finest leaven which
exists for the national
spirit.

I have known
intimately the Sardinian
Soldier - the French
Soldier - the British
Soldier - The Sardinian
was much better
appointed than we were.

The French were both
more numerous & more
accustomed to war
than we were. Yet I
have no hesitation in
saying that we had
the better Military Spirit,
the true ~~Military~~/ Volunteer spirit
to "endure hardness"
for ~~the~~ /our country's sake.

2. When I say the
true Volunteer spirit -
there were men of high
rank & large fortune
who volunteered as
private, soldiers with
the French Army before
Sevastopol Army. Among these
the most famous was

the Marquis La Tour du
Pin. He performed deeds
of valour, really equal
to the heroes of Ariosto.
But he never made
the least attempt to
lighten the sufferings
of the private soldier;
altho' a man of fortune.
He never visited the
wounded; tho' this I
could have forgiven
him for . A man who
has to inflict wounds;
perhaps cannot spend
his days in seeing
wounds. *He* spent
his days in reading

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French novels & memoirs
Such volunteering
appears to me little
better than volunteering
to kill a pig. It was
not even a trial of
skill. For these men
mostly fought with
the sabre, not with
the Rifle or Pistol.

I do not call this
the *true Volunteering*:
spirit - this ~~filleg~~ is not doing all
for the country's sake

Rather would I
remember a Serjeant
who, on picket, the whole

picket being killed &
himself battered about
the head, stumbled
back to camp, picking
up on his way a
wounded man & bringing
him in on his shoulders
to his lines, where he
fell down insensible.
Where, after many
hours, he recovered
his senses, (I am not
sure that it was not
after trephining) his
first words were to
ask, "after the comrade"
"Is he alive?"

"Comrade indeed!"

Yes, he's alive. It's the General.

At this moment
the General, tho' badly
wounded, appeared
at the bed=side.

"Oh! General, it's
you, is it?, I brought
in God, bless your
honor. I'm so glad
I didn't know your
honor. But _____ if
I'd known it was you,
*I'd have saved you
all the same!!!*"

*This is the true
soldier spirit.*
3. Lastly, I would

impress on the Volunteers
the necessity of drill, practice,
exercise, brigade movements.

Garibaldi's Volunteers
did excellently in
Guerilla movements -
They were completely
floored before a fourth
rate ~~fortress~~ regular Army.

We trust that our
Volunteers will never
know what real war
is. But they must make
themselves a reputation
to be feared by the enemy
in order not to see
that enemy ever at their
own hearth=stones.

[end 15:327]

yours ever

F. Nightingale

Wellcome 9001

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8999/41 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 135, seems carries on

Nov 30/61

My dear

I was quite shocked to find that Sir Harry has spent a night & a day in England & had not come to his own house to sleep or to eat or anything - ~~even~~ altho' he had to go to Paget. You know that his own

dressing room, dining room & the spare bedroom could be made ready for him at any time.

And I should scarcely know, except for my comfort, that he were in the house.

Yours

F.N.

bundle 135 I think continues here with 2 more folios, black-edged

There must be
some mistake
about my "causing
reply" to be made
to you, as you state.

I did not like
to turn you out
of your own bed=
room in your own
house, if you came
up to town. And
as I must look
out for my next
gîte I "caused
reply" that I would

gladly give, you
up your bed room
& try the bed rooms
in Edwards Hotel
close by where I think of going ultimately, coming
here for the day
to my work, which
I cold not move
backwards & forwards

That was the
"reply I caused."

F.N.

Mr Gladstone made
me write this paper
for his speech.

Perhaps you
would like to take
a copy with you.

It is QUITE PRIVATE.

F.N.

Thank you so much
for your beautiful
house.

F.N.

8999/42 initialed letter, 3ff, pen [1:555-56] bundle 135 embossed paper War Office

Dec 5/61

My dear

It occurs to me
that if Mama would
offer Lea Hurst to
Blanch & Miss Clough
& the children, for
the winter & spring,
making such
arrangements as
would allow them
space in the house,
the only way to
secure quiet to her
(she has been very ill
since his death) it
would be the greatest
boon to her possible.
For she clings to Lea
Hurst as the last
place where she was
with him & the
children. Miss Clough
has gone through
more than any one
I ever knew & she

is so like her brother.

I have not the
least idea whether
Blanch would
accept it. But
I am sure that
all would take the
offer most kindly.

I think you
might determine
Mama to make it
in such a way as
that it could be
accepted - For

absolute solitude
would not be good
for Blanch & Miss
Clough just now -
And they ought to
be able to ask
anybody to see them.

And if the offer
is made, let it appear to come
from Mama & Papa
direct & not at
my suggestion.

Blanch will be
home not before
Christmas - And

then she must be
some time at Combe.
so that it will
probably not be
till the end of January
that she will
consider where to
go - Then I think
Lea Hurst would
appear to her like
a haven of rest.

For 3 years my
Clough's bi=daily
visits of help &
sympathy dragged

me through the
hardest work man
ever did yet.
Without him I
could not have
done it.

Oh Jonathan
my brother Jonathan

I would ~~±~~/we could
repay something
to his widow &
children -
ever yours

F.

8999/43 initialed note, 1f, pen **[1:708]**

Would Freddy at
Harrow like one of
my little cats?
And would it have
any chance of
a quiet life with
the boys?
I should send
a Tom - Because
the ladies are
too delicate

F.

Dec 9/61 Sir Harry is
put upon the
Executive Committee
of the Herbert Memorial

8999/44 initialed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper bundle 135, see xxx for
continued, not incomplete if continue **[1:733]**

32 South St

Dec 12/61

Dear Papa As you
ask me about the
food, I have set
my wits to think
[I have not known
the taste between
flesh nor bread
since my poor Clough's
death] I think,
then, that I am
tired of the sight
of the *purée* & the
Rissoles - good as

they are. The gravy
soup we generally
make into gravy
for my dinner, which
it tends greatly to
render savoury. And
the other soup we
generally make into
Dr. Sutherland's lunch.
This is very appropriate.

I don't know
what to ask for
instead of the purée
& the Rissoles. For
Burton knows better

than I what will
keep. so as to come
up good. I may
eat anything that
I can eat, *except*
sweet preserves.
- anything pungent,
not salt. Fruit &
vegetables are parti=
cularly recommended
If then Burton could
send up a different variety
each week of any
little dish she may
make - spicy or
otherwise?

[end 1:733]

The papers do not
come up in a very good state,
I am told.

But it seems
ungracious to be
criticizing.

Tortoise shell Pussy
is gone to rejoice
King's College Hospital
There are three left.
I believe Claydon is
to have one -

We are over head
& ears preparing War
Establishment to go
out to Canada- ever
dear Pa your loving child

Everything is being
sent out to Canada
raised to War
Establishment -
even the Military
Train. And I
have been employed
to do all in our
branch as Sidney
Herbert would
have done it.
Sir G. Lewis is
engaged on the
Astronomy of the
Ancients!!

now. Also I have
not the least
intention of a
"corresponding" with
Simms. I should
only see by his first
set of questions
whether he is worth
anything.

In general, we
set down a Doctor
(who wishes to begin
with a special
Hospl) immediately
as a quack. And

in general we are
right.

Also I have
never found that
any of these Drs
who wanted to
see me wanted
anything but to
make me say or
write my own book
all over again -
which I am quite
incapable of doing [end hosp]
now - ever yours
F.

8999/45 unsigned note, 1f, pen bundle 135

Dec 12/61
My dear I should
be very glad, if I could
hear [three lines thoroughly scribbled out, illeg]
about
Lea Hurst & poor
Blanch -
~~illeg~~ I have
had two Doctors'
consultations upon me
& they say that now
the spine is implicated,
'cause of worry, & that every

worry I have & especially
every letter I write,
leads me straight to
the end, which may
~~not~~ be Death, but
may be Paralysis preceding
death -

I think I will not
send the little cat -
Because Mme Mohl
says, never give *these*
cats to servants
Alive or not I don't think I
could see Alan Herbert
I am quite past making
dilettante philanthropy

8999/46 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 135

32 S. St

Dec 18/61

Dear Papa I send you
the enclosed which
please return to me.
It was sent by
Palgrave with the
observation "how
"deeply it would have
"interested *him* who
"is now beyond the
"reach of all human
"persecution."

Thank you for the
news of Winchester.
They *must* carry it

The loss of the Prince **[5:418]**
is incalculable - The
P. of Wales is nobody.
Albert was the only
man about the Q.
the only influence to
which she deferred.
On Sunday Ministers
were quite appalled.
It was thought she
might turn out a
Joanna of Spain.
But she has rallied
& is actually doing
business. (My news
comes from Ld de Grey)

How little characters [folio break?]
are known. Here is
this nervous anxious
fidgety woman behaving
with a firmness
which would dignify
a hero. And others
I have seen this year
completely off their
balance with sorrow,
whom I should have
pointed out as types
of the highest kind of
character

I think you must
not expect to hear
from Blanch - And
better she should *not*
make up her plans
at present. She
leaves Florence not
till 26th.

"Pungent" means
"made dishes" - things
made with pepper
& mustard & so forth.
- or with seasoning or
stuffing - or what
children call "hot" or
"spicy" - something with a stimulating
taste. I would tell you
a great deal more
about the Prince
but that we are so
busy about the Expedition
to Canada ever your F.N.

Wellcome 9001

312

8999/47 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 135

32 S. St

Dec 21/61

Ah shortest day
of this miserable year!
Like a child, how glad
I am to see
thy face no more,
as if another world
bring better!

Dear Papa

I sent £10
in your name to
Professor Jowett's
Subscription - If

you do not receive
a receipt, please
tell me - as there
may be some
miscarriage. I
sent it by hand,
but gave your
address, not
mine.

I have been
deeply disappointed
not to subscribe
myself. It seems
so cowardly. But
my friends say it
would not "do" to give
my name - ever your F.

8999/48 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen [1:249-50] bundle 135

32 S. St.

Dec 22/61

Dear Papa Would you
kindly send up a
box of Christmassing,
hollies with berries,
(if there are any)
evergreens & what
flowers you can, to
dress a Christmas
tree for the child=
Patients at King's
College Hospital. Mrs.
Watson has so much
taste that she would
choose them.. And I

think if Mrs. Burton
would send up some
mince pies, I could
find some clients
whom they would not
hurt - The box had
better come here - And
then I will send it on.
It ought to set out
on Tuesday the 24th.
Nothing will come
amiss. [The tortoiseshell
kitten is gone to this Hospl.]

I should like *some*
body to enjoy this sad,

sad Christmas of this
miserable year. which
has broken so many
hearts, already too heavy
laden.

My dear Clough! I
should like you to know
that he said to me with
regard to you (he who
so seldom used strong
expressions) "We ought
to *pray* for your
father's life"! He said
this in allusion to the
management of the
people of Lea Hurst

& Embley. He felt so
strongly the short comings
of all the Sam Smiths,
except Beatrice tho he had a very high
opinion of Shore's
nature .

[end 1:250]

One of the causes which
brought on Albert's illness
& about which he
talked when delirious,
was the shortcomings of
the P. of Wales. The Queen
continues to act like a
hero. She sent for Lord
Palmerston who could
not go, because of the

[5:419]

8999/49 incomplete, initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 135, seems to be part of Dec 12/61 letter to WEN xxx moved

8999/50 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: early 1860's} **[1:447]**

No: dear Hilary I
told you expressly that
I would not go to the
expen^{ce} of *buying*
silk for a bedroom
curtain. I only fancied
a breadth of our old
drawing room curtains.
Because I was so fond
of them

If that won't do,
I will have calico,
which is much cleaner
- white, with a
Vitruvian border, which {a convoluted scroll pattern -GB}
might be sewn on -
or pink ~~with~~ covered
with white (curtain) muslin.

But I will not
trouble you to buy these.

Wellcome 9001

316

8999/51 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch:?1861} **[1:151]** bundle 135

30, Old Burlington Street. [printed address:]

W.

Please ask Mrs.
Watson to send me
one of her beautiful
bouquets (with long
trailing wreathes of
leaves) in the box.
Dr. Sutherland says
my nosegays always
look as if they
were "drunk" -
partly because
M.B. has no knack
of making them up
& partly because the
person who cuts the
flowers has no ideal
in his head - &
there are no leaves
proper to set them
off, sent with them
F.

8999/52 initialed note, 1f, pen

Dearest mother

I hope to see you
soon. May it be some
day next week?
And may I fix the
day?

ever dear mother

Your loving child

F.

Friday

8999/53 initialed note, 1f, pen [1:250]

Dear Papa - I say nothing
about myself. It
would have done me
so much good to have
had one drop of
sympathy. I, who for
4 years, have never
heard one word of
feeling from my own
family!!!!tho' I am sure
they have never seen
any one strained to
the utmost pitch
of endurance of body
& mind, as I am.

Adieu

No key from home F.N.
of my Lea desk.

8999/54 unsigned note, 1f, pen

Would you tell Parthe
that I have answered
her letter, by writing
to Sir Wm Heathcote
direct by this day's
post?
& Mama that her
visit yesterday
did me no harm
but good.

8999/55 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: {early 1860's} [1:331]

Dearie

It is *quite* impossible
to me, I am sorry to say,
to see any one whatever
today, which is besides
Indian mail day.

Sir J. Lawrence is
seriously angry, tho'
not nearly so much
as we deserve, at
the unwarrantable
delay of W.O. and I.O.
in sending out his
plans - I am
exceedingly glad that
he is angry, tho' it all
falls upon me.

I am very sorry for

Mlle. v. Zechau's loss. but
glad of the Pr. Royal's gain.
We owe that Princess something
And she is so lonely, now
Stockmar is going.

If Mlle. v. Z. has time to
spare on the 18th., write
me word . But I cannot
sacrifice the bird in the
hand, Sir J. Lawrence, for
a bird not even in the
bush.

I shall hope to see
Emily for ten minutes
before she goes anywhere
for the winter - to judge
for myself of her - tho'
small good will that
do her - & to hear when Dr. W.
has given *his* opinion
~~if she is in town again But~~

who "has not had" low
fever this last year? It is
universal. Little Mary
Herbert is now, they fear,
dying of it at Constantinople.

- George & Maude have been
sent home -

I have not been a day without an attack - **[end 1:331]**

[following paragraph crossed through]

I sing for joy every day
at your government. But
I howl for our small
response to it.

It is not every Governor
General who would ask
us for plans & sanitary
suggestions -

8999/56 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 135

My dear

I am so sorry
that Sir Harry is not
well but very glad
he is come home -

Did I tell you
that Dr. Williams
is very anxious
Emily should
consult Dr. Bennett
at Mentone?

I have heard
a great deal of

Dr. Herbert from
Sidney Herbert -
who was deeply
interested in him.
And I searched
history for him &
found only one
of noble family who
had ever been MD
before - the more
glory for this one -

[There is no love
lost between lady
Carnarvon & Lady
Herbert. So it

will not interest
Ly C. to tell her
how much Sidney
Herbert thought of
her son.]

But I cannot **[16:572]**
see Mr. Simms
without knowing
more about him
than this. And I
entirely deprecate
Special Hospitals.
The only reason ~~they~~
which militates
against the immense
evils of having Hospls ~~is~~
at all is

to have them *General*

But if Mr. Simms
chooses to write me
questions, I will
answer them in
writing -And I
shall then see
whether he is
worth seeing &
telling general
principles to -

Even now, were
I to answer all
the letters & see all
the people (who apply)
it would take MY

{written in the top margin of the first page} [black-edged paper]

Whole TIME & that of
one clerk. I think
your house beautiful -
ever your
F.N.

[end]

My dear

I am so sorry
that Sir Harry is not
well but very glad
he is come home.

Did I tell you
that Dr. Williams
is very anxious
Emily should
consult Dr Bennett
at Mentone?

I have heard
a great deal of

8999/57 initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 136

Friday

My dear I did not
know that your "biggest
boy" was going to leave
you on Sunday. I
thought it was Monday.
Could you look in upon
me today just after
your lunch (the first
thing when you go out)
for a few minutes?

ever yours

F.N.

I know nothing of the
enclosed bill. And as it
is directed to Mama, I suppose
it is hers.

8999/58 unsigned, incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1861}

I am very glad to hear Sir Harry
thought Sir G. Lewis' answer so
explicit (in the Ho:) If when he
sees him, he does not find him
equally explicit, we think a
notice of a motion, something
like the one (on the other side)
suggested, would carry the day

Sir G.L. is beyond all
patience aggravating.

Papers, between 3 & 4 inch
deep, were sent me yesterday
upon the "Day Room" subject,
which have been "hung up"
on his table for 5 months in
~~So says~~ the War Office.

I don't know that any one
believes a word he says, tho' all
think him "an honest man & a
gentleman". (Poor Sidney Herbert's last word
to me about him)

Notice of a Motion

To ask the S. of S. for War whether
 a proposition has ~~not~~ been
 received from a private
 individual offering to take
 the Iron House at Aldershot
 Camp for which a sum of
 £3000 was granted expressly to purchase
 it for a Soldiers' Club or Institute
 & to convert the same into a
 Club for Officers, provided it be
 granted rent free for 6 months
 And in what manner he
 intends to deal with the
 proposal.

8999/59 incomplete note, 1f, pen bundle 135

My dear Don't make Ruth cook
 for me something distinct at 5 o'clock.
 All cooks object (& justly) to doing
 this when they have another dinner
 to do. You know I never ~~have~~ / eat any
 thing but Réchauffés.. So it is no
 grievance to me. Embley sends me
 a small rabbit pie every ~~week~~ / Thursday
 which lasts me 3 days. If I have
 a bit sent from your dinner, it will
 do for tomorrow - therefore

[1:733]

8999/60 unsigned memorandum or letter?, 1f, pen, bundle 123

Winchester Infirmary
 Existing Site & Buildings

[16:597]

worth to sell	say	£3500
Alterations as estimated		<u>6000</u>
		£9500

for an old building - patched up - on
 A FOUL SUB-SOIL, x in a crowded
 situation & with only two thirds the
 requisite cubic space

For a new Hospital on A VIRGIN
 SUB=SOIL, with air & prospect,
 sun & cubic space, & offices
 complete as now made

for 112 beds	say	£12000	[12000 is correct]
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x "a sub=soil so tainted as to be
 "beyond the power of cure." This
 is the Report on this Infirmary.

Suppose you ask Sir Wm. Heathcote to send me a copy of Mr. Rawlinson's Report - this is a way to "entrer en matière" - altho' nothing can make me think the place worse than

I do -

I will return Mr. Brandon's letter to Sir Harry.

£7250 for 50 beds -

I do not think by a rule of three that £12000 for 112 beds is an unlikely proportion - Of course the smaller a Hospital, the dearer it is.

A Regimental Hospital for 112 beds would cost us from £80 to £90 per bed. Civil building is dearer - say £100 per bed. That is, for the two Pavilions= *in=line* plan

[end]

8999/61 incomplete letter, 3ff, pen

It does not "bore" me at all to look at the little book. But I am afraid my criticisms will "bore" you.

P. 4 It was not by "*want of air*"

[6:521-22]

but by *poisoned* air that the men in the Black Hole died. They died of typhus, aggravated typhus - not of asphyxia. This the history proves. And the gist of the story to my mind is the type=specimen: of - the blood being poisoned by bad air to that degree in 24 hours, of typhus being generated by bad air of that intensity in 24 hours that all but 23 died. Some died *after* they came out of typhus, I know. But whether of the 123 or of the 23 you probably remember better than I do -

You perhaps may think that my criticism is of little importance - But I think the story is a very ~~critical~~ / typical one

both as breaking down the current superstition of fever coming by contagion - & ~~of it~~ as being such a pungent exemplification of the fact that we ourselves poison our own air & do ourselves more harm than anything else can do us - And I should be loath that the story should sound like an asphyxia by charcoal -

I doubt whether "the heat" had much to do with it. Query a baker in a baker's oven endures a much higher amount of heat? And the Esquimaux suffer immensely from their shutting themselves up without air in their cold hovels?

2. P. 5. The "monkeys" died of consumption. - human tubercular consumptn. And this is important - as shewing the origin of consumption, in the vast number of cases.

3. P.7 I would insist more upon

their opening their windows *at the top* - than upon their opening them "*quite wide* & keeping them so all day". This would be impossible in some places in winter.

P. 8 You cannot "air the part above the window" even "with a great draught." If there is a great space between window & ceiling, an Arnott's ventilator into the chimney or air bricks at the *top* of the room are quite necessary - both, near the ceiling.

P. 8. I think I would not say the air can "strike" a man dead. Because they will either say: it is not true - or that you mean, "*strike a chill*" which is just what you want *not* to imply - viz. striking a man dead with *cold*

P. 10 The gas=fittings must be properly tight & every gas=burner must have a ventilator. It is

not enough for "more air" to be
admitted *generally* "where gas is used".
Each gas jet must have a ventilator
of its own. [omit "in an hour"]

P. 4 1500 cub. ft of air *per hour* per man
we now consider necessary

4000 cub ft. of air per hour
per *Patient* are not too much.

So much confusion reigns about
this - owing to people not considering
the quantity of air we spoil for
each other, not only by our lungs
but by our *skin*. If your air were
conveyed thro' a tube to your
mouth & nose, ~~the~~ you would not
require anything like this amount -
And therefore I think the expression
"consumes air" open to objection,
because you have *not only* to
replace (by fresh air) what you
"*consume*". To keep an inhabited
room sweet, you have to renew
all the air you & others have spoilt.

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not *only* by your breathing -

I think you could never dwell too much upon this: we spoil for each other more air than anything else does. And this is the answer to your question, why the country, with all its damp & dirt, *on an average* always kills fewer & gives longer lives than the town. You see this is a question of figures. And the Registrar General is quite right.

In my lilac "Confidential" Report there are 3 passages bearing on your little tract I should like you to read. And I will send you a copy, if you like it, marked, whenever you have time - For I presume you don't carry a copy about with you -

9000/1 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 162

32 South St.

Jan 2/62

My dear Sir Harry

I am always afraid
of putting things off

And therefore

I forestall -

The enclosed is
the account of the
progress of the
Day Rooms (Soldiers)
written to Mrs.
Herbert at the
request of Lord de
Grey. [Please return

it to me] It came back to

me with some

official papers

from the War Office

Since that, the
Military Education
Council have
approved the Reports,
saving one clause.
which we shall
carry too.

But Hawes &
Lugard reign
uncontrolled at
the War Office,
which the W.O. Sir G. Lewis
ignores altogether.
He does not even

"see" the business.

E.g. we had carried a clause that each company of each Regt should have an annual grant of 50/ (£2.10) for books. And Hawes & Lugard have sanctioned this, on condition that the *Librarian's pay* shall be included i.e. shall be paid out of it. Which pay amounts to

several pounds *more* than the granted grant per annum for the whole regiment.

No one would even believe these things.

This however we shall set right.

But the subject of my note is as follows:

The Iron House, at Aldershot, mentioned in the enclosed, "*is to be purchased*" for

£2000 (*This is*
in the Estimates
for ~~next~~ this year)
But the Horse
Guards have
carried it (with
that "*muff*" that
it is to be for an
Officers' Club

Would you, either
by yourself or others,
object in the House
to such an appropriation
of it & urge that
it be made a

Soldiers' Institute?

[In the W.O. itself
there is a strong
indignation about
this mal=appropriation

And Sidney Herbert
may be safely quoted,
that *he* never would
have done such
a thing.]_____

Please remember to be so
good as to order *for me*
the colours for the Bucks
Volunteers as they would
wish them to be. [I am still
so much of a soldier that I
can cry at the sight of my colours]

Many thanks for
your desire that
I should not be
hurried about the
house -

I hope to be
able to move in
a fortnight. And
I do not think
there will be any
difficulty in taking
one of several
sets of rooms I
have had in view.

Your ever truly
F. Nightingale

9000/2 dictated letter, 1f, pen {arch: dictated by F.N.} black-edged paper

32 South Street
Friday Jan 17/62

My dear Sir Harry,

I feel more than I can
say your kindness about
the house, but it would
make me a great deal
more unhappy to keep
you out of yr house or
any part of it, than it
would you to be kept out
& I fully hope & expect
to be able to move in
~~Sunday~~ next week to the house ~~in~~

~~South Audley Street.~~ You
know I cannot easily
express what I feel about
your having lent me your
beautiful house so long.

Dear Sir Harry - thus
far is dictated by your
"affectionate sister in law"
& written for her by

yrs very faithfully
J Hilary Bonham Carter

[end]

9000/3 Wellcome (Claydon copy) signed letter 2ff pen, black-edged paper,
bundle 136

31 Dover St,
Jan 31/62

[15:333-34]

My dear Sir Harry

It is a strange
thing indeed for me
to say, when Sir
George Lewis is so
good as to wish
~~at~~ to see me, that
I cannot.

Poor Sidney Herbert
used to say that
if he had come to
me on War Office
business & found

me in my coffin,
I should have got
out of it to speak
to him.

[Alas! it is he
who is in his grave
first].

But it is now
6 weeks since I
have been able
to see my own
War Office habitués.
And you know
what that is for
me to say.
I may get better.

And then it would
be the greatest
pleasure I could
have to see Sir George
Lewis. But I am
afraid then he will
be too busy with
the Session.

If however there
is any question he
would be so good
as to ask me
about Sidney Herbert's
War Office plans
(now in writing),
I believe I may
quite safely promise

to answer it in
writing as clearly &
shortly as possible.

[end 15:334]

Let me thank you
once more for the
3 months I spent
in your beautiful
house - And believe
me, dear Sir Harry

Yours affectionately
Florence Nightingale

9000/4 dictated letter, 3ff, pen (arch: dictated FN, signed Hilary Bonham
Carter [?Jan 1862} black-edged paper, bundle 136

32 South Street,
My dear Sir Harry,

[15:434-35]

I have no letter from
Sidney Herbert about the
destination of the Iron
House at Aldershot,
for he did not know
of Captn Jackson's Report
upon it, before his death.
Captn Jackson never having
been able to comprehend
that his cause must rest
not upon its intrinsic
goodness but upon the

willingness of the chiefs
of the War Office &
therefore I urged in
vain, that the slightest
report before Sidney
Herbert's death wd be
of more use than the
most solid one afterward.

When it was all over,
he used to come bothering
to me at Hampstead;
every week for 4 mortal
hours urging the
undeniableness of his case

as if any one did deny it,
& as if that were any use
with Sir Geo. Lewis.

But the official fact
remains that Lord Herbert
was so anxious about the
day-rooms at Aldershot
that he sent for the
Resolutions of the day room
Committee before they had
finished their Report
in order to found upon
these resolutions the
official plea for sending
Capt Jackson to report
upon the facilities at
Aldershot, which was

his last act before he went
to Spa, where 6 days
afterwards he resigned.

However, it may be better
not to mention Lord Herbert's
name at all. I leave
that of course to you who
know the Ho. of Commons
so much better than I do.

I have only wished to put
you in possession of the facts
while I could.

You will see, when the
Army Estimates come on,
what is best to be done.
We do not yet know

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even in what words, the
sum for the Iron House
is asked for in the Estimates.
but probably it will be
easy to ask a question &
raise a discussion upon it
when that part of the
Estimates comes on, &
either Galton who is
very keen about it, or
Sutherland wd put you
in possession of any new
facts that may have
arisen by that time, if
I can not.

dictated by Florence Nightingale

J Hilary B.C.

[end 15:455]

9000/5 black-edged paper, bundle 136, signed letter, 1f, pen

31 Dover St

Feb 4/62

My dear

I was just going
to ask you to see me
to morrow, when an
appointment comes
for that day on
W.O. business, the
first I have been
able to make for
6 weeks, & which
I *must* receive, if
I possibly can -

Yes, I have a

very decided opinion
about the place for Sidney
Herbert's statue -
Westminster Abbey
certainly. I have
already said this
to his poor wife &
to Strzlecki.

I should like to
have heard about
the christening -
ever yours
F.

9000/6 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

31 Dover St

Feb 5/62

[16:609]

My dear Sir Harry

My father asked
me "for the last Edition
of my 'Notes on Nursing'"
for Sir W. Heathcote.
I think he meant
the "last Edition" of
of my "Notes on
Hospitals."

It is not done -
not even begun - tho'
promised to Parker
above a year ago -

And Now my
first strength must

be given to the Indian
Report - ~~of~~ for which
there is not a bit
of my "Evidence" yet
written.

But if Sir W.H.
would like my old copy,
or rather yours, of
"Notes on Hospitals",
for immediate
Winchester purposes,
& will return it to
me (he has had it
before) I will send
it him -

[end]

ever your affectly
F. Nightingale

9000/7 initialed letter, 1f, pen

31 Dover St
Sunday Feb 9/62
My dear If you could
come to see me *today*
at ½ past three, I
would give you *to tea*
But don't of course
put off any engagement.
for me, if you were
going, e.g. to Westm.
Abbey with Sir Harry

I had begun a
letter to ~~him~~ George a
long time ago - to thank
him for his which
was really excellent

I am afraid it
never will be finished
now. I send it to you,
in case you like to fill
it up & send it -
poor boy

Yours ever
F.N.

9000/8 initialled letter, 3ff, pencil, bundle 136

My dear By all means, as the
old D. of Cambridge said to
the "Let us pray" at church -
By all means let us read
Stephen on Provence - I for one
never take up Stephen or
Macaulay & ~~can~~ lay them
down again till I have read
to the end. The genuine spirit
with which they inform their
Creations - *Creations* though
they be - tho *partial* enthusiasm
always for the right - honest
in Macaulay - is it always
quite honest in Stephen? -
make the charm of both
these (?) historians

But as the *good* German
Theological School, Ewald &
Co:, say that Oxford has
not yet the first element
of historical research into
theological matters - in which
I quite agree, (I can't, for
the life of me, read Jowett
& Co: tho' I try all I can, I do
indeed) -- so the real
historians abroad say that
there is not the ghost of ~~a~~
historical research ~~about~~ in
Stephen - I am too ignorant
to say. But as for taking
Stephen's authority against
Fauriel (who is "poor (!) Madame
Mohl's" authority, as you call her}

upon such a subject as Provence,
of which Fauriel is acknowledged
Sovereign & sole dictator --
I should as soon think
of letting the authority of the
Six hundred Army Doctors be
taken against mine as to
the state of Scutari. And I
did not. I beat. And the
six hundred fled - (I mean
in the Commission, after I
came back) *Magnus esse -*
veritas, as Smedley says -
Therefore I say, "not in drink"
but in anger. What is
Stephen to Fauriel? I like
Mme Mohl's Provencal and
11th Century chapters better than
her whole book put together.

If you send Stephen to Papa,
you must send him this note
too -

The Dean of St. Paul's (urged
by you) was so good as to
send me Sir G. Lewis Hey diddle diddle
Please thank him for it - If I can,
I will write myself. It amused
me very much - But there is
one thing which puzzles me.
And that is what makes
un homme sérieux. No one ever
gave Sidney Herbert the credit of
being one. His conversation was
so brilliant - For people who
like *anecdotic* conversation, 1000
times more brilliant than
Macaulays' Yet he would as
soon have thought of doing such

a thing as this, while at
the War Office (he who had
More wit than they all) as of
dancing before the Queen on
his head with juggler's tricks.
Every one calls Sir G. Lewis an
homme sérieux. Yet he can
play juggler's tricks in an
Office which killed his prede=
cessor. I understand he does
no work at all - but contents
himself with saying that he
is "very anxious" to carry out
all his predecessor's plans.

When I think now of a
man like S. Herbert who for
a quarter of a century and
been devoted to social & to political

life, in both of which he was
 so successful & in both of
 which he enjoyed his success
 so much - devoting himself
 for 5 years to sitting by my
 sofa writing day Regulations
 with a set of almost technical
 men, as little capable of
 understanding him as Sir G.
 Lewis is of understanding
 his work - I think it is
 to a man like this that
 the palm of Saint & Martyr
 is to be awarded, ending
 as it did in death.

ever yours

F.N.

P.S. "Viewy, an old Oxford word
 introduced by John Henry Newman,

now I believe in disuse is what
 Stephen was as an historian -
 And I among serious historians
 he will never have a higher
 credit than this. For me
 I read him as De Maistre
 (not Xavier but the other)
 said he read Voltaire,
 once through every year,
 C'est un plaisir que je}
 me donne à l'imagination.}

Feb 18/62

Six months S. Herbert has been
 dead

Three months my Clough-
 Twenty four years to day Uncle
 Carter has been dead
 Twenty nine years to day Bertha

has been born -

Twenty five years this month
 I have given myself up to
 this work -

9000/9 initialed letter. 3ff, pen, bundle 136

31 Dover St
Feb 20/62

Dearest. From 8 to 9 in the morning
is my only time, except for my
proper work. "Tu conviendras" that
it would be rather difficult for
me to call a Levee at that time.

I would have answered Lady [9:941-42]
Cranworth's kind letter yesterday.
But it was quite impossible.

I have heard of Lady Canning's
Meml Fund before - Some weeks ago,
a lady wrote to me, desiring me to
draw up a plan.

But (and Lady Cranworth
shares my feeling entirely) they
give no defined statement, they
have no definite idea of how

the thing is to be done. They have
not considered what is meant by
"training Nurses" nor the funds
required.

I enclose all the papers relating
to St. Thomas' for Lady Cranworth,
& the only one printed relating
to King's College - less as an
illustration (which is ~~no~~ little use in
India) than because she has been
so kindly interested about the
subject. The whole of the
income of the Fund (called by my
name) is now appropriated ~~by~~ to
these two objects. It is something
above £1400 a year. The accounts
of St. Thomas' (one year, also enclosed)
will shew ~~how small~~ the number
of Nurses who can have a *thorough*
training even in so large a Hospital

on so large a sum.

But this is not the main thing. There are no means of training Nurses at Calcutta. There is, it is true, a large & bad General Hospital. But who the Matron is we do not know - It seems to me that the first thing is to ascertain what are the capabilities for training at Calcutta & to show them to be satisfactory. They will probably have to get a Matron from England, or what would be much better to send one home from Calcutta, chosen there, to be trained in England. Then they should make some *kind of* guess at what kind of sum they want & what they are likely to raise. Also what kind of subjects for training they are likely to find.

[The poor flighty woman who

wrote to me had not an idea on any one of these subjects & actually wanted to take Soldiers' Wives for training]

How difficult it has been to find good subjects, even with all England to choose out of -

Lady Canning's "Home" is a useful comprehensible scheme - But in its present state the training establishment proposed cannot be said to be comprehensible. And I cannot see how any good would come of it with any number of names. First get a good workable scheme - then an estimate of the cost, & *probable* income. People will be sure to support it. At present there is nothing to support.

You may depend upon it that Lady Cranworth thinks all this herself - & that she is the person who will carry it through to a useful well-digested scheme, if it can be carried through -

I shall be most glad to give any little help in my power (for the sake of so good an object) when it has assumed the form of an object. But Lady Cranworth knows how little that power is. And she kindly says that I should not be expected to collect subscriptions or anything of that kind. [end 9:943]

ever yours

F.N.

I was very glad to see Lady Cranworth's handwriting again. I heard she was ill.

9000/10 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? March 1862} bundle 136

My dear Sir Harry

You may like to see this letter [14:1014] of Dr. Parkes, tho' only the three last pages are ~~for~~ to your purpose

Please return it to me

I rather repented having left you in an error about the Reading room Committee. It had nothing to do with Capt. Jackson - Ld Herbert did not even know his name when he appointed it at my request. It was I who afterwards brought Capt. Jackson before it & before him. And the way I first knew of ~~him~~-Capt J. was, that Mrs. Gaskell wrote to me to tell me what terrible debt he had got into - & could I help him? I got £500 from S. Herbert for him, & a subscription Please burn [end]

Wellcome 9001

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9000/11 bundle 13

note, 1f, pen {arch: Feb 1862}

Nothing but publicity **[15:455]**
will influence the
Horse Guards - no
private persuasion
or information - for
they don't want
to be informed.

The Portsmouth Reports
with Genl Lord William
Paulet's letter upon
it, "RATHER" recommending
it, has just been
referred to the
Horse Guards. But
Ld Wm Paulet proposes
to the Horse Guards
that the house Capt.
Jackson wanted for
the Institute should
be fitted up as Offices
for Artillery Colonels

!!!

[end

To move in the Ho. of C.
for the Report of Genl
Eyre's Commission
on Libraries, Day=
and Reading Rooms
for Soldiers.
To move for a copy
of Captain Pilkington
Jackson's Reports
to the Secretary of State
for War on the
Soldiers' Institutes
at Aldershot & at
Portsmouth.

Wellcome 9001

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9000/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 Chesterfield St

Mar 6/62

[15:455-56]

My dear Sir Harry

I put into Parthe's
hands a paper of what
I thought wanted
most to be done
on the Army Estimates.
These were:

to ask whether the
Iron House at Aldershot,
put down in the
Estimates, was to be
for Officers or for a
men's club=house.

to move for Capt.
Jackson's Reports on

Aldershot & Portsmouth
soldiers' clubs:

to move for Genl
Eyre's Report on
Reading & Day Rooms
for Soldiers

Generally, I think
the great point is to
keep them up to the
Sanitary improvements
& to prevent any
tampering with our
work on the score
of economy.

Wellcome 9001

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You know of course
much better than I
do when & how these
things should be moved
for or done -

I am afraid I have
inconvenienced you by
not answering your
kind note of the 4th
before. But yesterday
I was quite incapable
of doing anything. And
I was obliged to get
up, which did not
make matters better.

I am very glad that
your son is going to
such a good & interesting
Station as Vancouver's
Island. {arch: E.H.V} I believe
the D. of Newcastle
sent my circular
about Colonial Schools
there, as well as to
our other Colonies.
But I don't suppose
they have any
children yet there.

[end 15:456]

I hope to see
Parthe before your
son starts
ever yours affectely
F. Nightingale

9000/13 envelope only, 1f, pen

{postmarked London MR 14 62}
Mrs. Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

9000/14 dictated letter, 3ff, black-edged paper pen, bundle 136

Thursday 20th March

Private 1862 [15:335-36]

My dear Sir Harry:

I send you the letter
of this plausible humbug
because it contains much
information about Vancouver's
Island. I never promised
to give him money, [which
is unsafe - unless report
greatly belies him;] but
to give him books & things
for his sappers - However
you see he will have
money. I wish his letter
had arrived before your son

went out, If you would kindly
undertake to answer this
letter in the way you
think best, either thro'
your son or otherwise, I
would send you £10, if
you think that desirable
Please return me the letter

I think it quite
indisputable that Mr
Cowper's plan will not do
to put Sidney Herbert's
statue out of doors.

It is notorious that nothing
but bronze will stand it
& I for one should resist
with all my might.

The fine Arts commission
did make a proposal to
admit it within the precincts
of the houses of Parliament
- the only fit place for it
in my opinion.

Westminster Hall would
be the second best.

If the Fine Arts Commission
have withdrawn their
proposal, it ought to be
urged upon them again.

Mr Cowper's argument, that
private works should not be
admitted within
public
buildings is considered
nonsense. The Herbert
Committee have nothing to
do but to turn over the
Statue as I understand to
the Fine Arts Commission
when finished, whereby it
ceases to be private property
or Herbert Committee
property.

My information
principally comes from

[2]

Lord Palmerston's letters to Mrs. Herbert, but *this* of course you must not quote, altho' you may quote the information if you think fit

Lord Palmerston positively wrote to Mrs. Herbert that the Fine Arts Commission wd admit the Statue *within* the Houses of Parliament. Please remember not to repeat this. Of course I give up Westminster Abbey: but I

cannot agree with Mrs. Herbert & everybody else who seem to think it a kind of low place like Cremorne or Vauxhall

[end 15:336]

~~Private~~

written for F.N.

J Hilary BC.

9000/15 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:767-68]

9 C St

Mar 28 {arch: 1862}

Dearest mother

I shall be very much pleased with a housemaid from Embley, if it turns out that you think she will do.

I am in treaty with three others, so that they must stand over till I hear from you whether yours will do or not -

You know that the most scrupulous cleanliness is what I want - nicety

& order in *common* work
so that she shall not
need some one always
standing over her, or
two dustpans of dust
will accumulate
under an ordinary
carpet - a thing I
have just discovered
here in a room
supposed to be
thoroughly cleansed -

There is no *fine*
housemaid's work to
do- as Mrs. P. Ward
put away every
thing that was worth
anything.

Many thanks for the
prints, framed & unframed,
the curtains & all
the rest out of the boxes.
We shall look quite
grand -

Perhaps next time
Burton will make us
a *pigeon* pie. And
could you send us next
time a sod with grass
for the cat?

Are you going to have
any kittens?

ever dear Mum

your loving child

F.

9000/16 note on a letter, 1f, pen

No thank you. I will
not trouble you to enquire
farther about this
housemaid. {Besides I
think her former places
~~were~~ too fine for me]
Out of five candidates
on my list, I have two,
Mama's & Mrs. Bohn's,
between whom I have
real difficulty in

Wellcome 9001

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choosing - both so
promising.

9000/17 initialled letter, 5ff, pen, bundle 13

Friday

Dearest Mother

The box was lovely & duly admired, especially by the little Patients of King's Coll: Hosp.

I partook of Mrs. Burton's rabbit pie myself -

Would you ask Mrs. Watson if Mme. Thomas is going to have another family & how soon? For they (the kits) are to come to me, you know - I am afraid I shall have to borrow Mr. Thomas for my present Puss.

I am at present bent on

ornamentation to hide the dirt in this most filthy house, which will cost us far more than its worth in the most necessary repairs & cleanliness.

I understand now (too late) that my landlady, Mrs. Plumer Ward is notorious for beastliness (I beg pardon for this ugly but only appropriate word) & that people, who know her, refuse to let their houses to her, because of the incredible accumulations of filth she leaves behind her.

I am going to have my bedroom which was hers *whitewashed*, as the only means of cleansing it.

Not one window in the house
opened at the top when I came
in - many not at all - the
sky light at the top of the only
stair case was battened down-
And for four years the stair
case air had never been
renewed -

I have been obliged to have
every window in the house
re: hung, to open - a new
sky light made, to open - &
a light made over the front
door, to open -

What to do with the walls
I know not, because they are
papered - tho' in some places
the pattern is quite undetectible
through filth.

If it were a Barrack or
Hospital, we should instantly
give orders to move out all
the men & have the whole
place "cleansed & limewashed"
from top to bottom. ~~every~~

As for the carpets, I am
giving to turn them out
bodily - rugs the same.

I wish I could do the
same with the chimnies,
all of which smoke -

And I wish I could
marry filthy Mrs. P. Ward
to dirty Mr. Hall, of the
Burlington, for her punishment

All this is with an eye
to business. What filth I cannot

[2]

remove, I want to cover.

Would you send me up **[7:486]**

my framed prints of

Guercino's Ecce Homo &

Mater Dolorosa

Delphic Sybil

Two Maries at the Sepulchre

which I had at Harley St.

& which are now, I believe,

in the Gordon Hall -

not any of the portraits -

(I cannot bear any portraits

of those I have so loved

& have lost)

If you have any prints in

portfolio's, which you would

lend me to frame, such as

Correggio's Parce Somnum Rumpece

his Magdalen, or Raphael's

Vision of Ezekiel, I would

be very glad. But I don't

want to denude your *walls*.

Or the little oil sketch of

the blazing sunset at Athens.

If when you go to Lea Hurst

in the Summer, you would let

me have the statuettes of

Sophocles & Lorenzo de' Medici,

instead of packing them up,

I would faithfully return

them when you returned -

But this is a long time

ahead to reckon upon. I

might even ask then (when

you pack up the house) for the

copy of the Cenci

[end 7:486]

ever dearest mother, your loving child

F.

P.S. [black-edged paper]

I heard a gentleman
put his head out of
window in the street
this morning= &, with
very bad language,
shout, amidst a great
variety of agreeable
expletives, to a
wretched Italian
organgrinder, (who
evidently understood
nothing but the tone) "If you don't
stop that infernal
noise, I'll send for
a policeman". This
is just what I should
like to say to Mrs.
Plumer Ward, substituting
for "noise" the word
"filth". And she
would understand
me just as little.
But then the gentleman
did send for a
policeman. And I
can't. Because the
laws of my country
are defective.

I want Papa, when
he comes from Lea Hurst,
to bring me the desk

Lea gave me & the
Bible Pleasley gave
me, & the bunch of
grass from Inkermann.
I don't know whether
there is anything to
hang on the walls
which I could beg,
borrow or steal from
Lea Hurst.

Would you send
him on this whole
letter?

It is three months
next Monday that
I have been for all
practical purposes

confined to my bed.
And to be another
three months staring
at the stains of filth
on my walls in this
small close room
does, I confess, rather
appal me.

It is so curious
how every body asks
of me, & nobody
gives to me, who
have toiled myself
into this state, for
them. But don't fancy
this discontented
speech ever applies
to you or Papa - F.N.

9000/18 signed letter, 4ff, pencil, black-edged paper bundle 135

9 C St

April 2 [1862]

My dear Sir Harry

We are very much
obliged to you for having
pinned Sir G. Lewis.
Depend upon it that
it is entirely owing to
you that the Iron Ho:
is carried for the men
Sir G.L. had told the
Horse Guards that "he
would discuss it with
the Commander in
Chief at next
Saturday's meeting" -
Now why "discuss" it,

if he had "determined"?
Sir G. L. is so (I will
not say ignorant but)
forgetful of all details
- save those belonging
to the "Roman Book
trade" under the
"Empire" - that the
Commander in Chief
or Sir B. Hawes can
talk him over _always.

2 - I hope the American [5:170-71]
Minister's judgement will
incline to employing
the magnificent Peabody
gifts 1. In Model Lodging
Houses 2. The rents
should be devoted to
extending the class of
accommodation.

England gives enormously
(voluntarily & compulsorily)
to every means of
improving the poor man
out of "home" - the
Workhouse, the Reformatory, the School,
the Hospital, the Church.
She gives hardly at
all to improving his

condition at "home" -
I wonder, if all Poor
Rates had been ~~paid~~
devoted to improving
poor dwellings, whether
a Workhouse would
have been needed at
all now - in all the
breadth or length of
the land.

There is plenty of
ground, especially in the E. where
the houses are all
cottages, with large
useless unhealthy
courts.

The buildings should
be in floors.

The American Minister will have, I have no doubt, no lack of professional assistance offered him.

But should it come to lodging houses, & should it come to plans, & need hardly say that I should feel honoured in obtaining for him every kind of such assistance, free of cost, in perfecting the plans, as to all Sanitary requirements. We have been so long

engaged on these subjects.

For my part, I believe that, in all European countries, more sickness, poverty, mortality & crime is due to the state of our poor men's dwellings than to any other cause -

And I would rather devote money to remedying this than to any institution.

For I believe that the "home" is the main source of practical improvement (moral

& physical) & that this, the Centre of all national civilization, is what is least cared for - in national efforts.

Ever yours affectly

F. Nightingale

9000/19 note on a letter, 1f, pen {written diagonally} bundle 136

Yes: I would **[16:634]**
gladly look over the
plans, if Mr. Laird will
understand that I can't
see *him*, & that I can't be
hurried. I must have the plans
for 2 or 3 days, so that I may
take advantage of my better moments
to look at them. I was obliged
to keep the Devonport plans
(the last I had from the
War Office) since I
have been in this
house - a fortnight. **[end]**

9000/20 signed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136

[thoroughly crossed out ~~illeg~~]
9 Chesterfield St
W.

April 5/62 **[16:634-35]**

My dear Sir Harry

Mr. Laird is doing a most
generous thing in building this
Hospital. But, in doing so, his
object is to obtain the very
best building for the sick
that his money will supply.
The area is too small to allow
of this being done. For although
two acres per 100 beds is enough,
this rule applies to large, not
to small Hospitals. Because,
however small, the Hospital
wants Administrative Offices.
And these Offices will do for
a large as well as a small

number of beds.

In this case the offices cover almost as much ground as the wards. At the new "Herbert" Hospital they occupy about a fifth or sixth of the ward area.

This plan is very crowded. And there are things about the building much better away. While the plan (forced by the ground upon the Architect) is very much the reverse of realizing my principles.

I would enter more into criticism - But that my first advice would be that sufficient space be given over to the Architect to enable him in sketching new plans, to apply the principles more fully. I would

then most gladly help. At present I cannot.

Birkenhead has magnificent capacities for a Hospl of the very best construction. If the present site is kept, 4 plots instead of two, will be necessary.

Of course a Hospl of this size costs very much more per bed than one of 4 or 8 times its size.

If you ask me what are the main things I think injurious to Patients in this plan, I would instance, among others:

1. The plan is in fact a closed court, open only to the North.

2. The Accident Ward (accidents requiring, to give them a good chance, the very best of all conditions for recovery) has the very worst place in the building

3. There is a closed Corridor from end to end, on one side of which these unfortunate Accidents lie.

4. In a new building the Nurses' Rooms & Sculleries should be put in convenient places. i.e. the Scullery on one side the entrance to the Ward, the Nurse's room on the other, so that, day & night, she commands her whole ward by a window looking into its whole *length*. [In this case she might as well get up & look thro' the door.]

I hardly think the Architect has understood some of the applications of his principles.

Ever dear Sir Harry

Your affecte

Florence Nightingale

I don't know where I

have said that a ward should be "23 ft wide".

I said "*not more* than 30 ft wide." We have however

{written vertically along the edge of the first page}

built wards of "24 ft wide". They are rather narrow for convenience

i.e. for placing moveable dressers down the middle of the ward.

Besides, I have said that the bed's territory should be 12 ft. (12 x 2 = 24)

gives breadth

of ward. [end 16:635]

9000/21 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136

9. Chesterfield St

April 7/62

My dear Sir Harry

Sir G. Lewis is such a muff
that he will do nothing. Lord
de Grey perhaps may.

I have long been convinced
that nothing but such measures
as I have put on the other
side would do any good.

Altho' Day Rooms & Clubs

we must have too to fill

the men's minds with good, while removing
the temptation from them to evil.

Ever yrs affly

F.N.

With regard to the abominations
alluded to in Capt. Jackson's Report,
the following steps should be taken:

1. the attention of the Home Office
directed to the Report & copies
sent to Magistrates calling their
attention to it & to putting the
law in force.

2. if Magistrates won't act,
Government to apply for a
Mandamus

3. if powers not sufficient,
an Act to be immediately introduced
to extend Military jurisdiction
over all public houses & other
places of entertainment within
(say) 1 ½ or 2 miles of camp
limits.

Lock Hospitals & Soldiers'
Clubs would just be as
inefficient, per se, to stem
this evil, which is one purely
for the Police to deal with,
as it would be to build Day
Rooms for thieves to prevent
them from thieving.

9000/22 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136 [8:427]

Private The Pigsty
 Ap 12. 62.

My dear Sir Harry
 I find a strong
impression in the
War Office that you
had better do what
you think fit in
the House of Commons
1. about directing
attention to the state
of vice in the Army
2. about the Iron
Ho. at Aldershot --
for that otherwise
Sir G. Lewis will do

nothing.

 At last Saturday's
Meeting, the Duke of
Cambridge pressed him
very much to give the
Iron Ho: to Mr.
Pridmore for the *officer*.
And Sir P.L. only
said, Le Roi s'avisera.
And the Horse Guards
still, expect to get
it!

 About the other
thing, he is still
less likely to act:
unless forced by the
Ho: of C.

So, they tell me -
Lord de Grey sent to
me (& I have done it
& sent it) to write a
Minute upon Day
Rooms to put it
forward in the W.O.,
*and upon the other
thing.*

In answer to what
the W.O. often urges
~~about~~ for adopting Lock
Hospls=, & the French
system, I should like
yo to write to you -
Some day the
overwhelming evidence

we have 1. that Venereal
disease is *generated*
by vice, not only
communicated by
infection_ 2. that the
French system, as is
acknowledged by
themselves, fails even in
averting the disease,
which is all they use
it for_ 3. that Lock
Hospls= scarcely check
the evil. For it is vice
which makes it, not infection.

ever your affectly,
F.N.

9000/23 unsigned note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

Cost of York (Military)

Hospital - just completed

£4160 60 beds

or under . £70 per bed

This does not include

land

Parian cement

or oak floors

(the floors being of deal)

or washhouse

But it does include

a great deal of made

ground, some 8 feet

at one end, an expensive

enclosure wall &c &c

And it is certainly the

best Hospital in Europe

at present existing.

At the cost of £75

per bed, every thing

might be included.

Ap 12/62

9000/24 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St

Ap 15/62 [16:635-36]

My dear Sir Harry

Inside Parthe's
portfolio is a pamphlet
of mine for Mr. Laird,
if you will kindly
send it him.

The Hospl of
which I sent you
the details of cost
(£4160 for 60 beds)
is the same as
"Plan of a Regimental
Hospl" in said
pamphlet, but
without the first

floor of wards -
with the central
first floor. The
staircase is fit only
for a nobleman's
house - But you
can carry a Patient
at full length up
it, without the
slightest danger
of shaking or
alarming him, in
case we should
ever build our
first floor of wards.
The small ward, 1,
is turned into an

Operating Room, when
required; & is quite
good enough. The
Nurse's room, 2,
would be too small
for a woman, but
could easily be
increased by projecting
the side The Day Room
is most cheerful &
pleasant. Some of
the other dimensions
would be too small
for a Civil Hospl

Hot water is laid
over the whole Hosp
& arrives boiling at

the lavatories at
the end of the long
wards, so *that*
question is solved.

By the end of this
year we shall have
five Hospls as good
as or better than
this, in the Army.

[end 16:636]

Ever yrs affectey
F.N.

9000/25 notes, 2ff, pen {arch: March 1862} **[8:424-25]** in columns on long blue paper, bundle 136

Col: Bertie Gordon is one of those true soldiers who care for their men - & who feel the evils of being hampered by those who don't -

He was hurt by our criticism on this latter class, because he inferred that we criticized his work.

He had excellent materials to work with - and it is a very different thing to command a corps like the Gordon Highlanders from a corps indiscriminately organized.

With a Regt= tied to its traditions, a Command= Officer has much better chance -

There is not much in the letter to our point - viz. The effect of soldiers' day-rooms, occupations, trades &c

All Col: Gordon says is that the men were well conducted - & that discipline was maintained, notwithstanding (?) the common-sense course he adopted for amusing them.

So far, so good: but one would have liked more detail.

Lock Hospitals
he misunderstands the objection.

Nobody objects to

simply receiving these -
poor creatures & treating
them:

The objection is to any
System which does more -
E.g. no law can recognise
as lawful both prostitution
& marriage, without
introducing such
confusion as to sap
moral distinctions.

This is no theory. It
is an ascertained fact
in countries where it is
done -

The objection is to any
System legalizing both.

But any system
placing prostitution
under the ban of public
law, yet trying to save
its victims morally,
physically or both, is
not open to objection.

But ~~that a~~ no Govt= should
cure a woman, merely
to turn her out again
to sin - ~~if it chooses to~~
~~do this~~ - and it stands
in the place of the
Church in this matter.
It ought to provide for
both ends.

If only the physical
cure is made, & if, for
this end, the law is
relaxed as regards
prostitution, more
harm is actually done
than good, *even physically*
For moral self=control
is relaxed.

The abomination in India
is not venereal disease,
nor Lock Hospls=, (nor the
refusing to have Lock Hospls=)
but the licensing of lal
Bazars.

Syphilis in the Indian
Army is the result. And
all the Lock Hospitals
in the world will never
cure it.

Soldiers' Marriages
I have always been of
Col: B. Gordon's opinion.

If a soldier enlists
at 18, his ten years'
service are over at 28.

If he marries then, he
marries earlier than
most (provident) men
of his class

Let him always marry
then I say.

There ought not to be
that in the soldier's life
which makes earlier
marriage necessary.

It would go far to
remedy the evils mentioned
by Col: Gordon at Calcutta,
if the State allowed
the men not to marry till then.

But anything so
dreadful as what he
mentions cannot be
charged against the
practice of marriage.

It must be charged
to the wretched
inefficiency & incompetency
of the Army administration

When such things

happen, it is the public servants who should be called to account.

Sir J. Lawrence prevented them.

There is not much to help us in this letter.

We are right: and we have evidence that Soldiers' Institutes *have* prospered, that the men support them, that sobriety & good conduct *have* increased & crime diminished when they have been fairly tried - And this is their best argument.

9000/26

[8:425-26]

Private Good Friday {arch: 1862}

My dear Sir Harry

I have often heard the remark made by your Frenchman. And it is true. The police here *ought* to repress all indecent exhibitions in the streets & all (repressible) temptations to young persons, as they do in Paris.

Paris is the most decent city in the world.

But I have also heard the best physicians, physicians

who had gone into the
subject not only
with science but
with heart & soul,
(and *not* English/) -
say "Better 1000 times
your London vice in
all its frightful
openness than our
regularized legalized
Paris vice eating into
the national soul."
And I agree.

England looks
upon vice as theft
or murder or any
other *criminal* action,

as the crime to be
repressed, the criminal
to be saved, if possible.

France looks upon
vice as birth or death
or any other *natural*
action not to be
performed in the
streets, to be provided
for as comfortably
as possible under
cover, & the suffering of it to
be averted as much
as possible

But to this last
God has said "No".
He has arranged its

punishment. And
police cannot avert
it.

The one thing which
I think more horrible
than either French or
English system, is the
Army system here -
where a poor stolid
country bumpkin of
19 or 20, just enlisted,
goes into a publichouse
to rest & "have a drink",
& ~~of~~ has temptation
pressed ~~led to~~ upon him in a
form which the Prince
of Wales, alas! Could not
resist. How can this poor
ignoramous be supposed to do so?

9000/27 initialled letter with envelope, 1f, pen, black-edged paper
{envelope} Lady Verney
32 South St

My dear Sir Harry [8:428]

If it would interest you
to glance over the enclosed paper,
which I have prepared for
Lord de Grey, pray do. But I
must trouble you to send it
me back in an hour.

Ap 17/62 F.N.

Wellcome 9000/28 initialed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen

From the house of the **[1:154-56]**

Fever-compelling Erinnyes

9 Chesterfield St W.

My dearest Pray read the enclosed & put it into
the post for Mama

[black-edged paper] bundle 136

Your miserable F.

Ap 19/62

The Pigsty 9 C St

Easter Eve {arch: April 19 1862}

Dearest Mother Your
weekly box gives pleasure
to many little eyes,
besides mine - viz in
King's College Hospl
I like ~~the~~ Sarah Fletcher
very much. She is clean
& steady. And I have
no doubt we shall
hang together till she
marries or I die.

The "nuisance" was
not removed till Wednesday
not Tuesday, (vide letter
which I enclose & which
please return) On
Wednesday we mustered

strong on my side Uncle Sam, Dr.
Sutherland, Bratby. &
my Messenger. And the
Pig of Pigs' maid, agent
& his three or four men
on hers. She had
written another insolent
letter about me to her
agent, positively refusing
to have the little interior
room, (called in the
letter to Papa "cupboard")
cleared. [She has locked up
every "cupboard" in the house]

TWO VANS FULL of
dirty bedding, foul
linen!!! dirty stuffed
furniture & carpets,
we got rid of. The
men were carrying

down stairs the whole
of the day. All agreed,
even her own maid,
that they had never
had such a dirty job.
And the men said
they had never carried
anything which "stank
so"! Dr. Sutherland said,
if I had not persisted,
we should have had
Typhus (of which her
own husband died,
through her dirt) The
men would have left
the second van load
till next day - but
that I declared, if they
did, I would whitewash

over all they left.
I had the whitewashers
ready. And they came
in & instantly began
whitewashing. But
alas! the workmen
are still in the house
today (Saturday) which
day I have been here
7 weeks - so that
nearly 2 months of
my five are gone,
& have been spent
not in a house, but
a Pigsty and Workshop
I have been made so
ill by the noise &
contention of Wednesday
that I have been obliged

again to suspend work.

Nothing but the
sake of the servants &
my duty to them would
have induced me to
go through the agony
of the last 7 weeks.
If it had been only
me, I should have
encamped in this room,
never gone out of it.
And it would have
been far better for me
to have left the rest
of the house
as it was
than to have gone
through what I have
in living in a Workshop

& in struggling with
this wicked woman.

It seems as if I
never were to be quit
of her. Today I have
an Attorney's letter
summoning me to pay
Board Wages(!) to the
dismissed housemaid.
[Papa will tell you
what this means].
Of course I won't.

And now I do hope
my family will not
go about & say that
I "make too much of
this grievance," that
"all London houses are
like this," that my

"Sanitary ideas are
exaggerated" &c &c &c &c &c
Les absens ont toujours
tort. And I have found,
les malades ont toujours
tort. Because they
cannot go about &
tell their own story.
And if my family tells
my story for me in this
way, people, in their
idleness, are too glad
to believe it. Yet this
is the way that (*non*)
Sanitary destruction to
life & health is achieved
& *continued.*

Mrs. P. Ward is of the
sort who destroys Armies

(as she did her husband,
fortunately she had
no Army to destroy)
F.N. is of the sort who
saves Armies. Europe
has thought that F.N.
knows a little more
about these things
than other people.
Yet there is *nothing*
on which her own
family lectures F.N.
so much - as if her
experience were some
wild delusion. This
is not the way to support
truth. **It is the way** to
encourage such people
as this Typhus, begetting
(Jove) Fury (ever dear Mum your F. **[end 1:156]**)

9000/30 (2) initialed note, 2ff, pen, note: 2 letters id 9000/30 but nothing
9000/32

Sir Harry Verney **[15:456]**
should return this to
Sir George Lewis &
say he is surprised
to see that he (Sir
G. Lewis) does not
appear to recognise
the pledge he gave
in the Ho: of Commons
to Sir H. Verney, viz.
that the Club-house
should be appropriated
to a Soldiers' Institute
Also say that Sir H.

Verney must ask
a question on that
subject in the Ho:
of Commons, as several
Members of Parlt
distinctly understood
that Sir G. Lewis
gave that pledge

I have consulted
with the War Office.
And the above is
the course they
recommend

[end]

F.N.

Ap 26/62

9000/29 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 136

At the Fever compelling Erinnys
9 Chesterfield St.

Ap 22/62

My dear Sir Harry

I think I smell something
good giving away (in Ld Shaftesbury's
card) Could not something
be given to Fliedner's Deaconesses
at Beirut & Sidon - their
Orphanages &c ? I have heard
nothing more from Sir C. Eardley.

All the missions I have
seen in the East (specially the
German) are beneath contempt -
All the Schools I have seen in
the East (specially the German)
are admirable_ Christian in
the grandest sense of the term -
ever yours F.N.

9000/30 initialled letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, 2 letters labeled
9000/30, but no 9000/32 bundle 13

House of the
Fever-compelling Erinnys [1:757]
Ap 25/62

Dearest mother

I expect to have
an Analytical description
of each of the 3 little cats,
whether tabby or yellow -

If Thomas was with
his wife, Thomas may have
killed two of his little
cats.

I forget how long
the Cat's Monthly Nurse
thinks they (the babies)
ought to stay before they
are weaned. But I think
it is 6 weeks.

It is better to send

me the two biggest
first. And the third
a week after.

Cats coats are
most often spoiled by
their being separated
too young; so that they
cannot be licked either
by mother or sister.

The mouse=colour
which Mrs. Sutherland has
(please tell Mrs. Watson)
holds her own against
a Maltese dog, a spaniel
dog & a large immense
Tom cat.

My present Pussie
has been married twice.
And no signs of little
cats.

Ever yours dearest Mum

F.

9000/31 initialled letter, 4ff, pen [1:566-67]

9 Chesterfield St

Ap 25/62

My dear Sir Harry

I have considered very
deeply the letters you
have done me the honor
to send me - And when
I say honor, I feel it
so.

My first impulse
is to say "go." But
then you know, I am
what Ld Panmure
called me, a "turbulent
fellow".

There is not the
least doubt that
the post is worthy of

you & you of the post.

There is not the
least doubt that
Governors of the
adventurer class have
done our colonies
much harm - that
what they want is
an English gentleman
of a high moral
standard - that
of all the men they
are likely to get,
there is not one
who would do so
well for them as
you -

Had England understood her true interests, she would have got parts of land in our Colonies for her younger sons, instead of making them hangers on of ~~the~~ Government Offices & of the Church. And our colonies would then have been very different places from what they are now.

Melbourne understands her own interests well when she says she wants a gentleman & not a professional man.

You certainly would do great good there. And so would an English lady.

The climate is one of the healthiest in the world & would far out=balance any harm the voyage would do Parthe - As far as human foresight can see, you & she would probably come back no older than you & she are now.

I do not think the consideration of leaving her father &

mother or sister ought
to weigh with her,
tho' it will grieve her,
as also, it ought not,
I am sure, to weigh
with them.

You have of course
consulted your brothers.
Ask him to weigh
very maturely the
saving (of money) it would
be to you. This is the
point I doubt most.
Colonies are very
jealous, as indeed
this letter states, of
having the whole of
the income they give

spent in them. I
could tell you an
instance of a man
I know very well (&
quite the best
administrator I know)
who is unpopular
from this cause alone.
He saves the income of
his Governorship.

What you would
save would be simply
the cost of living in
England & the rent
of your house -

Your younger children
are provided for as
well as, or better than
most younger children
of their rank -

I confess this would
weigh with me much
less than the moral
reason for going; &
would not weigh at all
against the sacrifice
of leaving English Society
for 6 years -

The post of a Governor,
worthily filled, as you
would fill it, is on
the other hand, a very
noble one - And I
wish it were more
the custom for men
of your moral rank
to accept these posts.

We shall miss you
very much in all

moral subjects connected
with the Ho: of C., the
Army & the Charitable
Societies.

These seem to me
the main considerations.
If Parthe would like
to come & talk things
over with me, I could
see her tomorrow at
12: instead of waiting
till Sunday. Unfortunately
I have tomorrow
afternoon a Meeting
of Men here about
the removal of St Thomas
Hospl=, which, tho' I shall
not see them, I cannot
put off

Ever yours
F.N.

9000/33 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

Private 9 C St

Ap 29/62

My dear Sir Harry

Lord de Grey

thinks that the best
course to secure the
Iron Ho: at Aldershot
is for you to ask
Sir G. Lewis in the
Ho: of C. about it,
alluding to his former
promise, and that,
if it could be arranged
that R.M. Milnes,

Genl Lindsay etc
could cheer or
support the proposal,
it would pledge
Sir G. Lewis to act
at once.

The Horse Guards
have proposed to set
up a small Institute
in the camp. But
the best part of the
War Office say that
this is meant to
"swamp the plan for
using the Iron Ho:"

It is needless to

say that Ld de Grey
takes the same view
that we did as to
Sir G. Lewis' answer
to you.

Perhaps you have
done something
already. But I
think not. As I
have only this moment
received the above
suggestion from Ld
de Grey.

P.S. My facts have
shaken his views
with regard to Police
Regulations (French)

9000/34 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 136

9 C St

Ap 30/62

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you very much
for your letter & Notice
of Motion from the Ho:
of C. last night.

I received this
morning from the W.O.
a letter, of which the
following are extracts:

"some step must be
"taken *at once*
"about the Iron House.
"The Horse Guards have
"written a letter to
"urge the building
"being given up as

"Lugard is anxious
"for the club. Hawes
"objects to every thing
"Ld Herbert proposed"

x x x

"It is purely a
"question of *pressure*
"If Sir G. Lewis can
"be prevented from
"using the building
"as an Officers' Club,
"the soldier may get
"it in time."

I do not suggest to you -
You are a much better
judge than I, of the Ho: of
C. I only wish to keep you
informed of what the W.O. **[end]**
thinks. ever yours F.N.

9000/35 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 136

My dear I have written
to Mudie to say that I
keep "Mountaineering" for
another week. So don't
let Freddy be hurried
with it. And let it be
sent back to me *here*
when done with

F.N.

May 3/62

9000/36 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

May 2/62 **[16:636]**

My dear

I send back Mr.
Laird's plans, with
criticism. I assure
you it grieves me
much more than
him to criticize,
when the good man
has taken so much
pains (& understands
nothing at all
about it). And yet,
as it often happens
to me to be obliged

to say, you had better
put the Patients under
the hedges than in
such a building as
that.

However in this
case the present
ground will really
admit of a beautiful

Hospl _____ [end]

If Freddy has
quite done with
"mountaineering", please

let me have it, as
Mudie has sent for
it, it being a new
book. But, if not,
let him keep it
another week. Or
I would gladly give
him a copy of his own

Am I to keep on
your beautiful little
flat glass vase with
the Azaleas?

F.N.

9000/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 136

9 C St

May 5/62

[15:458]

My dear Sir Harry

Sir G. Lewis admitted to Mr. Ewart that the Portsmouth Home would do good, but said no use would come of asking a question, because there was no money.

If you or ~~Lord de~~ Mr. Ewart would apply to Capt. Galton or Lord de Grey for an authoritative statement that the £3000 for

Dayrooms has been voted & that £1100 can be obtained from it for the Portsmouth Institute, Sir G. Lewis might thereby obtain some information of what he has put on his own Estimates.

But the only way to do this so as to carry weight is for you or Mr. Ewart to get the information at the W.O. & then to inform Sir G. Lewis that the money exists.

- then, if he makes
any hitch, for you or
Mr. Ewart to give
notice of Motion for
the question. And
Lord de Grey must
then inform that
pendulum x (Sir G. Lewis)
officially that the
money exists & may
be spent in this way

[end]

Yours

F.N.

x He is not even a
pendulum but a
shuttlecock

9000/38 initialed note, 1f, pen, bundle 136

The article favourable
to the removal of
St. Thomas' is in the
Medical Times
of April 19

[16:785-86]

It is quite within my
remembrance since an
Article (like that) saying
that anything but
Medicine and Surgery
signified for Medical
& Surgical Patients,
would have ruined a
Medical paper. And
it is inexcusable in

the "Times" to be behind
a Medical paper
which we *used* to
think the lowest
vehicle of ignorance.

Even now, Dr. Guy
is advocating that
dirt is healthy & that
King's Col. Hospl
(the worst of all the
Hospls) is the healthiest. [end 16:786]
F.N.

May 9/62

9000/39 [8:168] initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136

9 C St W

May 14/62

Dearest Mother

I was so shocked with
Miss Jones', of King's Coll. Hosp,
worn=out appearance
on Monday, (I have seen
such terrible catastrophes
of men failing, failing,
unobserved even by
their own families; &
then dying in the prime
of their usefulness,
worn=out, & old men
at 40 and 50,) She
seemed to me so worn=
out, body & mind, that
I told her she *must*

go somewhere for
absolute rest; & that
soon - And I wrote
without her knowledge
to her Dr., & told him
that God would take
her into his own hands,
if he did not.

She is quite the
most valuable woman
I know now existing.

Would it be possible
for her to go in a
week or ten days
to Lea Hurst for a
month? and could
she be "done for " by
the woman there? I

would gladly pay for
a woman, if this
could not be, & pay for
Miss Jones' board down there.

I believe it
would save her life,
meaning Miss Jones'

Entire solitude
& the beauty of the place
is what she longs for.

I understand
Papa does not go
down till the end
of June - Not that
she would mind
him so much as he
her. ever dearest Mum
your loving child F.

I never answered you

about Miss Fenton's protégé.
I have taken my name
off all the places I
subscribe to & *I never vote*. Because
it was quite impossible
for me ever to receive
the applications for votes. But
the R. Hospl said if I
took my name off, it would
ruin them. But they took
my address off. And now
people write to my friends
for my address. I had **[6:626-27]**
a letter the other day from
a man in Russia I never
heard of in my life, asking
me to get an Epileptic
boy (in Russia) I never
heard of in my life, into
a London Hospl This cost
me the writing of 20 letters.
And I have done it. **[end 6:627]**

{written vertically along the side of the first page, the ends of the lines
not on the film}

You know I have been so liberal to the R. Hosp.
giving them
plans &
£50. And
I might
well be
spared
"voting &
"interest" ing

9000/40 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St.

May 14/62

[15:458-59]

My dear Sir Harry

About the Iron Hos;
at Aldershot:

The arguments used
against it by the Horse
Guards: men there, are
the very ones which
we consider conclusive
for it.

1. its position: to
intercept the men on
their way to those
horrid places.

2. its magnificence,
which is the only way
to rival the attractions,
often magnificent, of

those wicked places.

This is an argument
used by that sober man,
Col. Lefroy, who says
you must have
sensuous attractions
for the uneducated -
They want them far
more than the educated.

3: the Officers having
paid originally entrance
money £1 each, constitutes
no claim upon the
property. the place
has failed twice as
an Officers' Club. In
civil life this would
be considered as their
share as shareholders.

And the business has failed; that is all.

But this is the Horse
Guards all over.

4. I hate the
argumentum ad hominem.
But Revd Huleatt says
he "knew me at Scutari".
Yes & I knew him (for
an empty headed coxcomb)
And the best people
at the W.O. opposed
his promotion to Aldershot.
But the Horse Guards
carried it. He has made
his fortune by a wound
in China, incurred by
going where he never
ought to have gone.

Col Simmons is the
best Engineer Officer we

have & the worst judge
as to the wants of the
soldier. He has opposed
institutions of far
greater importance than
the Iron Ho: for their
benefit.

The Horse Guards have
already urged on Sir G.
Lewis the establishment
of a smaller Soldiers'.
.Institute, for the sake
of getting the Iron Ho:
for the officers
(Which the Officers
never would support
when they had it)

And the best people at the War Office
{written vertically in the margin of the first page}
told me this very thing with the greatest
indignation
against
the H.G.

A thousand thanks for the
beautiful flowers from
Claydon which cheered
my poor old birth day
very much ever yours F.N.

[end]

9000/41 initialed letter, 2ff, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St

May 16/62

My dear Sir Harry

I only write today to thank you for your note about St. Thomas' & for your enclosure of a letter to me (from Dr. Edwards) I found the enclosed in the latter, evidently not intended for me, so that I think I have lost something which ought to have come to my share.

Sir B. Hawes' death, had it happened one twelvemonth ago, would

have allowed the W.O. to be re organized & all would have been saved.

Now I can scarcely tell whether it will do us good or not.

The only man who can reorganize the W.O. is certainly Ld de Grey.

Since Albert's death, the C. in C. is quite unruly, lost to every moral influence. Yet, if Sir G. Lewis follows anybody, it is him.

It occurred to me that, if the Horse Guards do seize upon the Iron

Ho: (and it would be tantamount to this, if the Military Authorities at Aldershot are determined to make it fail as a Soldiers' Club) **could we not "go for" a Supplementary Estimate for building the Central Soldiers' Home near the Permanent Barracks on condition ~~& make a favour~~ of letting the Iron Ho: go to the Officers?** You know it was never intended by us except for a Branch Soldiers' Home.
ever yours F.N.

9000/42 signed note on a letter, 1f, pen, bundle 136

I have no **[14:1014-15]**
recollection whatever of any Nurse of the name of Jones. If she were out "in the Crimea" with me, it must have been under a different name.
I have had forwarded to me (by lodging house keepers principally) innumerable applications of this kind - lodgers having passed themselves off upon them as having been my Nurses [end]
F. Nightingale

9000/43 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

Private 9 C St W
May 17/62 **[15:460-61]**
My dear Sir Harry
It was only, if it were though wise, in order to conciliate the H.G., to give up the Iron House *on condition* that a Central Soldiers' Home should be built near the Permanent Barracks, - it was only in this view that

I wrote my note to you.

As to the other suggestions in your note, Govt has already

remitted the matter to Capt. Jackson. And he is the only person to decide. Neither ~~he~~ I nor any one else are competent to decide upon those other questions which have been already reported fully upon.

But this afternoon & after I began this note to you, I have had some communication with the W.O. And they are decidedly against my proposal

of yielding about the
Iron House. They say
Parlt has decided &
they shall carry it
out - probably sending
Capt. Jackson for 6
months to Aldershot
(putting him on the
Supernumerary) to
work it out..

But they say that,
if you are going to
propose the Officers'
question as well,
they would build
them three or even
four Raquette Courts,
which is what they

are supposed to want
most, if you could
turn their views to that.

They say, as to the
Officers' Club, that twice
the Officers have allowed
it to fail, & that the
Duke of C. is playing it
with rather too high
a hand now in trying
to force the W O. to
**support a club for
the Officers.**

And this between
ourselves, the D. of C.
has been leading so
scandalous a life
since Albert's death
that, if it goes on &

becomes more public,
~~the~~ measures will
have to be taken to
invite him to resign.

Albert kept him
in order. No one else
could.

Could or would Mr.
Calvert speak to Sir
G. Lewis about the
following?

Had Hawes' death
happened but one
twelvemonth ago, the
W.O. would have been
reorganized & all
would have been saved.

The plan of reorganization
which was in fact Lord

de Grey's & which he
could carry out now -
the principal obstacle
being removed - includes
some important
modifications in
Hawes' own office.

Into this modified
Office Sidney Herbert
meant to have put
Capt. Galton, R.E. (not
filling up Hawes'
office in fact - perhaps
calling Capt. G. only
Assistant Secy at first)

Were Capt. Galton
there, Ld de Grey could
carry out the chief
part of the reorganization

S. Herbert did

propose his plan of reorganization to the Cabinet in the latter end of 1860 (and it was accepted) and to the Treasury in the early months of 1861; (it is supposed that the answer came, if it did, after S. Herbert was too ill to attend to business & that Hawes burked it)

I do not tell these things for them to be repeated to Sir G. Lewis. which would not "do" at all. The part about the Cabinet he of course

knows already) but to put you au courant.

If Mr. Calvert could or thought it wise to do anything, he would say only what was wise to say - which probably would be simply mentioning Capt. Galton.

ever yours
F.N.

9000/44 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

Dear Sir Harry [8:437]

I am very much obliged to you -

I have heard twice from Gladstone who is evidently impressed by my facts *against* the French system, for which he was before in favor.

Ld de Grey has told Sir G. Lewis, at my request, that there is money for the Portsmouth home. But I doubt anything

coming of it.

Capt. Jackson has received orders to prepare the Iron Ho: at Aldershot for the men & to report.

Col: Higginson is going to open a Soldiers' Institute at Montreal, Canada. He wants help very much, he says. As for Sir G. Lewis, L will do nothing. It is said that everything must be forced upon him

by Ld Palmerston, & that without this he never does any thing

As for the D. Of Cambridge, he has gone to the bad entirely, since Albert's death.

A very objectionable official, high in the Horse Guards, has remained a year after his term of Office had expired, by his own order to himself - there

being nobody to assert even the Queen's Regulations & tell him to go.

[illeg 7 lines upside down of too faint to read]

9000/45 black-edged paper to HV May 18/62, bundle 136

9 C. St.

May 18/62

My dear Sir Harry

After a great deal
of consideration, I
have thought it best
to write myself
direct to Sir G. Lewis
& to ask you to take
the enclosed to Lord
Palmerston if you
will be so good.

It is the current
opinion in the W.O.
that sir g. Lewis
does nothing but
what Lord Palmerston

tells him.

I have of course
dwelt much more
on the re-organization
plan in my letter
to Sir G. Lewis. Lord
Palmerston knows it
well. And it would
not be my
recommendation
that would recommend
it to him.

I return your
letter & will write
to you upon it
tomorrow or tonight
if I can

ever yours

F.N.

9000/46 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St

[6:523]

May 19/62

My dear Sir Harry

1. With regard to the
letter about soldiers'
gardens.

There never was a
doubt in the mind
of any, except the
H.G., as to their great
advantage for the
men's health & morals.
All soldiers should be
cultivators. The French
held out against
Scurvy - so did the
English for 2 years
at Malta - by

cultivating vegetables
in the ditches

We are recommending
the introduction of
Soldiers' Gardens
throughout India
(in our Indian Sanitary
enquiry)

It is just because
the H.G. are what they
are that it has not
been done long ago.

There is no difficulty
about the division
of profits. All that is
necessary is to attach
garden to station &
not to Regiment: Every
thing else follows

[end 15:461]

2. The question about the Iron Ho: is where it was.

The H.G. are opposing.

It is just because the W.O. is what it is that this opposition is possible.

If Capt. Jackson is sent to Aldershot to organise the Home, it will succeed & the Officers will be none the worse -

All they are doing now is what the dog in the manger did.

ever yours

F.N.

9000/47 initialed note, 1f, pen bundle 136

My dear

Sir Harry brought me a pad sketch book with an exceedingly pretty wash-in of Palazzo Holford & some peacock feathers. But as inside was this note, I am doubtful whether it was intended for me -

F.N.

May 22/62

9000/48 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

9 C St May 24 {arch: 1862} **[15:337]**

Lord P. has forced upon
Sir G.L. the reorganization
of the W.O. which follows
from the non-filling up
of Hawes' place & the
appointment (made
yesterday) of Capt. Galton
to the modified place,
under the name of
Assistt Under Sec -

Sir G.L. wrote yesterday
to the Queen

Galton resigning the
Army, which was made
the one condition

Ld de Grey can reorganize
the WO. with
Galton. F.N. **[end]**

9000/49 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St W

May 27/62

Dearest

I think upon search, **[14:1015]**
that I had two Nurse
Jones' with me "in the
Crimea", one who went
out with the 1st party,
one with the last -
both discharged after
a short time for
misconduct -

But what is very
certain is that I have
no means of tracing
either -

And if it is the

last that is meant,
she married in a
disreputable manner
& went out to
Australia, (by her
own account) or India
(the latter I believe)

I am quite sure
that I have no
reference to her
whereabouts nor to
the other's - And
it is respectively
8 & 6 years ago
since I lost sight
of them both **[end 14:1015]**
ever yours
F.N.

9000/50 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 C St W

May 28 {arch: 1862}

My dear Sir Harry **[6:523-24]**

I would very strongly
second your own
opinion not to speak
to Dr Butler but to
the Commissioners
about the ventilation
of Harrow School.

I know from other
sources that Freddy's
account is within
the truth.

Dr. Butler, tho' (in
my opinion) an
infinitely better man
than Dr. Vaughan, is

quite impervious on
this subject.

Once convince
people that Scarlet
Fever, instead of being
a "current epidemic"
among children, is as
much an *accident*,
as a Railway accident,
as direct a result
of something wrong
in the ventilation or
drainage, or both -
as the broken limbs
on the Railway are
the result of a
collision - a result
as preventable in
the former as in the

latter case. And you
will have no Scarlet
Fever. But I should
think it better to
convince a Commissr=
than a Schoolmaster
of this.

The poor Bp of London.
(altho' - or because a
Schoolmaster) when
Dean of Carlisle, as
directly murdered his
children by Scarlet
Fever as if he had
put a rope round
their necks. He then
adjourned to London
& did the same thing
for King's Coll: Hospital

by granting them a
license to build over
an old Church yard.

It is quite a grief
& trouble to me that
I cannot in some
measure requite your
hospitality by offering
Parthe hospitality
here. But I am more
than usually busy -
more than usually
ill. And even those
who were good enough
to live with me once
& devote themselves
to me, always prevented

in some degree my
business & my power of sleep.

Blanch Clough's house
21 Campden Hill Road
is vacant. But I
suppose this would
be quite too far for
Parthe.

Oh; I see papers
"to be let" up still
in a window here in
the narrow part of
Charles St. Of course
I cannot tell whether
they would let for a
few days or even
whether it is furnished.
But I think we could

send in from here
food & drink &
even a bed & linen,
if otherwise it
would do & if she
brought her own
maid.

You have of course
tried our old haunts,
Dover Ct & Burlington
Hotel - & the place
where Mrs. Bracebridge
goes, in St. James'
Place (?)

ever yrs affectely
F. Nightingale

P.S. It occurs to me
that the poor Galtons,
12 Chester St.

Belgrave Sq.
Are not at home.
She is at the Hotel
at Norwood with
the children & the
widowed mother.
It is just possible
that (to a relation)
they might let their
house for a few
days, just as it
is. At least on
Monday I sent to
inquire after health & children & the servants

said they did not
expect her back yet,
that Capt. Galton
called at the house
every day but did
not sleep there.
Even if he did, I
imagine that would
hardly interfere.

9000/51 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136 [1:757]

June 18/62

Dear Papa

Tom & Topsy arrived in
perfect preservation. They are
more like human beings in
a low state of civilization
than animals. They said
they were neither hungry
nor thirsty, tired nor dirty,
shy nor wild. They were
only curious, particularly
about a new spring bed
of mine, the construction
of which they had never
seen before - & into
which they mounted,
immediately on arrival,

examine the springs.
They behave as if they had
known us & this residence
all their lives - greatly
to the horror of big Pussie,
who does nothing but
snarl at them. I think Tom &
Topsy the greatest beauties
we have had yet -
particular Topsy. I must
compliment Mrs. Watson
upon their excessively tidy
habits.

Have you any blue
Forget me Not this year?
Scarlet Geranium, blue
Forget me not, White
Teringa make the most
beautiful nosegay. FN

9000/52 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 Chesterfield St. W

June 20/62

[16:786]

My dear Sir Harry

The St. Thomas' Hospl
Bill is now before the
Lords. It is intended
to grant the Railway
Co. a title to sell the
site of the Hospl.
Nothing can be done
until it is seen what
the Ho: of L. will agree
to.

Mr. Whitfield came
here to ask me to speak
to Ld Redesdale. &
to assure him that

Mr. Baggallay (the Treasurer) did not mean to make the Surrey Gardens the permanent site of the Hospl but to move it into the country.

Of course I said that Mr. Baggallay must be testimony to his own truth before Ld Redesdale And that, if he were not believed (which indeed I am not surprised at, after his blundering) it was not I who could make

his testimony believed.

As to Bethlehem, that site was already discussed by St. Thomas' & found to be entirely beyond the disbelieving Apostle's means - It is enormously expensive. Besides which, the building would have to be entirely gutted & rearranged. If the Hospl is to remain in London, Bethlehem is the best site in those parts, but shares the disadvantages of all the S. side of London

But, tho' I am
decidedly for the poor
Bethlehem Patients
being moved into the
country, yet, of the two,
I had rather give
this chance to the
Patients who are sane
~~rather~~ than to those
who are insane.

The *Times* is excessively
unfortunate in all
its suggestions about
Hospitals; which I
attribute to those
articles being written
by Simon (the St.
Thomas' Doctors have
issued the most
preposterous &

~~disorganized-manifesto)~~

The "Times" once
advocated Chelsea
Hospl, one of the
unhealthiest buildings
in London, being
turned into a Hospl.

[end]

I ~~don't know~~ that
any smaller grief
ever distressed me
so much as Sir G.
Lewis' conduct to
Capt. P. Jackson.
For it was entirely
his doing. And his
private Secy, Mr.
Stephenson, made a

most unmanly &
unmannerly lie to
Genl Lawrence, &
actually asserted that
Lady Herbert had
"gained over" poor
Lord Herbert in
his last moments
to authorize Capt. P.J.
to do the "home" at
Aldershot.

Of course we are
now trying to do the
best we can about
the Iron Ho: without
P.J. But nothing
is yet decided. And
I, for one, believe it
will be a total failure

As to Devonport, P.J.
must try to get up a
local interest & draw
up a plan. And then
both the W.O. and I
will help him. It is
all we can do. But
at least I can promise
that he shall not
suffer pecuniarily
in any Devonport plan.

As for Sir G. Lewis, [15:351-53]
he is born, like the
last King of Prussia,
to bring his throne
(or office) into disgrace.
He was made for a
Professor & nothing else;

like that King. And like that King, he
breaks all his promises,
even written, without even
remembering that he
has written them. He
has in 10 months dragged
down the W.O. to the
same level of contempt,
out of which Sidney
Herbert and I were five
years dragging it up.
He may be an honest
man. But I cannot call
his accepting such an
office *honest*. He is no
MATCH for the Horse Guards, which do
the most impudent things unchecked. [end warwo]
I am very glad your
Bazaar has made
so much money.

Ever yours
F.N.

9000/53 initialed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry

With regard to your letter of **[15:461]**
June 20.

1. Ld de G.'s plan of "leaving the Officers to manage the Iron Ho:" is just to ensure its failure.
2. The "Solicitor at W.O." obviously knows nothing about the matter in giving his opinion in favour of Horse Guards. The Iron Ho: has lapsed. The entrance fee was paid, the Officers had their money's worth out of it. And the speculation failed. What have they to do with it now?
3. Capt. P.J.'s Report "*ought to*" "have been published", as it was. And tho' P.J. has been sacrificed, it has done much more good than if the whole thing had been kept under the bushel.
- .
4. Capt. P.J. shall be encouraged [bundle 136] to get up a Home at Devonport under the General as *mover*.
5. It would be dangerous to P.J. to "bring the whole matter before the Ho: of C." because Sir G. Lewis is up to any mischief. He will do anything unjust or cruel. and his obvious answer in the Ho: of C. (which he is quite capable of making) would be that he & the C. in C. did not consider P.J. a fit person to employ which would ruin P.J. for life in his profession **[end]**

ever yours

F.N.

June 23/62

9000/54 initialed note, 1f, pen, bundle 136

This is a very good letter & contains [15:353]
the soundest Sanitary doctrines -
all except about the Canteen -

The theory of barracking men in
smaller Bungalows as preferable to
larger buildings - the theory about
Cholera, about drainage - the fact
told about Mean Meer (Lahore) -
are all in the advanced guard
of Sanitary Knowledge - the lad is
going to turn out a reformer -

We have in our Indian Report,
come to these same conclusions.

I wish the Horse Guards & Sir G.
Lewis were as enlightened. [end]

F.N.

June 24/62

9000/55 2ff, pen {arch: June 26/62} black-edged paper bundle 136

My dear Sir Harry

I received the
enclosed just after you
started this morning.
The best way is to send
it on to you just as
it is. But you will
observe the "Mutiny"
is for tomorrow (Friday)

I think the best
thing that can happen
now is to satisfy the
poor widow.

I heard from Mrs.
Bracebridge (an excellent

judge) that the "*Philip*"
is truly admirable.
She thought both
the first Marochetti & the
Noble detestable.
The Philip, which
Mrs. B. admired, was
a full length recumbent
figure for the tomb
at Wilton ~~& a bust~~
There is a bust besides
by Philip of him.

As for the Fine Arts
Committee, they ought
to be called the No Arts
Committee. For the

pictures they have
admitted you would
put into your cellar.
and they will not
~~have~~ admit very fine statues.

ever yours

F.N.

Thursday

June 26.62

9000/56 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

9 Chesterfield St

W

June 27/62

[16:609-10]

My dear Sir Harry

I am beyond measure
astonished & grieved
that these people should
have printed, without
my knowledge, garbled
extracts out of my
private letters.

Had they selected
only my facts, there
would have been
some excuse. But
to print an *opinion*
without asking leave
& without giving the

context such as
that I "think the
"British Army Hospls
"the worst in the world"
is quite unjustifiable.

These are the
things which do mischief.

And I must
insist, if not too
late, that this
paragraph be omitted.

It is irrelevant,
useless, mischievous.

When I gave the

details of expence
of Hair in our Army
Hospl Mattrasses,
it was because I
thought such detail
might do good.

But *this* is pure
& simple mischief.
And, besides, it
relates to a state
of things which
has passed away
as they presently
show in the very next
clause of the same paragraph,
quoted from me,
which I have no

objection to let stand
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I think that, after
the trouble I have taken
about their Hospl,
the least thing they
could have done
would have been
to have sent me
this paper for my
remarks, before
adoption

[end 16:610]

9000/57 initialed note, 2ff, pen {arch: 30 June 1862}, black-edged paper bundle 136

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot tell you
how sorry I am to
bother you about
this unfortunate
business when you
are not quite well.
Ly Herbert's letter
(the enclosed : which
she evidently does
not intend you to
see) will explain.

She thinks it best
to let the matter
drop here, as you will
see.

I leave it to
your judgment : only

suggesting that another
course might be for
you to tell the
Committee - that,
in sending a telegram
to state what you
yourself would have
stated in a very
different way, if
present, you had
no idea of either
dictating yourself
or making Ly Herbert
appear to dictate
to the Committee -
that she had been
asked to give her
opinion & she gave

it, in a letter, the
substance of which
you telegraphed as
shortly as possible
- that you repeat
there was no intention
of giving more than
an expression of
opinion, either on
her *part* or on your
own.

But I don't advise -
I only suggest - I cannot
understand that
Committee - It was
a most false step
asking for her wishes,
as it would either

entail the refusing them, to
her great *pain*, or
fulfilling them,
against their own
opinion.

Any how, it is
behaving like children
to construe your
word "*She wishes*"
into "*She desires*" or
"*She orders*" And it is
worst of all, *having asked*
ever yours *her*,
F.N. ~~wishes~~,
not to
think the
poor widow's
wishes
paramount

June 30/62

9000/58 & 59 initialed letter, 6 ff, bundle 136 pen

July 10/62 [8:973-75]

My dear

I think Fletcher the very person to keep your house at South St. Because she is very clever, very sharp & somewhat "uppish", to use Walker's word. And you know you want a very clever woman there. There is such an immense deal of to-ing & fro-ing, things to forward, parcels to carry & to make up. All this Fletcher would do *remarkably* well. I

have known Mrs. Williamson have as many as five parcels in a morning to go out for, to make up & then to despatch for you - And she was so skatter-brained that, when this happened, she would actually forget her roast at the fire, her saucepan on the fire. And everybody but herself would have to go without dinner. Now Fletcher would manage.
But - - - it is quite

unsafe for that house
to be kept by one woman
alone - for two reasons
1. the very beauty of
the house, which is, its
standing on so large
an area (for a London
house) makes it
impossible for one person
to keep. You know the
back & the front are
farther off ~~than~~ from
each other than either
is from the adjoining house.
I am as certain as I
can be (of anything that
I have not seen) that
Mrs. Williamson kept
the whole Livery stable
in that house. Fletcher

would not do this. But
the Livery Stable might,
keep itself in the front
while she was in the
back & vice versa
2. There is really so
much to do in parcels
etc for you; which *compels*
your servant to be out
of the house, that the
house *must* be left to
itself for many hours of
most days, if there is
but one woman.

I should say - Fletcher
ought to have a Sister
with her. She has sisters.
One now in London, staying
with an Aunt.

You know the autumn

is just the time of the
year when there are
the roughest men about.
And almost all the
horrid crimes which
are committed are done
in this way: A man
rings after dusk
with a parcel or other
pretence at a house
known to be kept by
a lone woman. How
is she to get him out
of the house again?

It is a thing I
would not do: to put
a lone woman to keep
a London house. And

if you have a married
woman with a
husband over whom
you have no hold,
then happens what
happened with
Williamson.

But Fletcher is a
VERY *much* fitter
person to keep your
house than Williamson.

However again: in
a compact horrid
little house, like this,
which is built like
a pack of cards,
where I, in the drawing

{page torn}
protection) from
No 1 Chesterfield St
to No 9, than from
the back of South
St. to ~~the~~ its own front.

You might go farther
& fare a great deal
worse than my "boy" -
He is the son of very
respectable people,
in the coach building
line. He is extraordinarily

{page torn}
disgust. [He was bound
apprentice, but taken
away again, because
the master got drunk.
So that the parents
are very careful people]
I believe the "boy" does
all the work of my house.
I know he peels the
potatoes & scours the
floors.

I have had a conversation
with Fletcher since I

9000/59

wrote this. [I told her repeatedly & expressly that I had no authority from you] She would evidently like exceedingly to keep your house. & did not feel afraid of being alone in it. It was I who threw out hints of its not being desirable to be alone in a house. I asked her about her sisters. There is one, next to her in age, now in London, who generally keeps her father's house,

who could come to her for a time, & who could then be replaced by the *next* sister, a strong steady girl of 19, who was in place, but was "had home" to nurse the mother, (of whom Fletcher spoke with tears) who is now keeping the ~~mother~~ father's house, but would come to Fletcher when the sister, now in London, & who, being older, is more

fit to keep the father's house, returns home.

I gave Fletcher no positive hopes but said I would write to you.

I think it very desirable for both sides.

And women who have been obliged to keep themselves on their guards (in a public houses) are more likely to keep themselves on their guards in such a situation as yours

Dear Papa

I have sent your letter to the Agents. I thought it did very well. And now, if you will just send on my letter to Mrs. Bracebridge, the thing is done as far as I am capable of doing it. I shall be very glad if the Fletcher business can be arranged.

But I am very incapable of writing letters just now.

F.N.

9000/60 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 16 July '62} bundle 13

My dear **[8:975]**

Fletcher does not think that she can keep herself & ~~her~~ sister (& with no washing money for herself & sister) at South St for 10/ a week & coals.

And, what is more to the purpose, I don't think so either

You see it is not like a married woman who is saving house rent by ~~living~~ keeping your house.

At the same time I see no fairness in your being obliged to raise your wages, because Fletcher is Fletcher.

I therefore propose, unless you know of any one else who would suit you, to continue Fletcher's wages, (£14) for which, in addition to your 10/ a week, it would be worth her while ~~for her~~ to keep

South St with her sister -

I shall wait to hear from you whether you know of any body else, before settling with Fletcher.

At all events, I shall keep her at Hampstead, where I go on Aug 1, till your tenants go out Aug (?)⁷ {circle drawn around}
F.N.

July 16/62

9000/61 initialed letter, 1f, pen

9 C St

Thursday 3 P.M. **[15:465]**

My dear Sir Harry

Capt. Galton tells Capt. Jackson that the vote may come on to= night about the Aldershot Club House item.

Of course you know this, if it be so, better than they do -

I only tell you, to satisfy that restless mortal, Capt. Jackson.

[end]

ever yours

F.N.

9000/62 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

Aug 29/62

[15:353-54]

My dear

I have only heard
Lord Elcho's note of
the 22nd today. And
I write down
hurriedly a few of
Mr. Alexander's
characteristics. If
they will be of any
use to Lord Elcho,
he may do with
them what he likes,
except putting them
in the newspaper.
I must be ill indeed,

not to say my word
for Mr. Alexander.
During two years,
'57-'59, I think
Sidney Herbert met
him nearly every
day at my house,
where all the
Regulations & Reports
were written

But it is very
difficult to write
a true account
of Mr. Alexander
without offending
every one else -
& very important

not to do so.

Therefore I have kept myself to generalia altho', in my opinion, his administrative career (as Director General) was as much higher than his career in the Crimea, as Cavour is higher than Garibaldi.

He was a truly great man, morally great more than intellectually great.

And God be praised that moral greatness carries with it such power.

Sidney Herbert's grief for his loss was quite touching. As soon as he heard of his almost sudden death, he sent to a friend who was then staying with me, to break it to me before I ~~saw~~ heard of it otherwise. And I have survived them all!

[end 15:354]

Aug 30/62

[15:354]

I have a kind of intuition that, in my letter yesterday about poor Alexander (for Lord Elcho,) I said that he was made Director General by *Lord Panmure*. I meant, by *General Peel*. It was under *his* administration that Alexander was appointed to be Director Genl.

When I think how

full of promise
Alexander's brief
term of office ~~office~~
was, & how little
he had time to
perform, I feel
how much greater
the loss & greater
too than people
can ~~sympathize with~~ comprehend
who do not know
how much was cut
short by that death
rather than how
much was done by
that life.

It is this which.
makes the recollection
of him so pathetic
F.N.

[end]

9000/63 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 4 Sept 1862}

My dear

Mr. Laird's letter **[16:636]**
(which I forgot to
return) gives no
"information" whatever.
Unless he were to
send me all the plans,
it would be of no
use at all. And I
confess I feel but
small heart for
them.
2. Lord Elcho is quite
at liberty to make

what use he likes
of my letter to Sir Harry
about Alexander.

The two letters to you
I wrote so that you
could send them to
him too, if you liked.

[The correction
about Ld. Panmure
he ~~mus~~ ought to
have] - And the
sentence about
not having
received his letter
till the day I
answered it, was

written for him, not
for you.

Of course I trust
to his discretion as
to what he will
use & what not.

As to my seeing
him, it is impossible.
Every year, until this,
even under my heavy
trouble of last year,
I have been able
to get up & sit up
some portion of each
day *on first coming*
into the country. I

have been here 5
weeks now & have not
got up *to sit up*
once *nor to come*
downstairs - Only
3 or 4 times I
have gone into the
garden (without
being dressed) for
a few minutes & gone
to bed again
3. Please thank Mr.
Calvert (when you
write) for a magnificent
present of grouse & a
very kind note
ever your F. Sept 4/62

{written on the top of the first page}
I see Ld Elcho mentions
Friday as wanting his
answer.
I will worry about the
Portsmouth Female
Hosp, which is well
worth it

[end 16:636]

9000/64 initialed letter, 6 ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

Sept 6/62

[1:157-59]

Dearest Mother

I write to thank
for many boxes & for
many kind letters
& to say that the
"partridges" you announce
have *not* made
their appearance,
unless as Ld Dundreary
would say, they are
3 brace of grouse,
sent me by Mr.
Calvert.

Yes, surely, I
know Mr. Whitehead

of Gawcott very well
- by his books -
which he was kind
enough to send me -
& which taught me
a great deal ~~about~~ for
Soldiers' Clubs - that
they were needed for
the unsteady & not
for the steady -

I wish I could
give him a better
living. But, as I can't,
I hope he will stay
on & get a holiday
with you.

Parthe says, she "holds
me up to him as a
bugbear of the effect
of overwork." Be it so.

Anything which will
make him take
holiday is good. But
let us distinguish.
1. For the permanent
work of a life a wise
man will husband
his strength - also for
a work which
depends only upon
himself

2. For a work which
depends upon others
or which must be

done within a certain
time to be done at all,
I don't see how a
wise man can husband
his strength.

To which of these
categories the work
of any man belongs,
that man only can
judge. And I never
preach to any one
as people preach
to me. I only say
when my advice is asked (which it often is)
"decide for yourself
to which category
your work belongs
& act accordingly -

[2]

i.e. manage yourself,
as you would an
instrument, to get the
utmost amount of
work out of it.
which, if the work
belongs to category 1.
is certainly by
lasting out your
whole life at it.

But I confess I
have felt that my
people might give
me more credit, at
least for deliberation,
especially when the
event has so
dreadfully justified

myself. Never was
life & health ~~cast~~/employed
~~away~~/or given up so deliberately
as I have mine.

**Surely my Crimean
work comes under**

Category 2. If I had
not done that *while*
the war was going on,
the sick men would all
have been dead.

Surely my War
Office work has
been dreadfully
justified as being
under Category 2.
It was entirely
dependent upon the

life of one man, upon
his being in the House
of Commons, upon his
being in the War Office,
upon his willingness
to work with me.

I never thought of
his death. I thought
of his leaving office,
of Ministers going out,
of his becoming Lord
Pembroke - I never
thought of his death
But that came beyond all I had
expected. Do you know I
have felt so much
the little justice my
family have done to
my deliberation (I ask

no more) in their own
minds that I wrote
the enclosed to Parthe
(~~but~~ but never gave it her.)
Please do so now.

I only ask that
my people will
think themselves & say to others,
At least she did
deliberately what
she thought right.
"She is of age: ask her."
No woman ever before
directed the labour
of a Government Office.
She must be the judge
as to the when & the

[3]

how, if a woman chooses
to undertake to direct
men over whom she
can have no legitimate
or recognised control
she shall do it. No
one else can judge how she
shall do it.

In looking back,
the things I regret
are not these. I regret
that I have let
visitors talk to me
to the last moment
before a meal, thereby
incapacitating me
for food & sleep altogether

that I have let them
say, with a little
scornful smile, "I
suppose you can't
eat before me." Also
if they were to see me
after eating, they
would never wish
to see it again. I
regret that I have
received two visits
on the same day-
or after 5 o'clock-
things which always
bring on my spasms &c
these & such like are the things
I regret & not that

I have done my work,
as long as God would
let me.

Burnouf died,
because he *would* finish his book,
which depended
only upon himself,
by a certain time
I do not judge him
anymore than I like
to be judged. But *if*
his work came
under category 1,
that is the sort of
way in which I
never would kill
myself.

Please when the
M. Milnes' come, say
everything for me to
both. I sent a maid
every day to ~~e~~/inquire
after him. And I
dare say they did not
hear of it. I did
not like to ask her
to write. Bence Jones
told me a year ago
that he considered
his a very bad case
(You need not tell them
this, of course) And he
was so dreadfully right
about S. Herbert. **[end 1:159]**
ever dearest Mum
your loving child F.

9000/65 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

My dear Say *all* that is [15:354-55]
civil for me to Lord Elcho.
Say we will meet in heaven
or on earth. But mind he
is not to come up here,
even if he would.

Sutherland is very
anxious to see the paper
about Alexander, if Ld
E. has sent it you.

How odd that, after
all the trouble we took,
the *lapsus* (calami) about
Ld. Panmure's name should
still have crept in.
How provoking.

Many thanks for
Rawlinson's letter & for
all you have been doing
at South St. which I hope

will benefit you & your
descendants as well

Tell Mr. Milnes that
if he "complains" that the
"brute Bence Jones cheated
him of some 40 dinners"
the "brute" complains &
complained hard a
year ago to me of *him*
that ~~HE~~ "cheated" him,
(the "brute") of all possibility
of curing him. The "brute"
predicted this attack
of his to me a year ago,
& said that the "dinners",
"40" or otherwise, would
cause attacks, *not* 40,
IF he did not mind. [end 15:355]

I am so glad that little Susan
Whitehead is growing up a school genius.

9000/66 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct. 10/62

Dearest mother

I must now trouble
you on the disagreeable
matter of servants.

Sarah Fletcher has
given me notice, as
you will see by the
enclosed. And I am
glad of it. For: -

1. She is not strictly
true & honourable. She
has been detected in
a great many deviations
from truth

2. She has nasty
low ways of public house

gossip and slurs; and is a very bad
example to my other young women
servants.

Indeed I am very sorry that my way of
life has been put within the power of her
nasty gossip.

I have treated her most openly and like a
friend. And she has made me a very mean
return.

I thought the plan of keeping South St. would
suit her better than mine (for she is a very clever
woman) and call out her faults less. Or I would
not have recommended her to Parthe. And now she
gives me notice.

Please read her letters to me (enclosed) and
*Read my answer to her yourself to her. But
do not put it into her hands;;* you never can
tell what she will do with it.

But it is not because she was careless and
selfish and put me so much expence (by
her selfish carelessness) that I feel she is o
loss. . .

that I feel she is no loss.
But because she
is untruthful. Do not allow
her to take you in, when
she makes her statement
against me. She is very
plausible. And I could
hardly have believed
that she would have
written me such a letter
when I remember what
passed between us

~~You see, dearest Mother,~~
I shall want both cook
& housemaid when I go
to South St. on Nov 1.
What shall I do?
ever dearest Mother
Your loving child
F

9000/67 initialed note, 1f, pen, bundle 136

Dear Papa
Sir John McNeill
is in town
Fenton's Hotel
St. James's St
ever your loving child
F

Oct 11/62

9000/68 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [8:168-69]

{written diagonally}
To be
returned Hampstead NW
Oct 18/62

Dear Papa
In the order of my
gratitude the game
should go:
Miss Jones
Lady Supt
King's College Hospital
W.C.
1 brace pheasants
1 brace partridges
(because she gives
some to the Assistant
Physician who
teaches our Probationers
for nothing) & I will
write to her to say so

2. Mrs Wardroper
Matron
St. Thomas' Hospital
Surrey Gardens
Newington
Surrey
S

1 brace partridges
1 pheasant
1 hare (or omit the hare)

3. James Paget Esq
1 Harewood Place
Hanover Sq
W

1 brace pheasants

But as it is impossible
that you can supply all
this bounty please tell
me which has *not* been done

2. If my Mrs. Walker
could be summoned to
town *not* on Tuesday
to look at the housemaid
I should be glad.

3. I forgot to ask
you both times, did
you bring up some
Ginger wine for me?
I have been ordered
Gingerette & what you
get at the shops is
brandy, brown sugar &
string. Nothing but
home made ginger wine
is any good. I asked
Beatrice to order some
at the "Jug & Glass" or of
Miss Hall. Did you hear
anything about it?

4. I hear that 6 acres have been bought for the new Winchester Infirmary "on the road to Hursley & Romsey". If so, it must be the *best* site which they have taken. But how could they get "6 acres" there? Do you know any thing about it?

[16:610]

[end]

5. Since I wrote this, I have had a very good character of Anne Woollett from Mrs. Foster. Would you acknowledge this to Miss Thornton, & say that, if Anne will come up to South St. *any day but Tuesday*, to be spoken to, I shall be glad.
ever your loving child

9000/69 initialed note, lf, pen

Dearest mother

Would you think it possible to drive down & see me tomorrow (Saturday) *by 4 o'clock*?
ever your loving child

F

Hampstead NW

Oct 24/62

9000/70 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136

Hampstead NW

[15:361]

Oct 25/62

My dear Sir Harry

I would send your
son George's medicine chest
to *Savory & Moore's* to
be filled. They are used
to do it. The usual
medicines for India are

Quinine

Castor Oil

Opium (Laudanum)

Calomel (a small quantity)

Write to Savory & Moore &
ask them to fill it in
proportion & to add
(in the empty bottles)

such medicaments as they
usually put into
amateur medicine chests
for India; & to send
instructions as to the
doses. I should prefer
having pills, made up
in the different
quantities, to medicines
in the powder. And
I should prefer most of all *no*
medicine chest at all.
It is so dangerous for
young men (or for old
women) to medicine
themselves - And the
best medicines, & often

the best Dr., ~~is~~are always
at hand in a Regiment.

But a youth must
have his way.

Savory & Moore are
used to be asked
to give instructions
as to the doses.

[end]

I sent your red lily
to South St. with many
thanks.

I did not want
you to obtain
contributions for Syria
far from it - people
starving at home now
must come before

soldiers & Deaconesses.
But I thought you
might persuade Evan:
Alliance to do something.
However, after 6 weeks
delay, they have deigned
to answer my humble
request merely to use
their office. The two
most arrogant humbugs
in Europe are:

1. Louis Napoleon
2. Sir C. Eardley, Dr.

Schmettan & the Evan:
Alliance
ever yours
F.N.

9000/71 initialled letter, 2ff, pen bundle 136

Dear Papa

Sarah Fletcher has this mornng
sent her fl to Walker;
& left my book with
Walker's mother. Queer
woman!

As to the "soft water" at **[1:254-55] [6:524]**
South St. Boiling will
always get rid of a
certain amount of
hardness. And chemists
distil. During my
illness at South St, I
always got my soft
water (distilled), from
Savory & Moore's. But
distilled water, you see,

cost money. [Sir James
Clark never lets the
Queen use any other.
Nor would I, if I had
the ordering of home
boilers]

As to your hypotheses,
you see I don't know
that one of them exists.
A "tank for rain water"
I conclude does *not*
exist. For altho' Parthe's
Mrs. Williamson (The Charwoman) would
tell any amount of lies
to save herself trouble,
I don't know why she
should tell us that.

So I suppose, it
will end, ~~by~~ as most

things do by my seeing
Humphrey myself, when
I go into South St., &
having a rain water pipe
put in - also in having
Mrs. Walker's sitting room
white washed, where,
she tells me, the rain
has come in & spoilt
the ceiling.

====

Yes, I have always **[4:496]**
thought the Hindoo
philosophers have
done just what I
would *not* do, viz.
speculated about
the nature, neglected
the character, of God.

I believe M. Mohl would
tell you that the Hindoo
metaphysics are the first
in the world - their
Moral Philosophy the
last - or rather none
at all - Brahmanism
appears to me the most
monstrous of all the
despot priesthoods - with
no God at all. Buddhism
a beautiful Social
reform, but also
without any idea of a
perfect God. **[end 4:496]**

I see your Dr. Perfitt
still preaches in Newman
St. ever your loving child
Oct 25/62 F

9000/72 initialed note, 1f, pen, bundle 136

My dear [1:329]

I have been too ill to write since I came here.

There is a fine healthy breeze in both drawing rooms. And I think I shall enjoy it a little longer, & then I have no doubt I shall be obliged to "give in" & accept your curtains.

I think the view from my bed out of the W. bay on an autumn afternoon cannot be prettier any where, except in a mountainous country. when you can see it.

We have had very bad weather, as perhaps

you know, & twice were obliged to burn candles till one o'clock, even in the drawing room.

Today & yesterday are sunny.

I don't think even royalty can have such a princely bedroom as mine.

It seems impertinent to ask Sir Harry to his own house. But I HOPE if he comes to town, he will sleep here, if he prefers it to his brother's

Today poor Clough has been dead a year.

Nov. 12/62 ever yours
F.N.

9000/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:708-09]

Dec 13/62

My dear Sir Harry

I have not got you
much information
for Freddy's Tutors.

Mr. Jowett wrote
to Torquay to enquire.

Mr. Warner's (you
have already heard
of it) he thinks
good but too young
for Freddy.

He recommends
highly

the Revd G. Venables
Bonchurch
I. of Wight

(formerly curate to
Archdeacon Hare,
Herstmonceux).

as a good &
conscientious man,
a good classic &
who takes pupils
to prepare for *Oxford*.

He adds sorrowfully,
that *good* Tutors
are hard to find
anywhere, more
particularly if you
are tied to a place.

He will enquire
farther. ever yours

F.N.

[end 1:709]

Lofts, the agent,
told me that the
house in *this* street,
41, belonging to your
nephew, might be
to be let. But
I have heard
nothing more from
Lofts. I do not
want to trouble you
to write to your
nephew. But if he
should tell you
that he would let
his house till Easter
please tell him

that you know of a
most desirable
tenant who, instead
of making "dilapidations",
actually cleans,
whitewashes, repairs
& repapers at her
own expence. It
certainly
would be
a great convenience
to me until the
India Report has
got thro' the press.
I am thinking of
taking lodgings over
the Stationery Office. Only
I should drive McCulloch

{written on the top of the first page}
into a Lunatic Asylum
in 6 weeks.

9000/74 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Dec 19/62} bundle 136

My dear Sir Harry

The real reason ~~about~~/against
41 South St. is (not that
I should use the drawing
room floor as a bedroom.
For I had no intention
of doing so. Neither did
I mention it to Lofts.
[I think he must have
heard it from some one
else.] I meant to live
entirely on the bedroom
floor, if I took the house.

But) it is that
350 gs are asked for
the house for barely 15
weeks., which I have
no doubt the house is

worth, but which
is nearly twice what
I intended to give.
So I have quite given
it up.

I have still hopes,
however of a house in
S. Audley St. And
anyhow I could not
be happy a single day
turning you out of
your own house. So pray
don't trouble your
generous self about
that.

I hope Parthe will
come (to her own house)
on her way thro' London
& sleep here

You do not say
where Capt. Philip Smith
is going in Canada - if
to Montreal, I would
ask him to take a
small money (in
cheque) to Col Higginson
to pay the freight of
some things I have
sent out to his
Soldiers' Institute.
He has done it so
well. And it is
prospering so well.
And it will prosper
more, if Capt. P. Smith
goes there. But I am
rather in hopes that
he will go to Quebec

[15:466]

or some of those
places without
such care, & set
up Day Rooms or
an Institute there, where
none are.

Perhaps you will
tell me his direction
in London & if I
may send him the
small moneys.

[end]

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

Dec 19/62

9000/75 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

Xmas Eve

[1:159-60]

1862

Dearest mother

I cannot help
writing a word of thanks
for the beautiful
Christmassings which
now adorn St. Thomas,
King's College, & dear
Rev'd Mother's School
and a word of congratu-
lation on Xmas Eve,
bitterly sad as the
season is to me. Still
there are feelings of
joy in which we can
all unite - joy at

the good will in Heaven
towards those poor men
for whom we would
so gladly give our
lives - whose faithful
servants Sidney Herbert
and I have been.
at the good will in
Heaven towards *all*
the sick & *all* the
weary. And I am
sure I do not grudge to my two
that they should
pass *their* Xmas
Eves in Heaven.

Two doz. Ginger Wine
are just arrived from
Mrs. Radford, of
which three broken.

How shall I pay
my bill? and how
shall I thank her? **[end 1:160]**
ever dearest mother
your loving child
F.

9000/76 initialed letter, 2ff, pen **[1:330]**

Xmas Day {arch: ?1862}
Pray let Freddy dine &
sleep here on Monday.
It will not make me
"nervous" at all. It
would make me very
"nervous" if he did not.

I am so busy, so
behind hand with my
work that I am afraid
there would not be a
chance for my seeing
you, dear, except on
Sunday.

I am not what I **[9:269]**
was this time last year,

Sir John Lawrence says
that we ought to have
been at least 5 month'
forwarder with our
work.

And Dr. Sutherland
has scarcely done a
stroke since July 8.

I have had Lord
de Grey here - And we
have concerted a plan
for helping Sir J. Lawrence. **[end 9:269]**
ever your
F.

The India Milly authorities **[9:269]**
are coming round
i.e. the blow is struck,
they declare themselves
vastly "ill-used," but
they do what we
want.

Sir C. Trevelyan has
just sent me a
printed paper from
a Col. Crommelin, R.E.,
who has the supervision
of Barracks in Bengal,
which has adopted
nearly all our principles.

Now I saw a few
weeks ago a private
letter from this Col. C.
full of foul-mouthed violent
abuse against us - We

ought to be & I hope
are very thankful.
For this adoption of
our principles, without
thanking us, is all
we want. [end 9:269]

9000/77 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

Hampstead NW
Thursday
Dear Mama or Papa
The War Office has
just given me a
holiday. And if either
of you could drive
or ride down to be
with me from 4 to 5
this afternoon, I shall
be truly glad -
ever your loving child
F.

9000/78 initialled note, 1f, pen {arch:?62, black-edged paper bundle 136

cliff
First greets the homeward veerings skiff
High o'er the land he saved in vain -
When shall such heroes live again?
Please send me the whole of this
passage. I think it is on the tomb
of Themistocles in Childe Harold.
I mean to inscribe it to the men
in Scutari grave yard, to whom it
is far more applicable.
F.N.

9000/79 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: 1862} bundle 136

Dearest mother

I enclose Mrs. Foster's character.
If you & Walker like the girl, I
propose to give her £13 a year
(which is £1 more than Mrs. Foster)
& every thing found; beer & washing
found too - & to raise the wages
to £14, after the first 6 months,
if we mutually suit.

Please have a confab. with
my Mrs. Walker about her, after
you have each seen her -

ever dear mother
your loving child
F.

Tuesday

9000/80 initialled note, 1f, pen black-edged paper bundle 136

I am sure I shall be very glad if Sir Harry **[3:393]**
likes to take the Sacrament with us on Sunday from Mr.
Jowett. But I thought (candidly) that Mr.
Fremantle might "take a legal opinion"
whether he could not be brought up before
the Old Bailey (or whatever their Ecclesiastical
Court is) or at least turned out of his
own Church at Claydon, if he did so -

I am sorry Sir H. had no talk with
Sutherland about Gibraltar. But I suppose
there was no time.

Thursday F.

9000/81 initialed note, 1f, light pencil, blue paper, bundle 136

Dearest

It is *quite* impossible
for me too do anything
this morning but my
business

Let her go back to
Salisbury - be in *no way*
of course engaged to me.
But leave with you her address
at Salisbury, so that
I may write to her in
a few weeks time (IF I
am looking out) to know
if she is still disengaged.

F.N.

[faint pencil, not FN hand]

Miss [illeg Wroth?]

High St

Salisbury

9000/82 unsigned letter, 1f, dark pencil [1:329-30]

My dear

Your red lily which
came from Claydon is quite
gorgeous - two stems, five
flowers on one.

I am glad to hear from an indifferent bystander that
the Fletcher women have
made your house quite
beautifully clean. Sarah
Fletcher came to me here &
asked me, by your desire,
what carpets she should
put down before Mama
came. I said the carpet
in the big bedroom, of
which the floor is
splintery & does not
do to scour too often.

About my going there,
I had intended, when I left
this house on Nov 1, to be
guided entirely by what is
best for the W.O. work, when

you were so good as to offer
me your house. But I am
afraid I shall never be
able again to live *except on
one floor*, with a little room
along side where I could see
a man, or sit (without
dressing) while my own room
is being done. I have not
once been downstairs (*to sit*)
here, even with these easy
stairs. I spend my *afternoons*
in bed in a beautiful South bedroom
on the bedroom floor. And
on fine days, I go out for
5 or 6 minutes in the garden,
often without dressing & just have my coffee to
rest on the ground floor.
I am afraid I should never
get up the stairs at South St,
for what makes the drawing
room so good is the noble
height of the room - or if I
did I should never get down
again. And I should not like

{written across the top of the first page}
to turn your *drawing room floor* into
an Invalid's bed room. I am much
weaker than I was at C. St.

9000/83 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 136

Private I presume that Capt. P. Jackson has reason now to suppose that his health will stand India. Two months ago, he told me it would not. I hardly know how to dash his hopes about Sir J. Lawrence. But the Military authorities in India are as dead against us as here. You saw the Indian article in this morning's "Times". The Military authorities sent that despatch straight to the "Times", without even having the common courtesy to let us know of its existence, because they know we could answer it. [I have

entirely failed in getting a post in India for an Indian of high rank & long service].

Had I better write to Sir J.L. by next mail, or send my letter by Capt. P. Jackson?

I had intended to have asked you for your carriage today to see "34". But I am afraid it is quite impossible this week. I believe I should hardly get back alive. I may be better on Saturday. But this long winter weakens me to a degree

ever yours

F.N.

9000/84 list, 1f, pencil

	1863
1 Jan	Kinglake
13 March	?Mrs Herbert becoming R.C.
29 June	Jowett to give Communion
30 "	Sir Joshua Jebb
23 July	Sir C. Wood mixing up papers
24 Aug	Renan
19 Sept	Prostitution
23 "	Scarlet lily
4 Dec	Royal Commission
27 "	Prayer

9000/85 initialed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper. {arch: [1 Jan 18]
?1863}, bundle 137

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

I am very glad to have **[14:1015]**
seen Sir G. Brown's
notes. They are
admirable.

It is the difference
between a professional
& a non professional
man - a man who
writes from having
been present at the
whole transaction; &
a man whose vanity
leads him to write
from having peeped
only at a part, & eked

out his want of
information by "camp
gossip," & a guessing
at probabilities.

The difficulties
which Mr. Kinglake's
narrative leave on
the mind, all find
their solution in
this paper. It is the real "key
to the Battle of the Alma.

It shews that Mr.
K.'s ~~his~~ theory about the
Battle of the Alma can
all be demolished.
It shews that his
central points are

no points at all.

The best ~~criticism on~~/character of Mr. K., which I have seen, is at P. 24(314) viz. a "flippant self sufficiency & confidence combined with "ignorance of his subject."

And at P. 21(307) where his want of the two first requisites of a "chronicler" is pointed out.

P.12 (229) is one of the many instances where Mr. Kinglake

is completely put out of court by a professional soldier.

So p 2(63) about the Bashi Bazouks. Poor-~~C~~ Col: Beatson found the organizing these men very much like as if a couple of intelligent mice were to try to discipline my Persian cats into a corps -

But this is venial. But Mr. Kinglake's misrepresentation

of the causes of the Crimean War (alluded to by Sir G. Brown[†] in several places) is not venial, since he pretends to be a historian, not a soldier.

How noble is the account by Sir G. Brown, P. 27., which could only have been written by an old soldier & a man of honour. And how much more dramatic

even than Mr. Kinglake's fuz=buz of words -

Considering the odious unfairness of the offender, Sir G. Brown's strictures are gentle, gentleman like tho' withal caustic.

[end]

F.N.

9000/86 initialed letter, 2ff, dark pencil {arch: Jan 9 63}, bundle 137

My dear Sir Harry

When you were so good as to ask me to stay here till the 23rd, I fully intended to go, as I told Parthe, on the 17th. And the Agreement with Col. Brown of 4 Cleveland Row was actually drawn up for that day. Since that, the Browns have made

every kind of exaction
& have wound up
with saying that,
because of *my* delays
produced by their
exactions, they cannot
go out before the
21st. It is a serious
thing to be in the
hands of such sharpers.
But the upshot is
that I must ask you
to let me stay, as
you were so kind as
to say you would till
the 21st at earliest or
the 23rd at latest.

2. A man called here
this morning to lay'
down tar in the street.
Is this by your order?
As ~~you~~ I was going
so soon, I did not
have it done. But
the first tan which
you were so good as
to have laid down,
the Commissioners had
all taken up again.

**for they said, the
parish authorities
did not allow it,
because of its getting**

into the gully holes &
drain ventilators.
As I was thinking of
having tan laid down
in Cleveland Row,
would you tell me
whether this objection
is usually made by
the public authorities?

Ever dear Sir Harry

Yours truly & gratefully

F.N.

Jan 9 1863

9000/87 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 137

4 Cleveland Row S.W.

Jan 30/63

My dear sir Harry

My hand protests
against much writing
which I don't wonder
at - being myself of
the same opinion.
Still I must say
a word of thanks for
having again had so
comfortable a three
months' in your
beautiful house -
of which I think
the fresh air just

*the same as the
country's. (& quite
as free from blacks)*

I really don't
know so beautiful
a town view - not
even in Paris - &
(don't laugh) I
admire the N. view,
from the fire side,
down to Park St.
almost as much.
I have often sat
there enjoying it &

thinking it like a
French Street - with
its yellow ochree
stripes & its grass
green placards -

The public house
at the corner is also
a Vestal for purity
- very unlike my
public houses.

I have come
down here into close
proximity with the
W.O. - which convenience
makes Dr. Sutherland

think it "the airiest
situation" he knows
[I don't.]

God has taken
away my "five just
men," Albert, Genl Bruce,
Sidney Herbert, Alexander,
& my dear Clough -all
within a few months.
& left none but men
who don't know their
right hands from their
left - & *likewise*
much cattle

Ever dear Sir Harry
yours affectely & gratefully
F.N. I was so sorry

{written vertically in the margin of the first page}
that I was too ill to see you when you were so good
as to call
here.

9000/88 initialed letter, black-edged paper 4ff, pen

4 Cleveland Row; [8:438-39]

S.W.

Feb 10/63

My dear Sir Harry

The important points
in the course Sir G. Lewis
wishes to take - is what
he intends by it. If the
object is Police Regulation,
after the fashion of
the French, there are
two objections; 1. it
has still to be
proved that that
system has been
of any use at all
2. it has to be proved

that the country will
bear all that must
necessarily follow
such a change in
the law.

Amongst other
things, the Ho: of C.
must declare
prostitution a
legitimate calling.
If England will stand
this, then England
will stand the
suppression of brothels
& of all public
prostitution, which
is what we want.

But we *have* proof
that you cannot deal
with this question in
the way proposed.
And, to shew this, I
send you a paper
giving the results of
Army experience, as
proved by their own
Statistics. I believe
you have seen this
before. Mr. Gladstone
has seen it. If you
like to shew it to
Sir G. Lewis, & bring
it back to me,
pray do.

You will see, by this, what a case the opponents of any proposal for Police inspection would have against Ministers. And, depend upon it, the case should be used.

The real remedy is to make the Barracks more of a home. The most decent places the men have to go to now are Brothels & Beersshops. Give the

men an additional room or two to sit, & smoke & talk in at their Barracks. In large Garrisons, give them Clubs or Institutes.

The real answer to Police regulations is the passage (marked in red) in Capt. P. Smith's letter -

I have touched upon the subject at the end of my paper on Sidney Herbert. too.

~~[illeg]~~ Do these things see if you can't do without

making your country a *licensed* house of ill fame as France is: & then without at all diminishing disease either Ever dear Sir Harry
your affecte
F.N.

{Written diagonally} CONFIDENTIAL

I am afraid
it is utterly
impossible for
me to do as
Mr. Hastings
asks. I have
no paper ready.
And the beginning
of the Session is
just my busiest
time. No day
passes without
3 or 4 papers from
the W.O. And the
Indian Commission
have chosen just
this time to wind up
their report

9000/89 initialed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 137

4 Cleveland Row **[15:467]**

S.W.

Feb 14/63

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be very
glad to see the Report
which Sir G. Lewis
proposes to send me.
I knew of the Committee
& I have heard some
of its results. There is
nothing in them that cannot
be pulled to pieces
in a moment by any
one with the least
knowledge of the subject
for none of the Committee

had any. But I shall
be very glad to see
the Report as a whole
(it has not come to me yet)
& give you my opinion
on it.

As for Sir G. Lewis'
remark upon the ~~wo~~
Rich men's clubs, it
is merely a pun
upon the word "Club".
The clubs we want
for the soldiers & the
clubs to which rich
men belong have
no one thing in common.

The ~~n~~ latter are
frequented by people
with plenty of money
& nothing to do.

The former are for
homeless men, who
have literally nowhere
to sit down but the
canteen & the brothel.
We want to put them
in the condition which
the young men of the
London clubs would
be in, *if they had* NO
clubs. viz. to give
them such places to
live in(in proportion)
as these ~~would~~ have

without their clubs.

Really it does astonish
me that a man who
writes about Logic
should make such
an illogical remark.

[end]

These Soldiers' Clubs *have*
been tried with the most beneficial
results. And no pun will undo these

As to Kinglake's book, [14:1016]
it is really beneath
contempt. And he has
damaged his position
for ever by it with anybody
who knows - But, as
so many people do
not know, I should,
if I were commander
in Chief, or Lord Clyde,

put a cool letter in
the "Times", setting down
his lies.

That Mr. Kinglake
rode on a pony at
the battle of the Alma
is the only reason I
ever heard given even ~~if~~ by
him ~~giving~~ for them.

[end]

ever yours
F.N.

9000/90 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

Private 4 Cleveland Row [8:439-40]
S.W.

Feb 20/63

My dear Sir Harry

Of course to me
the wish of the War
Secretary is a command.

And therefore I send
you the document
he asks for - but
with this proviso; -

1. I have seen such
disgraceful opinions
emanating
from the
W.O. on this subject,
that I mean to take
farther means of

making public my
view of the question
than merely submitting
it to the War Secretary
- & therefore he must
not consider my doing
so makes it a
"confidential" document

2. I would prefer
his not shewing it
to any one in the W.O.
Or if he does so, he
must communicate
to me the counter
arguments. You see
it would destroy
all its usefulness,

if it were said
"Oh! we've seen all
that before - Sir G, Lewis
has answered all
that."

I have seen all the
documents upon which
the Report, not yet
printed, is founded.
And I may tell you
that there is not the
most ordinary amount
of intelligence brought
to bear upon the subject

Evidence is adduced which would not stand
the test of the most ordinary examination.

We have heard all
those arguments used,
and all exploded,

(except by a few old
women) ~~about~~ in the case of small
pox & Plague & in
favour of Quarantine.

Now *nobody* believes
in quarantine, except
Sir J. Liddell, & he
is chosen to urge
the cure of syphilis
by Quarantine!!!!

- Again, Dr. Gibson
admits the failure (of
Inspection)~~about~~ at Gibraltar -
But he tells Sir G
Lewis that ~~the illeg~~
~~illeg~~ Medical Officers
were bribed by these

unfortunate women.
Methinks, if this
statement were made
public, Dr. Gibson
would not be many
days Director General.

if it were known
that British gentlemen
had been accused by
~~their own~~ should him of
such a thing.

My intention is,
as soon as I have
seen the Report &
all the documents,
to collect together

the ~~mass of~~ contrary
evidence, which is
overwhelming, & of
which my little paper
is only an atom -
to shew the glaring
folly of some of their
statements - & to
~~publish it~~ make it known, (not
under my own name,
of course -that is
impossible).

You will see now
why I can only
shew this paper to

Sir G. Lewis as a
friend. Because he
will go to Dr. Gibson,
Dr. Gibson will
"answer"(?) it all -
& the answers will
not be submitted
to me - tho' they
will be *said* to
have "convinced " the
War Secretary.

I have no other
copy but the one
I send you -
ever yours

F.N.

Since I wrote this & after I had

actually put up the paper
for you, one faction at the
W.O. has written to me,
strongly urging me, for
the very reasons adduced
above, not to give up
my documents to Sir G.
Lewis, *till* this disgraceful
Report is out, in order
that we may see how
to answer it.

I think Sir G. Lewis
will understand, if
you will read him
portions of this letter,
that our reason is a
logical one; & that the
moment *he* sends *me* the
Report, I will send *him* the
answer.

9000/91 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: 25 Feb '63}

Feb 25/63

not mine : **have not worn any thing but black**

for at least 10 years; nor dealt with M & S.

I have these bills in three & four times.

Could you not get it paid? or I shall

have ~~them~~/it in three & four times more -

It is quite a serious grievance to me the times

I have to look up my receipts (not in this case)

& answer to bills which are not mine. F.N.

9000/92 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

4 C/Row

March 13/63

Dearest mother

1000 thanks for

box & flowers. I am

very, very sorry you

cannot keep Miss Jones. **[3:327]**

But what I write for

now is to ask you, &

to ask you to ask her;

to contradict every

where the report of

Ly Herbert's conversion

to R. Catholicism.

Her brother & I

are in constant daily

intercourse with her -

weekly, *at least*. She

has not even seen Manning

nor heard him preach.
Antonelli (Cardinal) has
been very civil to her.
But he openly professes
irreligion. Monsignor
Talbot has worked at
her Conversion & found
it "peine perdue", to use
her own words.

Of course the R.
Catholics are very
anxious to catch her -
Of course they are
putting in every newspaper
that they have succeeded
They always do -
But I should have
thought it even beneath
"Times" morality to quote
from "Cork Examiner".

9000/94 continues letter 92, initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: mid March 1863}

The "contradiction" was
put in by her brother
with ex post facto
consultation with me.
He is so *scrupulously*
accurate that, even if
he did not believe it,
& thought the contradiction
might prevent what
he & I so much dread,
he would not put it
in, if he believed there
were any grounds for the
assertion -

But neither he nor
I do. I cannot say that
she has never dabbled
with the R.C.'s. But
I *do not* believe that
there is any danger now.

I am quite aware that
every body is saying so.
Lady Augusta Bruce
whom I have seen
told me so. I convinced
her. And I begged her
to contradict it every
where -

 Please tell Miss Jones
ever dearest mother
 your loving child
 F.

Is anything (uncontradicted)
in the newspapers to be
believed? Then good &
true people must spend
their lives in contradicting
lies in the newspapers - **[end 3:327]**

9000/94 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

 Mar 18/63
Dear I am willing,
if you all of you
think it a good thing.
But I don't think
my visit of 10 min.
could be taken
into any more
account than this,
that it prevents me
from pronouncing
against the house -
I would not recommend
a house myself upon
such small premises,
unless it were good

For an investment.

Of course Rawlinson
must have a veto,
either way - I believe
that most Sanitarian
Engineers would consider
that W.C. in what
ought to be the best
bedroom fatal.

Really this appears
to me all I can say -
As for "6 days", } 6 weeks
for a person in bed
is less than people (well)
usually take to decide
upon a purchase - I
don't think the house so
attractive as to justify
a jump at it. ever yours F.N.

9000/95 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 136

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

Dearest Wonderful is
the selfishness of human
kind - and of Lady
Ashburton in particular

I have received
an imperative message
to send her a Nurse
tomorrow. (This is
impossible) - but I
MUST send Logan.

I don't know where
she is. Could you
settle it all? I have

actually kept the
Ashburtons' servant
here in London to
take Logan back
with him to Paris.

ever yours

F.N.

Monday

The message came
by R.M. Milnes

9000/96 initialed note, 2ff, pen {written on the bottom of a letter of Parthe
Verney to her re housemaid

Memo

I have consulted with the

housemaid. And we
agree to stay together.

Would Mama
like to drive down
here tomorrow,
(Sunday) afternoon
not later than
4 (to be here)

F.N.

Miss Fearon's
2 Oakhill Park
~~March~~ Ap 4

If Mama comes,
would she send
to 4 Cleveland Row
to see if there is
anything there for
me, (as my messenger
does not come
tomorrow or
Monday,) & bring it,
if there is?

9000/97 initialled letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

Ap 11 [HCV: 1863?] **[1:734]**

Dearie

They have forgotten ~~illeg~~
~~illeg~~ to send me a
bottle of Port Wine from
Embley.

Could you send me
two, immediate?

(one for poor Burton,
who will think it
tastes better, being out
of your bins-)

If you want to give
information to Ly Hatherton
about the Training Nurses,-
the enclosed, drawn up
by Jebb, is the only thing
which does - F.N.

9000/98 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper **[8:440]**

Wednesday mornng [Ap 15.63]

4. Cleveland Row. {printed address:}

S.W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you take or
send this to Lord
Palmerston, so as to
secure his reading it -
In case you have
yourself already spoken
to him, would it be
better if you found
another Messenger ~~to~~
(some one who knows
Ld P. equally well
with yourself) to take
it to him - I am

actually going down to
C. Row to be on the
spot this morning -
in case you have
anything to suggest
to me -

ever yours

F.N.

9000/99 initialled note, 1f by B. Jowett of April 17 1863 to Miss Nightingale, will not be inconvenienced by going to Hampstead, meet you there at 2:30

FN note [to HV?]

Will you & Parthe (if she comes) be here then by 2.30 tomorrow (Sunday)? You see Mr. Jowett comes by himself
ever your
F.

Satur

9000/100 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, April 63

Dear Papa

1. You see Lord de Grey has it after all. I am so very ill & so very busy that, if you are going to stay thro' this week, I would really say, not till Thursday & Friday, both of which are comparatively leisure days - with me - But tell me how long you are going to stay.
2. Give Sir H. the enclosed paper (by me) he knows what it is
The enclosed scrap of letter ~~he~~ I kept by mistake (of his)
3. Could you order for me (from Lea Hurst) 1 doz. more bottles Ginger Wine. 3 came burst of the last batch. ever your loving child

9000/101 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: Ap 63}

Dear Pop

I have written to Genl Storks that I will see him.

About the "cup." please tell me when I am to pay. I am told that making cheap cups for Volunteers is quite a trade - & that a *badge* is a better thing. [Lord Elcho's shield, they say, is the only good thing that has been done] - But I am no judge which is best.

I would have written
to Sir Harry about Schleswig
Holstein. But I have
been so busy & so ill.
And I don't think
I am a good judge.

ever your

F.

Lady Verney

9000/102 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row, {printed address} [1:162] [6:524-25]

S.W.

May 15/63

Dearest Mother

Yes: the "Sanitarians"
know quite well what
makes a sickly spring.
If the winter has been
more than usually
mild, it seems to
affect the national
constitution so as to
render it less able
to resist any causes
of disease in the
spring. And this
altho' it spares the

old & the pulmonary
of course more than
a severe winter.

If upon this
unusually mild
winter, follow a
wet spring, we
expect to see the
Scarlet Fever epidemics,
such as Diphtheria &c.
If upon it follow a
dry spring, such as
this, we expect to see
the severer epidemics,
such as smallpox &c

2. Ann Clarke's mother
has been released at last
And to day is the
funeral. Ann Clarke,
who has been nursing
her mother *all this*
year, & is much
broken, will then
go with us to
Hampstead for Whit=
suntide

3. Do you think **[1:734]**
you would make up
a fine hamper of
home produce for
Revd Mother of Bermondsey
& send it to me
by Tuesday, as on

Wednesday I go, if I
can, to Hampstead.
And I should like
to send her the hamper
on Tuesday. I generally
buy ~~send~~ her a flitch
of bacon two or three
times a year - A leg
of pork, apples,
nothing comes amiss.
What I buy is not
so good as what you
send - And plenty
of your American
flowers to make a
show for y her children
on Whitsunday - please. [end 1:734]
 ever dearest mum
 your loving child F.
{text sideways, left side of page;}
 Your yesterday box went to cheer poor Miss Jones
 flowers
 & all. [end 1:162]

9000/103 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

{written diagonally} *Burn*
{arch: 28 May 63}
 [1]

Dear Papa

 I did not send
your note to Uncle
Sam (about the will),
because I was in
hopes to find that
I could get it out
of the Bankers on
my own requisition.
But this, when Mrs.
Bracebridge came to
town, she ascertained
for me that I could
not.

 Meanwhile I

[2]

burnt your note,
because I was
afraid it might be
found, in case of my
death.

So I must
trouble you to write
it over again. I
think it did very
well, but I think
I would say: -

"unasked, I
"recommended Florence
"to look over her will
"every year - [the
"advice of _____
"to me" (this if you like
if not not)

[4]

"She answered, I
wish you had given
me that advice when
you were in town.
Because you would
have got my will for
me from the Bankers
where Uncle Sam
keeps it,"

And then add something
about my extreme
difficulty in writing -
& then preferring YOUR
~~the~~ request to send the will
to me.

This in your own
words I think is
about the thing.

If I were to have

[5]

any further *baruffa*
with the Sam Smiths,
I could not be sure
that I should keep
my reason - And it
is an essential to me
therefore to avoid it.
I have better things to do -
ever dear Pa
your loving child

May 20/63

Please send the note,
when written, to me
to see - but enclosed
in an envelope
stamped & directed by
you, so that I may forward

9000/104 initialed note & letter, 4ff, pen, bundle 137

My dear Sir Harry If you are in London,
could you be so very good as to cash
the enclosed Cheque for me (in bank
notes £50, in sovereigns £10/ & send
it up to me, not loose but sealed
up?

I hear that Parthe & Emily
return to Claydon on Monday - is it so?
4 C. Row
June 5/63

9000 bundle 137, black-edged paper

Soldiers' Institutes

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

June 15/63

My dear Sir Harry

A word to Lord de
Grey will always do
good. But the less
"direction" by "Committee
& Secretary", the better

The principle is
that the "Homes" or
Institutes should
all be self governed
& pay their way.
Even Regimental
Officers have been

found to be doubtful
agents, except as
cash-keepers.

N.C. Officers & men
work best as the
Acting Committee.
And there should
be no outside interference.

So far ~~this~~, as
regards "direction".
As regards
"organization", the
first point is to

keep the W.O. up to
providing the
Institutes in large
garrison towns where
necessary - the second,
to induce the W.O.
to have Capt. Jackson
to organize & set
such Institutes

going. there will not be more than two or three [Indeed, I
think, in equity,
they stand pledged
to him, as far as
Aldershot goes]
But he had much
better act alone
without a Committee,

if at all. But the
after = "direction"
should always be in the hands of
N.C. Off. and men.

PRIVATE

I may mention
to you privately that
I have heard from the
W.O. that Ho: of
C. is not necessary
to make Ld de G.
act in this matter,
but that there is
absolutely no money
this year, & Ho: of C.
pressure will not

give him money.
I asked for a very
small sum, scarcely
more than what
I had given myself,
for an Institute
just now - & was
told this.

I only tell it
you for what it is
worth. I am not
at all sure it *is* so;
~~true~~ or that Ho: of
C. pressure is not
always desirable
ever yours
F.N.

9000/105 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

4 C Row S.W. [1:162]

June 23/63

Dearest mother

I heard some days
ago that you would be in
town "in a week". I don't
know whether this
means next Saturday, 27.
But ~~if~~ fortunately for
me it does, I have
asked Mr. Jowett (who
will not be in London
again for two or three
months) to give me
the Sacrament next
28th, Sunday, at 3. And

I invite you & Papa,
as I hear something
of Papa going to
Combe - & coming up with you. [end 1:162]

[I am afraid
I cannot give
Papa a bed till
the Saturday following,
4th, as some furniture
must be moved for
the purpose.]

Please answer by
return of post, if
there is any possibility
of you or Papa, or
you & Papa coming

to join me on Sunday
next - ever dearest mum
Your loving child

F.

Please tell Hill, if
he has any grapes,
to send me some,
as grapes are the
only thing my dry
morning mouth
can take, till the
servants are up &
can get me a cup
of tea.

9000/106 unsigned note, 1f, pen

Dear

1. about Emily. I am
sorry to hear she has these
fainty feelings. I hope she
is not pining. But I do
not believe she has that
unhealthiness of mind.

Yes: Williams does do
what you say - but not
more than all other
consulting Physicians -
I would ~~take a~~ consult
such not to tell me
what medicine to take
but to tell me what is
the matter with me &
what I am to do. The
most striking example
of the former thing I know
is Dr. Todd's visit to Mrs.

Wellcome 9001

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Smethurst, who it was

supposed was poisoned
by her husband - But you
don't care about those
cases -

2. The loss of Col Jebb is
incalculable. I wrote to Lady
Amelia & she has answered
me - I will send you
her answer as soon as
Papa has seen it, *He* was
the last of our set.

3. Thanks about the Stores.
But I don't quite understand
it. Because I have received
two receipts, each for £7.7,
from Sir Harry. I hope he
received my Cheque for
£7.10.6 But have I not
another £7.7 to pay him?

4. I have been so sorry
not to be able to see Sir
Harry this time. But It has
been quite impossible for
me -

9000/107 signed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 30 June 1863} bundle 137

Dear Papa **[1:256]**

What a loss is Sir J.
Jebb. To me he was the
true cast of hero, saint
& martyr. He was the
last of our set. There are
none like him, no, not
one, left behind to take
his place -

Did you have them
this year?

I have written to
poor Lady Amelia, for
I think none but myself
can know what her loss
is.

I have lost in less
than two years the two

Chairmen & the Secretary
of my little N. Fund.

Would that that
were all the loss in
them!

But Sir J. Jebb
looked on the criminals
as an ill used race,
whose salvation he was
to work out.

Where shall we
find that generous
confidence now?

2. I don't know that,
without ~~him~~ the thought
of him, I should have
found strength to write
to you this morning.

The gist of my letter
was that you should
write by & bye to U.S. asking
him to send me my
Voluntas (or a copy of
it) *to look over*, - in
pursuance of the opinion
of _____ who thought
every one ought frequently
to do this &c; & that
you had urged this
opinion on me_ This is
the only right way of doing it, I think.
3. Would you tell some
one to send me
rabbits, dead. They
are very useful to me.

4. Would you send me
up my "Sylvia's Lovers"
by Mrs. Gaskell, which
Parthe took to Embley.

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

June 30/63

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4 Cleveland Row

S.W.

June 22/63

My dear Sir Harry

I am correcting the
Third Edition of my
"Notes on Hospitals".

And I want to put
in a small plan &
elevation of your
Aylesbury Infirmary,
as it now is.

If there is a
lithographical plan,
as it now is, could
you give me one?
If not, could you get

for me the loan
of the Architect's
large plans, that
I may have a
plan & elevation
reduced for my
wood cut?

I had occasion
to write to Capt. P.
Jackson, R.E.
Plymouth, last week.
I have had no
answer. Do you
happen to know

whether that is his
~~the~~ right address
now?

[6 lines scribbled over & illegible]

ever yours

F.N.

9000/109 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

June 30/63

Dear Papa

I must manage to
write ~~durin~~ for the
last day you will be
alone -

I enclose three letters
of yours to me, which
please return - in
the first of which
I fully agree, &
can hardly understand
what prompted
the ~~second~~ last.

It seems to me

that the advice of the
first is the very
wisest I ever read -
but that to make
a new will every
year, without even
reading over the ~~first~~
last will, is to act
diametrically in
opposition with
Uncle Carter's advice
if it is is.

The shame &
anxiety to me of
making a new will,
without U. Sam's
knowledge, would be

far greater, (to me) than that of stealing
my ~~the~~ old will from my
& his Bankers without
his knowledge.

I do not remember
what is in it. At
least I remember
all I had rather
not remember &
nothing of what I
would remember.

I have not made
up my mind to
make a new will.
But I entirely feel
that my will ought

not be out of my
own power. I once was told
by one whom I
considered wise -
that no man or woman ought ever
~~never~~ to tell during
his or her life what his or
her will was, for fear
he or she should wish
to alter it.

This advice came too
late for me - I have
made a dreadful
mistake -
And I
hope you will help
me out of it - *not*
by telling Uncle Sam
(or advising me) that

Letter 109 initialed note, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry
Would you kindly cash this Cheque,
as you have been so good as to do
before, in £5 notes & sovereigns

10

ever yours

F.N.

July 2/63

9000/110 incomplete letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper

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

July 3/63

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry to
vex you about such
a trifle, tho' important
enough to me - It is
of the greatest
consequence to the
India Sanitary Report
that I should remain
in town the whole
of this month, & to
my illness that I
should do it
undisturbed.

See what Col. Brown
writes.

I will not take up
your strength or mine
with telling you what
makes this so
particularly heinous
on his part. He
made me turn out
of bed to shew the
house to Ld Delamere.
And now he will
be "most happy" to
receive 25 guineas,
but it will be of the

9000/111 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

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

July 10/63

My dear Sir Harry

I have been druv, **[9:225]**
druv druv, these
last three days
with bringing out
the India Army
Sanitary Report.
Copies have now
been sent to the
newspapers &
ministers. But it
is not yet presented.

I hear that the
Report is to be

taken up in the Ho: of
C. by Mr. Conyngham,
(or Mr Cunningham,
which is it?) Is he
a proper man for
so great a subject?
And, if it is to be
taken up, ought not
some one of weight
to do it, & not a
member whose
influence is doubtful.
Could you help to a
solution of this
difficulty?

I am afraid that
Mr. Conyngham is
going to give notice
of a Motion directly. **[end 9:225]**

ever yours

F.N.

I had a packet
from you directed
to Col. Lennox
about the Guarantors
at Aldershot.
But no letter from
you in it. I have
not forwarded it,
thinking I should
receive a note from

you. And indeed I
have been too busy
to think of anything.

I find it a very **[9:225-26]**
bad thing to have to do
with highly honourable
men. Because they
always think every
one else as honourable
as themselves, & leave
no written agreements
about anything, or
depend upon others
acting honourably.
Here am I in a peck
of troubles, because
Lord Stanley will
not carry out Sidney

Herbert's verbal
understandings as
to the pay of the 2
members of the
India Sanitary Commn.
who did all the work.

And Col. Brown,
whom you thought
to move, writes a
blackguard letter,
the sense of which is,
"Miss N. is *not* dying,
& therefore she can
move. But if she *is*
~~were~~ dying, I take
advantage of it to
claim 25 guineas
a week in August" [end 9:226]

F.N.

9000/112 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

July 14/63

My dear Sir Harry

As Mr. Coningham's
notice is out, would
it not be well to take
the opportunity of
getting together two
or three influential
M.Ps, who take an
interest in the matter,
& going with them to
Sir C. Wood, to Lord
Hartington & to Lord
Stanley at the House;
& asking them what

practical effect is to be given to the recommendations of the Report - asking them also to appoint the home Commission at once. shewing them, in fact, that the Report has made a deep impression on those who understand the condition of the soldier & ~~asking~~

that M.Ps really wish to know what course they should take, instead of asking absurd questions like Mr. Coningham -

Dr. Sutherland would come to you, if you wished. Or you could see him here, if you desire to take me into consultation -

ever yours

F.N.

9000/113 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

4 C Row

July 14/63

My dear Sir Harry

I have made a full statement to Ld. Stanley of the understanding upon which S. Herbert employed Drs. Sutherland & Farr on the India Commn. And he has promised to carry it out. *Unless* you know any thing *other than from* me, in which case your testimony would be very valuable as corroborating mine, I think it would be

better for you to say nothing to Ld. Stanley. He is a queer tempered man.

But if you would ask him in the Ho: why the two Vols. folio of the India Sanitary Report are not presented to the Ho: of C. (I understand they are only to have the single 8vo vol:) it would be very desirable. When such immense labour has been given to the complete work, with all its Diagrams & plans it seems a pity not to distribute another 1000

It is, I believe, only the
additional expence of
paper. For where
one thousand is printed,
which is the limit put
to the (two large Vols:)
delivery, a second
thousand may be.

ever yours

F.N.

9000/114 initialed note 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137 {arch: '63}

4. Cleveland Row. {printed address:}

S.W.

Could some of you
read this over *aloud*
(as far as Appendix)
& tell me how many
minutes it takes?

F.N.

9000/115 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}

S.W.

July 16th 1863

My dear Sir Harry

There are two letters
of mine about the
I.A. Sanitary Report
lying for you at St.
Jas's Place.

I write now direct,
because it is very
important that no
time should be lost.

For some reason or
other, the only account
of the proceedings of
that commission, ~~which~~

lasting over 4 years,
which the Ho: of C.
has received, is a
Report, to which is
appended a Précis
by Mr. Baker, the self
styled Secretary of the
Commission, the contents
of which, for it
professes to give the
substance of the
Evidence, are simply
ludicrous, & weaken
(by not bearing out)

the Report.

This is the small 8 vo
which is all that has
been presented to the
Houses of Parlt.

We are in this
danger that, though
everybody is at present
appalled by the Report,
they will find this
incomplete Précis does
not bear it out -
& also not a single
person has laid hold
of ~~the~~ our main point,
viz. reform your
Stations first & then
we can think about

Hill Stations & reserves.

The question is now,
how to avoid this, & to
place a fair account
before the Ho: of C.

of the evidence, not

only of witnesses, but
of the immense &
far more valuable
~~evidence in map of station~~
Reports which we have.

This is simply due
to the House. Because
upon its action will
to a great extent
depend the future
of the India reform.

Even already questions
have been raised
involving the judgment
of the commission -
which could never
have been the case,
if the evidence,
oral & station,al,
had been read.

Would it be possible
to have the following
documents called for,
in the House

1. the evidence of the
witnesses
2. Miss Nightingale's
paper, prepared
at the request

of the Commission
& giving the
conclusions of the
Stational Returns
3. an abstract of the
Stational Returns
these documents form
a portion only of the
first folio Volume, & should
be printed in 8 vo
as they have done
the Report.

Two 8vo Vols: would
do the whole. The first
should contain the
Report, my paper, &

the Abstract. The second
should contain the
oral Evidence

ever yours
F.N.

9000/116 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

July 16. 63

My dear Sir Harry

Could you see Dr. Sutherland? I
could send him to you tomorrow by 11
AM. Or you would find him here.

However the immediate business
is this (I wrote it to you by the post
to Claydon today)

For some reason or other,
carelessness, I suppose, Lord Stanley
has permitted a self styled Secretary
Baker to present to the House
as the result of our 4 years'
labours on the I.A. Sanitary
Commission an 8vo vol: containing
the Report & a "Precis of Evidence"
by Mr. Baker, which is simply

ludicrous & weakens the Report by not bearing it out.

Also, not one single person has seized our main point, viz. *reform the Stations first* because it comes out with much more salience in the omitted portions.

Several members of the Comm. have asked me to ask you for some independent M.P. to move for

1. the Evidence of the witnesses
2. Miss Nightingale's paper on the Stational Reports
3. an Abstract of the Stational Reports

to be laid before the house

These all form parts of the first folio Vol. *not* laid before Parlt.

These might be put up in two 8vo vols thus
Vol 1. Report

Miss N's paper

An **abstract of Stational Reports**

Vol II Evidence of Witnesses

As the Ho:
will ultimately
mainly decide upon the
future of our Indian
recommendations, it has a
simple right to these
documents.

It has been called "*Reports*"*
in the Report, margin passim.

But properly it is "*Returns*"
as on the title page.

*The word Reports was put in
by Baker.

9000/117 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

4 Cleveland Row S.W.

July 18/63

My dear Sir Harry

In ~~As to~~ discussing the question
of your motion with the Librarian
of the Ho: of C.: -

will you state at once that vol
II of the I.A.S. Report, - containing
the Stational ~~Reports~~/Returns is solely intended
for official purposes in India. They
constitute the ground work on which
practical measures are to be
carried out in that country. It is
not intended that this Vol II
should be distributed to the
Houses of Parlt to whom it would
be useless -

The question relates solely then
to what part of Vol I should be
~~printed~~ issued to the Members

This Vol: contains 943 pages,
besides the Report & the Precis.
(which is utterly valueless)

The whole Evidence, on which the
Report is founded, is contained in
the "Minutes of Evidence", in "Miss
Nightingale's Observations," and in
the Abstracts of Returns "made to
questions issued to Stations." [This
lies between p. 1 of Minutes of Evidence
and p. 462. which is the last
page of the Abstracts.]

An index to the Evidence is
wanted, which we will prepare,
if called for.

We should be satisfied with
this, as a compromise.

ever yours

F.N.

This is the course which would bring the really essential parts of the Evidence, separated from the non essential, before the members. But, if the question is to be one solely of obtaining an additional supply of the two Vols: ~~from~~ for M.P.s who wish it, every copy should be put into circulation as soon as possible.

9000/118 initialed note, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

{written on the bottom of a note evidently from her mother:

Dear Child

will you have me Sunday as your unoccupied day for 2 nights or Friday for 1 night? ever thine

FN

[FN begins]

Dearest mother

I have not a chance of being at Hampstead on Friday

Tho' of course the house & maids will be too glad to receive you -

If you came from Saturday till Monday, it would be a reason for me to go to Hampstead on Saturday night & see you on Sunday.

We are in all the paroxysm of

conflict with Sir C Wood & Lord Stanley who do not wish to appoint our home Commission.

This is what makes me say I must be mad to try without Sidney Herbert to ~~app~~ construct a Department of Government

Wellcome 9001

516

ever your F.

9000/119 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

Private {written diagonally}
2 Cleveland Row
S.W.

July 23/63

My dear Sir Harry

Under the circumstances
& under the curious
blunder made by Sir
C. Wood who fancies
himself laying one
work on the table of
the House when he is
in fact laying another,
I am sure I am
doing the best in
leaving it entirely in
your hands.

I will only say
for Mr. Vardon's

information, who says
the reprinting the
broken up type will
be £1000, that Mr.
Spottiswoode states
it will "be about
£260".

Every one concerned
has behaved as badly
as they possibly could.
And I only wish I
had a part of my
4 years labour
back.

I have been engaged

however in a much
more important thing
for the result of the
Report. And that is
getting the home
Commission appointed.
After many disappoint=
ments, I learn from
Ld de Grey that
Sir C. Wood will
probably add two
Indian members on
to our Barrack &
Hosp Commission
at the W.O. And
this is good -
Pray don't trouble

yourself to call on
me. I am sure you
must be overdone
ever yours
F.N.

9000/120 Letter 120 initialed note, 1f, pen, written at the end of a letter
from her mother, bundle 137

7 Oakhill
I *am* here, having
quite broken down.
And your rooms are
all ready here
from Saturday till
Monday & excessively
disappointed if
you do not come.
ever dearest mum
Your loving
child F.

9000/121 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137
[1:163]

7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead NW

July 31 {arch: 1863}

Dearest mother

I am very sorry I did not
acknowledge the Ginger
wine. I did to Papa, &
asked him to acknowledge
it to Mrs. Radford, & to
ask her to begin the
manufacturing anew directly
& to send it me when
ready. As this envoi was
only of *one* dozen. The
next had better be of
two doz.

Also, I have ordered
Romola at Papa's request
I will sent it him, as
soon as read. Novel tho'
it be, I think it the
fairest & most life=like
representation of Savonarola

that has yet appeared.

I am glad you arrived
~~safely~~ pretty well - & hope poor Pet
will reconcile herself
in time. But Topsy
was the pet with me -
ever dearest mum

Your unfortunate
Child

Two years the day after
to morrow - two years!!
Is Sidney Herbert's death **[end 1:163]**

9000/122 signed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137

7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead NW
Aug 17/63

Dearest mother

1. Would you write to
Hill & tell him to
send the weekly box
straight to me here?
It has gone on coming
to C. Row. I do not
know whether he sends
anything but stocks,
as I have always
sent on the box to
some one in London,
instead of having it
down here -

2. Would you tell Papa

that he has never sent
me any "wuts"-

3. *pig* -- please remember
I like *pig* always, if
only to give to my
numerous nuns &
friends

4. Please tell Papa
that I have ordered
Renan's Vie de Jesus,
which I shall like
much to read - (only
I wish he had ordered
it & desired it to come
here). I do not however
share the enthusiasm
for Renan, tho' he
interests me. ~~His tone~~

But I must write
about this to Papa
another time.

At present to write
even one additional
word is almost
impossible to me

even to my dearest
mum

from her ever loving
child F.

5. How did Mrs. Webb
like the box?

6. Does any one pet
poor Topsy?

7. We have obtained with

difficulty that orders be
given at the *Sales Offices*
of Parliamentary Papers
to refer any one who wants
a copy of the *two folio Blue*
Books of our *India Army*
Sanitary Report to

Mr. Baker

(Burial Acts Office
4 Old Palace Yard
S.W.

Pray order a copy directly
(I presume it can be done
through a Bookseller) &
pray tell any one of your
friends who wants a
copy. The more it is
circulated, the better.
And it is well to make
it known to Booksellers.

9000/123 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen, bundle 137

Aug 24/63

[3:366-68]

Dear Papa

As regards Renan -
His tone goes against me,
tho' everything he writes
interests me. It is as if
he said, "Jesus was an
impostor but a very
fine fellow too. And I
am a very fine fellow
too to find it out &
to admire him *quand*
même. He did it all
for the best."

Mr. Clough used to
say, that no one could
make much progress
who could not acknowledge
that Christ was capable

of making mistakes.
This of course I agree
in. But I think I
would add, no one is
capable of making
much progress who
can see in Christ's
mistakes impostures.
Strauss could see
nothing in Christ
but a village apothecary,
who walked over the
hill of Bethany, &
disappeared the other
side. Renan is a
thousand steps above
this. But, for all that,
I think there is a great
want of moral feeling,

in him - tho' every word
he writes is invested
in a halo of passion
& poetry. This is no
doubt the reason why
he makes such an
impression upon people.
I know none but
Victor Hugo who has
the power of placing
before one, as Renan
does, in living colours
those who died hundreds
of years ago.

I once said to Mme
Mohl that, notwithstanding,
I thought Renan did
much harm to Xtianity
while wishing to profess

it. And she said, he
doesn't want to profit
Xtianity but to profit
himself by selling his
books -

I have marked the
Vie de Jésus with great
N.B.s & to shew what
I mean -

Renan is farther off
than any one from shewing
what a perfect God is.
He has not made one
single step (indeed I
see no one who does)
in shewing that a
perfect God must
act thro' Law - that
Christ's *mistake* was

[2]

not recognizing Law -

If he had gone on painting Christ in the living colours he does, but said, *here* Christ does not recognise the perfect God, *here* &c &c, & then shewn *what* a perfect God would be - then indeed I should value Renan. But as it is I think he actually puts back the religion of the world.

And indeed no books further it now - All books are sunk in

criticism. When Mr. Jowett tells me that he is retiring to the Lakes to comment Plato & St. Paul, I am ready to cry out, oh why can't you go on to the things *which are before*, & shew us the *character* of God, instead of what St Paul & Plato said of him -

When Renan writes such a book as this (altho' I would not compare him with Mr. Jowett in truth of feeling) I say, oh if he

would shew us, *here*
Christ made a mistake
as to the *character* of
God - & what it was.

Mr. Martineau is a
still more flagrant case,
because he has truth
of feeling like Mr. Jowett,
& passionate poetry
like Renan. But then
he is gone so astray on
free will & foreknowledge
that he frightens
himself like a child
in the dark -

I think there is
as little use in
commenting these men

as in their commenting
St Paul, Plato & Christ.

I do believe Christ,
as he said himself, is
the way. But the way
to what? Again he says
to what - to ~~the~~ know
God. Then do let us
walk that way. Don't
let us stand still.
Let us go on to get
more & more of the
knowledge of God by
walking the way
Christ was so anxious
~~we should~~ to shew us - But I don't
see that Renan has
shewn us one step of
the way.

Bp Colenso's book is [bundle 137]
come here, directed to me.
I suppose by your order.
The man all must
admire, for having
come practically, as
it were, to what others
have long since come to
philologically - and
at the cost of his
Bishopric, I suppose -
But the book I must
add I cannot read -
It is to me like Sir
G. Lewis on "Hey diddle diddle."

Long since, the German
philologists have proved
that we have not a
line of Hebrew of the
time of Moses - that
the Pentateuch was
written partly by a
priest in the time
of Solomon - partly
later. Why come back
in a Vol: of 158 pages
upon all this? Why
bother us about a
"Hi diddle diddle", a
child's song?

But not the less
must we admire the

man. Only do go on to
the things that are
before - not this
eternal work of
putting down, of
disbelieving - Go on
to what we are to
believe.

Even Bunsen, in his
somewhat unintelligible
mysticism, had got
far before this.

Please burn what
I have said in the
other ~~page~~ sheet. I am

quite frightened ~~at~~
~~what I have said,~~
lest it should be
repeated - it is so
true. **[end 3:368]**

9000/124 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, {arch: 1863}

Yes please fruit & flowers
Your gardener is the only
man who sends me
large big white, orange,
scarlet lilies, great
larkspurs. The little
hot house pots don't do
with me so well - I will
send down on Tuesday to
St James' Place - Any
future benefits may
either be directed here
or if the gardener could
give me a line, I would
send to St. James' Place
for them.

I don't know how to spell
M. Milnes new name-
and I am too old to learn

Sidney Herbert & I thought
it the greatest misfortune
of our lives his being
called to the Lords - tho'
alas! only to be succeeded
by a still greater one
- two years next Sunday,
two years!! -

No, I don't like people
being called to the Lords.

7 Oakhill Park
Hampstead
N.W.

9000/125 signed letter, 3ff, pen, bundle 137

Sept 1/63

Dearest mother

Would you write by
return of post to Dr
& Mrs. Sutherland,
asking them to Lea
Hurst for a week -
I don't think she will
come. But for him it
is absolutely necessary.
He has had no holiday
for 4 years, except
that disastrous expedition
to the Mediterranean.
The tug of war is yet
to come with regard

to India. The whole of
this weight will
rest upon him & me.
I have not one fellow
worker left but him.
He is so utterly unhinged
that he is perfectly
useless - And yet
he can't go abroad,
because Lord de Grey
& Sir C. Wood will
not come to a decision
about the working
Commission, ~~at~~ without
which the four years'
labor of the Royal Commission
will have been in vain.

Please then remember
that, in sanitarizing him,
you are sanitarizing
India. And that, if
you would give him
the E. Room or the
Nursery bed room
& Nursery, (according
to which is not being
used,) you would be
doing a Secretary of
State's work -

I can say no more.
If Papa would mount
him on a pony, it would
also be doing an
official work.

2. In the Revue des Deux Mondes, 15 Aout, 1853, is an Article by Paul Janet, "Le Matérialisme Contemporain". It is said to be the best exposé of the day, of the Physiology of the day - including Huxley, & Darwin. (expose in more senses than one). Papa ~~might~~ would like to read it.

3. Feuerbach says, the characteristic of a true philosopher is not to be a professor of

philosophy -

I agree - The characteristic of a true religious man is not to be a divine.

ever dearest mum

your loving child

F.

9000/126 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137, {arch: 15 Sept '63}

Dear I certainly had intended to accept your kind offer of the house in South St for Nov 1. I understood then from you that your tenants would be out in the middle of Sept. Mrs. Sutherland has since told me that they will not be out till the end of October. If you have any intention of letting the house to them till February,

I should be very sorry
to interfere. If, say, till
the middle of November,
I should, I dare say,
be able to stay on
here till then. But
I would not spend
another winter at
Hampstead. if I have
to live so long. For it
frustrates all purposes of
work, included power to
work -

ever yours

F.N.

Sept 15/63

9000/127 (copy) not in FN hand, and 128 original signed letter, 7 ff, pen

Hampstead, N.W.

Sept. 19, 1863

My dear Sir Harry

In answer to **[9:457]**
your kind letter: -

1. For carrying out the
recommendations of the
India Army Sanitary
Commission, all depends
upon the promptitude
of Government in
forming the four
working Commissions
of Health - one for
each Presidency in
India; and one at home,
to be attached to the

India and War Offices.

You yourself know how Sidney Herbert halved the Death-rate of the Army at home by his "Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission" (among other measures) which still exists.

To this the India Office has already appointed Sir Proby Cautley, and is about to appoint two other members. This is to be the advising body of the India Office in

all matters relating to the Sanitary improvement of Stations etc -

But this Commission is of course for nothing more than to give its advice when asked for. It can execute nothing. All practical work must be done in India. And not a day should be lost in appointing the three Presidency Commissions, or rather, "departments of Public Health," as recommended by the R. Commission, to take official charge of the

great work to be
carried out in India.
2. You know what an
impression the Report
has made in England;
even deeper than that of
Sidney Herbert's first
Army Sanitary Report.
People ask if the
state of things revealed
"is to last another day."
M.P.'s are burning
to take it up. It is
out of, rather than
in the I.O., that the
outcry is loudest. It
is amazing how easily

[2]

officials are satisfied
of the truth of anything
it is held desirable
to assert. And therefore
it is a simple
conformity with the
tradition of a Government
office to denounce
as extravagant and
exaggerated the
lamentable exposures
made by this enquiry.
Would that our facts
could vanish before
their denunciations! **[end 9:457]**

But Lord Elgin,
(altho', I take it, it is

not a subject which
interests his mind,)
is too enlightened a
man to put it by
in this way.

The Government of **[9:457-59]**
India *in* India must
take steps itself, and not
wait for pressure
from England. It
must take the initiative
well and willingly. It
will never sit down
quietly under such
a weight of responsibility,
nor rest till these
deplorable evils are
removed.

3. The object is : - to have
a Department of Health
under a responsible
head, for each Presidency,
to be constituted out of
the required elements,

Civil
Military
Engineering
Sanitary
Medical -

to place this Department
in the relation of
receiving aid and advice
from the I. and W.O.
Commission at home -
and in the position of
advising the Public
Works Department &

local authorities in
each Presidency, on
all matters connected
with Barracks

Hospitals

Stations

Bazaars

Native Towns etc

At home we would
gladly help with a
plan ~~of~~ for working out
the details.

But first let India
find the best men,
& constitute the
Commissions:

There are some good
men to begin with,
such as: - Dr. T.E. Dempster,
~~(But these are only for the Sanitary Members)~~

Inspector Genl MacPherson.
of Madras

Dr. Norman Chevers, &
Dr. Joseph Ewart,
of Bengal

Dr MacClelland etc,
who would be efficient
on these Commissions as
Sanitary or Medical members. x

4. Unless the Death-rate &
invaliding rate of the
Indian army can be
reduced, to hold India
by British troops will
become impossible.

Already this next
year, 1864, we want
25000 recruits. And
I have just seen a

x of course Officers of Health there must be
to act under the Commissions. Good names
could be given for these too.

letter from the Horse
Guards who wish to
extend re-enlistment
by an increase of pay,
because they do not
know where to turn
to keep up the Army.

But a better
method than this
would be to improve
the Sanitary condition
of India. And this
is the key to holding
India by British troops.
And on the India
government now
depends the possibility
of doing so.

5. There is the native population too. It is surely something to stir us all, to know that Indian pestilences are of Indian manufacture - that the causes which give rise to them are removeable - now that Indians are as much our own fellow=subjects as Londoners.

What is wanted is to drain India, to water-supply India, to cleanse India by something more than surface-cleansing.

What is wanted is

that it should not be said now of us as Burke said ? years ago - that if we were to leave India tomorrow; we should leave behind us no more traces of our civilization than if India had been in the possession of the hyaena or the tiger.

6. The question is, in short, nothing less than to create a Public Health Department for India. What a glorious work for an

Indian Government!

The difficulties are great. But see what Sidney Herbert's confidence in a good cause enabled him to do. He halved the Death-rate of the Army at home. Lord Elgin can do much more than this - ~~For~~ the India death-rate can be reduced to much less than half.

For *everything* is there to be done, as every thing had to be done in the Crimea. And this makes it the more, *not* the less hopeful.

The discovery, so to speak, of the R. Commission is that the cause of ill health in India lies, *not* in the climate, but in the absence of all works of Sanitary civilization, - ~~which~~ This produced the very same diseases in Europe, when there was no water-supply, no drainage, no sewerage here, & the results are intensified in India by climate.

Let this not go on. **[end 9:459]**
Ever yours

Florence Nightingale

9000/129 initialed letter & incomplete note, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

Hampstead NW

Sept 19/63

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for the
Bucks Infirmary
manifest -

I have seen some
excellent practical
remarks from your
Matron there, Miss
Russell, to Sir W.
Heathcote - She must
be a capital woman.

Is she the sort of
person to whom you
would like to give
from time to time

books & that kind of
thing from me + on
our common professions?

ever yours

F.N.

9000/129 contd. in another hand

Sept 19/63

rather I am so fond of Jowett's
truth of feeling that his
want of truth of Judgment
& especially of logic aggravate
me the more. but surely
of all men he is the one
least open to your stigma
of ecclesiastical morgue or
love of priestly authority
he is too humble as M.
Mohl says
you know my quotation
from Feuerbach "the true
characteristics of a philosopher
is *not* to be a professor
of philosophy" the same thing
of religion & a divine;
no one but M Mohl has
sent me one newspaper &

9000/130a partial letter

I wrote to Mama
yesterday about Hill-
I assure you, "pour un
que j'en dis, il y en a cent
que j'avale." I have
waited impatiently
for years till I could
rightfully make Hill
a present. And I deserve
some credit for my self=
denial in that I would
not send him a present
to *buy* your flowers of
him. Now he tops up,
because I complained of
the flowers, by sending
none. It is as if, when
my Patients complained of the
food, I were to say, Now you shall
have *none*.

4

I think you misunderstood [bundle 137]
my ~~Jowett~~ letter to Jowett,
when you say, as if you
thought I was only planning
whether "private charity"
or state law wee to
cure these poor women.

That is not my object
at all--

My object is to prevent
these women being
regulated by state law
so as to enable (if they
could, which they can't)
prostitution to be as
safe (to men) as marriage.

You say, "where is law
to step in & where not?
happy study."

But should you feel
any doubt whether there
should be a law of this
kind.

You may murder as much
as you please, provided
you give no pain to the
victim & do not hurt
your own hand. If you do,
we will put you into
we will put you into
Hospital & cure your
hand, so that you may
be able to murder
some one else, & earn
to do it without giving
him pain.

"You may commit as
many burglaries as you
like, provided you don't

break your leg in scaling
the house. If you do, here
is a Surgeon to mend your
leg, *in order that* you
may continue to be a
burglar.

This is exactly what
they want to do about
prostitution in the War
Office- & what the
Times, Saturday Review
& Mr Jowett advocate
--as of course the War
Office cannot do it
without Parliament.

9000/130b initialed letter, 2ff, pen {two letters listed as Ms 9000/130}
{arch: 23 Sept 63} black-edged paper bundle 137

My dear Sir Harry

 You are not likely
to be going N again for
the Edinbro' Social Science
Meeting, October 7.?

I am compelled to
have an India paper
there (by Christian,
Conolly & Craig) It is
no doubt a great
advantage to have
such a paper read by
a political man & an
educated man; & not
by a Doctor or a savant.
I only ask to take my
chance - the more as

I believe I have lost
my chance several
times by not knowing
you were to be at
these Meetings -

I have a small
Scarlet lily (bulb)
a Tiger lily, an Agapanthus
& another big orange col'd
plant of yours here.
Should I send back
any besides the first?

I confess, being
of a "having" disposition,
I had hoped for one
of those big scarlet
lilies, of which I had

one last autumn & one
this spring, from you -
& which, even if I
moved into another room
only for a few hours,
always went with
me - & back again.

ever yours

F.N.

Sept 23/63

9000/131 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen, bundle 137 [1:163]

Hampstead NW

Sept 25/63

Dearest mother

I am so furious against
Hill that I really must
write seriously about it.

Either that man is
robbing you scandalously,
or he is the worst
gardener that ever was,
or he is an idiot - who
lets the flowers & fruit
~~on the~~ rot on the ground.

You say that he does
not let the Romsey
people in - I would
much rather the Romsey
people had your produce

than that nobody had
it.

But it is all nonsense.
What *does* he do *with*
the produce of that
enormous garden ground
for 3 months?

You have quite as
much ground & about
one third the glass
that Wilton has - You
have sixty times the
ground and six times
the glass that Mr.
Bowman (here) has.

Yet every body but
you has Dahlias,
Gladiolus, Asters, Fuchsias,

Geraniums, all out in
the commonest ground,
& grapes, peaches,
nectarines, figs, in &
out of glass -

Hill now, (out of
revenge, perhaps,) sends
me *nothing* - *no*
flowers, *no* vegetables,
only a few unripe
grapes & figs - *no*
wall fruit.

There has been no
frost_ What *can* he do
with the things?

It is only this last
month that he has
taken to sending me
no flowers - at all.

Now, do you believe
that if I were to send
him a sovereign, flowers
& fruit would *not be*
forthcoming at once?

It is the flowers that
I feel most aggravated
about. For that is
really shameful. He
ought to have sent
me *Gladiolus* every
week, &c &c &c .

It so happens that
all my friends have
been giving parties, &
have not been able
to send me flowers this
autumn -

And I have been
~~been~~ literally

[2]

existing on the bunch
of scarlet Geraniums
you sent me from Lea
Hurst, & which still
adorns (?) my table -
Mrs. Sutherland gives
me a bunch from her
garden occasionally,
which is actually
better than the flowers
I get from Embley
when they *do* come.

With the exception
of two weeks about
Easter, the flowers
which Hill *did* send me
were never worth the

carriage. My Walker
would hardly demean
herself to carry them up
to me - I thought it
was that the flowers
were kept for you, when
at home. But now he
sends *none*, when you are
not at home.

It is really very hard
upon me. Because flowers
are my only pleasure.
I carry them with me
from my morning bed
to my afternoon bed
to see the sun light upon
them - I hear people

complain because it has
been ? "weeks since"
they have been able to
walk from their bed to
their sofa without
increased pain". No
one can possibly realize
what it is to have
been *for six years*
without being able to
walk "from my bed to
my sofa without
increased pain" - &
to have been able to
do *no* work & to see
no friends during that time without
nights of nervous horror

which make the next
days useless - The *ONLY*
pleasure without pain
I have is flowers.

Would you write to
Hill, by return of post,
& tell him to send
me immediately all
the flowers, worth
sending, in the garden
& green houses ? Without
waiting for next week's
box.

I have always meant
to send Hill a sovereign,
as I do to the Wilton
gardener. But hitherto

[3]

it would have been
simple bribery - *buying your*
flowers from him.

And would you tell
him (in all future
boxes) to send vegetables
& better fruit?

No *pig* (which I have
asked for so often) has
ever come - But that
has nothing to do with
Hill.

When I remember
what your garden used
to be, & what Hill must
do with the produce,
if it is still as it
used to be, I do think

it is hard upon me to
depend on casual friends
for flowers & fruit.

2. Would you send me **[1:163]**
"wuts" once a week while
you are at L.H.?

I never could eat
baker's white bread -
And now I can't eat
baker's brown bread -

So the "wuts" are
necessary to me -

And could you send
me one home-made
brown loaf every week?

Many thanks for a

brace of partridges received. [end 1:163]

3. You are always
offering me shawls -
dearest mother. Now
your old white & black
cashmere shawl, which
you gave me, has never
been off my shoulders
for four years. It has,
I think, been cleaned
11 times. It is now falling
to pieces. If you could
give me a similar
one, cashmere, light, warm, not
too large, white & black,
or white & lilac, &
which will clean,

I shall like it all the
better for your having
worn it yourself -

I wear it sitting up
in bed-

This letter is all of
complaints - But I
assure you I have
bottled them up all
this year. Because I felt
Hill was your servant,
not mine. But now
I feel it a duty to tell
you what he does, or rather what
he does *not*.
My next letter shall be
about something else, I
hope. Ever dearest mum
your loving child

9000/132 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

Dear

I cannot tell you **[1:330-31]**
how glad I am to hear
(which sounds very
inhuman) that
Sir James Hope is to have
the N. American & W. Indian
Station - It will do so much
good.

I should like very
well to go to the W. Indies,
if I were Emily -and
should the climate do -

Pray give my
respectful regards to
Sir James -

I suppose there is not
the least chance of Sir
Harry going to the
Edinboro' Meeting. I only
wrote for the chance,
as I must send my
papers.

ever yours

F

Sept 26/63

9000/133 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

Hampstead NW

Sept 26/63

Dear Many thanks for
the lilies. I feel quite
ashamed of having
them, because I asked
for them.

Please thank Sir Harry
for his kind letter - They
were brought by one of Mr. Spottiswoode's
printers.

Have you a Burke;
& could you look out
(in his speeches) & send
me the exact passage,
with chapter & verse,
where he says that,
if we were to leave
India, our possession

of it would have no
more traces of civilization
than if it had been in
the possession of the hyaena
& the tiger -

I dare say Mr. Calvert
knows where it is.

It is very odd. I have
asked
two or three ever your
people. But F.
Burke seems
unknown -

9000/134 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Friday Oct 2

Dearest mother

1000 thanks for
all good things, ham,
birds, bread, flowers,
& especially for "wuts" -
which please continue.
Also for cutlery case,
very pretty & useful.

Last night arrived
a box from Embley too,
with flowers - & birds,
- the flowers much below
what every cottager
produces, but a great
deal better than nothing.

F.N.

9000/135 initialed letter, 1f, pen, with envelope, stamped, cancelled, black-edged paper

Mrs. Nightingale

Lea Hurst

Matlock

Oct 3/63

Dearest mother

I send the poor boy's
other letters (which I
had not received before)
in case you should be
able to get introductions
for him to some of the
list of his "nobility".

Uncle Sam may perhaps.

I don't think *my*
"introduction" would do
him much good with
"Lord Cardigan"!!

It is quite impossible
for me to beat about
to get him "introductions"
tho' I would have given him
some to any one I really knew.

{written at the end of letter} bundle 137

Is this the last of all
the Shores?
Don't send my answer,
if you think it too hard
upon the poor ignorant
boy.

F.N.

9000/136 unsigned letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

Hampstead NW

Oct 14/83

Dear I did not know
about the Hanburys -Pray
tell me -

I am very sorry that
I have no maid to spare
to go in to South St. There
was a maid here when
I first took the house.
But, at her mistress'
request, I gladly let her
go [For I find it a
very bad plan to have
other people's servants]
I have had a great
deal of trouble with
[illeg] lately & am obliged

continually to compel her
to go on little holidays.
She is so flighty. *She* says
it is biliousness & a fall
(months ago) I am rather
afraid it is something
else. Any how, it is
very suspicious & uncom
fortable. And I never
could less than now
detach a maid [She,
W., is away now] -I expect
Papa too the last week
of my stay here -

I am afraid Lofts'
woman must be put into
South St. unless you prefer my
sending a woman from
here, recommended to me

9000/137 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

Hampstead NW

Oct 15/63

Dear/Mr. ~~George~~ William Banting, [1:567]

the House Agent, has sent
me "*by desire of Sir*
Harry Verney" a pamphlet
by himself on how to
reduce Corpulence - By
dint of a meat diet,
sufficient to give a
Boa Constrictor a fatal
indigestion, he reduces
himself 1 lb per week.
Will Sir Harry tell him
that a course of Col:

Brown, combined with
the War Office, will effect
the same with much
greater rapidity &
certainty; but I implore
him not to carry the
experiment too far,
as he might "die cured".
ever your
F.

9000/138 initialed letter, 1f, pen (arch: 19 Oct 63)

Dear Papa

I trust you will not pass
me by in going to Embley.

I go to South St on
Monday Nov.2.

As usual, I can make
nothing of Parthe's plans
for me -

She seems to intend
you to go to me on the
very day I go to South St.

A vast accumulation
of business always waits
my going to London. I am
always completely
paralysed by even the
short journey - I trust

you will come to me *next*
week here - or - some
little time after I am
settled in S. St.

But it would be just
condemning myself *not*
to see you, to ask you
for the day or week I
go there -

ever dear Pa
your loving child

F.

Hampstead NW

Oct 19/63

We have had perpetual
storms here - And I
have hardly been down
stairs at all -

9000/139 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 21 Oct 63} bundle 137 mauve paper

Dearest mother

I shall hope to see
you, *you know whether*
or no ,on your migration,
i.e. wherever I am -
& wherever you are -

Pray admire to Mrs.
Watson her nosegays
of China roses tied
up with Arbor vitae,
I never saw anything
so pretty -

I am much obliged
for the oat cake, tongue, & other
dainties - Could you
arrange that the Oat

cake shall be forwarded
to me once a week
till (say) Christmas?
I go to 32 South St.
on Monday, 2 Nov.
ever dearest mother
your loving child
F.

Hampstead NW

Oct 21/63

The two kits from Embley
at Mrs. Sutherland's are
much more thorough bred
than mine. Pray let me
have the refusal of
your next two families.

9000/140 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

Hampstead NW

Oct 23/63

My dear Sir Harry

Christian is the
first authority in
Europe about these
matters - So I send
you his note, in case
you might like to
copy part for your
son - Pray return it
to me -

Please ask Dr. Acland
if he would like me
to send him a two
folio India Blue Book
(Sanitary Report)

which is almost
impossible now to
get a copy of - If he
is interested & if he
can help us, I would
gladly do so -

ever yours

F.N.

9000/141 initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

Dearest mother

1000 thanks for the
flowers, "wuts" etc

I am quite agreeable to
Lydia having the kit,
But unless you stay at
Lea Hurst another 6 weeks
(for you cannot part kits
from their mother before
6 weeks, at earliest) how
will that "save the journey"?
For of course the three
cats, Tom, Topsy & Pet,
come south with you - or
rather with the servants
ever your loving child

F

Oct 24/63

9000/142 initialed note, 1f, pen {written on another letter}

Lord Stanley takes
the Westminster to
review the India
Blue books in.

We shall be most

thankful if you can
find Dr. Acland or
any one to do it in
the Quarterly

F.N.

I wrote to Papa to
let him off **(to see
Lacaita) on** Wednesday
But it seems he
did not communicate
the Epistle.

9000/143 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 29 Oct '63|

Dear

The ~~for~~ Scarlet lily,
with the tall stalk,
partially in flower
when it came, (bulb & sent
back last week,)
flowered beautifully.

The scarlet lily,
with the short stalk
not in flower when
it came, (bulb sent
back this week,)
flowered unkindly;
every flower, except
the last, withered before

it was fully open.

I mention this for
your information -
They were treated here
exactly alike.

I wish you could
get Dr. Acland (or
somebody) to review
our two big India
Blue Books. The
Quarterly & Westminster
are still open -

ever your F.

Oct 29/63

9000/144 initialed note, 1f, pen {written on a letter}

I cannot make out
(from the enclosed)
whether Mama "stays
ten days longer" at Claydon
or at Lea Hurst -
Could you tell me
by return of post
what you know of
the plans of each
& what day each
leaves the Hurst?
F.N.

9000/145 initialed note, 1f, pen, written on a letter, blue paper, black-
edged, bundle 137

Dear/ My "plans" are, & always
have been, to go in on the 2nd.
I mentioned the 1st, till I
knew the 1st was a Sunday.
F.

I find from Mrs. Brace=
bridge that you expected
me to go in on the 2nd
as I always intended -
Not part of my
belongings " but "ME"
will "go in on that
day". And of course
"Walker" "or a housemaid"
or both will go in
with me. I am
announced due to
the W.O. "on that day"

& have been a long while. You asked me for a housemaid a fortnight ago on that understanding. I keep this house till the 3rd, merely because as Papa's visit has been put off till the very last days, I may be too ill & hurried to move *myself* till Tuesday. But I fully intend to go on Monday, & it will be very inconvenient for business if I can't. Many thanks - many
F.

9000/146 initialed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper bundle 137

13/11/63

My dear Sir Harry

I am quite overcome by your kindness in going to Mr. Murray about this unfortunate Report.

The fact is that, instead of standing as well with the Govt as possible, we stand as badly with Govt as possible, about it.

The home Commission is actually exactly where it was 4 months ago

When Lord de G.
pressed the Instructions
~~ab~~-(which I had written
at his desire) upon
Sir C. Wood - & **which**
were actually accepted
by Sir C.W.'s nominees,
Cautley & Martin -
Sir C.W. shewed
Ld. de G. a despatch
he had written to
India (& which was
not shewn either
to Ld de G., or to any
of us, till two months
after date) in which
he had committed
himself so entirely

to leave every thing to
the India authorities
that even I admitted
he could not stultify
himself, by granting
us the instructions *now*
we ought to have had.

I accordingly wrote
others much smaller
& weaker - & in fact
drew in our horns
altogether -

But even these
Sir C. Wood won't
pass. At least he
can't be brought to
any decision.

A great man once

said:- of a great man:

"unus qui nobis *cunctando*
restituit rem"

[I have since sadly felt
the omnipotence of
the *cunctando* =, not
to "restitute" but to
destroy. There is no
power like it,]

All that Sir C.W.
will say to Ld. de G.'s
pressure is that
our Report is
"exaggerated". And
so not even these
diminutive Instructions
are passed. And
{printed address: upside down}
32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

we are just where we
were -

It is true that Sir
C.W. did, in accordance
with my re-iterated
entreaties, give permission
that we should write
(privately) the heads
of a Sanitary code to
be sent out to India.
And we could put in
a good deal of the
Instructional matters
(in the form of Notes)
that we were in hopes
our home Commission
would have been allowed
to give -

But here Dr. Sutherland

puts in the fatal
& omnipotent "*cunctando*",
& won't do it. The
fact is, he is naughty
- & we know the proverb,
about cutting off one's
own nose to spite
one's own face -

Here is where we
stand now. You see
nothing can be worse.
And never were we
so much in want
of public opinion to
help us - I shall
be too glad for you
to decide whether by
you or ~~me~~/I, & when,

& where, the letter to
Mr. MacPherson, (whom
I don't know,) the Editor
of the Quarterly, - shall
be written. ~~to~~ [I don't
even know his address].

It would be very
desirable for the Article
to be ~~written~~ out in January.

I am in such
despair about the
Home Commission that
Lord Stanley is actually
coming up to town to
speak to me about
it.

It gives me new
life to see how much
you will interest
yourself about it.

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P.S. I was in hopes
to have sent my third
Edition of "Notes on
Hospitals" to Miss Russell
by you to day. But
it is not yet out.
I send some five other
books of mine, not
much in her way,
I fear; - if you like
to be so good as to
give them her - I will
get her a copy of my
"Notes on Nursing".

Ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

9000/147 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {the top third of the first sheet has
been cut off; the first line is written across the top of the page and down
the right margin}}

(This had all been done as she wished; but Dr. A too busy
has not written as he
{there is a diagonal line across the rest of the page}

The last words Parthe
said to me were: {arch: Dec 63}

that she would
write (or ask you to
write to him) to beg
that he would either
write to the Editor of
the Quarterly himself -
or write such a letter
to me as I could
enclose to the Editor,
with a few words from

But since I have
been here (a month)
I have only been able
to sit up once for one
hour to see Ld Stanley.
And to write one line
except on the most
pressing business has
been quite impossible
to me. Otherwise I should
have written to Dr. Acland myself.

I am particularly
sorry for this appearance

of neglect towards Dr. [bundle 137]
Acland. For we are
beset with enemies on
every side; & were never
more in want of
judicious friends.

Pray tell him so.

I will write to the
Editor: Quarterly instantly
myself, if I receive
the signal.

1000 thanks about
Sir J. Lawrence (asking
him to see me). I
have been lately in
frequent correspondence
with him. But I am
almost afraid he

will not have time to
come & see me {I have not
 {asked him.

He could settle all
we want (& save
months of correspondence)
in a few minutes with
Sir C. Wood, now he is
Governor Genl - the
greatest government
under God's - & he the
only man to fill it.

Of course I would
sit up any day any
hour to see him. But
in order to save *his*
time, I must know
beforehand when he
comes, *if* he comes -
Ever yours, F.N.

9000/148 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

32, South Street, {printed address:}
Grosvenor Square. W.
Dec. 4/63

My dear Sir Harry

Ld Stanley has twice **[9:197-98]**
repeated his wish that
I should see Sir John
Lawrence in order to
"explain to him the
proposals of the R.
Commission", which,
Ld S. adds, I could do
so much better than
he can -

Were it not for this,
& for your kind wish,
I should never have
had the audacity to

wish to
take up even an hour
of the time of so
great a man -

You said something
about coming up to
London to settle it
with Sir J. Lawrence -

If you are coming
up to wish him
good=bye, it certainly
would forward it
very much, if you
could do so in time
to give him time to
~~find~~/make a vacant half
hour to see me - **[end 9:198]**

He starts on Thursday -
& must be overwhelmed
with business. But
so great a man is
never overwhelmed.

I should have not
the least objection to
shew him Ld. Stanley's
letter, which indeed
appears to be written
for that purpose -
But I don't like to
send it him. It
looks too urgent -

Also, it would be
very desirable if he
could see me in time

to see Sir C. Wood
afterwards, supposing
he thinks well to
do anything with Sir
C.W. before he starts.

Sir C.W. has
finally refused *any*
instructions whatever
to our home Commission.
But *that* is of minor
importance now -

I need not say
that any hour I
would see Sir J. Lawrence,
if he will see me.

Ever yours

F. Nightingale

9000/149 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137

No 2

Dec 34/63

My dear Sir Harry

Since I wrote to you my **[9:198]**
letter of this morning,
Sir John Lawrence has
made an appointment
to see me -

I hope therefore
this will reach you
by the same post
as my first.

I hope you still
will come up & see
him on your own
account.

He goes on *Wednesday* **[end 9:198]**

ever yours

F.N.

9000/150 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

Dec 6/63 **[1:164]**

Dearest mother

I am quite overdone
with India business, as you
may suppose - but so glad
to have it to do -

I have seen Sir J. Lawrence
God bless him! & Ld Stanley.
And these are the only
two hours I have been up
since I came here. I am
to see Sir J. Lawrence's
private Secy= tomorrow -
They start on Wednesday.

If the four muffs are
really silky muffs, they
are to come here - Papa
must judge of the difference
between these & my ugly but

conversible beasts.

I am shocked to hear
of the old cat being persecuted.
Because no one has ever
had kittens anything like
so beautiful as hers - She
must be petted, in order
to produce more - You know
you never offered me
her last two families -
Does she not take to
Tom? I suspect that
Pet is the vixen. Topsy
was always kind. I think
Mrs. Watson might bring
them to be friends by degrees.
If she & Topsy were to be
fed together? - or if Tom &
she -were to be shut up
together occasionally?

Many thanks for fine
boxes. Could a few more grapes
{lines from top of letter}
& a few better grapes be sent?
ever your

F. **[end 1:164]**

9000/151 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: Dec 6, 63}

Private

Dr. Parkes knows
nothing at all about
it.

Sir R. Martin opposed us
in the "recommendations"
in some very essential
points, & only withdrew
his opposition on being
told that "he would
kill Miss N." -which,
you will agree with me,
is a foul, not a fair,
means of conversion -
No: he would not do
for an adviser.

Dr. Ogle was chosen
by Mr. Paget & put into

communication with me
by the same, at his own
request, for the Article
in question. I anticipate
nothing able from it.
It will be no help to
Dr. Acland -

The fact is, we have
had not a single
masterly Article upon
us. The best has been
a mere Analysis of
what we have done -
But not one single
hand has taken a
master=grasp over the
subject or contributed
one single new thought

F.N.

9000/152 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 137 [1:757-58]

Dearest mother

In re cats - I think *I*
will only have the
thorough bred (Then
Pet had made a mesalliance
after all) But give away
the *nots* as fast as
you can. For the old
cat will settle down
much better when the
kittens are gone. And
you know *I* am to have
all her future families -
- if she marries Tom -
I am quite envious of
Mrs. Sutherland's cats.

Please send me carts=
load of Christmassings
the day before Xmas Day.
I have no end of things
to do with them, as usual.

Pray thank Mmes= Webb
& Watson for beautiful
flannels -

ever dearest mum
your loving child
F.

I am rather miserable
at having to move
again in little more
than a month. It
takes me quite a
month to get over a

moving now. And I shall
be quite unable now
to undertake it hence=
forth for a stay of
three months only.
For it does so hinder
my work -
Dec 14/63

I am so sorry that
you "keep all the
grapes for me". Is
Hill really unable to
produce ~~only~~ more than those?

9000/153 initialed note to FPV, 1f, pen

I was much shocked, dear,
to hear of Sir Harry's accident
But thank God indeed that
was all. Dr. Acland says
he was not much the
worse for it yesterday.

Dr. Acland has been two
hours here to day with
Dr. Sutherland, & "lunching";
& is to come again, I
believe.

Yes, surely I hope
you will sleep here to
see Dr. Farre

I was in constant
communication with Sir

John Lawrence a really
great man - for the ten
days before he went -
On Sunday I see Lord
de Grey - not a great
man - But I think
our affair is up in
the scale.

ever your

F.

Dec 18 {arch ?63}

9000/154 unsigned letter, 3ff, pen {arch: [1863]} bundle 137

Dear I should have sent the enclosed by post to
Mama at once. But fearing there may
be some mistake in it altogether, by
its coming here, I send it to you. Will
you do what is right with it? Is it
possible that Mama may be at your
house now?

About 38 U. Brook St. you know I
feel very strongly:

1. that, in my great uncertainty *not*
only of health *but of plans* (I never
expected to stay 2 years in the W.O.
after S.H.'s death. It is only owing
to the unparalleled delay in the India
Report; but which cannot last
another year, that I am there still
-& certainly I should not live at
the W. end of London but for that W.O.)
it is not wise to ~~take~~/buy a house for

me, unless it were (like a house
e.g. in South St.) a chance which might

never come again. [Certainly 38 U.B. St is very dull to be shut up in for 6 months every year, with only that amount of trees.]

2. I think you greatly overrate the amount of convenience & saving to me of having a house to stow my goods in - For (1) I should be obliged to spare one maid, if not two, to keep it, (I would never take a woman from an Agent), to pay for coals & the rates etc. And (2) I have not the least bit of furniture to spare, ~~hav~~& nothing but a few old books to leave behind. The whole of the books, which crammed up your dining room at South St., & which you kindly asked me to leave, would have to go with me, wherever I go, for reference - as long as I am in the W.O. at all. Besides books & papers, I have only two beds & two sofas.

3. Is it worth while for the prospect

of my possibly living in it one year, viz. (next) to have the trouble of furnishing, letting, altering, a not very overpoweringly beautiful house - the haste about which is such as not to allow of a proper examination - not even such an examination as I give to a house I hire?

With all the trouble you have so kindly taken about it, I cannot overlook these considerations

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4. You know what I was asked about, first (& unwillingly consented even to that) was the "refusal" of a house in airy South St. But certainly it never entered my wisdom to be surprised into ~~taking~~ buying an ordinary house in town - in a party-giving street (in which I have not lived & cannot judge of) - with the plea that, if not liked, it can be sold again
[page cut off]

to the investment; of course that is a different thing. But if the house is to be bought for x

Dear I feel it quite impossible for me to decide to *buy* a house on 10 min.'s inspection.

Had it been to be let, I should have taken it. That is all I can be expected to say, I think.

[People quite mistake when they suppose that it is the *smell* of private mews I object to - It is the *noise* at 1, 2, 3 in the morning of putting up the horses, far more disturbing than any street noises, which all invalids find objectionable]-

But - about the house - it is the most attractive house I have seen.

But I know nothing about the drainage & other things. Nor do you. I would not bid for a house without the strictest enquiry into these things

I think the house would require a great deal doing to to make it habitable

1. a bow which I suppose would go all the way up - But this bow, besides shutting out sun & air from my neighbours which I don't mind would overlook & be overlooked from Ly Cranworth's.

(for the same reason the garden would be useless to me, as far as walking goes)

2. The ~~for~~ garden bedroom could never be made a large best bedroom. For the whole of that dressing room & *window* must be kept to that W.C. ~~by~~/to itself to keep it at all wholesome. It *must* have a window to itself

3. I doubt the possibility of opening a light on to the passage next it.

These are my principal lucubrations. As
T.O.

9000/155 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: [1863]} bundle 137

Perhaps, dearest mother,
you will like to see this.
I cannot say I have
much sympathy with
the querulous disappointed
self=pity of a man who
never had a disappointment
in his life - who has
had health, fortune, friends,
position, cleverness, wit,
genius - & who, if he
is disappointed in his
own life, has none but
himself to thank for it.

Perhaps I who have
none of these things, who
have lost all, & still
work on, am disposed

to be too hard on these
self-satisfied complainers.

I like the fable of
Balaam's she=ass. / am a
~~the~~ she=ass thro' whose
mouth God has spoken.
But why do those who
are not asses not
speak?

F.N.

9000/156 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?63 } [bit lying-in]

Sunday

Dearest mother

Miss Jones is going
down tomorrow (Monday)
to her old friend at
Cuckfield. I am afraid
she means to return
to work. Could not
you put in your
word now that, after
Cuckfield, she should
come to Embley without
returning to town?
I am afraid she
would otherwise make
her holiday only *days*.
It ought to be *months*.

Could you cash a
cheque for me for
£100. or even for £50?

£100 - or even for
£50.

9000/157 unsigned note, 1f, pen {arch: 1863} bundle 137

Notes on Hospitals
by Florence Nightingale
Third Edition. enlarged etc
Longmans

is out - a small quarto.

As it has been
entirely rewritten &
printed in a large
type, on purpose
that my family may
know as much of what
I have been doing as
other people, please
order your copies. I
am sorry to say it
is to be 18/. But it
is full of pictures &
a standard book. And

as my family has
been very tempestuous
on account of my
former small print,
they ought not to
complain of price.
This is a good Library
book.

9000/158 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 135

There must be
some mistake
about my "causing
reply" to be made
to you, as you state.

I did not like
to turn you out
of your own bed=
room in your own
house, if you came
up to town. And
as I must look
out for my next
gîte, I "caused
reply" that I would

gladly give you
up your bedroom
& try the bedrooms
in Edwards Hotel
close by, where I think of going ultimately, coming
here for the day
to my work, which
I could not move
backwards & forwards

That was the
"reply I caused."

F.N.

9000/159 initialed letter, 1f, light pencil {arch: 1863} bundle 137

My dear Sir Harry
I send a few words as you have desired
But I cannot help thinking that they are
rather displaced from me to Lady M. Vegner
& that you had better send the
flowers alone.

F.N.

9000/160 initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {arch: ?'63} bundle 137

Dearie

I should like *very much* to see you
for the time you mention.

½ past 4 is my best time.

But if you are going out afterwards in the
cool, it might be earlier (for me)

ever yours

F.

9000/161 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?63} bundle 137

My dear

I am so very ill
today. But if it is
necessary to go today,
or not at all, I will.

If you would be so
very good as to send
your carriage - ats
on soon after

Sir H. has done with
it, as possible, I
will get up directly
to be ready.

I am afraid I
must go by myself, if
at all. For if I had

to speak (while in
the act of moving)
to ~~the~~ ^p anybody,
I should faint.

And of course to the
persons I love best
there is most
temptation to speak

9000/162 unsigned note, 2ff, pen {arch: ?63} black-edged paper, bundle 137

I am truly thankful
for the Lord Berners
kindness. It is a
great thing for poor
Robert. And when
you see him (Ld B.)
or write to him,
would you slip in
a little word of
gratitude to him
from me too? if he
will accept it

You must take **[8:167]**
the Maternité story
with a grain of salt

[2]

In all Hospitals, (~~most~~/but
~~of all~~/much more in those tended
only by religious orders,
without the ~~cheque~~/ck
of the great publicity
of a School, etc) things
are done which
would make your
flesh creep. But it
remains that the
Maternité is, upon
better authorities than
this woman's; the best
school yet existing
(oh if she were to see
Würzburg) & that it
has brought up women
who rank with Physician

{3} [bundle 137]

Accoucheurs. The
Mortality & nonrecoveries
of the Maternité (too
true alas!) are caused sp
by its bad sanitary state,
not, as she supposes,
by the bungling women.
As far as this is concerned,
there is perhaps not
one practising Midwife
in England who is ~~not~~
to be named in the same
day for skill with the first

[4]

year's Elèves of the Maternité.
There is a woman quack now
practising at Paris
under the name of the
famous Mme Deschappelles
of the Maternité (I should
not much wonder if this
woman belonged to her)

Seven or eight months
ago I received Mama's
beautiful Dresden Raphael,
beautifully framed. It was
before I went to Hampstead.

9000/163 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?63} bundle 137

Dearie

I should be very sorry not to see you
for 20 min: today about ½ past 4, if
you can come -

I am so worn out with work & want
of sleep that I am afraid it must not
be more -

ever yours
F.N.

9000/164 initialed note, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 137

My dear

I have all the things
ready for you to take
to St. Thomas'. And I
can't possibly put them
off till tomorrow -
I shall send the
Messenger with them
as soon as he comes
back. And I would
on no account send
you out with a bad
cold. I only wish
you had let me know
before, as I have
sent the Messenger away
quite to the other end
of London. ever your F.

9000/165 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, embossed stationery {arch: ?1863} bundle 137

Dearie

I have tried to *lighten* the
enclosed by putting in floss silk -
but nothing will ever make it
pretty because you see the greens
& blues & yellows of the interstices
of the pattern have been filled
in with dark maroon. And
that makes it heavy - I unpicked
the middle & put in a new
stitch, invented in your honour,
with floss silk - And I had
the greatest mind to do the
same with all the other
dark red interstices - But I

reflected that it would be much better (& cheaper) for me to work you a new one, if you like to buy me a pattern *drawn on the canvass* in THIS style. I would do every interstice with a different stitch, which (plan) does not *drag*, unless the work has been “dogged” as this has.

I need not say that the sooner the work is made up the better, now the floss is put in.

There are still some ground

(both inside & outside the pattern) & some darkest *slate colour* etc to put in.

I send you a skein which may do for the ground. But, after ~~the~~ repeated attempts made thro’ poor Ann Clarke, I have been unable to get the other wools I needed to put in.

[She brought me a hank. (a lb) of the thickest *shawl*: wool for “a skein” (written down) of the “Berlin wool” (and pattern enclosed) required]

Pray finish it as soon as you can.

9000/166 unsigned letter, 3ff, pen {arch: ?63} bundle 137

Dearie.

1. Pray return E. Bunsen's book to him, with my best thanks, when you have done with it.

2. As the pattern is for you, I had rather you should choose the one you like best, & colour it yourself. I don't think it at all worthwhile to pay for more which I should certainly not follow. I think scrambling patterns, to imitate or moln mouldings, more effective than patterns which look like napkins, with coloured braidings. But, as I say, I had rather you chose, as it is for you. And it will be an equal pleasure to me to do either.

3. The magnificent Arum arrived in fine condition - only it has one big leaf shrivelled. It won't be for want of caresses if it ~~is~~ does not flower, with me.

4. Do the Army Estimates come on on Monday? Pray tell Sir H. that Genl Peel attacks Woolwich & other Hospitals (on Army Estimates) which will do us as much more harm than Ld P.'s attack, as Genl Peel is a gentleman & Ld Panmure only a snob. Genl P. has always behaved most generously to S. Herbert's memory. I am thinking of mustering, but don't know whether Army E. come on on Monday.

I send Sir Harry a
pamphlet - sent me
by the Commissioners
of Emigration of New
York. He will see
how 'sound principles'
of Hospital construction
are spreading: And
it is a great thing
for the New Yorkers
to do for *our* emigrants.

Mr. Jowett at 3 tomorrow
tomorrow, please
if you come.

9000/167 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ?1863}

My dear Sir Harry

You will see by the
enclosed that it was
I who asked Ld Stanley
to move for both
sets of papers. I
don't suppose I
could ask you to
say anything on them.

About the Malta
Institute, you see that
what D.C. Paget

asks is just what Lord de Grey won't do. He says: the W.O. is not to subscribe beforehand to these things, especially not where there is a religious (direct) bias - but that it will consider any application, *after* the thing is established.

I have accordingly written to the people, thus - enclosing my subscription - & suggesting to them that, after the thing is done, they should apply to the W.O., & if W.O. accedes, then to Admiralty. If you read the W.O. Report, you will see Ld de Grey is consistent. But it is much like

the house that Jack built.

bundle 135 black-edged fragment

Mr. Gladstone made
me write this paper
for his speech

Perhaps you
would like to take
a copy with you?

It is QUITE PRIVATE

F.N.

Thank you so much
for your beautiful
house.

F.N.

Wellcome Ms 9001/1 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [8:447]

Private {at angle}

Jan 2/64

My dear Sir Harry

I will just tell you how that
abominable matter
stands at the W.O.

I think we have shaken
their faith in the alledged
success of the French
system - And in
consequence of my
representations, one
subsidy at least of
£ 1500 to a Lock Hospital
has been stopped. It
was found merely to
increase the disease
among the men -

But, the other side
being vociferous, the W.O.
thought it must do
"something". So the
discussion ended in
a proposal being made
to the Admiralty to
appoint a Committee
simply to ascertain
what the facts are -
And we drew up Tables
& Forms, & sent them
to the W.O. for the
Admiralty for this
purpose.

Nothing, I believe,
has been heard of the

matter since.

But it will be
necessary to keep a good
look-out.

It would not be wise
to hurry the subject
before the Ho: of C.,
unless we have to
resist some Government
measure - which we
have not to apprehend,
so far as we know,
at present.

Ld Hartington only
is in favor, *I believe*.

ever yours

F.N.

A thousand

thanks for your New Year's
wishes. May you have
many; & happier ones
than I can hope for -

But I wish to be
thankful to God to be
able still to help in
His work, thro' many
sorrows - & broken in
health & heart, still to
do 'mon petit possible.'

I hope you will be **[9:271]**
able to do something for
us this Session in the
way of Soldiers' Trades -
& in supporting Ld Stanley
against the attack of
the India Military authorities,
to be laid before the Ho: by Sir C

Wood **[end 9:271]**

9001/2 [India] signed letter, 3ff, pen

{printed address:] 32 South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.
13/1/64

My dear Sir Harry Verney

The assertion in the
note of the Editor of
the "Quarterly Review" is
neither new nor true.
viz. that "many" of the
"improvements",
recommended by the
R. Commission, have
"been carried into
effect," & "before the
Report was written."

The main causes

of the unhealthiness of
India are want of
water supply, want
of drainage. And to
remedy these cardinal
defects, not one single
step has been taken.
Until this is done, the
very basis of improvement
is not laid.

Scarcely a day/mail
passes that we do not
receive reams of
abuse from India;
& statements like the

Editor's, - But, up to this present time, not one single fact as to *what they have done*. Indeed the facts are all the other way, ... And, up to October 1863, prove that the condition of India is worse than when the Report was written.

I enclose a copy of my (Edinburgh) paper, which, if you like to send to the Editor, pray do - You will see (in its Postscript) the

"improvements"(!) which have been made.

These are facts, not assertions - - & facts from the India authorities themselves.

The R. Commission gave the Indian authorities about four years' notice of the points of enquiry, by sending out folio Books of printed questions, and these authorities could hardly fail to learn some of the things required to be done; from these

questions. They began
in some sense to put
their house in order,
no doubt. But, as I
have said, not one
single statement as
to *what they have done*
- not one haporth of
bread to all that
intolerable deal of
sack (the vagueness of their abuse)
has reached us -

Your very truly

Florence Nightingale

Sir Harry Verney Bt MP

9001/3 [India] initialed letter, 3ff, pen

Jan 13/64

My dear Sir Harry

I am ashamed &
vexed by the shameful
sneaking round of the
"Quarterly" to the enemy.

I sent your letter
to the Editor by hand within an
hour of its being received.
I did not add anything
of my own, because
I thought it was agreed
not - & I read your
letter to him by your desire,
& did not see that it

was implied / should write.

I have a faint recollection that it was addressed

1 Albemarle St
(which is a hotel) -
instead of 50, which
is Mr. Murray's.

And had it not
been for these letters I re=enclose
I should have supposed
it/yours had not been
received. But I read
in these (I don't know
whether you do) that,
not only have they

received it, but that
they remember it - but
that they have received
news from the India
military authorities -
such "news" as the I.O.
is full of at this moment
in the shape of abuse
-& that they have
sneaked round to the
enemy. Macpherson
is a poor creature, in
every way.

If you like to send
them ~~the~~ my enclosed letter,
pray do - with my
pamphlet, of which
I will send you some

copies. The concluding paragraph of Macpherson's letter is just such "bosh" as I see every day from the I.O.

If it were not that one knows that all the world are fools, where would one's patience be!

But the main vexation is about Dr. Acland. I have written to Ld Stanley, who was engaged either to write himself

or to find a Reviewer for us in the "Westminster" to ask him, (as I dare say he has not done anything,) to get the "Westminster" to insert Dr. Acland, supposing Dr. Acland consents. Of course, the latter must have the option of withdrawing his promise to write. But I hope he will not. I enclose a very kind letter

from him, (which please return to me) which makes me hope he will not ever yours forsake us. F.N.

9001/4 initialled letter, 4ff, pen [8:447-48]

Private {at angle} Jan 16/64

My dear Sir Harry

1. In regard to the
Indian letter: -
he says what is true
that many men are
invalided for Syphilis -
But he does not tell
you how much of this
invaliding is due to
Mercury & bad treatments
- he does not tell
you (what we know)
that the Indian doctors
do not understand the
subject & invalid men

who would be cured in
France -

These invalids after
arriving in England
might, many of them,
be cured & sent back
to service, instead of
being discharged.

He says what is true,
that spirit drinking
destroys the men -
(we know, to many
times the extent that
the other does -) & that
the liquor is mainly
supplied by the
prostitutes, whom he

proposes to cure -

Licensed sin in India
is hence a main cause
of the sickness in the
Indian Army.

2. as to the Haslar
authorities:
they know as little about
law & police as any
men well can -
they propose to take

up public women
diseased & keep them
till they are cured -
let them begin by defining
a "public woman" -

the French can't do it -
their system is carried
out by *force majeure* -
are we prepared to
give over suspected
women in this Country
to the police? -
it could not be done -

But, suppose it could
be done, what is the
good that would result?

the sin would be
increased & with it
the disease -

this is fact -
In the Mediterranean
Stations this system has

been tried - & disease
increased -

If the women are
forced in, they don't
go in, they try to conceal
themselves & succeed;
& even the immediate
good result expected of the [illeg] measure fails -
while the immoral result that these
women are locked up, on purpose to
enable them to go on with sin, remains.

Pray wait till the
W.O. Committee has
published *the facts*
as to the amount of
Venereal disease in the
(so-called) protected
Armies.

Almost all Naval
& Military men *beg*

the question - & take
for granted that the
"protecting" system

Wellcome 9001

600

does protect.

ever yours

F.N.

Pray write to your
people to come to you
on the 25th here -

I shall *certainly*
turn out by the 21st=.

We have no answer
from the owners of
11 Cavendish Sq. who
are at Mentone
tho' my letter & offer
was written this day
fortnight.

Today we have
telegraphed

It is most awkward,

because I can't take
the Grosvenor Hotel
lodgings, with the
possible prospect
of a £450 house
falling on my hands.

But, before Thursday,
21, I am quite
certain to know & to
go -

ever yours

F.N.

Pray give my love to
Emily & my best
hope for her renewed
strength - (my niece!)

9001/5 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:768]

Jan 24/64

Dearest mother

Your letter to Walker
came too late for post
me to write to you by
post on Saturday
night that I am
alive.

As for Walker, she
is gone - The less said
about this miserable
affair, the better -
there being so little tangible -

I was obliged to

desire her to leave
the room - & to send her home for
a month to recover
herself. Farther
consideration has
induced me to have
her written to, to
tell her not to
return, giving her
a month's wages &
board wages,
instead of a month's
warning.

I think you had

better say nothing
about it. Because I
can prove hardly anything
against

her ever your loving
child F.N.

Parthe will remember
that I begged her not
to write to W., tho'
I had no idea then
of parting with her
so precipitately.

Please let me have
Mill's Logic Vol II
to day, Saturday
F.N.

9001/6 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?59} bundle 133

My dear Sir Harry

I answered Miss Russell,
the Aylesbury Matron,
the same day I received
her note.

I wish I could see
the Bishop of Columbia,
But it is quite impossible.
I have two men to see
on business this week,
whom I cannot refuse,
but whom I am just
as able to see as I
should be to go to India.

Item 7 unsigned notes, 3ff, pen {arch: Jan. 1864?}

1. Whenever it is proposed to construct a new Hospital the first & most important question, which ought to be answered, is - whether the Hospital is necessary.
2. Hospitals are a hard necessity of an inferior imperfect civilization - and it is hoped that just as they were & are great boons to a certain class of poor persons, (owing to this state of society) - so they will disappear as society becomes Christian
3. It is a serious thing to introduce a Hospital where, from time immemorial, there has been none, & where no public demand has been made for one:- because it may be the means of calling forth a class of wants not previously experienced, - and, being in its nature a charity, it may tend to foster habits of dependence where none previously existed.
4. There are other great dangers

attending the agglomeration of sick in large town Hospitals x These dangers are, of course, very much less liable to occur in small village Hospitals - The chief question in regard to projected Village Hospitals is the one already put - viz. are they necessary? -

5. It may be safely admitted that, in certain districts, a Village Hospital would be an advantage. But it by no means follows that in other districts similar Hospitals are necessary.

In the proposed case of *Romsey*, is there a necessity which has been pressing on the public notice and conscience, of such a nature that the establishment of a Village Hospital ought no longer to be delayed? -

To this question a clear & decided answer ought to be given - and, while giving it, the projectors ought to show

- x It may be remarked that the *new* Hospital of Winchester will be almost entirely free from these dangers.

that the need, if it exists, cannot be met by sending cases to Winchester, Salisbury or Southampton Hospitals - all of which are only a few miles off by rail.

The moral aspect of a Village Hospital ought also to be considered with reference to the classes for which it is intended. If the poor in a country district are kind & considerate to members of their own & of each other's families - is it wise to withdraw the sick from their care & from under their roofs, & to have them tended by other hands elsewhere? -

This is a very peremptory question.

6. Suppose all the circumstances are favourable for establishing a Village Hospital:- the next question is one of positions & of the amount & kind of accommodation which the proposed building is to give.

It is always dangerous to bring

sick poor from very humble country dwellings where they have fresh air about them into even better quarters in an unhealthy town. Hence, unless the building be *well placed & well constructed*, it may become a dangerous Institution so far as the poor are concerned - and, as has often happened may have increased the Mortality of those whom it was intended to relieve.

The greatest care should be bestowed on this consideration, if the Village Hospital is to exist at all.

In short, a mere benevolent desire to benefit the poor in this matter can never remove from people the responsibility of looking at their proposal *on every side* - & of then deciding whether it is best or worst to give effect to their idea

Lastly: - it is becoming more & more

throughout the kingdom the
conviction - & a wise conviction
- that it is best, as far as
possible, to give the sick poor
the benefits of "*Out door*" Hospital

Nursing, so to speak, *at their
own homes* - More & more,
people subscribe & unite to
maintain a *Trained Nurse* who
shall visit & nurse the poor
at their own homes & supply them
with certain sick comforts, under the Medical Officer at Liverpool & other places in
which, being large towns, the
difficulties are immense, the
system has been perfectly
organized & works admirably.

In country parishes where the
difficulties are much smaller,
& in small towns - it is always
to be considered: - is not this the
best kind of *Hospital* Nursing
for the poor? -

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9001/8 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: Jan 1864} [6:200-01]

Dearie & Primate of all
the Bishops
Under cover, to you at 9
St. James' Place now lies
for your rebellious brother
the Bishop of Natal &
for your admirable brother
the Bishop of Columbia
whom I shall much
have longed to see, a
copy of my paper on
Sanitary Statistics of
Colonial School &c -
Perhaps you would explain
that the only result of it
is a negative one - 1.
keep your statistics better

2. make physical education
a sine qua non in your
native School -
and the only result
of the paper is not to
teach people but to
direct their attention to
these things. It seems as
if this were the very
first attempt at
Statistics of this kind
ever made in as to the Colonies.
For if I, with all the
machinery of the Colonial
Office, have got at this
only, the material cannot
exist.

I have promised that
there shall be no circulation
of the paper except the
copies which the Duke

9001/9 incomplete letter, 1f, pen [6:627]

115 Park St W
Feb /64

Dearest mother

Papa tells me that
the Watsons have set
their hearts on bringing
the boy up to London for
Medical advice & wish
me to recommend whom
to consult.

If they have quite
determined upon this step,
I should recommend
either Dr. Bence Jones

31 Brook St.

{the page has been cut}

or
Dr. Williams, as being less
absorbed in purely
scientific medicine &
more likely to give
attention to a Patient.
He is considered the
best Stethoscopist we
have.

I thought Papa looked
better & younger than ever.
I took the Sacrament
yesterday with him &
Parthe from Mr. Jowett.
2. Many thanks for
many & beautiful boxes.
{the page has been cut}

9001/10 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

115 Park St. W.

Feb 3/64

Dear Papa

You know Witton, of **[14:1017-18]**
Crich, a man whom I
had some respect for
at ~~Leuch~~-Scutari.

I am very much
obliged to him for
writing to me the
enclosed, & please
tell him so -

I think my hand
had better not appear
in the business. So I
write to you to ask *you*
to write to him (or to
tell him) that the man

in question has no
 kind of right to use
 my name - that no
 part of the story
 mentioned is true,
 in any one tittle, in
 as far as it regards
 my name or anything
 I have done - & that
 he may contradict it
 in every respect as
 far as it concerns me.

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

The other side is for
 yourself alone -

I believe the man
 "James" to be a Ward Master
 at Scutari, a married
 man, who employed me
 to send home 5/ a week
 for him to a girl of 14,
 whom he had seduced
 out of Mrs. Bracebridge's
 school, & by whom he
 had a child. He was
 afterwards tried at
 Warwick for having
eight living wives!!

as bad a creature
 and arrant an imposter as
 as I ever came across -
 & most plausible &
 even well-educated
 withal - not cruel
 or wicked, as you can

see by his maintaining
his illegitimate children.

Now pray don't say
that this matter is
best left alone.

Surely he ought not
to trade on my name.
with my cognizance -

I heard from Robert
the day you went. He
is still at Ld Kinnaids's
by Ld Kinnaird's desire,
till he can find him
a place - Anything less
like Robert wishing
to be "dependent" on me
can scarcely be imagined

I have asked Uncle Sam
to forward you the letter-- **[end 14:1018]**

Item 11 notes, 2ff, pen {arch: 9 Feb 1864}

The perfect Servant of God
By the "great Unnamed"
Isaiah LII.13-15. LIII.}

Strophe

See, my servant will have success
will be very high and sublime and holy
And as many were horror-stricken at thee
so disfigured, unlike a man, is his countenance
and his form before the children of men
So will many nations rise up, at him Kings
will shut their mouths
Because they saw what never was told them
and experienced what they had not
heard

Chorus

General Confession

Which of us believed the doctrine?
And Jehovah's Arm to whom was it known?
For he grew up like a plant under his protection
and like a root out of a dry ground,
Having no form nor shew that we should
look at him and no appearance that we
should desire him.

despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows
and familiar with suffering
and one hides as it were one's face before him,
despised and we esteemed him not.
But it was our sufferings he bore and our
sorrows, these he took upon himself
While we held him as stricken, smitten and
laid low by God.
For he nevertheless was wounded on account of
(for) our sins; on account of (for) our transgressions
struck down
The chastisement of our peace came upon him
as we through his stripes are healed -
We all went astray like the sheep, we turned
us every one his own way
Yet Jehovah let him bear the transgressions
of us all -

Reply

/ He was tormented, although he humbled
himself & opened not his mouth
As the lamb is led to the slaughter & as an ewe
which is dumb before her shearers
So he opened not his mouth.
By oppression & by punishment was he snatched
away (and among his fellows who
considered
That he was torn out of the land of the living -
for my people's sin - for the torture for them?)
And his grave was fixed among criminals
and his mound with the mis-doer
Although he never did any wrong and no
deceit was in his mouth.
But it pleased Jehovah to smite him with
suffering: if he made his soul an
offering for sin.
He shall see the seed (he sowed) live long, and
Jehovah's plan shall prosper in his hand;
With what his soul has won he shall satisfy
his eyes, by his wisdom shall my servant
as just make many just
And their transgressions shall be load [?] upon
himself (bear)

Antistrophe

Therefore will I give him a share among
many - and he shall be victorious with
numbers

Because he poured out his soul to death
and was reckoned among sinners

Since he yet bore the iniquities of many
and for sinners interposed (stood up)

9001/12 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [8:448-49]

Private Feb 12/64

My dear Sir Harry

I rather dread the
idea of a R. Commission
to enquire into the state
of common women.

What a few able
men would do, & do
well, & with immense
advantage, would, if
incorporated into the
labours of a R. Commission
only make the nation
laugh, I am afraid.

Unless you can get

a competent Committee
to examine the
medical facts -(facts
which have never yet
been examined - men
have only begged the
question -) I am afraid
more harm than good
might be done.

I have an article
here in the new
Medical Mirror
which tends to show
what we have all
along said that the
whole mischief is the

result of vice - the
whole remedy
personal cleanliness.
The article denies
in the strongest terms
that any medicine
has any curative
power - The gist
of it mainly is that
the best remedy step is
to prevent Army
Medical Officers
from giving mercury.

Set them to press
for Trades & Occupations
in the strongest language
you possibly can. This

is the true prevention.

ever yours

F.N.

We could give you an
instance of a boy (a gentleman) of
16 committing vice
twice in 48 hours
for the first time
with two women
not diseased - &
having *what is called*
that disease

9001/13 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

115 Park St. W.

Feb 17/64

Dear Papa

I am sorry you have
not your young companion
yet. But I understand
she goes to you on Tuesday
23rd.

I congratulate ourselves
& all good Christians
on the final sentence
about Williams & Wilson.
But will they give them
back their year's suspension
income?

[3:618-19]

The following paragraph
in the sentence I copy:
"And the Council had

not been able to find anything in the Articles, the Creeds, or the formularies which made it penal in a clergyman to give utterance to the *hope* of the final redemption & pardon of all human creatures." So that we may really *hope* (*not* be convinced) that God is not the worst of tyrants & murderers beside whom Caligula would be nothing, *without* being sent to a penal settlement.

How the Chancellor must have laughed in himself when he wrote

that sentence. "Men are fools," he must have said in himself, "they won't understand."

But it is the oddest thing to make the Chancellor *divinely inspired* to tell us whether the Bible is plenarily inspired.

That is to say, that the *Chancellor* is to be to England what the Church is to the Roman Catholic, what the Bible is to the German Protestant -

I don't agree with the National Review Article that you speak of. I don't agree that the German illuminati have

done nothing for in reconstructing theology.

No one has done any
thing in the way of re-
constructing *theodike*, in
the only way it can be
re-constructed, i.e. in
preaching the God of *Law*,
“proclaiming the name of
the Lord,” as the Lord who
works by law -

But I think Ewald
has done much by
reconstructing the Old
Testament, shewing in it the
glorious idea of the *perfect man*, working
out God’s Law (for the
good of mankind) by
his own suffering, also doing
away with the absurd
idea of prophecy - F.N. [end 3:619]

9001/14 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [8:620]

Dearie

If Sir Harry has seen
Mr. Cumming Bruce,
or if you see Ly Augusta,
pray tell me anything
about Lady Elgin, how
she bore the meeting -

She too has been so
kind about Harriet
Martineau that she
will perhaps be glad
to hear that Maria
Martineau, who she
knows has Typhoid Fever,
after alternations of hope

& fear, which made
even my heart sick at
such a distance, seems to have
taken the turn towards
recovering- But she is
still as ill as she can
well live.

I am quite afraid
to keep this valuable
Scrapbook in my here
filled full as it is
of priceless sentences
by hands, many, alas!
now cold in death.
But till yesterday
I had no power to
write.

Will you convey this,

& my book & letter,
properly in the way
mentioned, by Lady
Augusta -

Perhaps I ought to
have sealed them all
up. But I think
Countess Blücher had
better do that - I have
carefully kept the Scrap Book
in its ever your
own paper F.
all this time.
Feb 18/64

9001/15 [India] initialed letter, 1f, pen, bundle 136

Tuesday {arch: [? and Feb 64]

Dearie

In searching thro' my papers (no bad thing for business - tho' very for health) I find that it was on *February 13* I wrote to Dr. Acland & that I actually used these words, Ld Stanley "*has settled* for its insertion" (in the Westminster) - adding of course, something civil as a hope that he Dr. A. would not refuse - & something pressing as to immediate haste for printing necessary.

{last line written on top of} F.

9001/16 unsigned note, 1f, pen

Dearie Will Sir Harry come over for 10 min. between 2 and 3, and tell me about Lord de G. as he kindly proposed? And will you come for half an hour between 4 and 5? or any other times between 2 and 5 would do -

We have been so busy all the week, not giving me even ~~ha~~ my hour's rest in the middle of the day, that I am quite knocked down & could not talk more today.

Please tell Sir H. that I have badgered Ld. Stanley into getting Dr. Acland's Article into the Westminster. And I wrote to Dr. A. yesterday.

Could you go to St. Thomas' for me this week? Sunday. R.S.V.P.

9001/17 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: March 15, 1864}

Dearest mother

You were so good as to say that I was to write when I wanted more Ginger wine

I do now.

Also could you send some *good* moss for my glass flower basket - (forest moss -)

The begging letter you
sent me was a very
common cheat -
People take for granted

of a person, like me,
that I see a great many
& that I shall not
remember whom I
have seen "on Good Friday
at my residence."

Now I was not "at
my residence" on Good
Friday - but at Miss
Fearon's at Hampstead.
And I spent my Good
Friday in one bed,
not even in two, with
low fever - Unless indeed
Walker gave herself
out for me, which she
is quite capable of. But
then she is not capable of

"relieving" anybody.

Some day - no hurry -
part of a tongue would
be very acceptable by
the box -

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9001/18 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

115 Park St W. **[1:164-65]**
Mar 19/64

Dearest mother

Miss Mayo, my good
landlady & friend at
Hampstead, *snatches*
at Pet with rapture;
tho' I told her all
Pet's sins. She begs
that Pet may be sent
up as soon as possible.
If you will send her
to me by rail, *advising me*
of the day, I will
send for her to the
rail. I think I must

Wellcome 9001

621

brush her up here a
little - And then I
shall send her in a cab

& one to Hampstead -
the sooner the better.

Many thanks for
tongue, moss &c &c &
Denszia's beautiful flowers.

I don't think you
need subscribe any longer
to Harley St., as you
have so many calls -

I have seen Papa.

As to Burton's letter,
I wish / ever received
any with such feeling,
intelligence & spirit
as hers -

ever dearest mum

your loving child

I have just seen Parthe
dress for drawing room **[end 1:165]**

9001/19 initialled letter, 4ff, pen **[1:165-66]**

Good Friday

{arch: 25 March} & Lady Day 1864
as it was 11 years ago
the day Grandmama Shore
died.

Dearest mother

1. I am sorry to say
I have nothing to do
with the Margate Infirmary
& know no one who has.

But why not put
the boy into Sidney
Herbert's Charmouth
Infirmary?

Mrs. Fowler says (to
Papa) that the Salisbury
Infirmary has 6 beds
there. He will tell you

what she told him.

2. You ask me about
Ann Woollett.

Nothing surprises me
so much as the epithets
mistresses give to servants.

The character I had
with that "wretched woman",
as you justly call her,
was that she was
charming - which is
just what she was *not*.

The character I had
with ~~that~~ Ann Woollett
was that she was "valuable",
which is just what she
is *not*.

She is the most obliging,
affectionate, grateful,

willing creature I ever
knew - *and I know no
one single thing she can
do* -

If I ask her to put
a chair for one of my few
visitors, she carries about
a shovel full of coal
in one hand, & puts
the chair with the other.
Of course both go to
the ground.

She has never once
succeeded, since Walker
went, in giving me my
medicine effervescent -
because she can never
remember to draw the
cork with a corkscrew.

Walker was actually
"valuable", *in spite of*

her drunkenness - so
“valuable” indeed that I never
believed until I saw
her myself *frantic*
drunk, she could be
drunk, because she
did everything so well.

Ann Clarke *is*
becoming “valuable”.
3. Miss Jones’ nosegay
did not come by the
rail to which I sent
for Pet &c. Pet is just
gone by Ann Clarke to
Miss Mayo’s. Pet is
handsomer than ever
& committed no sin
while here -

Saturday.

4. Please send a little
more forest moss for
my glass basket.

There was not quite
enough - to fill it -

5. You do not say how
Watson boy Jemmy is.

6. I think you take in
“Illustrated News”. You
will see in the same numbers a very good
little map of the course
of Sheffield Inundation.
Please ask Papa to
put down on that
map the relative points
of Tapton, of road to
Tapton - also of
Meersbrook - that

I may "orienter" myself.

I will return you the sheet.

It seems to me that
we ought to give for
"auld lang syne". If you
will authorize me to
give £5 in ~~your~~ Papa's name,
I will add £5 in my
own -

7. I don't like to hear
my dearest mother
talk of "maintaining
a public servant" in
London - meaning me -
altho' it is quite true.

If you had the expence
of having me going
thro' an operation in

London, as poor Laura
did, you would scarcely
put it in that way.

Laura's operation
lasted 7 ½ minutes -
Mine has lasted 7 ½
years - And during
all that time, I can
truly say that there
has not been a
part of my body not
in pain - not a
part of my soul
not in pain. During
the last 3 years it
has been torture -
I question, if God had
given me the choice,
whether I should have

been able to ~~hear~~ choose it -
I am very glad He did
not give me the choice.

~~But I don~~ It is quite
true that to enable me
to live in London so
as to be able to live at
all, has been a great
expeⁿce to you - I have
always gratefully acknow=
ledged it.

Still. I think my
poor Clough used to
put things more
sympathetically -
 ever dearest mum
 your loving child
 F [end 1:166]

9001/20 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [5:164-65]

March 31/64

Dearest Mother

I have received {PM87402
half of a £5 note for
the Sheffield people,
for which many thanks.

I had written &
sent them £10, when
your answer was delayed,
risking the chance of
your contributing -

But I cannot now
refuse myself the pleasure
of sending your £5
additional to my £10.

Meanwhile, the Mayor

has sent me the enclosed.
Do pray ask Uncle Sam
& Papa what I shall
do - & ask one of
them, (the one best
known in Sheffield,) to
write *by return of post*
direct to Sheffield
what I shall do: -
to the best of my
recollection, my note
was to say:
that I felt for my
dear fellow townspeople
as I might almost
call them, my earliest
& dearest associations
almost being with the
place -

that they had been
particularly kind to me
at the time of the Crimea
besides
- that I wrote from a
busy sick bed
[this to shew that I
could not collect money
for them] (they did not ask me)
- that if I could I would
give much more than
this trifle.

[I think I said I would
"give all I had," *if &c &c*
- or something to shew
that the £10 were not
as big as my sympathy]
If it will give the
poor people any pleasure

to see my letter, or if
it will bring in
subscriptions, it seems
a churlish thing to
refuse - But I certainly
had no idea of its
being published.

Pray, if they (Uncle Sam & Papa) decide
on answering yes to
the Mayor's request,
let *London* be the only
date published, to my letter - [I
gave my address in it]

If my letter is to be
published, it is less awkward
to them to say, let it be
published, than for me
to say so -

9001/21 note & envelope, 1f, pen

Messrs Willis
Booksellers
Charing Cross
order the last
National Review
for Miss Nightingale
call again for it
& pay for it.

{envelope}

Mrs. Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

9001/22 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dearest mother

3 o'clock today for the clocks will suit me
extraordinarily well.

Since Tuesday when I gave poor Burton
into your charge, I have done nothing
for her. But I send *you* the first currants
I have had, in case she should like them.

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F.

Friday

9001/23 initialed note, 2ff, pen {arch: Mar 64}

With regard to your Motion on **[15:397-98]**
Soldiers' Trades, the main point is
to carry the Horse Guards with you.

I don't think anything can be
better than the way you have done it
already viz.

the soldier's weary useless life, when
off duty -

the great advantage of having men
practiced in all kinds of trades in
the Army, particularly in war

the moral advantage of occupying
the soldier

if this were done, the soldier with
his discipline, should be the best
sample of man in the country.

trades have been introduced into
different regiments, especially in
India, with great advantage

while Govt should provide the means,

much will depend on the commanding
Officer
what has been done by one Commandg
Officer might be done by others
Of course trades must be pursued
with due regard to duty/ies & discipline
Col. Campbell's experience: India Army
Sanitary Report
Evidence
Questions 4120
to 4134

Sir A. Tulloch's Evidence Q. 5559
Report of Commission (fol: copy) p.LXIV
Also recommendations of committee
on soldiers' trades
[We have never seen this.]
Something to conciliate the Horse Guards
should be put in the Motion, such
as, that, in the opinion of the Ho: of C.,
trades should be encouraged in the
Army, as far as a due regard to
duties & discipline will admit.

to do the Indian plans.
Rawlinson comes here at 12 today
I shall try to keep him over one
o'clock, in order to feed him.

To do him honour, I wish Sir
Harry could step in at one, & talk
to him about Soldiers' Trades, as
to which he is much interested
& knows a great deal.

Sir Harry could, at the same
time, hear what Sutherland has
to say about Gibraltar.

[end 15:398]

F.N.

Wednesday

9001/24 incomplete note, 1f, light pencil, not FN hand

Ap 1/64

{very faint with a dark smudge down the middle of the page}

I have just {illeg} from my
Daughter who {illeg} very ill
is almost overwhelmed with
business your {illeg}
letter acknowledging her
little contribution in aid
of the pressing distress at {illeg }
upon the observ{illeg}
venture to reply in the {illeg}
contained in it. I am
satisfied that {illeg} under
the impression of strong feeling
& without any idea of
its publication . I would
therefore earnestly request
that it should not be published

1. Number of men in each regt
who have been instructed in
Trades before Enlisting
3. in each regt {illeg labor ?} of
how many men {illeg were under?}
{illeg our of?}
2 & in what Trades

9001/25 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

{the top two thirds of one page has been cut off}

Bradfield, I got an
Ordnance map &
oriente'd myself completely.
Thanks for the Illustrated
which is just what I
wanted them to do -
I will return it.

I wait for time to
decide this important
question.
{3 lines scribbled out}

3. I have received the
National - thanks to Papa.
I have a great deal to say
& will write - but I am
so very incapable of
writing. I have a constant
cramp in my hand, the
only limb I had left.
And the W.O. makes
me do everything ten
times over -
I have *never* known
it so incompetent, as
now -

ever dearest mum,
your loving child
F.

This is almost the first day I

have seen the clouds
since January !. It
seems to me the longest
winter I have ever
known. Last Wednesday
we had snow - The
Wednesday before we
had snow piled up
against the window.
But the worst has been
the unvarying yellow
haze for 3 ½ months -
F.N.

Ap 9/64

9001/26 initialled letter, 1f, pen {text from another letter here, {with all her might-} page cut}

Dearest mother
I like seeing poor
Burton's letter -
I shall never forget
the heart=felt tone of her
voice when I came back
from the Crimea
"the sacrifice that
she have made" - it does
comfort me that some
person knows what
it is - *not* the "sacrifice"
of the Crimea that
was *nothing* - but the
~~ter~~ tortures of the last

three years what
no other woman, (much
less man) ever made
in this world" -
j'aimerais beaucoup
mieux endurer un
prompt martyre,
as St Teresa said
ever dearest mum
Your loving child
April 10/64

9001/27 initialled letter, 1f, pen, bundle 137

I suppose I must see
Garibaldi.

I must write myself
to Jowett, tho' I know not
where - I shall ask him
only to fix some other hour.
He comes up to London on
purpose - It is impossible
to unfix him - therefore -

If I only could but
have known it before
post time

F.

Friday

9001/28 unsigned letter, 18 April 1864 2ff, pen {text here shown at end of letter}

[1:166-67]

Dearest mother

1. The kittens, however
pretty, if not thorough bred,
must be distributed by
you in your vicinity. As
I stated, I cannot
undertake to write
letters to ask people
whether they will take
kittens, not thorough bred,
in my present state.
I betrayed & deceived
11 of my fellow=subjects
by giving them *non=*
thorough breds for
thorough breds. And

they will not take any
more - I could find
good "places" for twice
that number of
thorough breds - But
of *non* thorough breds I will
none.

I would advise you to
keep one Tom for yourselves,
until I can breed you
another thorough bred
Tom - But this is a
matter of choice *for you*:
as I would not take
even a 3/4 thorough bred,
much less a 1/2.

2. I sent the National
& Edinburgh Reviews by
the "empty" - (which I had

from Willis & Sotheron, all
right - & paid for) But
please tell Papa that a
subsequent Edinburgh,
same No=, came directed
to me at South St, "for
W.E.N." - was taken in,
& that I have it without
paying for it - & ask
him whether that is
all right. I think it
must have been sent
from Hookham's by
mistake. But I had
no means of knowing
whence it came

3. You know that I
had Garibaldi all to myself
for 35 min: yesterday.
He poured out the whole

history of his wrongs
from his Govt=, as an
answer to my reasonings
that he should keep in
good intelligence with
his Govt=, & not fight Rome
& Venice.

I am more impressed
with the greatness of
the noble heart, full
of bitter nesses, yet not
bitter - & with the
little administrative
capacity, which, while
it is praying for a
representative govt=,
"like ours", cannot take
the evils & the good -
of a representative
govt=, (as I have to do
{this text was at top of letter}
every day of my miserable
life, than I ever was by his
splendid blunder of Aspromonte. [1:167]

9001/29 incomplete note, 1f, pen {arch: [Ca 27 April 1864]}

By Saturday morn I shall have all
information ready for you as to the Chatham
authorities cognizant of the subject.

Thanks for Sir M. Peto.

I hope the D. of Somerset is not
pressing forward the Draft, which, as I
understand is already in print, (the *second*)

9001/30 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:168-

May 31/64

Dearest mum (A heavy freezing rain)
(oh for a little more hot)
(weather! -

This is, as usual a begging letter.
But, if you knew how many weeks it
has been waiting to get itself written!

1. I am in the greatest want of
two flannel shawls, *two yards square*,
of the *finest* flannel, to wear in bed.
During my long, long night of 7 P.M.
to 10 A.M. the hard washed flannels
fidget & fever me.

Ann Clarke who improves, alas?
but little in *attention*, the one
thing needful to usefulness of both
rich & poor, (tho' the best creature
alive) has signally failed 3 times
in this purchase in London. And
I must ask you to have said
shawls bought as soon as possible
at Romsey; & please let me pay
the bill. Your Romsey flannels are much the
best.

2. Pray tell Hill that I am
inventing some torture more horrible

[2]

than he can conceive for him, if he
goes on sending (in spite of my
repeated remonstrances last year)
about 50 heads of the common
rhodendron in two boxes - about
4 head of Azalea- no Laburnum,
no pink or white May, except
one *naked* branch. I entirely
forbid more than one head of
the common Rhododendron in
each box. It is too provoking.
I desire acres of yellow & flame
coloured & white Azalea. (I have
had none.). I desire acres of white
& pink May - I have had none.
Laburnum is over now, I suppose,

I have had none, Yellow Iris &
roses I insist upon. But it
is really too bad his not sending
me Azalea. And frightful is
the row I make against him. Why,
I would give 1/0 a head for your

[3]

flame=coloured Azalea, which
(in the sun) is like Guido's nimbus
round the head of the Père Eternel
at San Gregorio at Rome.

3. I don't know whether you can **[1:168]-69**
help me in this: poor Burton
lives on & on; & is by far the most
refractory dying Patient I ever had.
I have no one to help me in providing
for her. She can take nothing but
Asparagus, strawberries & grapes. I have

not put one in my mouth this year,
but have given her all mine. And
I pay 16/0 a lb. for strawberries besides
for her - And sometimes she calls
them bad. The strawberries she has
out of your box (there are never
more than a dozen) last her just
one night. [And now she can't take
Asparagus] Could you send grapes
& strawberries bought at Romsey (I to pay)
in next box? I may be asking an
impossibility. The Dr., whom I provided

[4]

for her by her own selection, & whom
she does nothing but abuse, because,
she says, there is "Chloroform"! &
"Caustic"! in his prescriptions- and
I then translated the prescriptions
for her, & shewed her there was
nothing of the kind - the Dr. thinks
she may last for weeks - Dear good
Sir Henry (how I do love that man)
goes actually, between the Ho: of C.
sitting, & reads & prays with her.
And she says, 'it's better than the clergyman'.

Indeed I think it is - That, & the lilies
which I send her from you, are really
the only things she is contented with.
She won't drink any Port Wine but yours.
So I send her that.

And this brings me to my next
4. I shall want some more Ginger
wine, please, *next* (not this) week.

Poor Burton desired me to thank you
for your letter & say it was quite impossible
for her to answer it. **[end 1:169]**

I have suffered from the want of fruit myself.
For it is too dear for me to buy (for myself- i.e)
ever dearest mum your loving child F.

9001/31 initialled letter, 2ff, pen **[1:167-68]**

Dearest mother

Thanks for good
birth day wishes, beautiful
birth day flowers & all
the goods.

The report of Jemmy
Watson is very fair. At
his age we should
consider it as giving a
very hopeful prospect.
We should clothe him
well, take great care of
no damp or cold, especially
to the extremities - give
nothing but light diet,

no beer - take care against
fatigue of any kind, &
hope for the best. Doubt=
less he *has* all these cares.

At a later age there
is not so much hope -
= The 2 cats assert their
- claim to being thorough=
bred by having hair so
long that it would take
me & two persons
behind me to comb it.

Wellcome 9001

641

 Please tell Papa that
I would gladly see the
translation of M. Aurelius
by Pierron, if he will get it.

Mr. Jowett (quite casually)
mentioned an excellent
translation by *Long* -

I know neither.

But should prefer the
French one -

Our Indian work is
wearing & worrying in
the extreme. It is just
5 months since Sir John
Lawrence said it *was*
essential that the W.O.
Commission should send
him out its schemes for
the Commissions (*which*
he has created for us)
AT ONCE. I have worked
at my part night & day,
in urging ~~them~~ it on. ~~They~~

The Commission are nearly where they
were 5 months ago -
Never, never have I missed
Sidney Herbert as now -
I myself have thought *he*
might have done more -
But these people do
nothing -

I have no strength to
write:

Ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F

We want *some more Ginger wine*,
please. I share the Port wine

May 13/64 with poor Burton. **[end 1:168]**

9001/32 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [1:169]

Dearest mum

The Sutherlands are, I hear, coming to you tomorrow (Saturday) by the 3 P.M. train. I only mention this in case you like to send for them. They don't expect it. I wish you could keep Mrs. Sutherland *after* HE is gone. She is very far from well. He ought to come back. But I offer no opinion to him.

I was delighted with the flannel

shawl. Its only fault that it is only 1½ yds square, instead of two yards.

The flowers were lovely. The Laburnums quite exquisite. If I had no "smell" here *worse* than that of "May", my head would do very well.

ever dearest mum

your loving child

June 3/64

9001/33 [India] initialed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper bundle 137

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

June 3/64

My dear Sir Harry

I think I have made good use of your son's letter in writing today to the Bengal Sanitary Commission, with which I am in communication, (created, you know, by Sir John Lawrence) on the subject of the Delhi "Boils", without mentioning names - That water supply must be looked to.

I was glad to have

my printed paper
back. But what
I wanted was the
Bartlett letters about
the evil, which you
were so good as to
read to me -

Yours ever
F.N.

9001/34 initialed letter, 1f, pen {written on another letter}
[1:169]

Romsey June 7 1864
Dearest mum

You cannot believe that
these flannels are just twice
as good for half the price,
as what we get here - unless

it is just poor Ann Clarke
can be persuaded by any
shopman that pink
is a good match for pea green.

I will take, please, two
square shawls of the widest
width - the square to be of
the whole width -

And two shawls of the
narrowest width - the
square to be of the narrow
width.

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9001/35 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

June 16/64

My dear Sir Harry

I made some enquiries [15:398-400]
last night about this
miserable Gold Coast
affair; but there is
nothing at all to shew
that Govt= is a bit less
to blame, than appears
if they have gone to war
in a dangerous country
without due precaution.

The facts, you see, are
these: or rather the points
are these: -

after the Crimean
War, a whole sanitary

administration was created (by Sidney Herbert)
& became S. of S. Regulation. In every single
instance, both before & after his death, viz. in
the China War, the Canada expedition, & the
New Zealand War, we were required to set
this sanitary machinery in motion, by direct
application to us from the S. of S. for War. And
the troops have no more right to take the field
without this machinery than without their
ammunition. It consists in appointing a
Sanitary Officer, observing the Sanitary
Regulations, writing & certain special sanitary instructions
drawn up for the special service, - making certain special
provisions for the shelter, dieting & watering
of the troops, according to the special service
&c &c &c. In every instance, even in that
unhealthy Chinese War, the consequences were
more successful than even we had dared to hope.
Now it appears that nothing of the kind was

done in this Gold Coast murder. Certainly we were not applied to: And if, as appears no precautions were taken, then they have themselves to blame *just as much*, & have just as little cause for surprise in the sad result, as if, without ammunition the troops had not been able to fire. [Ministers deserve this result.]

It is a little Crimean as Sir J. Hay said there is no doubt. And Ministers ought to concede an enquiry. We all know what took place from

[2]

their not doing so in the Crimean business.

If there has been gross rashness & mismanagement, on the part of one of Govt='s servants - then certainly the country should know, who is to blame? After all our past experience, it is really too bad.

What Govt= ought to do is to take steps themselves, even before the Committee sits. This is the only thing to save their own honour. If Sir J. Hay asks for correspondence

or information, of course it will be given. If he wants an enquiry, it will be by a Committee of the House, I suppose. And an enquiry by the Ho: would alone satisfy him, I suppose. All Govt= could offer him instead would be a Commission: but they must give him a Committee of the House, if he will have it.

[It seems to me as unfair, if Sir J. Hay proceeds to a vote of censure at once, as what Ministers themselves would do, if they sacrifice the troops to protect one of the servants. What we want is to know what is ~~Ministers~~ to blame & to prevent its recurrence].

2. Is Sir J. Trelawny's motion on the Notice paper to=day solely as regarding vice=disease?

3. I forgot to give you a message from Mrs. Sutherland - would you come in to their Sanitary Association Meeting *on the 21st* & say a few words - or, if not, would you, at least, give your name?

4. Would you tell Parthe (who has written to me) that I am sorry to find it is absolutely impossible for me to see Mlle v. Zeschau on Saturday, much as I should like it.

[end 15:400]

ever yours
F.N.

9001/36 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I am much concerned about Sir J. Hay's debate. He might have done us a great deal of good. He has done nothing but harm. His speech was simply abusive - & gave no information whatever as to the true cause of the disaster.

Ld Hartington's was simply bosh - & if he does not know it to be bosh, he is not worth his place -

Ld Palmerston's was

beneath contempt.

The only man who spoke sense was General Peel.

The way Sir J. Hay has done for us so much harm is by making it a party question. Had his motion been for an Enquiry, had that enquiry led to the discovery of the present (& to the determination of a truer/connection between W.O. & Colonial Off., it would have done us the greatest good.

Ld de Grey handed over those unfortunate

troops to the Col: Off:,
 without a word, ~~without~~
~~putting in action the~~
~~Regulations under which~~
~~he himself acts as~~
 S. of S. It was, in fact,
 illegal. And we could
 have shewn this.

There seems almost
 a fate against us.

But the question is
 now: what is to be
 done?

I fear, *nothing*.
 For my part, in my
 conscience I believe
 that Genl= Peel & Lord
 Stanley would be far
 better for the country

at W.O. and I.O.

I must give you an [9:207]
 instance of the Cool
 impertinence of the Horse
 Guards. Their answer
 to me (to a complaint
 as to delay in our Sanitary
 affairs)- was that
 "Sir John Lawrence had
 "nothing else to do (sic) but
 think of India Sanitary
 "affairs - whereas we
 "have so much to do" -
 [This referred to sending
 out something he had
 asked for] - *Pray tell this*.

I really could break
 those jackanapes' heads. [end 9:207]
 June 18/64 ever yours F.N.

9001/37 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {archi: June 20 '64}

My dear Sir Harry

In returning the
enclosed, I find that
what the W.O. Barrack
Commission would "go for"
is:

[15:401]

woollen curtains, as
they danger of fire from
canvas screens is so
great as to be final.

Canvas screens are just
as imperfect a separation
as woollen curtains - &
obstruct ventilation
more. the woollen
curtains to be drawn

aside during the day -
& from time to time
taken down & thoroughly
aired - This would
be more easy than with
canvas screens.

- The woollen curtains
could be issued at once.
as *immediate* means
of separation are wanted.
And this would not
hinder the ultimate
adoption of wooden
partitions.

But it would be
far cheaper to put up
wooden dwellings
for married quarters

than to divide the existing
huts with wooden
partitions.

Such wooden dwellings
have, it is said, been
put up at Chatham
& answered well.

[end]

ever yours

F.N.

June 20/64

9001/38 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

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

June 24. 3 P.M. {arch: ?1864}

My dear Sir Harry

[15:401]

I have just heard
(privately) ~~from~~ that the W.O.

mean to upset you this
evening on the ground

that "an Army was"
not "to take the field".

But your ground is
evidently this: that, to
meet just exactly

such special cases
as the Ashantee case,
the last Clause of
P.133 of the "New

Medical Regulations" -

("When it has not" etc down to

the end) - was specially added by Sidney Herbert to meet the case of Regiments sent on Expeditions.

The course which should have been taken under the Regulations was, that, according to the three first Para:s of Section XXI, p. 82, (which I shewed you,) the Director General should have been asked for information

& special instructions, to be applied, under the last Clause in P. 133.

Could not you forestall their defence by reading the Regulations to the House, as having been laid down by Sidney Herbert & the House not being cognizant of them?

in gt haste
ever yours
F.N.

[end]

9001/39 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:256-57]

June 28/64

Dear Papa

I was greatly disappointed
not to hear from you,
either today or yesterday,
the smallest hint as
to what you would
like to do, if I failed
in getting you a room
in this street.

There is not a room
to be had, either in
Hotel or lodging house,
In Park St., for love or money.

And as I could not
now

hear from you in answer to this, till Thursday
(besides which you never do answer by return
of post) - and on Thursday there would not
be the slightest chance of getting you a
room by Saturday - I have empowered the
mistress of the Grosvenor Hotel to get you a
room in Coburg Hotel, Charles St. or in a
lodging house near - Peter to have a room
near you - you to have your meals here
from the Grosvenor - Peter at the Grosvenor.

But this might be arranged otherwise,
if you like it, & if you will only write.

I could have got you a room in Portman
Square. But I did not know whether you
would like to go so far. And you do not
give me the least hint - *how* far you would
like to go, if I failed in Park St. If the worst

comes to the worst, there
is always Ann Clarke's
room here to fall back
upon - But the partitions
are so thin that this
house is exactly like
only one room to live
in. I hear all Ann C.
does, as if she were
sleeping in my room,
tho' it is on another floor.

London is crowded,
on account of this
great debate - Since
I have been in public
life, I have heard nothing
so sickening as the
run in favor of Denmark -
{upside down}

~~Nothing but a visible~~

that a free, strong
country like England
should unite to crush out/ wrest
all freedom from
those two wretched
little Duchies!

And all from the
frivolity of Palmerston.
A more masterly
exposition in favor
of *wrong* than his
last night surely
never was.

ever dear Pa
your loving child
F.

9001/40 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, thin black-edged paper bundle 136
[1:170]

Dearest mum

Indeed I was very glad
to see Mr. Giffard's answer.
It did my heart good. "I do
not hold it to be my 'bounden
duty etc to make any
declaration at all."

Please present my
admiring thanks to Mrs.
Webb for flannels, both
new & old. [to *destroy*
my flannels I pay 10/ a
week to the Hampstead
laundress.]

Many thanks for the
splendid contents of
numerous boxes. The whole

of the last, except the Port
Wine, went to Papa's
friend, Sister Gonzaga -

Otherwise I have been
obliged to give ~~them~~ to
poor Burton, who cannot
(or will not) eat anything
but Asparagus, Peas, Grapes,
Strawberries, Peaches, & *your* Port Wine.
And she says, none of
these things were in the
boxes you sent her.

In the morning, with
myself, everything but
grapes excites my vomiting.
- even a cup of tea. And
I am obliged to give
Burton ~~my~~ grapes -

Don't let them send

any more Rabbits. The
last four boxes they have
been bad - so bad that
they had to be turned
into the dust hole
directly.

It is thought, by many,
that Ministers will be
out next Monday.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Many thanks for all your
letters, dearest mum.

You are the most faithful
correspondent I have.

Bless you -

[end 1:170]

9001/41 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

Dearest mother

1. I should like to see my hero's
picture if it is not too big to get up
these stairs, if it is understood that I
can neither see people nor write (to
compliment) & that it must come
to me in my bed.

2. I send you a letter from the
hero - & one from Ld S.- which (both)
please return, without copying,
as soon as possible.

My heart bleeds for great John [9:209]
Lawrence & for my own troubles,
(of which Sutherland is the greatest)
mainly or only as they affect him.
And I am his only help in some
things.

Sid: Herbert was a knight of the
chivalrous times. But great John
Lawrence is a hero of the old Roman

times - the last of the heroes. **[end 9:209]**

3. Please ask Hill to make me the roughest pen & ink sketch of Jess, the mare, with my face, dragging the cart, & Rab, the dog, with Sutherland's face, pulling behind the other way & "nearly strangling himself to spite" me. It is to shew Sutherland (when I am too ill to speak) what he does see p. 20.

4. Could you give me £80 in notes & £20 in gold for the enclosed Cheque - if it is not to pass thro' the hands of servants. If it is, please return me the cheque. Ann C. is not to be trusted ~~not to~~ tho' as pure as gold she actually said that I kept cash in my Despatch box

of papers.

5. I am sorry about mistakes & delays about the cook

6. I think I must leave the color of the flannel to you - only it must not be red or ~~light~~ blue.

7. The W.O. is utterly demoralized & Sir C. Wood does not speak the truth.

ever dearest mum

your loving child

F.

Wednesday

9001/42 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Dearie I am so completely done up with the incessant work of the last 10 days that I could not speak to any one -

Have you heard of George?

Shall I write an introduction (for Emily) to Mr. Inglott of Malta?

Does Sir H. know Mr. Alward of the American Legation? He has sent me some things - And I

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ought to thank him.

9001/43 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dearest mother

While you are in town, I must leave, please, *to you*, poor Burton - her fruit, her flowers & enquiring after her. It has been quite too much for me, with the very curious coadjutor I have - E.g. she has half, often the whole, of every Port bottle I have had from you - at my very great expence, for the wine I get from the Hotel disagrees with me. - never one word of thanks or pleasure, but a very impertinent message when the supply stopped, because no bottle came by the last box.

You know that quite knocks one down - But I don't believe it is poor Burton's fault - but the very

awkward *mental condition* of my Prime Minister.

You know I pay Burton's Doctor & Chemist's Bill.

All other things, including grapes, I must, please, leave to you while you stay.

Part of the sickness & vomiting from which I now suffer is due to my having constant messages how Burton "throws up" the things I send - But I don't believe it is she who sends these "messages".

ever your loving child

F.

July 12/64 (Pray send Mrs. Webb to her
(every day. I have hitherto
(sent twice a day. I think
(it will be a real blessing
(to ~~at~~ both sides to vary
(this a little.

9001/44, initialed letter 2ff pen {arch: July 22 1864} [8:975-76]

Dearest mother

If the cook, (whose name you
do not tell me) will come to me
on July 30 for 3 months *on trial*
to go to Hampstead -

if you will be so good as to
take Mrs. Hume & Mrs. Stirling's
characters & *they prove good* -

if she will consent to receive
orders thro' my own maid,

I will take her -

I will give her £22, beer,
washing, everything found - no
beer *money* or other allowance -
if she suits, I will raise wages.

I consider characters from persons

I do not know as absolutely the
same *as no character at all* -

I consider that being what I am,
I have absolutely no means of
knowing that a servant does not
be drunk on the kitchen floor,
or does not admit all sorts of
men into the house -

I consider that Muff, the cat,
would make a better head=servant
than my present maid - (& he
does not break things, which
she does). I therefore look upon this cook as
merely a "*trial*"

But you must not cry down
my maid ~~int~~ to the cook -
because I cannot undertake, (not
anything like every day) to see
her - perhaps not every week.
And she *must* take orders thro'

my maid, however "inane".

IF the cook prove trustworthy,
I shall exalt her to the grade of
housekeeper, (of my very small
household) with corresponding
increase of wages.

Would you explain to her that
to come "on trial" will not at
all throw any reflection on her
character, if she does not suit?
I may not suit her, as well as
she not suit me -

Mine is a VERY quiet place,
but also a very *strict* place, owing
to my Invalid life.

NB. The "Custs" are worse than
no character at all.

She must neither go out nor

receive any one in the house,
without asking me thro' my maid.

I am sure I allow my servants
reasonable liberty, MORE than is
usually allowed, a great deal.

In return, (would you explain
that I am such an Invalid
that) I must require of *them*
the most absolute quiet &
trustworthiness -

IF she prove trustworthy, she
will have to order the dinners
& keep the accounts herself -
ultimately - & will be treated as a housekeeper
ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

July 22/64

9001/45 initialed letter, with envelope 1f, pen

Dearest mother. You were so good as to ask me what Mrs. Webb could do for me.

I want very much a jacket exactly like the pattern, but *lilac* (*not* blue) - & a petticoat of the same flannel - to match.

It quite offends me to wear, as now, a lilac petticoat & blue jacket. the colour (lilac) of the petticoat is the colour I like.

F.N.

9001/46 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: July 1864} [1:768-69]

Dearest mother

Pray put out of your own head, & don't put into the cook's head, that "so much is required" in my place. I know *no* place where so little is required & so much is given. [I was perfectly satisfied with a mere girl, Mrs. Sutherland's cook, & she with me; & we should never have parted, but for that wicked woman, whose sin the girl had found out].

In any family consisting of two, there is *more* cooking, than in mine.

I know no one but myself who will spare a servant for a week's holiday - or for 3 months, to nurse a mother, paying her wages & supporting the mother all the time.

All that *is* "required" is that she

shall be trusted neither to drink nor flirt,
not having a mistress, & not having
 a capable head=servant to enforce order.

In your family, you can depend
 upon yourself & you can depend
 upon your other servants, to find
 out if anything goes wrong, with one.

I have no one - not even myself.

With this one exception, I know of
 no family where so little is required
 & so much is given, as my own.

As for her taking orders thro'
 my maid, she *must* consent to do
 it. But I see more & more it is
 impossible. I must see her every
 day myself & give my own orders.

This is what Ann C. Provided
 for me yesterday, & *nothing else*.

A Patient's Diet.

Luncheon	Gooseberry Pudding	which I did not touch
Dinner	Bacon & Beans - almost raw	which I did not touch
Supper	A cold drum=stick Chicken	which I did not touch because there was nothing to touch.
Saturday	Burn this	

9001/47 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: July 1864?} [8:452]

My dear Sir Harry

No copy of the amended "Contagious
 Diseases" Bill has been sent me. But
 a copy, left for a few minutes at the
 W.O., shews that they have avoided
 our original strictures, but by placing
 the whole female population of the
 towns (in the Act) at the mercy of the
 Insp. of Police - & with nothing but a
 pecuniary compensation for mistake -

Wellcome 9001

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!!!!

F.N.

9001/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead NW
Aug 5/64

My dear Sir Harry

Col. Fyers' letter is admirable & evidently quite trustworthy.

By the next mail, I shall, without **[9:871-72]** mentioning names, re-introduce the subject in my letter to Sir J. Lawrence.

But the efficient way of doing the business at home would be this: - if Col. Fyers' letter could be brought before the H. Guards, & the H. Guards, (who are very good at this kind of thing,) refer it to th us, i.e. the Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission at the War Office, which is now, as you know, in direct communication with Sir J. Lawrence's Presidency Sanitary Commissions.

[Quite recently, a nearly similar case occurred at Shanghai. An

admirable letter from an officer there was sent to me. I got it referred in the way above mentioned. And we had the satisfaction of knowing that proper orders were sent out by the H. Guards last mail to Shanghai, in pursuance of our advice.]

What I shall say to Sir J. Lawrence is this: - there is no natural reason why Delhi should not be healthy - & if unhealthy, the cause is removable. With such a rate of sickness, the place is untenable, & the disease (Delhi sore) fatal to efficiency. Here then is a case for local enquiry. And it must be taken up by the Bengal Sanitary Commission.

The Mediterranean cities suffer from a bad form of carbuncular sore, - a tenth part of the cases proving fatal -

Wellcome 9001

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& enquiry has shewn that, damp, with

foul air, by gradually undermining stamina, are predisposing causes.

The Delhi causes can only be understood by careful local enquiry, including not only troops but native population.

The following points suggested: -

1. extent to which Delhi sore prevails among natives especially State of localities where it is most prevalent
2. extent to which it has prevailed among troops - comparison between localities they occupy, & localities occupied by native population
3. minute medical enquiry into nature of diseases, including microscopic examinations into nature of sores - previous symptoms to be very carefully described (whether scorbutic)
4. minute enquiry & report as to nature of Barrack & Hospital accommodation in reference to position, drainage, ventilation, cubic space, general construction, state of buildings
5. minute chemical analysis of various waters supplied for use. analysis to be both qualitative & quantitative. (Roofwater filtered & stored would afford sufficient drinking & cooking water)

If the waters are alkaline or contain organic matter, especially animal matter, in any quantity, such waters are unfit for use.

6. examination of ration, specially as regards pork or bacon, which should be struck off the list of substances used as food.

7. carefully drawn up report on whole subject to be made, pointing out causes & remedies, - immediate steps, to be taken to have requisite improvements carried out.

I send to Mr. Calvert's for you, today a copy of "Suggestions" (you will see how particular we are about water=supply) sent out to Sir J. Lawrence direct, by me, by H.M.'s Book post, at his own earnest request (for, of all the slow-going Govt Offices, the India Off. is the worst) - signed by the said Barrack & Hospl Imp. Comm:

[end 9:872]

ever yours

F.N.

Aug 5/64

9001/49 initialed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I think you are quite wise about the Herbert Statue -viz. in limiting its expences to £3000 - & keeping the rest £1200 for the Gold Medals for the Army Medical School at *Netley* - more, alas! than is likely to be wanted for these. - if the C. in C. & D.G. go on at their present

rate.

F.N.

in demolishing what Sidney Herbert did.

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9001/50 [India] initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 16/64

My dear Sir Harry

1. we have a letter **[9:373]**
from Sir Hugh Rose who
has carried out all *his* part of the
recommendations of
the R. Sanitary Commission
- (of course *he* says, of his
own accord, *not* of theirs -
so they are done, we do
not mind). I have
sent it to Lord Stanley -
when it comes back,
I will lend it you -
It is a private document
- most creditable to

Sir H. Rose. We mean
to have it called for,
somehow or other &
printed. Perhaps you
would like to do it.
Sir H. Rose will be
delighted to have his
great deeds sung in
public. But they
really are (five) great
deeds - And the Work
Shops one of the five.

We are truly indebted
to him. It would have
taken *our* Commander
in Chief a long time to
do likewise.

[end 9:373]

2. Scarlett's letter shews that the Delhi case is on its way to us. We shall hear of it presently. It will be referred back by the "Director General". And if there are any practical steps to be taken, they will be referred to us - i.e. Barrack & Hospl Improvemnt Commission.

Meanwhile I wrote to Sir J. Lawrence. And I shall be charmed, if we find that, by the time the Horse Guards have begun to write out
to India,

he has put all to rights. That is the way he generally does.

3. I am afraid I should be quite unequal to looking at Dr. Acland's interesting Journal. Besides W.O. & Indian work, I have been overdone with settling the Liverpool Workhouse Nursing - And all would have been done ~~so~~ much more smoothly if I had not left town. and nothing is finished yet.

ever yrs

F.N.

I hope to see you on Friday - If you would tell me what time, I would have something to eat for you -

9001/51 initialed letter, 4ff, pen [1:170-72]

Hampstead N.W.
Aug 20/64

Dearest mother

1. the purple lama
dressing gown arrived
resplendent in beauty -
And I now lie outside
the bed, in order to hide
none of its loveliness.
Indeed, were it not
that I am afraid it
tumbles, spots with
clean water, & does
not wash well, I would
never go back to poor=
=creature =flannel -
I think the colour quite
as pretty as lilac &
shews the dirt as well.

2. the woollen skins
are come - they are
nearly twice as wide
across the hips as any
I have had before -
I can't fancy any woman
filling them. But I
don't think it worth
while to change them.

3. Yes, Hill has [Hill] sent me flowers worth
sending. not small
flowers, he is not capable;
but beautiful wreaths of
Passion flower - purple
leaves - that orange spike
I don't know the name
of - one or two Gladiolus etc
I can't say as much for
his fruit a few apricots,
no grapes -

4. Yes, I think I should like your large black lace shawl, if you don't wear it yourself. But I am afraid I shall make a present of it.

5. It has not been cold here, but very hot. every thing dried up - every thing so dear - meat enormous, fish consequently too. I think my housekeeping costs nearly £2 a week more - But then that wicked woman was a capital housekeeper. I have no one now with more head than your little still room maids.

6. I had poor Miss Jones of K.C.H. here. She never left her bed. I left mine

twice to visit her in hers. I do wish she would go away quite somewhere for a time. or she will break up altogether I don't think her coming here does her much good. And it is quite too much for me now, the anxiety of such an invalid, & the fear that my household will give her Gooseberry Pudding for one dinner - & Bacon & beans for another -

7. I must give Dr. Tanner ~~who is~~ something - who has attended poor Burton for 4 months at her own request, & has never taken a fee of me. It must not be less than 10 guineas - If you could get a really handsome vase, inkstand

or table at Matlock
of about that price, &
have an inscription
scratched on it something
like this, "Offered to Dr.
Tanner by Florence Nightingale
in remembrance of
kind assistance given" -
Or do you think one of
Colas' imitation bronzes,
now to be had in England,
would do better - a
Génie Adorant?

I don't see I need
wait for poor Burton's
death to do this -
8. I had occasion to write
to Miss Clough & asked
her to write & tell you
how jaded & driven I

have been (I am quite
sorry I left London). &
that I could not write.
In addition the Liverpool Workhouse
Nursing had all to be
settled. Miss Agnes Jones,
the Supt elect, to go down
twice to Lpool. Miss Jones
of K.C.H. not able to help
us in the least. Mrs. Wardroper,
tho' almost as bad, working
like a horse for it - we
supply 15 Head Nurses from
St. Thomas' for it - it is the
best thing we have done
yet. the first Workhouse
that ever has been nursed -
Mr. Rathbone gives £1000
a year!!! But the trouble

of settling has been enormous
& is not over yet.

Really, when I see how
people will work, people
like Mrs. Wardroper, & there
are thousands who scarce
know how to get thro' their
mornings, then, how I wish
I could divide the labour
fairly.

9. Please thank Papa very
much for his last letter,
which deeply pleased me -
I often fancy I hear in
my dreams the rushing
of the Derwent, which I
used to open the Casement
in the Nursery at night
to hear - I am going to write to
Papa - ever dearest mother

Your loving child
F.

9001/52 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen [3:372-73]

Hampstead N.W.
Aug 21/64

Dear Papa

1. I have had no Reviews
but what you have had -
I have had only two this
quarter - 1. The "Edinburgh
which you have now. 2.
The "Westminster", I think,
but which was only in
my hands for an hour -
(you were passing thro', &
took it with you

The "National" I have
not had. Nor have I any
here for you -

2. Why do you think it

“wonderful” that “such a
mind” as J.H. Newman’s
can write the unconditional submission of the Apologia?
Can anything be more
“wonderful” than the “religious”
sentences you read me
of Bacon’s?

But I never know why
your mind is haunted
with “ecclesiastical despots”-
Do you know one single
educated Englishman
who does not look on
“convocation” much as
I look on a pantomime or low theatre?
A. Stanley’s article is
interesting only to me,
as shewing that “ecclesiastical”
despotism” is absolutely

gone in England. We
think of the priesthood
with a kind of good natured
contempt.

3. You see we are going to
Nurse the vast Liverpool
Workhouse Infirmary with
a great staff of Head
Nurses, thereby, as we
hope, half freeing Liverpool
from pauperism, by
nursing men into working
health again, instead of
consigning them to the
tender Workhouse pauper=
Nursing, which consigns
them to life=long infirmity
& consequently life=long
pauperism. We take

over at once 600 sick
 "able bodied" men & infirm in
 order to restore them to
~~health~~ work & their
 families, who otherwise
 become paupers too - **[end 3:372]**

4. I prize your letters
 always - but especially
 that about the Derwent
 & Balaclava - In the
 tumult of contention with
 a coarse Commander=in=Chief,
 a coward War=Minister &
 an India=Minister indifferent
 to truth I often lose sight
 of the far more inspiring
 conflict, hand to hand,
 with nature's ~~an~~either laws at
 Balaclava - Thank you for

reminding me.

5. I saw an Article headed: **[3:373]**
 "Le Positivism et l'Idéalisme"
 - certainly not at all in our
 sense - representing them
 as two opposite philosophies.
 Now I think the work of
 the present day might
 be - & certainly it never
 has been done - to shew
 how the two are one -
~~The~~ positivism lays down
 that every thing, moral
 as well as physical, is
 subject to law. But the
 great tendency of this
 truth, as now represented,

is - to take away all idea
of a personal relation with
the God who acts by law -
& even sometimes all idea
that we can alter things
very much, if everything
is subject to law -

Now I should like to
shew how Positivism is
the only way to Idealism -
the only way by which
we can reach the personal
connection with a
perfect God - the only
way by which we can
work out the "sentiment
du mieux," (so strong especially

in the Englishman) for ourselves
& for others.

The old Christian idealists
said: if you cannot "pray"
to God, if you cannot
believe that He is "moved"
(to do something different)
by what you say to Him,
there is no religion.

Let the new Positivism
Idealism, not contrary
but same philosophies,
shew that no prayer is
possible i.e. prayer to a
perfect God (who cannot
change His mind) except
by working out His laws
in oneness with His spirit. **[end 3:372]**

I like the old Puritan
word "Exercises," religious
exercises.

Now I would have
positivist "exercises" -
exercises to consider what
God's will is (in His laws)
& to bring our will into
His designs - to propose
to ourselves the same end
that He proposes to
Himself - to enter, not
only mystically but actively,
into His designs.

It is astonishing how
I find ~~all I want~~ this in
the mystics of the 16th=
century. They completely

9001/53 initialled letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 137
[1:174-75]

Dearest mother

I was quite overcome
to hear this morning
that Burton was so
near her end. I was
very fond of her. She
had a heart. And
many now have none.
You do not give her
address. Please
forward the enclosed
& send me her
address besides -
If you have the Ecce Homo of Guercino
(which is far the most

effective) or the Albert
Dürer of Christ on the
Cross, please send it
her for me, to lose no
time - & tell me what
you have done - or
the Christ on the Cross
by Guido - It will
take me time & strength
to get things framed
& sent from here -

Ever dearest mum your
loving child F.

Please tell Hill not
to send any more
sods for the cats.

Many thanks for your
letter. I hope you save
your eyes.

9001/54 initialed letter, 3ff, pen [8:455-56]

Hampstead N.W.
Aug 23/64

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose two letters
from the secretary at Malta,
written in reply to a request
for ~~filed~~ information as to
their Police system.

Read No 1 first.

It gives an account of
the system introduced 3
years ago - And if No 2
had never been written,
it would have given a
most erroneous idea of
the changes introduced.

& the results.

No 2. when read after No 1, blows up the whole affair, & converts the whole proceeding into a (very indecent) joke.

You will see that the System which was given up, & (which giving up led to Dr. Armstrong's outcry,) was nothing more than the grossest corruption & iniquity - & ended just as it ought to have done. It need hardly be said that such a system could

be of no use whatever. And yet the loss of it was cried up (by such as Dr. Armstrong) as so great a public calamity that, in order to get rid of his ignorant outcry, they passed the Ordinance enclosed. Which, No 1 shews, is not acted upon.

"Surely the force of legislation can no farther go."

The very crimes to which the Maltese custom, (not law,) gave rise, are the very crimes which we

all along dreaded from
your new Act. As for
any protective efficacy,
we have no hope. But
this is the least evil
likely to arise from it.

Please note Para.
marked in red, bottom
of P. 7, No 1.

I think I never ~~read~~ saw
in so small a compass,
such a tale of corruption
& horror -

Governor LeMarchant
deserves all credit for

having, without any fear
or human respect
whatever, raked out
the whole subject,
dismissed the unworthy
officials, & appointed
no matter whom, Maltese
or English, who was found
worthy. "Inglott," whom
I know, a Maltese,
one of LeMarchant's
~~Officers~~ appointments is an invaluable
Officer

Please return me
the whole -

Could you return me
the Daily News Article
I lent you? I would

not trouble you for it,
but that it was given
me by the writer, to save
my having to send for
the newspaper. And I
promised to return it.

Poor Burton died
very quietly at 11
yesterday morning.
You smoothed her path
to another world.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/55 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead N.W.
Aug 24/64

[15:403]

My dear Sir Harry
I am afraid you
will say you have
more than you bargained
for, in the cost of
European Armies I
enclose.

One thing is certain
that the estimates of
all, except our own,
must be immensely
below the real cost.

We are used to our

old friend, the French
Emperor, cooking his
estimates.

But the Russian
is incredibly beneath
the mark.

Please return me
this remarkably incorrect
paper at your convenience

[end]

ever yours
F.N.

9001/56 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 29/64

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have
returned G. Bunsen before.

I send you the enclosed
from Mr. Rathbone,
Mainly to shew that he
is at Aberdeen (I
know he returns soon
but not how soon) to
Liverpool -) & that
the Workhouse matter
is going on well -

About Mr. Watts --
I really have a scruple
against sitting - I think

[1:567-68]

we ought to do, so as
to be forgotten ourselves,
& God only to be
remembered. [When I
was quite a girl, Sir C.
Trevelyan pointed out to
me that the noblest
works of the Xtian Church,
the old hymns, Te Deum
&c, were by authors who
had not even left their
names. I only consented
to the Steele bust because
of the soldiers asked for it - & thinking
of me makes them think
of their wives & mothers.
I was very much the
worse for sitting for that

bust. And to sit even for
 half an hour takes an
 amount of strength from
 me which I must finish
~~bestow upon~~ God's "*unfinished*
 work" with -

ever yours
 F.N.

Please return me Mr.
 Rathbone

Wm Rathbone Esq Jun=r
 is his name & title.

9001/57 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.
 Aug 31/64

Dearest mum

I incline to having
 the bigger & handsome
 inkstand made for
 Dr. Tanner rather than to taking
 the 5 gs one - delay
 notwithstanding.

You see I dare say
 Dr. Dealtry's exertions
 in marrying you were
 pleasant. I can't say
 as much for Dr. Tanner's
 4 months' visits to poor
 Burton, tho' he writes in

the kindest way about it.
 -saying that I did
 him a favour, instead
 of receiving one -

It still remains, if
 you don't admire *any*
 thing at Matlock -
 shall I order a Colas
 bronze for him in
 London?

[Suppose you ask Parthe whether
 Obelisk will do - (at Matlock.)]

I don't know how to

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choose between the
Ginger wines. Watson's
is more *elegant*. Radford's

is, I am afraid, more
curative, after St. Paul's
plan -
 ever dearest mum
 Your loving child
 F.

9001/58 notes, 2ff, pen {arch: Aug 1864?} **[8:453-54]**

Heads of Objectives
against the introduction
of the (French) Medl= Police

-
1. evils of introducing a
new & utterly foreign system
of dealing with a great
Moral question
 2. abomination of licensing
 3. degradation of practice
of inspection, degrading to
men & women alike
 4. evil example as regards
marriage & consequent
arrest of population; as
in France.
 5. abhorrence of whole
thing to British habits as
well as feelings
 6. Impossibility of carrying
out continuously any

efficient measure - its
inquisitorial nature

7. As regards soldiers,
nothing should be done
until they have been treated
as moral agents, & supplied
with instruction,
recreation, work

Lastly, total absence of
proof that any good
has accrued abroad

And - probability that
an address may be
issued to all the
congregations of the
three kingdoms, urging
them to petition against
any such measure.

It is suggested that
Mr. Ewart may enter
into this whole question
on Friday.

Every extant evidence
of advantage from legalized
prostitution should be
challenged at each step.

The fact is, there is
none which would be
admitted for a moment
on any enquiry. And,
if we are to have the
foreign system introduced,
let it only be after minute
enquiry before a public
Commission.

They know not what
they say. The real fact is

that our lower classes
have nothing like the
extent of disease caused
by vice that they have
abroad.

9001/59 2 incomplete letters, 2ff, pen {letter cut, parts missing} {arch: Sept 15 '64}

Dearest mother

1. As to the kittens:
all thorough-breds I have
the refusal of -

i.e. as long as you can.

2. I am afraid that I, who
have the poorest notion
of my geographical ability
[line cut off]

illeg

illeg {arch: Apr 15 '64}

4. Papa tells me of Pet,
the cat's misdemeanours.
Pray remember that Pet
is the handsomest cat we
ever had - tho' the original
Tom was the finest.

[1:758]

If I were you, I would
not give her to the
washerwoman -

I can easily find people
who would be delighted
to have her & have asked
for her over & over again,
if you are determined to
part with her -

She was always inclined
to dirtiness & to climbing

trees. But we managed
by care to prevent the
first. And as for the
last, what does it signify?

 If she came down at
night, it was all right.
If she did not, we placed
food at the bottom of
the tree - and she came
down at last -

 I certainly would keep
her, if I were you. But
if not, let me find a
home for her -

 Ever dearest mother
 your loving child
 F.

9001/60 initialled letter, 1f, pen **[6:200]**

My dear Sir Harry

 I am going to send
a mere Note to the
York Meeting containing
an extract from an
excellent Missionary
(R. Catholic) School Report in
Australia - This is all.
It is not a paper -

 I do not know
whether you are going
to the York Meeting -
It is certainly not
worth while for any one
to go to read this scrap,
 I merely write this in

answer to your question
 When I last saw you -
 & you were so kind as
 to say you wished to read
 any paper of mine.

How sad Capt. Speke's
 death in such a way,
 after having weathered
 such labours.

ever yours

F.N.

Hampstead (We are quite
 Sept 17 terrified about the
 Bermuda Yellow
 Fever - brought on
 themselves by the
 sinful (Colonial Office)

carelessness. I have seen Sir James
 Hope's despatch to the Admiralty.
 (Sir J. Hope is not at Bermuda.)

9001/61 incomplete letter 1f pen {arch: Sept 22 1864} [3:619-20]

For Papa

very good number of Edinburgh -
 read Sir J. Eliot, Livingston, & Three
 Pastorals -
 last page of Sir J. Eliot, account of his
 martyrdom - what martyrdoms are
 equal to these? May I be able to go
 through my martyrdom with his
 equanimity!

for Arthur Stanley's great errors I
 forgive him for this, his "Three Pastorals".
 It is as fine as anything *of the kind*
 ever written. Of course, as M. Mohl
 said of me, my opinions are brandy
 to the milk & water of these. Still
 it is a great epoch when such an
 Essay can be written as this. In
 all his social relations, A. Stanley
 has been more knave than fool -
 in his last year he has been more
 fool than knave. But every thing

must be remitted him for this.

P. 302 is weak - there must always be peep out intense weakness in every thing A. Stanley writes.

As for the Ld Chancellor, you know what he says, that, had he known Low people would have worried him for *not* saying that damnation is everlasting, he would have condemned them all to everlasting punishment. I am not far from considering him now as the most illustrious father of the Church since Origen. **[end 3:620]**

9001/62 initialled letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry **[15:405]**

Do you see that, in Mr. Laing's speech, reported in the Times of today, he puts the expence of war in the whole civilized world for the last 10 years at a thousand millions, or a hundred millions a year - the butcher's bill, as he calls it -

[end]

ever yours

Sept 24/64 F.N.

9001/63 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Hampstead N.W.

Sept 27/64

My dear Sir Harry

Could you send me,
by return of post, a copy
of *this* which you moved
for - or that copy of
G.O. which your son
sent you, which you
shewed me -

It is for a public
purpose -

ever yours

F.N.

{arch Sept 28. 1864}

Dear Pop

I gladly give £5, &
am quite agreeable to
giving £10 (if you like
it) to your volunteers,
whether in pots or in
cash; as you like it, of
course - I not knowing
the convenances - I presume
it is to be Annual.

[1:331-32]

If you have
Mill on representative
Government
or Newman's apologia,
could you send them me
by post? ever your
Sept 28/64 F.

9001/64 initialed letter, 1f. with envelope, pen

Oct 5/64

Dearest mother

I never seem to find time to write about anything interesting, as you do to me. So I must only thank you for the boxes.

The flowers from Lea Hurst almost always come in good condition - & the geraniums which came in a tin box are the only ones I have had this year, except Mrs. Bracebridge's.

As for Hill, I think he is afflicted with

idiocy. Every week there comes a thick bunch of sticks, done up as tight as can possibly be with moss & straw + binding all round the stalks, as if I wanted them for cuttings - not a single petal on the. And these are scarlet Geraniums - there is no human possibility of their *not* arriving with every petal off, by from the way they are strung up, exactly like cuttings as I say. your loving child

F.

We sent him the tin box. We have had no Forest moss sent us.

9001/65 initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen {arch: Oct 6 64}

Dearest mother

[14:1019-20]

I trust you read the series of "Times" articles (not leading articles) on ~~the~~ Todtleben's Defence of Sevastopol.

They are admirable, especially the one in the "Times" of October 4.

I have always felt that it is a great thing (not only in a life time but in an eternity, for no eternity can do anything but *strengthen* my impression)

to have been present where the qualities of a great multitude were all called out to the heroic pitch, to have lived where multitudes of poor obscures lived, in fact, the lives of heroes - & our "lean & hungry English," (vide Henry V.) never in all that long Crimean fight - "the darkness of that noon=day night" - gave up one inch of ground or courage -

I have always felt

that I must be worthy
 of *them* -worthy to
 hold out every inch,
 as they did, through
 my 7 years' martyrdom,
 for their sakes -
 to "hold on by the
 nose". (Sir John Lawrence's
 expression) *of the enemy*,
 & never to be beaten
 off while life remains.

ever your loving child

F. [Turn over

Oct 6/64 {You see poor old
 {Mr Richardson
 {is dead - a great
 {release, I believe

I remember, as my dear
 Clough accompanied me
 in the night boat to Calais,
 (on our way out) his saying
 that he thought, instead of
 war being an evil, nations
 required that state of
 heroic tension from time
 to time to retemper them
 selves - How right he was!
 right in every way - What
 would have become of
 all the reforms of the
 soldier's moral life, if
 we had not had the
 Crimean War. All had
 its origin in that -

[end 14:1020]

F.N.

{envelope}

Mrs Nightingale

Lea Hurst

Matlock

9001/66 initialed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

Oct 7/64

Dearest mum

I don't fash myself
at all about the inkstand.
And pray don't you.

I am afraid of
sending it back to
Matlock, because I
have not a creature
capable of packing it
up -

So I gladly accept
your kind offer of
bringing a block of

marble & settling
with the man in
the Strand about it.

But I rather incline
to *hollowing out* the
inscription place into
"a cup"; & putting the
inscription elsewhere
on the front.

However I leave that
to your superior taste,
when you come -

I think the inkstand
beautiful

Ever dearest mum
your loving child F.

{envelope}

Mrs Nightingale

Lea Hurst

Matlock

9001/67 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.

Oct 12/64

Dearest of mothers

I am very sorry to
worrit again just as
you are packing up.

I should have thought
it better for the inscription
of the famous inkstand
to have been done in
London & not by Buxton
at all - for it was very
badly done - *not one
line was perfectly
straight* - But if it is

already begun, don't
trouble to rescind it.
Only ~~it~~ ~~mi~~ the lines
must be perfectly
parallel & straight. And the
words be thus: "offered
~~To~~ T.H. Tanner Esq MD
~~offered~~ by
Florence Nightingale
in ~~rem~~ grateful
remembrance of kind
assistance rendered."

I did not know Papa
was at Claydon till you
wrote. He never told me.

Sir John Lawrence is
quite cut up by the
death of a very fine
fellow, his nephew, a
young married man,
Sir Alick Lawrence,
son of Sir Henry Lawrence,
who was killed (on the
spot) riding over a
mountain road into
Thibet. The horse was
dashed to pieces. And

nothing was left but
his dog to mark the
spot, which was
found howling
piteously on the
brink of the chasm,
200 feet.

What beautiful
Geraniums you have
sent me -

ever dearest mother

Your loving child

F.

Do you stop in London?

9001/68 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen [1:257-58]

Hampstead N.W.

Oct 12/64

Oh dear Papa, you are
come south - & you never
told me. Oh How could
you? I have not heard
one word from you for
upwards of a month.
Do you mean to come &
see me? do you not?
Not one word.

But, what is worse,
Mrs. Sutherland has
been in all the agonies
of finding me a house.
I have been daily
waiting to hear from

you, & yesterday we
ought to have decided.

As I mentioned to you,
I am quite too feeble
now for the move in
January, & therefore
have given up going
to the dear South St.,
if another could be
found. Besides which
against South St., is the
great difficulty of
finding a house in the
third week of January.
You know, two out of the
three times I have been
there, once I had to go
to a hotel for 6 weeks,

& to have a second move
in March - once I had
to go to a hotel & could
not move again at all.
If then I could find
a suitable house now,
it seemed madness to
give up the chance,
knowing I should not
have it again in January.
Poor Mrs. Sutherland has,
as usual, literally turned
herself into a cab &
house agent for me -
 There is to be had
 27 Norfolk St
which is beautiful & noisy
 1 Bolton Row
which is stable=y & quiet.

27 Norfolk St. from
November 1 to May 1
for 300 guineas - after
wards the price is so
enormous that I should
not think of it. And
in the prospect of a
Dissolution, should
probably come down
here for from May till
November. Still you
see I only have my
two moves a year -
It would be too provoking
if you were giving an
enormous price for a
house in town for me,
when, (if) there is a
General Election

9001/69 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Oakhill Park
Hampstead N.W.
Oct 13/64

Dear Papa - Mr. Jowett
comes to give me the
Sacrament on Sunday
at 3 o'clock. WOULD YOU
COME? If you came I
would ask him to sleep.
If you don't come, then
I shall expect you &
Peter "Monday or Tuesday,"
as you propose - But
please let me know: (&
by return of post, as to
whether you will meet
Mr. Jowett.)

ever dear Pa
Your loving child F.

9001/70 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dearest mother
Please read what
I have said on the Bill.

I think no scarlet
geraniums *so scarlet* as
those from Lea Hurst
no sweet roses *so sweet*.
And the last were
superlatively scarlet &
superlatively sweet -
pray tell Mrs. Watson.
dearest of mums
ever your loving child
F.

Oct 13/64

9001/71 initialed note, 1f, pen

Yes: certainly please,
dearest mother, let
Tennant stick on the
inscription, *tale quale*
to the everlasting ink=
stand. And I will
send a note for Dr.
Tanner to you tomorrow
by post, with many
thanks, to go with the inkstand
please -

ever your loving
child
F.

Oct 27/64

9001/72 {1 of 2 letters} initialled letter, 2ff, pen

Dearest mum

I send you a sleeve, (not having
the least little piece over,) as a pattern
for Marshall. You will see how
different it is from his patterns, which
I don't like at all. Indeed it is
for the very purpose of escaping
those blue purples, which are all
you can get in flannels, that is my
only reason for having Me. de Laine
instead of flannel. [For Me de Laine,
I am afraid, cleans badly.]

If you could be so very good as
to send me back my sleeve, which
I have taken off my now naked
arm, as soon as possible, I would

be sair obliged.

2. That Matlock man is doomed to
be the death of me: I said

"for kind assistance rendered"
not *"for his kind assistance"*.

But the plate is beautifully polished
almost like optical glass - And I
take it, unless Tennant were to
grind it down again, no alteration
could be made - Perhaps you will
be so very good as to ask Tennant.
[I *don't* think it worth while to
polish down the whole thing again
for this alteration.]

I will gladly accept your offer
to take the thing to Dr. Tanner, when
done - And I will send you a note

of envoi from myself to go with it.

If you leave your card & a kindly
message, it will be taken kindly too
& a little game, if you had any by
you -

You must send me the Bill.

3. Pray give my love to dear Emily
Verney. If Parthe could buy her a
little present to give her from me, (say £1,)
I should be *very much* obliged.
I did not know she was going to
Southampton on Thursday. I thought
she did not sail till next week.

I was so very sorry not to be
able to see Sir Harry yesterday,
when he was so good as to call -
But we are so driven just now in

preparing work for Sir. J. Lawrence,
which I send him by Book post.
And I am so exhausted after it as to
be quite sleepless -

4. I have been deluded into giving
another £100 to Winchester Hospital.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Wellcome 9001

704

Oct 25/64

9001/73 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arc: Oct 27 '64}

Dearest mother

I am obliged to write
in haste = ' tho' I have
plenty else to say.

The inkstand is
arrived. and I think
it beautiful -

[line struck out]

Will you ask at
Matlock if I could
send it to any workmen
in London to have
certain lines in the
inscription effaced
[cut off]

9001/74 initialed note, 1f, pen {written on bottom of a letter}

This inveterate man will
keep writing to me -

I wish it had never been
mentioned to him the things
were for me.

For the last 3 years I have
had a succession of Bills &
letters from this inveterate man,

(with whom I never dealt
in my life) which has
seriously increased my
terrible correspondence

F.N.

9001/75 [India] initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 28 Oct 1864}

Dear Pop

Longmans has now
published my "how
people may live & not
die in India", price
/6, with a preface
by myself telling what
has been already done.
[Or if any body chooses
to order it wholesale
thro' "National Association
for Social Science"
(1 Adam St. Adelphi)
price /4] If it sells, it is

to be stereotyped, & sold at /3.

I forget who, you told
me, wished to *buy* it copies & you asked me to authorize
{Mrs Fowler I know was Sir Harry to get it published
one.] Now *Longmans* which I did.
sell it.

ever your
F.

Oct 28/64

9001/76 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

Hampstead N.W.
Oct 29/64

Dearest mother

I hear with absolute
terror that Miss Jones,
of Kings College Hospital,
is dangerously ill of
fever -

It cannot be that
God will take the only
woman who ~~we~~ can
do that work

I have offered her
this house, and also
32 South St., (knowing
that you would do the
same yourself,) if it
{page missing?}

Yes: dearest mother,
Burton did fix on Dr.
Tanner quite independently”
& of her own accord.
She went to him at his
Dispensary of her own
head & *without my*
knowledge, as long as
she was able to stand.

Then asked me to
send him to her. He
has her own choice.

But, even if I had
no other connection with
Dr. Tanner, it would be
considered a slap in
the face to put “to Phoebe

Burton," just as Paget would have considered it so if I had put "to Mary Bratby", in *his* gift=description.

I can't give Dr. Tanner a testimonial for what he did at King's College, both because I must then do it to Dr. Meadow Dr. Farre & others who did as much as he - & because it is not etiquette -

But, *raison de plus* for not insulting him by limiting his services to our old cook - as he would think it.

9001/77 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ?May 4 1867}

1 Bolton Row from
November 1 *for one*
year is £400 guineas
only. But it is terribly
mews=y & close. They
think it would be
almost impossible for
me to spend 9 months
in bed there - But I
am strongly tempted.
It would be not 8
guineas a week, if I
lived in it the whole
year -

On Monday we were
told that the Norfolk
St. people would wait
no longer - And it may
be gone at this moment.

I wrote to every body
for advice. I told
Mrs. Sutherland on
Sunday I was quite
sure to hear from you
on Monday. Not a word.

I have this morning
authorized Mrs. Sutherland
to ~~propose~~ close for Norfolk
St. for 6 months - three hundred/300
guineas. [But it may
be gone] - Every body
was so against Bolton
Row -

I was going to write.
to Parthe yesterday -
but was in such
uncertainty. I knew
not what to do -

I heard with satisfaction
that the Bills were up
in South St. (32) And
only hope they have missed
no chance & will miss
no chance of letting it.

Of course nothing I
have in view is any thing
like South St. in beauty.
But if these houses would all be
gone in January.

This is my tale.

Pray write to Mrs.
Sutherland, 41 Finchley
New Road, N.W., & tell
her ----what you feel
at her exertions. Say,
if you can, that you
will be at her service

for the Agreement.
She wrote to me, "I should
be proud to shew Mr.
Nightingale the two houses."
And pray, if you can,
give me the least idea
of your movements.

You know I did so beg
you to give me the chance
of you before Claydon -
ever dear Pa

Your loving child
F.

9001/78 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Nov: 2, 1864}

Dearest mother

I have been so entirely
upset by this last week,
& I have had such
dreadful nights of fever
& spasm, that I cannot
enjoy your remaining
as I should.

But I should be
very glad as you are
so good as to offer
if Mrs. Webb would
find out whether the
excellent

Milkman ("Grosvenor
Dairy", I think)
recommended by
Ly Caroline Russell,
whom I employed
for 1 Upper Harley St,
when I was there,
is still employed,
& still good.

I must have pure
milk - And I was
made quite sick
by what I had this
morning. Nobody I

have about me is
capable of remonstrating
against bad milk
& cream. [Ours is so
bad that the cats,
excellent judges, won't
touch it. They prefer
water.]

Could you ascertain
this point for me
of a good milkman?

The "Quarterly" is a
lukewarm support of

Wellcome 9001

712

us. not a spirited
attack upon us - as
we were led to suppose.
Nothing can be worse
for a cause than mild,
indiscriminate, weak
support, like this -
 ever dearest mother
 Your loving child
 F.

Nov 2/64

9001/79 note, 1f, pen

November 5 1864

[16:435-36]

It is 10 years to day since Inkerman.
It is 10 years yesterday since we landed
 at Scutari.
It seems to me like 3 lives -
tho' I have spent 7 of those 10 years in bed.
It seems to me like 3 different existences
 in different worlds.
In that time I have won all & lost all
 at 3 different times
The last 3 years have been quite as
 different to me (since Sidney Herbert
 & Clough left me) as if I had gone to
 another world.

[end 16:436]

9001/80 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Nov: 8: 1864}

Dearest mother

I do hope that Mrs. Webb will
give some good advice to Ann Clarke -
I will tell you in what sense: -

I think you will better understand
the *absolute* incompetency of my
household. when I tell you that
yesterday, when I went to bed, I
found *it had not been made* - &
that the night clothes of the night
before were positively *lying inside*
the *unmade bed*, (which was neatly
smoothed down) undiscovered by any
one x - Now there are actually three
persons to make my bed - [In a
Hospital there are 2 persons to
make 40 beds. Yet, If such a thing
as this had happened, I should have
x tho' it is Ann Clarke's express business to turn down
the bed clothes every morning for two hours.

turned off every Nurse of that ward]

Yet Ann complains I "have no
confidence in her".

She is the most difficult person
to speak to. For, before I have
opened my mouth, she begins to cry.

Now I don't know in what
sense she talks to Mrs. Webb: -
whether of complaint. And, above all,
I don't want her to know that I
have complained to you & Mrs. Webb
of her, or that I have told the
incident of the unmade bed. *That*
would only make her more low spirited.

But I should like Mrs. Webb
to know that Ann Clarke is not half
the girl she was at Harley St. - &

to speak to her in the sense of having
courage & attention - Attention,
above all - is what she wants. She
will sometimes go thro' the whole day
neither seeing nor hearing.

I hardly know whether or no
it would be better to say to her
that I cannot go on as I am, if
she goes on as she does -

Yet I have just settled myself
in this house on this very account: -
of not breaking up my little
household - by going to a hotel.

ever dearest mother

Your loving child

F.

8/11/64

9001/81 initialed letter, 1f, pen

It is three years this past night since
Clough died.

November 13/64

Dearest mother

I like your two desks - they are beautiful.
I think I shall choose the lesser, from
the great difficulty of carriage to Kaiserswerth.
I think I shall fill it with about
£2 worth of English cutlery, such as
would be really useful to a boy -
a good (gentleman's) knife, ruler, compasses,
pencil case, penholder, etc large scissors -
picker etc

Could you be so very good as to
desire a cutler (who I suppose would
furnish all these things at once -
there is one recommended by Sir H. Verney)
to send me a choice such as I may
choose among - *not* sportsman's things,
rather student's things.

1000 thanks

ever dearest mother

Your loving child

F.

13/12/64

9001/82 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 14 Nov 64 14 11.64}

Dearest mother: [1:172]

I did not know that you were going tomorrow. But I must write to you, if I can - to thank you for the new coat, which is very beautiful also for the new shawl, which is very charming -

also for poor little Karl Fliedner's desk which will, I am sure, give the highest satisfaction.

& to say how sorry I am not to see you again, dearest mum.

also to ask what I am in debt to you for all your beautiful things.

I have paid £5, which you were so good as to say I might, for you to the poor Hills of Athens, in addition to my own contribution - the desk was, I think, £3.10.0 - has anything been done about the

cutlery for the same? don't trouble about it, if it has not.

I shall miss you, dearest mother.
ever your loving child

F.

I hope you liked Mr. Jowett.

14/11/64 I think you will like to see this note of Mr. Gladstone - But you must return it me immediately please, as I have not answered it.

F.

Also from Sir Henry Storks, about which I must say the same.

9001/83 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

23/11/64

Dearest mum

Thanks for the four
pretty green plants, (ferns
& Lycopodies.)

Thanks also for all
you did for me in London.
It saved me immensely.
No one does anything for
me but you - The splendid
coat enables me to get
out of bed & see workmen
&c, without having to
dress -

We have better accounts
of Sir C. Trevelyan than

the papers give. His loss
to Sir J. Lawrence & to
us would be irreparable
(Sir J. Lawrence writes
himself - he *could*
not do without him)

Don't despise me for **[9:213]**
reading with tears of
joy Sir J. Lawrence's
(Lahore Durbar). *There*
is reality. I am not
given much to poms.
But the "great Viceroy,"
(the little Londonderry
boy), the man "feared
& loved throughout

“India,” no Lord but in
whom the Maharajahs,
less flunkeys than we
are, recognise one of
God’s lords, & come to
do him honour as ~~ne~~
they would come to no
Lord Canning, altho’ it
was prophesied by us
flunkeys at home that
the want of the “noble”
would be a great draw=
back to plain John
Lawrence

I have a great
enthusiasm for OUR
Royalty. I could have
kissed the feet of our

[end 9:213]
[5:419-20]

Queen & Albert. But
it was in her shabby
little black silk gown
that I conceived such
a feeling for ~~them~~ her -
When I heard him & her
always talking about
the highest interests,
thinking nothing but
the noblest thoughts -
so superior to all
those fools around
them --!! As for her
in her Drawing room,
it represents nothing
but frivolity- nothing
but the meanest thoughts

instead of the highest -
 with those big fat
 Cambridges, whose
 naked backs I used
 to see from my windows
 at Cleveland Row,
 for my misfortune -
with that silly little
girl, Alexandra= (what
does her procession into
London represent?
What did she ever do
to represent or deserve
anything) with all those
- - - pah! The only
thing / ever saw at
a drawing room worth
a thought were

those brave Guards, who
had fought & died & e
endured in the Crimea,
& whose representatives
fitly surrounded their
Queen -

 I do so little wonder
that the Queen, who
really *has* high thoughts,
cannot now go through
the vain shew of a
Drawingroom -

 But Sir J. Lawrence's
Durbar represents
the poor the noble man who,
by his own worth,
has conquered the

highest position in the
 world - who is *rightly*
 "loved & feared
 throughout India"
 which he is regenerating
 Even the Maharajah's
 diamonds obtain a
 real significance at
such a Drawingroom!
 ever dearest mum
 Your loving child
 F.

9001/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [3:374]

{written horizontally}

Dear Papa

Here comes some

Positive. There is
 some more coming,
 when I am able.

F.N.

28/11/64

[3:374-75]

{arch: 1864 illeg to WEN}

His plan is not to reveal Himself
 suddenly & completely, ~~inde~~ by "la force
 de sa puissance". Indeed we may
 say that this would be a contradiction.
 For how could men understand Him,
 who had as yet found out little or
 nothing for themselves? [It would
 be exactly as if I were to read this
 page I am writing to my kittens -
 They understand a great deal - indeed
 they understand the expression of my
 face, the tone of my voice, much better
 than humans. If I sigh, if I shed
 tears, nay, if I do but look sorrowful,
 they come to me directly, look up
 wistfully in my ~~face~~-eyes & put up their
 mouths to lick my face - So man is
 far from being unable even now to
 appreciate many of the qualities of

Wellcome 9001

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God, to love Him, to try to imitate
His goodness, as far as they can. But
to understand him entirely, not yet.]

People often wonder how such & such a wise & good man or period in history could have so completely misunderstood the ways of God - or have denied Him altogether as Mill - could have conscientiously instituted such a form of government, or created such an Institution, as directly cuts across the most manifest intentions of God with regard to man. Despotic governments, religious persecutions, foundling Hospitals may be given as instances of the latter, great & small - while of the former one may truly give as instances the notions that Christian Churches have taught of God, as being little less extraordinary than those of Juggernaut.

But the Benedictine is wiser than us who wonder at these things. She says, how *can* God reveal Himself except according to the *times* & to the men? and how marked the lesson is that it is the attribute of a Perfect God.

~~He sees fit~~ to reveal Himself not by His power but by His love i.e. conducting men by their own powers or "free will," as we call it, to *discover* God, no matter how slowly (God has eternity before Him & them) rather than to reveal Himself by force, as it were - (which is really what the *wonderers* seem to expect of Him.)

That, if God is but known, all who know Him must love Him, (as in that beautiful Spanish prayer) is also quite true. But to "discover Himself", as it were by a flash of lightning, is (not unworthy of Him - that is not the word - not impossible, having regard to man's state - that is not the word - it is) a contradiction . The Perfect God is *educating* man to be able to "see *Him as He is.*" **[end 3:375]**

9001/85 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: Nov 1864

? '65}

Dearie

I am sorry to say
that it is imperfectly
impossible for me to
see any one before Saturday.
And then you will probably
be gone. If you don't go
till Sat., I could see you
at any hour that morning
for a few minutes.

I know nothing whatever
of Hilary, I am sorry to say.

Many thanks for
flowers & grapes -

I have had news of

Sir C. Trevelyan, better than
 papers would lead one
 to hope. His loss to
 Sir J. Lawrence would
 be incalculable, & to us.
 He is better, but is ordered
 ever your home
 F. before
 next hot
 Wed. weather
 by the
 Doctors.

9001/86 note, 1f, pen

"I find that, in
 Vancouver Island, the
 Govt- is at present engaged
 in devising measures
 to stop the whiskey=
 selling which goes on,
 in spite of law, with
 the most miserable
 results."

From the Colonial Office
 Dec 6/64

9001/87 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [6:525-26]

Dec 7/64

My dear Sir Harry
 Dr. Hunter is a
 Yankee advertising quack
 who pursues the regular
 course of all advertising
 quacks, (such as the
 Cancer curers) which
 is to try to persuade
 everybody that they
 are Consumptive, &
 that he (Hunter) has
 some secret which
 alone can cure them.

It is a perfectly well known thing (among old stagers like me) that the Patients advertised as successful cures by Dr. Fell & those other Cancer-curers, never had Cancer at all & that the "success" is gained by first persuading the Patients they have Cancer, & then parading them as cured of what they never had.

When the Middlesex Hospital allowed Dr. F. to try his plan on its *real* cases of Cancer, (& for doing which the Middlesex has lost reputation for ever) - it was soon decided, in the opinions of all who are not quacks, that he only put the cases to horrible torture, & that nothing like a cure was ever effected.

The "Times" has deservedly

lost caste for inserting
Dr. Hunter's Yankee
advertisements. And
I have heard it stated
what a shame it was
that an English physician,
(MacGregor) had been
found to endorse them

Pray have nothing to
do with them - Whatever
is true is not new, & whatever
is new ever yours
is not true
in what F.N.
they say.

Whomsoever they cure never
was consumptive - & whoever
is consumptive never was
cured by them -

9001/88 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Dec: 20. 1864}

Dearest mum

Miss Jones, of K.C.H.
has written to petition
particularly for holly in
berry, if there is any.
(for her Christmassings)

I almost think that
it would be better if
you would be so good
as to make up a
hamper of greeneries (particularly
having regard to holly
in berry) & send it
direct to

Miss Jones
King's College Hospital
W.C.

another to

Mrs. Moore
Convent of Mercy
Dockhead
Bermondsey
S.E.

another to

Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington
Surrey
S.

and another to me, as
I have individual claimants.

I had meant to divide
my spoil among the
above, which has this
advantage, that I pay
the carriage.

& this disadvantage,
that my maids are so
absolutely incapable,
that I could not trust
them not to knock
off all the holly berries
in making the division.

I leave it to your
superior judgment to
decide which had better be done - None of these,
especially not Revd
Mother, are able to

pay the carriage. On
the other hand, I
suppose Christmas
things seldom reach
their destination, if
you *prepay* the carriage.

A thousand good
Christmas wishes,
dearest mum, peace
on earth, good will
towards men -
ever your loving
child F.

Dec. 20/64

Tomorrow you will have
your St. Thomas' feast,
commend me to their prayers

9001/89 initialed letter, 2ff, pen **[1:174]**

27. Norfolk street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dec 21/64

Dearest mother

I will gladly give a
prize of £3 to your
Rifles, if you think it
proper. I don't like
my neighbours to be
behindhand in the
national race. It does
one's heart good to
hear the "nesh" London
clerks on a dark
snowy night with
the thermometer 15 degrees
below ~~fileg 3 F~~ freezing (as last

Saturday night) marching
past, with their band
playing (exceedingly
well) a merry march.
I did not hear a
cough - but whether
this was enthusiasm
or discipline I don't
know. I thought to
myself; how this makes
men of them - the
best of these would
be drinking rum & water over a greasy
novel - & the worst

of them - where would
they be?

I hear from Ld. Stanley,
besides my own private
information, that poor
Sir C. Trevelyan is
"entirely done up". But,
thank God! Sir J. Lawrence
is in better health
than could have been hoped -
ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9001/90 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I think Parthe is right in
saying it is only "weakness" -
But there can be no *harm*
in her seeing Dr. Farre. For
he is not at all a violent
man -

I know nothing of Mr.
Jowett's movements - I
believe he will be here at 3 -
But probably he has not
had Parthe's note - Perhaps
he was away from Oxford -
ever yrs

Wellcome 9001

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F.N.

I think Parthe is quite right
to keep *perfectly quiet*.

9001/91 [med] initialed letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

Sir Harry is very anxious that you should see Dr. Farre, whom no doubt you have already sent for, *or* somebody else. But as Dr. Farre is not toddling after Princesses now, I think it would be far better for you to wait to see him than to see any stranger, or indeed any Doctor not used to you, whether he be a Solomon or not.

Sir Harry is also very anxious that you should not go to Embley without Dr. Farre's leave, which of course you will not. He
(Sir Harry)

is coming up (as you know) by early train tomorrow (Friday) Pray do have followed his wishes, before he comes.

He was so frightened about you, because you did not telegraph that you were not coming, when he went to meet you at the Station the day before yesterday (Tuesday)

ever yours
F.

9001/92 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Jan}

I have no opinion of
De Mussy at all - but,
darling, you must see
you are putting a
responsibility upon me
I cannot take.

De Mussy was recommended
not by Farre but by
Bence Jones to 1
Upper Harley St. &
is not specially a
lady's doctor at all.
Gream, 2 Upper Brook
St. is the fashionable
man. But as nobody

who is called anybody,
is confined in London
in January, ten to
one he is not in town.
But try.

What say you to
asking Williams to
recommend some
lady's doctor in
town? or asking
Mrs. Farre *who* is the Doctor who does
her husband's
business when he
is away? But I am
always afraid of

some student being
recommended thus.
But Williams is a
safe recommender.

There is no one
at King's Coll. Hosp.
now at all safe.

9001/93 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 1864?} **[3:375]**

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Universe are the very
best possible - you may
call them, specially
devised - to work out
the perfection of that
individual - But - the
perfection of that
individual can only be
worked out by working
out the perfection of
the race [the Universal
race.

[3:375]

To put the proposition
in its most general
form - that individual,
that race, that Universe
would not be on their
way to perfect happiness,
were all *or any* of
the laws of God in the
least degree different

from what they are -

That individual would
not be on his way to
perfect happiness, were
“his agonies,” “his sorrows”
in the least degree
different from what
they are.

In this sense “his
“agonies & sorrows” ARE
“specially ordained” -
but *not* for *his*
“development” &c alone
- but for the “development”
&c of his race as well
as for himself.

Here it is that your
“philosopher” and also
the Christian seem to me
to fall into such inextricable

confusion -

The Christian apparently
implies that his race is
sacrificed to himself.

The philosopher apparently
implies that he is
sacrificed to his race.

The Christian thinks
that some great misfortune
falls in order to
chasten *him*.

The philosopher thinks
that *he* must suffer
in order that the
“inexorable” laws be
carried out.

Both these I believe to
be absolute nonsense,

How much higher Plato! -
Common sense is the sense

of the common interest.

You *can't* raise an individual at the expence of the Universe.

You *can't* raise the Universe at the expence of an individual.

Also: all the fiddle=faddle-ing, on the part of the Creator, which the pious man supposes, is quite a misunderstanding of terms.

God does not put a stone in my way to make me stumble.

God does not send me {printed address upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane, a tooth=ache to
London. W. punish me for
telling a lie. **[end 3:375]**

9001/94 initialed letter, 2ff, pen black-edged paper {arch: 1861} bundle 135

[1:565]

My dear sir Harry

I have to thank you for the French translation - also for the Hebrew chair from M. Mohl.

also for a map of the Seat of War in America, which has been my constant & dreadful study

ever since (sent me before you went abroad)

Also will you ask your gardener whether he would like to have

back the root of a
gorgeous red lily,
which was in
magnificent flower,
4 or 5 on each of
two stems, for more
than 6 weeks! (sent
me from Claydon -

Also, could you
insert into any
periodical (or before
any committee) the
enclosed reprinted
from "Evan: Christendom".
I have canvassed
repeatedly Sir C. Eardley
& all the Evan: Alliance

They are so busy
praying for me that
they can't give a
sixpence or even
answer my letters.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/95 incomplete note, 2ff, pen

Desk returned not purchased

Mrs. Nightingale

Price = Ticket of the desk

I keep for purchase

inside

14/11/64 F.N.

Dear Papa -Sutherland has
been & gone - It is very
desirable you should see
him before you see Hawkins.
You would find him now
at the "Barrack & Hospital

Improvement Commission,"
(War Department, WHITEHALL
~~Go into the~~ Ask for this Office & send
for him at the room above.
F Nightingale

9001/96 initialled letter, 2ff, pen {text at end} **[1:173-74]**

12/12/64 Dearest Mum Parthe desires me
to send you this (unfeeling
& thoughtless (F.N.)) letter
which I wish she had
not sent me.

Sir C. Trevelyan is **[9:213]**
NOT "out of danger," &
will not be while
he remains at
Calcutta -

Much of India's
salvation & Sir John
Lawrence's depends

upon Sir C. Trevelyan being
able to remain in
India - of which there
is not a chance *after*
this winter - & *during*
this winter there will
be constant danger of
a relapse -

And this foolish -
unthinking boy writes
of his father in this
way.

[end 9:213]

I take this opportunity
to thank for magnificent

supplies of game &c,
& to beg for Christmas
greenery in LARGE
quantities for my
Hospitals - As Xmas
Day is on a Sunday, I
suppose people will
dress up on Xmas Eve,
so that if you would
send me please, the
greenery *on the 23* = .
If you will send me
mince=pies or any
other Xmas fooleries,
you know I have
plenty of poor people,
not sick.

How glorious Cialdini's
speech in to day's "Times"!
Like Sir J. Lawrence,
I read it with tears
of joy. "I deplore the
"injury to Turin, as on
"the battle field I mourn
"the death of the soldier,
"of the friend. BUT, THAT
THE SOLDIER & THE FRIEND
MAY LIVE, ARE WE NO
LONGER TO FIGHT?" [But
that we may to live, are
we no longer to fight? -
how often I have occasion
to say that.] "Sacrifices elevate
the character of nations. Prometheus
could transform marble into men.

{text from top of letter}
Sacrifices alone can make
men into heroes": Why, it is
the whole doctrine of the Cross.
Greater words than these have
hardly been said since St. Paul.
12/12/64

[end 1:174]
F.N.

9001/97 initialed letter, 1f, pen [1:734]

Wed. {arch: 1864}

Dearest mother

I am very poorly. I have had a third dreadful night. and we are so busy now that no one has a right to have bad night.

The Friern Manor milk, thanks to Mrs. Webb's promptitude, answers admirably. I took the opinion of Topsy the cat upon it, who ~~has~~ is an excellent judge. And she considers it good milk & cream, tho' not equal to Hampstead. She is a good judge, because she is dainty & not greedy.

Could you tell me of a *good Baker*, whom Papa likes? [Mitchell, 69 Park Street, I am giving up, because the servants complain of his bread.] Aunt Mai recommended one in Curzon St to Papa - but that is a long while ago - ever yr loving child F.

9001/98 incomplete note, 1f, pencil.

Dearest

It is *entirely* impossible for me to see you or even to write,
This is my Indian mail day -
I have been writing to Sir J. Lawrence since 7.30 -
At 4.30, when I was more dead than alive, I was obliged to see Miss Nonnen on Swedish Hospitals. - (She asked to be remembered to you)
And I am now going not to speak

9001/99 incomplete note, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I am writing to Ld de G. &
to Sir John Lawrence about
the working commissions.

I will leave you to settle
with Dr. Sutherland about the
Motion.

I go to No 2 at all events
till Saturday.

9001/100 initialed note, 1f, pen

Dearest mother

I find Ann C. sent you all the
flowers Louisa Ashburton sent me.

I send you all the flowers Hill
has sent me.

F.N.

Friday

9001/101 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

My dear sir Harry

I hear from the W.O.
that the first Draft of
the D. of Somerset's Bill is
rejected (they do not
know I have seen it)
but that the *second*
Draft is already out
& in print - tho'
it
has not been sent to
the W.O.

I hope the D. of Somerset
is not stealing a march
upon us -
Wednesday

9001/102 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:175-76]

New Year's Day 1865

Dearest mum

My first New year's
greeting must be for you.

Miss Jones, & Revd Mother
of Bermondsey, & Mrs.
Wardroper all admired
their Christmas greenery
so much. All said,
it was the brightest
holly & the most beautiful
wreaths of ivy they
had ever seen - ~~in~~ With all,
it remains up till
Twelfth Night.

We send our return

boxes regularly. I understand
the delay is with the
Station Master at Waterloo.
But at Christmas time
everything goes wrong.
I did not get my
Christmas greenery
till late on the Saturday
afternoon - and all
that had to be delivered
that night I had to
send by cab. They
actually refused pre-
payment at the Parcels
Delivery, saying they
would not undertake
it.

There is, as I think, a
good Article in "*Good
Words*" of January on
Sir Henry Lawrence.
("our Indian heroes") I know
I could not read it
without tears. I wonder
whether Sir John Lawrence
would like to see it.
Perhaps *he* would not be
satisfied with it. We
never are, with those
we knew best. I could
not take in the newspapers
for a year after Sidney
Herbert's death, for fear

of seeing any sketch of *him*.

Perhaps you will ask
Mr. Lawrence, if he is
still with you whether
Sir John would like to
see it.

Tell Papa that the only
danger is of Sir John
Lawrence going too fast,
in granting liberties to
India. He is *preparing*
to give them Municipal
Institutions every where.
[At least I say there is
no danger, because his
wisdom is equal to his
courage.] ever dearest mum

Your loving child F.

[end 1:176]

9001/103 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 2 Jan '65} [1:176]

Dearest mother

Don't forget to read
Sir Henry Lawrence.

How curious it is -
the great men that have
sprung out of that
small town of Londonderry,
the characteristic of
all of whom has been
devotedness to duty, -
& all apparently
arising from the
crime of James II.

F.

Jan 2/65

9001/104 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen [3:376]

Jan 3/65

Dear Papa

In case you have not
seen this report of a
sermon on dear Lydia
Shore, I send it. Please
return it to me. It was
picked out of a grocer's
parcel by dear Mrs.
Sutherland for me, who
I do believe, is always
thinking, like the noble
soul who is gone & whom
this sermon commemorates,
of "doing good."

"He went about doing

good.”

You trouble yourself,
as to 1. “Where are the
words of Christ to be
found?” 2. “Where the
narrative of the 30 years
of his life” - 3. What the
interpretation of his
super-humanity” -
4. “When are we to rest
in his example of what
humanity should be?”

I answer 1. nowhere -
2. nowhere. 3. there was
no “super-humanity.” [I

“ ” “ ” “ ” “ ”

copied from your letter

did not in the least know
that you thought there
was.] 4. Never.

Why do you thus trouble your=
self? I have not the
least idea. I never could.
Cannot you fancy that
he would answer you,
if you were to ask these
questions of *him*,
trouble not yourself
about what ~~your~~ ~~wor~~
my words ~~awere~~, but
rather what God’s
words are now -
I knew naught of
God’s laws - none *could*

know at the time I
lived - but I & you &
we all, who now know
something more of
His laws, are to work
with all our might
to find out what
His words are, thro' these
His laws.

"Rest"!! "in Christ's
example" - never -
what would *he* say
to you, if he were to
hear that - "rest in
my example" - he
would say - never - why **[end 3:376]**

9001/105 [soldiers] unsigned letter, 3ff, pen

21/1/65

Private

My dear Sir Harry

[15:406-07]

The W.O. desire me
to ask you (some time)
to see the Regimental
Reading & Day room
they are just opening
at *Gosport*.

I am sorry to say
poor Capt. P. Jackson
"comes off short" every
way. "Heads I win -
tails, you lose." He

asked me to try Lord
de Grey again for him
now, in connection
with the exchange he
wishes to effect to
save himself from
going to India. (of
all places the one I
should wish most
to be going to)

I did all he asked.
The answer is just like
Lord de Grey.

He "fears he should
injure P. Jackson by

applying to the Duke.
(we did not ask him)
Col. Gambier, the Adj. Genl
of Artillery he has
written to - has no
doubt he will do what
he can - but does not
think that exchanges
can be made except
by mutual agreement
between Officers as
a general rule
(we never said they could)
The failure of the
Gibraltar Institute,

"now complete, has
prepossessed many,
especially the Horse Guards,
against those Institutes,
as distinguished from
the regimental reading
& Day rooms
(then comes the sentence
about the new Gosport one)
In certain Garrisons
like Chatham which
has only Depot Battalions
it is the Institute
which succeeds - as
there is no regimental
organization -

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"at the same time has
no doubt that, in time,
Institutes for the garrison
will grow up - but we
cannot find money
for both just now - &
indeed the success of
the Institute will
depend on its being
mainly voluntary -
fears for Chatham
when Major Buckley
leaves -

"The result is we cannot
find employment for
Capt. P. Jackson at
the present moment

"such as to enable us
to ask for him to be
detached."

I did not tell Capt. P.
Jackson nearly all this,
for I thought it would
break *his* heart, as
well as *Ld de Grey's*
troth to him.

Dense orange fog here.
I hear of sun in the country.
The Registrar Genl and I
say this is the darkest &
foggiest winter ever known
(except the 2nd & 3rd weeks
in January) since November

1. Fog so dense today,
tho' with frost & sprinkling
of snow, that nothing but
your own fire-light to be seen
through the window in broad day.

[end 15:407]

9001/106 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen {arch:? Jan 1865}
[5:174]

{address printed at right angle to writing:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

I send Sir H. the first Instalment
of what I have received from
Paris about the Poor Relief System
More is promised.

What I send are: -

the general règlement -
and 2 reports of a Mairie -
which will shew the real
working.

But this shews only a small part
of the real charities, & would be

quite insufficient.

There are many associations who
visit the poor & provide more
effectually than the Bureaux de
Charité can do.

There is a Bureau de Charité in
every commune.

In the *Dictionnaire de
l'adminstration française par
Block*, containing all the branches

of French adminstration - consequently
not sufficient detail on each one
- is to be found the general
system of Poor Laws, and under
the different heads a reasonable
quantity of information on
Bureaux de Charité, on Depots
de Mendicité etc

The French system would not
reach the mass of constant or

casual distribution in England,
because there are in France five
millions of landed proprietors,
who may be partly very poor,
but are not poor in the legal
sense of the word. And the
number of legally poor is very
much smaller than in England,
at least IN THE COUNTRY. In the
large towns, there is, of course, the

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same proportion of poor as every
where else.

I wish I could ~~collate~~ condense these
Rapports for Sir H., which are
much more in my line than his.
But it is totally impossible for me.
I still think the only way to
bring this matter before the Ho:
of Commons would be: to have over

M. Husson, "Director of the
Assistance Public" & others
as witnesses.

But for this there is no time.

For my part, I think there is
six to one Mr. Villiers' side & half a dozen
to the others, the opposition. My
own conviction is that *no thing*
will diminish pauperism but

the steady increase of means of
insurance, annuities etc.
I send what we have done.

9001/107 [India] initialed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry {arch: 2.2.65}

I feel so used up - and I know **[9:382]**
nothing about Indian finance -
It seems like putting myself
forward to ask to see Mr. Massey,
unless there is something positive
to say. I have no power to teach
a man Sanitary things in an hour.
It was different with Sir John
Lawrence & Sir C. Trevelyan. But,
should Mr. Massey, *par extraordinaire*,

think he has something to say, to
me, after glancing at these books,
then I should feel I was failing
in my duty not to see him **[end 9:382]**
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

2/2/65

I cannot tell you how grateful
I am to you for thinking of it.

9001/108 initialed letter, 1f, pen

3/2/65

I think I had better see him alone, notwithstanding
your kind proposal. It is a great effort to me now.

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid it is totally
impossible to me to say today
for seeing Mr. Massey.

[It is my Indian mail.]

But as he is so good as to ~~say~~
wish to see me, I would say
Monday at 3 or at 4, whichever
is least inconvenient to him.

ever yours truly F.N.

9001/109 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 22.2.'65} [1:332]

Dearie

Would you like to come
- Mr. Jowett is to give
the sacrament next
Sunday at 3.

Would you like to ask
him to luncheon before
- not that there is the
least occasion.

You know he has his
£500 a year at last.

I thanked Miss Coutts
for her £20 to the
Flidners, for which I

am truly grateful - to
Sir Harry.

I was truly sorry not
to see him last Sunday.
Mrs. Sutherland came
down to me upon a
quite unexpected
matter, regarding the
India Off.

I have got 7 millions
for India Barracks -
how well it looks -
£7,000,000. But

Sir J. Lawrence says
it must be 10 millions.
And it shall.

The baby has had
Dysentery since it got
there. And Lady Lawrence
is gone to Barrackpore
with it. [illeg scribbled out]!
ever your
F.

22/2/65

9001/110 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:334]

27. Norfolk Street {printed address,
Park Lane, W.
Darling There is not the
remotest chance of my EVER
wanting a carriage in this
life again, except when
I am *compelled* to move.

Would Sir Harry come
in some time this afternoon
to see me sign the Agreement?

Would you tell him that

I have written to Paris for more information about the Relief system of the Poor - as the Imperial policy has meddled with every thing since my day, 13 years ago. But it appears to me that the only real opposition which could be got up in the Ho: of C.

to Mr. Villiers' Bill, would be *by having witnesses from Paris*. And there is no time now for this.

I do not myself think that *anything* could make the French system do in England.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/111 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, FN comments on another letter; F.N.'s comments in **bold** {arch: /65}

My dear

The housekeeper has been this morning to say that Lady Clarges thinks you must do the cleaning yourself **Certainly - so it was settled yesterday. F.N.** as she lets it for 450 - & Harry thinks that so it had better be left. She has a man in Mount St Morris I think is the name & Harry thinks that as he has done the little that has been done it would be more satisfactory to Lady Clarges & previous disputes if he did what you want **(Humphrey is my man F.N.)**

[FN hand at top]

What has to be done will, I am afraid cost £70 FN.

[not FN hand] of course as little as possible, unless you like the house enough in May to wish for another year -

Shall you paper the Drawing Room **(Certainly not. F.N.)**

perhaps washing may do -

If there is anything we can do commandi -

Freddy is through his little p 'smalls' we say now -

Wellcome 9001

754

'ploughed' was not plucked!
(I am so glad.
F.N.)

Dearie [still letter 111]

I wish the House agent
would not bother you.

I saw him yesterday
(at the expence of 16
hours' pain & a sleepless
night). And it was
the very first statement
& agreement made --
& repeated *at least*
5 times -

that I was to do every
thing at my own expence.

As this is to be so, I
employ my own man
Humphrey, whom I
can scold - And I am
only waiting for the

Agreement (*which was
to have come today*)
to send him into the
house. It must be begun
directly.

[The Agreement I
told the Agent I should
shew to Sir Harry,
before signing.]

As Ly Clarges said
particularly that I
might do anything I
liked,"at my own
expence" *except*
papering the drawing room,
I shall certainly not
fly in her face by
doing that.

9001/112 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ?Jan 65}

Sunday

Darling

I am afraid it is *quite* impossible
for me to see any one at all today.

I am so poorly I can only just
get through. And I happen to
have particularly much of India
& Poor Law business to do.

{printed address, vertical:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

If you will send the carriage
at 12 tomorrow, & tell ~~me~~ it to
drive me the "shortest way", *by*

the Serpentine, (or wherever ~~tha~~ it
is,) to 34 South St., I shall be very
much obliged. ~~But~~ I could
not bear a collision with
that woman. So I mean to
start from here at 12 when she comes - & let
the maids go to no 34 ~~at~~ about the same
time. As for the furniture, it is impossible.

Pray thank Sir H. for all he has done.

I don't think I need trouble
you to send the butler tomorrow.

9001/113 [India] unsigned note, 1f, pencil

I return Mr. Cunningham's letter
for Papa.

Papa says (to me) that Sir J.
Lawrence has been very imprudent
in asking for these returns.

and that *he* doubts the result..

Sir J. Lawrence's sublime
'imprudence' is just what
makes his strength -

And *I don't* doubt the
result

(wholly differing in this from

Ld Cranborne)

However, the answers will soon
be all published - and I believe will show what, pretty
nearly, Mr. Cunningham says
that Sir D. McLeod says.

9001/114 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pen {arch: 13.3.65}

Pavilion Principle

[16:441-42]

In 1856, a Committee
of the Army Medical
Dept, presided over
by Sir John Hall,
declared in favour of
the Pavilion principle.
In 1857, the R. Commission
did the same.
The "Herbert" Hospital
is simply an embodiment
of the principles of
that Commission -

I would name in Bartholomew's (Rochester
addition to those I South Devon & Cornwall
mentioned (as completed Hospital (Devonport
examples of recent construction)

Of our Hospitals: -
Herbert Hospital 650 beds
Hounslow Cavalry 60 "
York " 60 "
Hillsea 20 or 30 "

The first three it was necessary to build, on
account of the bad state of the old Hospitals.
The Hillsea Hospital is for new Forts.

The Pavilion principle means only the adaptation of the principle of separate buildings for sick, with windows, on opposite sides of wards, & free ward ends.

So is old Bartholomew's (London)
in part -

The Pavilion principle has been re-affirmed by Lord Stanley's Commission (Indian)

our window space is the same as
in the French Military Hospitals
in their more brilliant climate.
Light can always be moderated by blinds.

9001/115 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pen {arch: 13.3.65}

the W.O. Office says

Perhaps we are to be
attacked on the score
of extravagance in
construction.

What appears
extravagance in
construction is nothing
More than economical
application of means
& material.

We have merely
picked up ideas
from various quarters
& put them together.

E.g. Parian Cement

adopted from
King's College & Guy's
Hospitals - & from
evidence before the
R. Commission of 1857.

It is necessary to
enable the walls to
be washed readily &
kept sweet.

E.g. oak floors

we get from Paris

E. g. ward offices

once admit that they
are to be introduced
into hospitals, we
must have them
of the best.

E.g. baths, sinks,
washhand basins,
(complained of by
Ld Panmure)

ditto

It is poor economy
to save a few £.s.d.
on these, when many
thousands have been
spent.
We can find authority
for all these
improvements in
existing Hospitals.

the cost of the new
Hôtel Dieu at Paris
is set down at
£1800 40,000 francs per
bed (including land)
This shews how much
more economical
tha we are.

[end]

9001/116 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pen {arch: 13.3.65}

The "Surgical Society"
of Paris, in a
discussion,
Oct. 6 - Dec 14, -1864,
attended by all the
leading Physicians
& Surgeons, Civil &
Military, adopted
the following principles:

[16:681]

1. Never to bring
together more than
200 to 250 sick
2. Never to have
more than two floors
of Patients.
3. Free external ventilation
- Natural (as opposed
to artificial) ventilation
4. To construct the
Hospital in separate
buildings completely
isolated, freely exposed
to sun, wind & rains

5. Wards to have ward conveniences, properly situated
6. All cleansing to be amply & immediately provided for
7. All Hospitals to be placed under a Committee of persons acquainted with Hygiene, Architecture, Medicine etc, to see that they are kept in a proper state.

All this is merely re-stating the Pavilion question, as it was stated by the R. Commission, 1857.

(Generally) people no longer consider that the old makeshift system of Hospitals will answer; - the question at issue really is that of improving up to our present knowledge, or of going back.

Nobody now thinks it humane, merely, to bring sick together. They should be brought together to recover, not to die.

Besides, in none of our Pavilion Hospitals, have we at all come up in architectural cost to what the French have done in new Hospitals, civil

& military. We have
spent a small
part of the sum
in making our
Hospitals healthy
which they have
spent in making
theirs fine.

People not conversant
with the subject
are apt to be led
away by the idea
that we have been
extravagant, when
they see our wards
so much better
than the wards
of more costly
buildings.

[end]

9001/117 initialed letter, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Mar 14/65

My dear Sir Harry

Could you get to know
for me what this
house in South St. is
-& what its terms
for May June, July -
or even for a year, from Easter.

I don't think *any*
house in South St
would be within my
price. But it may
be worth enquiring.

{newspaper advertisement:}

South-Street, Park Lane - Mr. Reilly is directed
to let, for the season or year, a FURNISHED HOUSE, over-
looking Hyde Park, suited for a small family, & with spacious drawing,
dining, and best bedrooms. Terms, &c., of R. Reilly, auctioneer and
estate agent, 31, Mount-Street, Grosvenor-square.

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

9001/118 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

14/3/65

[15:408-09]

My dear Sir Harry

What night will Army estimates come on? I was rather glad they did not come on last night.

[16:442]

Our defence against all accusation of extravagance is, besides the diminution of Army *Mortality*: -

the old Regulation for Hospital accommodation was 10 per cent of the strength ~~of~~ in Barracks a short time ago, ~~it~~ the Regulation was reduced to 7 per cent. (by representation of the Barrack Improvement Commission) on enquiry by the Horse Guards but the ACTUAL average now of sick in Hospital to strength in Barracks is 3 ½ to 4 per cent.

[end 16:442]

Upon this average we take our stand - as proof of what we have done.

We think it wise to let the amount of Hospital accommodation (required) be still 7 per cent. for, in time of epidemics, it may still rise to that *for a few days a year*.

But we have the time quite within our grasp, when, in consequence of the improvement ~~of~~ in Barracks, we shall be able to say: -

5 per cent. is the utmost limit of what we shall want of Hospital accommodation, EVEN in epidemic times.

the fact is: that, even now, if

the number of occupied sick beds ever rises to 5 or 6 per cent., it is only *for a very short period*.

We are accused of extravagance, because the new Hospitals,

Woolwich,
Hounslow,
York,
Hillsea

are so much larger than will be necessary.

Really it is not our *fault*, if the number of sick has fallen so much that they can't fill their Hospitals.

The Army Medl Dept. make requisition (for each of these Hospitals) at the old percentage

of 10, upon the strength of the Garrison. They have now consented to 7 per cent. And we mean to bring it down to 5.

The Horse Guards have formally acknowledged this diminution. It was they who made enquiry of the "Barrack Imp. Comm." as to what it should be.

It seems very hard upon us now to turn round & say: you have thinned our Hospitals, & ought not to have built them so large, when the Horse Guards & Army Medl Dept. themselves fixed the number of *beds* for all these Hospitals (10 per cent), & we have reduced the number of *sick* to 3 1/2 or 4 per cent

[end 15:409]

ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9001/119 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

Dearie

1. I am very sorry that Sir Harry
had such a long waiting here
yesterday. But I am quite sure
it makes a great difference
in the behaviour of agents,
{printed address, vertical:} 27. Norfolk Street
Park Lane. W.

seeing that you have a man
to stand by you.

2. Does he know "C. Alex Wood"
of Chesham Place, who he is? He

has written to me several times
on India business (very sensibly)
And I have replied as if I had
known him all my life.

Is he kin to Sir C. Wood?

He protects us against the
Millingtary aggressors. Who is he?

3. Do pray tell R.M. Milnes to
write & tell the Ladies' Sanitary
Assoc. whether he will attend their
Meeting on the 28th. I was so

good as to write to ask him.
And he has never shewn sign of
life.

4. Please send me back my
"Notes on Hospitals", which
is not yours.

Lord Clyde privately mentioned to us a case himself, (before the Crimean War) where he himself accompanied a Regiment to China, which was nearly destroyed by over-crowding on board ship. If there were time, I would get the facts of this case from the War Office.

There have been 3 cases of awful
loss by Yellow Fever (from want of
Sanitary care) at Barbadoes
Trinidad
Bermuda

since the Crimean War.

But the facts of the two first
have never been published.

The last is now under enquiry.

[end]

9001/122 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

April 8/65

Dearest mother

I am afraid I can't
do anything for your
man, however deserving.

That appointments
such as those of
Messengers & Porters
should always be given
to old soldiers, I have
maintained through
all my "public" life.

And, you see, it has
been now *acknowledged*

in the Ho: of Commons
that they ARE always
given to people's
old butlers & grooms.

[You know we ourselves
did a job of this
sort for James &
poor Mary=hann.]

He does not appear to
be a Non-Commissioned
Officer. And, *without*
this, it would be quite
hopeless to get him
a place as Clerk -&
in the War Office -

nearly hopeless, *with*
I suppose he would
not enter the Corps
of Commissionnaires
("Exchange Court"
419 Strand)
It would be quite
impossible for me
to make it worth
his while to be
my Messenger. I
give 10/ a week
for which I have
a man - for 5 hours
a day - from the

Corps of Commissionnaires.

[The maids give him
such quantities of
beer, & meat, that
I am certain it
makes 10/ a week,
AT LEAST, difference
in my bills. But
that, you see, could
hardly be held out
to your man as an
inducement.]

My Commissionnaire
is the most lazy,
untrustworthy, un=
truth=telling of men.

But, for all that, you
see I could not send
into the country up for a Messenger - of my
own. It would be
quite impossible for
me to charge myself
with finding him
with *other* work,
to make it worth his
while.

I wish he could be
your keeper.

I have taken the house,
As you know, at
34 South St, £450

from May 1 for a year.

Dear Mrs. Sutherland
is exerting herself
as usual for me
about Inventories
& Cleaning &
alterations. How
I am to move in
my present state
I can't conceive.
But I hope I shall
never have to move
again.

I remember what you
say, dearest mum,
about keeping alive
for this poor world.

[1:735]

I have to thank for
many fine boxes. Don't
mind about the game
being over. I really
prefer a leg of pork
sausages
pig in general
tongue
chicken
& *above all*
fruit.

You have been so good
as to send us pork
several times: & bacon.
Chickens are 9/ the
couple in London now!!
ever dearest mum
your loving child F.

[end 1:735]

9001/123 unsigned letter, 1f, pen [1:332-33]

April 19 {arch:?1865}

Dearie

I stayed up tonight till 7 o'cl. because
the maids told me you were "coming back"
here "from Eaton Sq." to "fetch my answer."
And I wanted to kiss you on your birthday
[They do make such careless mistakes in
their messages]

I send my answer. Perhaps it had
better not be forwarded in *my* handwriting.
I am not at all surprised at Miss Vernon's
letter. I sometimes think that my whole
business in life is to defend Charitable Funds

from people who want to use them "for the poor", whose "*chief inducement*" is to be sent somewhere.

Also, it is past praying for, that ladies shall ever understand the difference between Monthly Nurses for the rich & Midwifery Nurses for the poor. I am quite certain Sir J. Lawrence will never appropriate any part of Indian funds to pay for the passage out of the *former*. Indian ladies are rich enough. Let them do it.

2. I return Emily's letter - what a nice letter.

3. I wanted to know whether Sir Harry wishes the enquiry into the French Poor Relief System pursued. & what course he means to take in opposition to the Unions Chargeability Bill.

4. Mr. Jowett comes next Sunday to give me the Sacrament at 3. Will you come? Would you like?

5. Could you take this poor Italian's music back to him, with this message from me, that it goes to my heart not to acknowledge it - but that I am an entire prisoner to my bed - overwhelmed with business. I see no one. He might just as well ask a Nurse in a Hospital or a Patient in a Hospital to recommend him. [It goes to my heart to refuse him. Because other beggars will call at my house 2 or 3 times - & *actually send up their photographs to me*, as if I were a woman of bad character - But this man has never called once.

9001/124 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: 19 Ap 1865}

It is quite impossible for the "Nightingale Fund" to undertake any such charge as the expences out to India - especially for a person whose "*chief* inducement" it is (in undertaking Nursing at all) - {printed address: vertical} 27. Norfolk Street
Park Lane. W.

more especially for one whose object it is to be a "*Monthly* Nurse" in India. (for pay from the rich)
It is obvious that it would be a
mere

mis-appropriation of a charitable Fund so to do -
Miss Nightingale has not the least doubt, tho' she cannot promise it, that the India Govt. mean to enter into an engagement to have trained in England (& to "pay the expences out" - of) a certain number of *Hospital* Nurses & *Midwifery* Nurses for soldiers' wives

in Regimental Hospitals.
But it will form *NO* part of this plan to pay for *Monthly* Nurses to be trained & to go out to India, to nurse the rich.
Nor is this any part of the plan of the "Nightingale Fund".
Miss N. felt inclined to promise that the money should be raised, somehow or other, to send out Widow Scattergood. But, when she

sees that this is the "*chief* inducement" of Widow Scattergood *to learn to nurse at all*, it is evident that Miss Nightingale would be quite unjustified in entering into any such engagement.
April 19/65

9001/125 initialed letter, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 28/65

Dearie

If you would
kindly tell me
whether I may have
as you proposed, Sir
Harry's new study carpet.
But, mind, I don't
want it - only to
know. I should put
it in drawing room -
My own in my own
room - in that case.
ever your
F.

9001/126 initialed letter, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
April 28/65

My dear Sir Harry

Would you think
well to further the
opening of Museums &c
for Working classes
at night - a
matter in which
I am much
interested - as enclosed.
I felt sure, the
day before yesterday,
when I heard of

the awful American
calamity, *after* you
had been here -
that you had kindly
come to tell me of
it. What *will*
become of them?
ever yours
F.N.

9001/127 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 136 [1:176]

Darling mum

I thought your letter
dear birthday letter was
intended for Parthe. But
I kept it for myself -
And now I keep them
both - dear to me as
shewing your love for
her - dear to me as
shewing my dearest
mum's regard for
me. So there was
nothing lost -but
on the contrary very
great pleasure
gained - to one who
has not many pleasures

I hope Papa is getting
rid of his lingering
Influenza.

I send an envelope
for him which I
opened, thinking it
a Bill. But I believe
it is only an Advertisement.

But I send you an
envelope which I am
afraid is a real
beast with a Bill.
Shall I pay it? if
you return it me, I
will.

Helen & Joanna
Richardson are now
at Folkestone. You

know they are without
a home. I am sure
a long visit to Embley
would give them
pleasure & do them
good. Their direction
can always be had
at Sir T.E. Colebrooke's
37 South Street
here -

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9001/128 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [6:335]

Private June 12/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir H.

I send you Mr.
Farnall's own account
of himself, which is
very satisfactory. It
shews he has both
classes of experience.
And I can safely say,

there is no one in the
Office who can hold
a candle to him
in powers of
administration.
It shews too that
his object is = so to
administer the
Poor Laws as to

render unnecessary the
interference of
Quarter Sessions.
I need hardly say
that his letter
is for you alone.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/129 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [6:336]

June 14/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you see that
the question about the
V.P., Poor Law Board,
is asked tomorrow
in committee upon the
P.L. Bd Continuance Bill?
Would you, if you see fit,
communicate with
Mr. Arthur Mills

(34 Hyde Park Gardens)
about it?

It flows logically out

of the Bill, as it now
stands - as it is
manifestly impossible
that with the new
powers now taken
(& everything tending
to consolidation)
the President can do
the business without
a V.P.

I should like to
have seen a copy
of the Bill.

But I will write

to the P.L. Board
for it.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/130 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [6:337]

Private June 15/65

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

My dear Sir Harry

I have just heard
from the P.L. Board.

The struggle, if any, on the
provisions of the P.L. Bd
Continuance Bill will be
on Monday next.

The Bill is to be so
altered that it must be
re-committed, which will
be done tonight - & then
the Ho: of C. will see that
the President asks for a
continuance of the Bd.
for one year only - leaving
the new Parliament to deal

with the questions as to
whether it shall be then
made a permanent Bd
or whether it shall be
given, as hitherto, as
temporary existence.

The 2 other clauses will
be: that a creed register
shall be kept.
and 2. a clause (this I
have been *VERY* anxious
to get) enabling the P.L.
Bd to *order* Boards of
Guardians to expend money
on necessary alterations
of Workhouses (*such*

*necessity to be left to the
judgment of the P.L. Board
only)*

This is most important.
Now for the V.P.ship: -
if the P.L. Bd is to be
continued for one year,
why not try that
expedient for one year?
it is, beyond all doubt
quite impossible for the
President (who is, in
himself, the *Board*) to
do the work.

No one but Mr. Villiers
could or would have done
well the amount of hard
work he *has* done. Yet

he never did what Sidney
Herbert would have
done (& *did* in the Army)
viz. inspect all the
buildings himself - &
chairmaned all the his
Commissions himself
ever yours
F.N.

9001/131 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

A Midsummer }
like a duet:= }
stormy & orange}
 hot fog }

Dearest mum

Not even the necessity
of "begging", which always
drives me, but only -
Your dear letter has
given me the strength
to write, even to beg.

And begging must
come first: -

I want two (one off, one on) skirts of
some warm light soft
material, like the
honey-comb Berlin-
wool material, of
which Papa gave you

a dressing-gown (red
& white, if I mistake
not -) which I ordered
for him. This material
it was made at
Nuneaton. But it is
not now to be had.
White was the colour
I wanted. -

To wear under my lilac
upper skirt -but
in bed in the day-
time.

All the materials
offered me in London
are horrible - rough,
stiff, heavy, dirty,
harsh

Could Mrs Webb get me
some material at
Romsey, & make it
up?

It is to be worn over
her long flannel
petticoats, which
are the comfort of
my life. - & should
not, by rights, be
exactly the same
material - as one
flannel over another
clings. Still, if no
other material is to
be had, it must be
flannel, I suppose.

The weather here is
dreadful. I never
remember any thing
like it, except in
Egypt. The air is like
breathing an orange
dust storm, impregnated
with soot. There have
been hot orange fogs with
the E. wind. I long
for Hampstead, tho'
I am so busy I hardly
know what to do.

I never knew Dr.
Sutherland so *contrary*
as now

As for me: -

I have not had an
hour's not a moment's
rest, since I came in
here on May 1. I long
for death. Worries
come in upon me, in
addition to all my
work, which almost
crush me.

The cook must go,
who is a cheat & a drunkard.
How I wish I could get
a (single-handed)
country cook, like
Grandmama's Hannah.
I question whether
Mrs. Bracebridge's
housemaid will do -
she will not take a

message from any body
but myself - which is
exactly what I cannot
do, viz. Speak to every
servant every day
myself -

I have not got an
upper maid yet -
tho' I cannot, take
Lady Clarges' nice
woman to Hampstead.
Temperance is my best
comfort - and I hope
she is settling down -
What to do for a cook

I know not -
ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9001/132 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

June 23/65
34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearie

A little silly thing,
which would just hold
a tea cup or two, (if steady
enough) has come from
the Preventive Bags, price
15/- which I have kept,
(‘cause of “prevention”).
But two large pieces
of furniture; a What=
not with 6 shelves,
and a good=sized book
case, (with 3, to hold
Blue Books,) which I

have just bought, do *not*
hold all my papers,
& daily Reports &
Books in daily use -
I am consulting about
the Grenville house -
But you do *not* tell me
whether it is to be sold
furnished (it is quite
quite, quite, impossible
for me to furnish a
house)
You do not tell me who
is the Agent

you do not tell me whether
the purchaser enters into
possession immediately -
in which case I should
have to sub=let it till
next May - think of me with
three houses on my hands in August -
nor many other particulars
without knowing which
it would be vain "for
me to write to you
at once," as you propose.

Mme Mohl is in London
at Dean Stanley's
I am entirely overwhelmed
with work, Indian &
other

Would you tell Sir Harry
that M. Husson, Director
of the Administration
Générale de l'Assistance
Publique, has written
to me that he is to be in
London next month
for 48 hours - ~~that~~
no one in the *world*
knows so much of
Poor Relief in France -
~~that~~ I have told him
Sir Harry is enquiring
about this -
ever your
F.

9001/133 initialed letter, 3ff, pen [1:568-69]

June 24/65
34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I thank you & bless you
for your most kind, feeling
& considerate note.

But it is not possible
for me "to write one word
"yes' or 'no'" - & so to decide
about buying a house
which I have never
seen, of which I do not
know whether it is
furnished or not, &
many &c (even if I were looking
out for a prospect of 20 years' *good life*)
1. I have never taken &
would never take a house

(which I have never seen)
for six months - much less
for 20 years. There are
fatal objections to many
of these houses - or what
ought to be fatal - to
every one but to me,
an entire prisoner to the
house, would be altogether
final -
2. It would be *quite* impossible to me to furnish
a house. It would just
incapacitate me for work
at the time I most
want my strength: as the
moving in here has very nearly done.
3. I presume that I should
have to enter upon tenancy
directly. So that I should

have *In July*, THREE houses upon my
overtasked hands - if I go to Hampstead
& i.e. two London houses to arrange for,
when I can scarce arrange for this,
while I am at Hampstead. And I,
obliged to leave behind the only person
who has a head, Lady Clarges' maid,
here.

4. When the house-buying plan began
for me, Parthe represented it to me
(as I believed from yourself & my father)
as a good investment for Papa. It is
now represented as just the contrary - Indeed

~~And~~ it seems even
doubtful where the money
is to come from.

I must have these questions answered.

I do not say 'No' to
your most kind plan
for me, dear Sir Harry.
But it is indeed, it is
impossible for me to write
to you. "to try & secure"
for me, without more
ado, a house I have
never seen -(when I may
find myself with 3 houses
on my hands - too - having just
secured a house & repaired it for a year.)
I do not even know who
is the Agent, or how I could
get a ticket to view,
supposing I were able to
see it - (or Mrs. Sutherland)
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

Please. when you come
to London next week,
bring up with you
the Freehold Land
scheme - & *and* my
letter to you, containing
the legal opinion, in
opposition to R. Palmer.

I have no copy.
F.N.

9001/134 initialed letter, 3ff, pen [1:569-70]

June 24/65
34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have been so
utterly over-driven
with work this week
-and I wrote to you
in such haste this
morning - that perhaps
I should explain
a little more concisely
what I feel.

As to the amount to
be paid for 35 South St,
(if it is *unfurnished*

- if it is £10,000, as you told me - not £8000) this, for 20 years, would be much more than I have ever paid yet. If my father thought it a fair speculation for himself independently of me, that would be another matter - I should certainly accept it. But it seems to

me quite out of the question that the business part of the matter (i.e. the providing the money for the purchase) should be undertaken *by me or on my But account.*

The probable furnishing - the certainty of having *one* house & possibly two, on my hands, during my autumn stay at Hampstead - really make it quite impossible that

I should "try to secure this house at once," without even seeing it. altho', to decline it absolutely I am unwilling. But I must know more about it.

If you are so good as to "try to secure" the *refusal* of it for me, so as to give me time to see it, that is another thing. I should be glad.

in addition to all other
worries, we have had
a most serious
continuance of questions
asked in the Ho: of C.
against Dr Sutherland.
Another question in the
same sense comes on
on Friday.

I am asked to ask
you whether you will
ask a question in *our*
sense on that night.
You see we have lost all
in the Poor Law Board
Continuance Bill -
ever yours

F.N.

9001/135 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: June 1865}

A thousand thanks, my dear Sir Harry
Pray give my love to Emily. I am
glad you are going (for a day or two even)
to Embley - as I fear you are not well.

I am well pleased about [5:176]
Unions Chargability. I think it the
greatest step since James I abolished
villenage.

But I wish that everything might

be done to give facility
to the working man.
for purchasing, registering &
transferring freeholds
for subscribing at the P.O. to purchase
a small freehold:

This *would* be "freeing" him.

As to Miss v Zeschau

In my present state, I can scarcely
speak. How then could I initiate
a new person!

What I want is a housekeeper
who would *entirely* take out of
my hands every small domestic
talking, & leave me completely
free for my work with out giving
me one word to say - ~~except~~ I am quite sure I cannot go on
with Ann Clarke -
a thousand thanks
ever yours
F.N.

9001/136 incomplete letter, 1f, pen (arch: ?'63} black-edged paper, bundle 137

My dear Sir Harry
if you are obliged to
stay in town, & could
see me at 4.30, I
suppose I should
have seen the house
by that time, if Mrs.
Boyle lets me in, &
if I am able to go
at all.
But if you don't
stay in town, I would
write to you.
I have already sent
word indirectly to the

Q. of Holland that I
really could not
receive her. If she
writes to me, I must
write declining. I
would not trouble
you to do anything.
That would look as
if I thought she
was determined to
pay me a visit.

I am very sorry to
hear that R. Palmer
may be chancellor.

9001/137 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?July 1865}

My dear Sir Harry

I think I will ask
you quite positively for
the carriage tomorrow
at 3, if that is not
very inconvenient - But
I fear it would be
quite impossible to
me to go to day. [I have
had no sleep for 3
nights.] I will decide
about the house tomorrow.
And I hope they
will keep it till then.
for me. I could go
at 2 ½ P.M. or even 2 tomorrow
if the carriage is wanted later.

9001/138 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Many thanks for your
note - 34 South Street,
Park Lane,
{arch: ?1865} London. W.

Dearest

I am afraid you
are right about not seeing you today. I am so
very ill to day that
I don't think I
can do anything.

My love to Emily
& how sorry I am
she can't have all
she would wish -

Your. F.

9001/139 initialed letter, 1f, pen

July 1/65
34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

[15:411-12]

My dear Sir Harry

Would you, after reading
what took place in the
Ho: of C. last night (about
Dr. Sutherland's salary),
& bearing in mind the
past history, say what
you think is the best
course for us to take?

Pray don't worry yourself
about Mrs. Sutherland's
letter. I do assure I
don't want it. I am

much more sorry for the
trouble to you than for
not having it. My only
reason for caring about
having it back, was
what I told you, indeed -
viz. that if it were read
by others. it might be
misconstrued. Pray don't
trouble yourself the
least little bit more
about it.

[end 15:412]

My father is come -
ever yours,
F.N.

9001/140 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

{written on another letter, F.N. in **bold**}
Claydon,
Bucks
July 3 (arch: ?68)

My dear

I find this among
my papers. I forget whether
I told you about what Hilary
desired me -

I hope the gloxinia
arrived safely in its basket
& wrapper. **Yes**

If these could be sent

to 9 St. James Place
I should be glad -

I hope you have had
pots from Embley - **All dead**
directly
when
they came.

Mama will tell me
if you see her whether
we shall send another
basket of them -

Yes: yes

Achimenes &c **No**

I trust you will be going
now before long to Hampstead.

You don't know of a
capital Housekeeper I
suppose. pray tell Mama
if you do -

By all means, send me
pots. They are the only
pleasure I have - But

**not Achimenes - they
die the first day -
Yes, I had 6 pots from
Embley - all died the
first day. What your
gardener sends me,
the scarlet lily (twice)
the white azalea,
the rose, are of
such strong constitution
that they will blossom
even under my
difficulties, (with all
the nursing I give
them). But it is no
use sending anything
else. Yes: the Gloxinia
is doing pretty well.
But I can't give it up yet**

9001/141 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

Oakhill Park
Hampstead N.W.
July 10/65

Dearest mum

I think (upon your
coming to 34 South St.)

I must explain: -

[Parthe laughed at me
for supposing last year
that you would go to
the house in Park St.
I had, when you could
have bedroom & sitting
room on the same floor
at the Hotel.

Now] I doubt much
whether you will like
No 34. The bed room

Lady Clarges,
over the drawing room,
(which I did not use
for various reasons, &
because it was close,)
is entirely upside down.

*It would take several
days, at least, to put
it to rights, - the maid
of the house has just
told me. If you come
you must please to
let us know as soon
as you can.* To the
room above, which
was my room, I am

sure you could not
mount. I took it
because it was the
airiest. But many
was the day I could
not leave it: from
not being able to go
down or up two pairs
of stairs.

Also, we *must* know
on account of putting
up beds. I had beds
taken down. My own
bed is now up in my
own room. I meant
to have sent for it

here. But I would leave it till after you have been, if desirable.

Also the woman of the house, who officiates as my maid & comes here twice a week sleeps in the dressing room of Lady Clarges' room. She supposes you would like her to evacuate this for Mrs. Webb.

There is really so little accommodation - I having had the bed taken down in *my*

dressing room, - that, you see, it would be *quite* impossible for us to take in yourself, Mrs. Webb & two maids, *without considerable notice*.

[The woman of the house (my maid) has her sister sleeping in the house]

I shall be most glad to see my dearest mum on Sunday, 16th, if convenient.

I did not mention

my day of going; because
for me to go at all is
a matter which can
only be decided by my
not being worse than
usual.

Being, as I always am,
at the utmost strain
of endurance, body &
mind, I have suffered
dreadfully from the
move, & from having
all Papa's uncertainties
the Sunday before - &
from having to make
arrangements for every

body, as well as myself.
[I do not expect Mr.
Jowett, who is, I believe,
in Scotland. How I wish
he might have that
Canonry.]

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

My being so ill must
be my excuse for writing
so crudely. *You*
will let us know
about your coming.

9001/142A initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 13 July 1865}
[5:336]

My dear Sir Harry
As the agonies of the
Elections are partly
over, & I am most
thankful to see that
you were unopposed,
I send you
1. Robert's letter
2. a "Lancet"
please look at p.47
for a Notice of the
Herbert Hospital -
& also at an
"Economic Warrior"
I have been asked
whether you could make

any use of the last. with
the Horse Guards -
ever yours
F.N.

July 13/65

9001/143, initialed letter, 2ff, pen

July 20 65

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid it is quite
impossible for me to see
any one - And I am so
unwilling that you should
come up here for nothing -
I don't know what I shall
come to, for 10 minutes even
with those I love best,
secures me a night of agony
& a day of incapacity for
work. I saw Mrs. Sutherland
yesterday & my mother dear
on Sunday. And this is the
result, I have not had
a day's rest since I came,
& am worse, instead of
better. And now my election
holidays are over, & I have
gone back instead of forwards.

A thousand thanks for what
you have done for me about
No 35. May I say one thing?
Mrs Sutherland tells me
that the idea is that I
shall go in there in Sept.,
sub-letting Lady Clarges' house.
Nothing, I believe, would
make her consent to this.
But, quite independently
of that, may I say that is
is totally impossible for me
to have anything to do
with No 35 till next May.
I can only keep Mrs. Carter
(Lady Clarges' maid) on these
terms: tho' she has said
that, *after* that, she may
enter my service. It is

absolutely impossible for me
to change my household again.
And I should not even
think of it. It ~~to~~ would
effectively incapacitate
me from work to make
any farther changes now -
And I pray not even to
be asked ~~about~~ it
to do so.

Could Parthe send me
back Le Conscrit and
Waterloo? I had only
just begun them.

ever dear Sir Harry

Yours gratefully

July 26/65

F.N.

Oakhill Park - Hampstead N.W.

9001/144 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

[1:177]

Saturday

Oak Hill Park July 28/65}

Dearest mum

I hardly know what
to say to your coming
tomorrow.

Even ten minutes'
talk with those I love
best secures me a
night of agony & a
week of feverish
exhaustion.

I must make some
great change. Or I
shall not be able to
go on with the work
at all.

But, if you could come

up, so as to be here
about 4, & just come
in & kiss me, that
would be a great
delight. But there
must be no talk
specially not about
anything agitating -
nor about my going this year
into No. 35, nor any
of that business nor
about maids.

I can just keep
my life in me to work.
And that is all.

When you ask me
what the prints are
in the drawing-room

here - when you ask me
why I don't have Miss
Jones (which would be
indeed the greatest
pleasure I could have)
you little know what my
life is, without husband,
butler, housekeeper, or
even maid of my own.
And how hard it is
for me to work at all,
And as for going down
stairs, I never go out
of my rooms here from
the moment I come
till the moment I go.

 Please send me
some grapes (this is
very earthy) And if

you come tomorrow, I
shall be very glad to
have the Lea desk,
as you kindly propose,
come in the carriage.

 ever dearest mum

 Your loving child

 F.

9001/145 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: Dr. Barry died 25 July 1865}

34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Sent to Mama by Parthe's desire

As Mr. Whitehead wants
remarks, I will mention
that I never had such
a blackguard rating in
all my life - I who have
had more than any woman
- than from this Barry
sitting on (her) horse,
while I was crossing
the Hospital square,
with only my cap on, in
the sun. (He) kept me
standing in the midst
of quite a crowd of
soldiers, Commissariat servants,

camp followers, &c &c
every one of whom
behaved like a
gentleman, during the
scolding I received, while
(she) behaved like a
brute.

After (she) was dead, I
was told (he) was a woman
F.N.

Perhaps Mr. Whitehead
will like this curious
anecdote, if you send it Parthe.

I should say (she) was
the most hardened
creature I ever met.

{accompanying the letter is a clipping from the Sunday Times, 9.11.58 in which the letter is quoted verbatim. This was occasioned by a review of a book about Dr. James Barry, who, "having served in the Army for more than 40 years, and having attained the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals, was discovered on "his" death ...to be a woman."

9001/146 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Oakhill Park Saturday {arch: July 65}
last house but one from top
Dearest mum

I am afraid you will be hardly
able to come tomorrow, as you
only come up tonight.

I shall not expect you *after*
4 o'clock. If you are later than
4, I shall know you are not able
to come. ever dearest mum
 Your loving child
 F.

9001/147 initialed note, 1f, pencil. [1:178]

Oh dearest mum
to think that I should not
be able to write to you
ever your loving child
F.

Aug 10/65

9001/148 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:178-79]

Aug 16/65

Dearest mum

I want very much to make a
most serious proposal with regard
to the Sutherlands, - and, Pop, I want
you to back it, -*qua* 35 South St.

They have found no house - Dr. S.
has, as usual, worried her almost to
death. And they are thinking of
taking a lodging for a year.

They *must* turn out next
month; it is uncertain what week.

I want Papa to write to Dr.
S. offering him unconditionally
no 35 till May next. It is, I understand,
quite unlikely that it will let
till January to any body.

Of course I do not intend
Papa to be at any additional expence

I will pay him exactly the rent
which the Agent fixes. If I cannot
pay it at once, I will pay it,
with interest, in time.

I particularly wish Papa not
to lose a penny. [I imagine the highest rate
the Agent could fix would be £300 from Sept. till May.]

Mrs. Sutherland would, *I am sure*,
accept it. As for Dr. S., his pride
is so insane, his vanity so inconceivable
that, tho' he thinks nothing of
bringing me to Death's door nearly
every day now, of neglecting &
confusing all the work, -
he would not, I believe, sacrifice one iota
of pride for fear the *world*
should think he had accepted
anything from us.

[If he refuses, I think it might
then be offered to them on the
terms that they should pay what

they would have paid for a lodging.
Of course this would be about
£40 or £50 only - but even this
would save his pride. [And I
would make up the difference] And
~~Because~~ he would tell every body that he had "rented Mr. Nightingale's
nice house of him."

This however is only as a reserve
to fall back upon -

You might (*quite truly*) put it
as a favour to me - - - The anxiety
it would save me to have him
next door for the business all the
autumn and winter x - the comfort it would
be to me to have her at hand.

[People little know the way Dr. S.
treats me - One little instance, I
will give. He told me he was "*dying*"
(sic) & could not come to me - *and*
went to Epsom for the Derby.
Now, if he were next door, these insane
tricks would not agitate me, at least not

x our busiest time

for more than ten min.]

I need hardly mention the intense obligations I am under to Mrs. S. nor the pleasure it would be to give her a little relief. {And it would

{really be a very

{great thing for me to

have his work for a whole winter, without the worry of his uncertainties.

As for details, we

must put a woman in to keep

the house. I conclude the sis

would require a third servant

to live there. This would do so.

[I am obliged to part with Mrs. Bracebridge's housemaid - *the only perfect housemaid I ever saw* - on account of temper. Temperance declares *she* won't stay otherwise. So does Lady Clarges' maid. It occurred to me that I might put this woman into no 35, paying her wages myself.]

As for housing the Sutherland's furniture, I am sure I could do that at a Pantech: & pay for it, with *her* connivance.

There is no time to be lost. They may take a lodging at once - ever dearest
mum, your loving child F.

{on the top of the first page}

It would console me for all my misfortunes if this could be brought about.

Remember, it is *DR.* Sutherland who must be written to, if at all. And by *Papa*
would be best

[end 1:179]

9001/149 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: '63}

34 South St. Saturday
Sir Harry desires me to send this. I have had a note besides from one of her Drs., saying that, tho' her position is "less critical", they can hold out "NO substantial ground for hope of amendment." I believe it *may* last now some time. She is much easier

I fear you must not expect Bulletins from me. I see at this

moment before me at
least 24 hours' official
writing. And God only
knows how it is to
be done.

The what not is come
in - thanks

. Thank
heaven, your housekeeper
had locked up
Hilary's vase. And it
is not come in. How
you could think of
sending me anything
& desiring me "to
tell the maids to
take care of it," when

half my life is taken up
with putting things
out of their way, &
with taking care MYSELF
of things I *can't put*
out of their way - in
fact, with servant-ing
them.

The bill for their
damage at Norfolk St
is

Seventy:Three Pounds.
Of course we are going
to dispute this legally.
At least half is about
things I locked up

with my own hands, &
which were *never used*
at all during my
tenancy - Other charges
are fraudulent. But
I can quite well see
how the excessive idiotcy
of my maids, in never
putting anything in
its place, altho' ordered
by me, subjects me to
all this worry. And now
I have law on my hands.
The only thing, a little marble
stamp case, which I set
a particular value on
that I left in Ann Clarke's

{on the top of the first page}
charge, she broke coming here,
3 minutes in a cab -

9001/150 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

Aug 18/65

Dearest mum

I am in despair
that I should have
expressed myself so ill

1. it is *Papa* who
must write to *Dr.*
Sutherland, offering
him No 35 till May.

Whatever I can do
with Mrs. S. has been
done already. *She*
would accept.

It is Papa who
must write to *Dr. S.*
[I offer Papa £300
(from Michaelmas till May)

to be paid by instalments
with interest, when I can
(this, not, of course, to be
told to the Sutherlands)

/F Dr. S. refuses,
then Papa to write
again, offering it
him for what he
would have given for
a lodging, probably
not more than £50]
I to pay the difference.
There is no time to be
lost. Unless it is
done & settled before next
Wednesday, it is no
use.

They are actually looking
out for lodgings at *Dulwich*

2. about Corser:

Unless I keep no 34, I
don't have Corser.

She *positively* stays
in Lady Clarges' service
till May *in No 34*.

I may as well ask
her to go to Timbuctoo
with me, as to go to
35 with me.

No no 34, *no* Corser.

If you doubt this,
ask Mrs. Sutherland.

It is positive it is
part of the Agreement.

Till May, Corser stays
IN 34, as Lady Clarges'

servant.

Only the day before
yesterday, she repeated
this to me & to ~~Ed~~
Mrs. Sutherland *in*
the most positive
terms. {Unless I stay in 34,
 {I lose Corser.

I am sure, *I* should
be glad enough to
go into 35 - For, all
this winter, I shall
probably never go
into the drawing room
at all at 34, owing
to the two prs of stairs.

Burch leaves me
at all events. If I offer
her to stay, it will be to take
 no 35.

9001/151 initialed letter 1f, pencil.

Aug. 25/65

Dearest mum

You misunderstand Dr. S.'s letter. [He always writes in that way.] Mrs. Sutherland told me herself that it meant, (like Lord Burleigh's nod) "We cannot make up our minds; but we wish to *keep open* the offer of 35 South St.; ~~till~~ we may not be able to suit ourselves by Michaelmas." With this I am perfectly satisfied - especially as you *can't* let 35 at Michaelmas.

I am sorry to say they are looking out on the other side of the river - which will be tantamount (for me) to the being able to depend upon *no* appointment of Dr. S.'s.

The accts of Hilary since Tuesday week have been too distressing to send. Would God it were over! To day's is quieter - My love to Mme Mohl.

Tell her I would have written to her about Hilary. But I could not.

Tell Papa Dante ought to have been whipped for complaining: -" come sa di sale

"Lo scender e'l salir per l'attrui scale."

I have to knock my head against one stair to break my legs against another, sometimes to be pitched head foremost down the whole stair-case (& all of '*other people's* stairs)

"It is all very well to dissemble your love,
But why should you kick me down-stairs?"

This is particularly my case with Dr. Sutherland
ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Wed Friday

9001/152 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: ?Hilary Aug 28 65}

Up to 10 o'clock this
morning (Monday)
the account was of
greater ease - otherwise
just the same
I believe more stupor.
The suffering has
been so dreadful that,
till the great rest
comes, one is only
too thankful for this.
F.N.

9001/153 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: Aug 65} [1:177]

The accts of Hilary are
so distressing - one can
only trust it will
soon be over -
She was more fit
for heaven than earth.
My love to Beatrice
& Mr. Godfrey.
I *can* write no more.
ever dearest mum
Your loving child F.

9001/154 initialed note, 1f, dark pencil.

Please thank Parthe for her
letter & word picture
just received
{printed address, stroked out:} ~~34 South Street,~~
~~Park Lane,~~
~~London. W.~~

{arch: Sept 13 65}
The Sutherlands
have no house
yet. I believe
they have quite
determined on
Dulwich.
As far as that concerns
me, it would determine
my not coming to
Hampstead again.
F.N.

9001/155 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept. 18/65
Hampstead N.W.
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be most
glad & happy to
continue my Guarantee
of £10 to the Association
for providing Lodgings
for Soldiers' Wives
& Families at Aldershot.
And, if they want a
little more *ready*
money for furnishing
&c, I shall be most
glad to contribute my
mite.

The Scarlet Fever which

has raged among the
children at Aldershot
(& of which we have
only heard of one or
two cases among
Col. W. Lennox's
lodgers) makes it
incumbent on the
W.O. - A duty which
they recognize & say
they will perform as
fast as they can get
money for it - to
build for every Soldiers'
family in the Camp -
But this will take
time. [And the W.O.'s *broken*
promises "lambs could not
forgive - no, Sir, nor worms forget."]

I am most glad that
a prize should be given
to your Claydon Rifle
Volunteers - in any way
you think best - And
I think your ~~pt~~ way a
very good one. But
I had rather pay
my £10.10 at once,
please, (which I
therefore enclose) as
I hope I shall be
somewhere a long way
off "two years hence" -
And if I might pay for
the "small medal", I
should be very glad.
Please thank "Freddy"

for his beautiful Guernsey
pears.
I am so very glad that
you like Mr. Calvert's
marriage. And I hope
that it will contribute
to his happiness, as
much as he deserves.
I do hope Emily is keeping
well & not the worse
for her bridesmaid's
exertions.
I go back to South St.
this day week at
latest
ever yours very affectely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale.

9001/156 copy of F.N. letter, 2ff, pen

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9001/157 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

[1:179-80]

Hampstead, N.W.
Sept. 18/65

Dearest mum

Mrs. Girdlestone (you
know who she is - of
Kings' College Hospital)
has been dangerously
ill & not expected to
live. Miss Jones writes
me word that she
"hopes" to "take" her
away "soon" "for a
week or two" into the
country to recover.
It occurred to me
whether you would
like to invite Miss

Jones, Mrs. Girdlestone
and a Nurse to
Embley for this recruiting - which
I am sure must be
as necessary to Miss
Jones as to Mrs. G.
I do not know that
they would go - [Miss
Jones says nothing
about *where* they
are ordered to go =
to me].
I have not seen her.
for I have been totally
unable to see any one
here - the greatest of
disappointments, as
I have always so

enjoyed being able to
give a whiff of country
air to Miss Jones,
Revd Mother Mrs
Wardroper &c.
I could say a great deal
about Hilary. But I
cannot bear it now.
I can only think with
joy of what she is now
& of what she would
wish us to think.
But the details are
too painful to be
dwelt upon yet - tho'
I am well aware that,
by Elinor's great
kindness & consideration

I have been spared
the knowledge of the
greater part of them.
The suffering was so dreadful.
I am going from here
every day. I ought to
be in London to-day -
I cannot delay here
beyond this day week,
on account of my
business.

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

Indeed I am but too well
aware how ill Mrs.
Bracebridge is. I wish
they would go abroad for
the winter.

9001/158 initialed note, 1f, pen

Sept. 25/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest mum
I am back here,
as you see -
ever your loving child
F.

9001/159 signed letter, 2ff, pen [5:176]

Sept. 28/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London, W.

My dear Sir Harry

About the enclosed:

& your kind offer

to go to Sheffield: -

I have no paper

to read there. But

there is to be a

discussion on the

Freehold Land

scheme, I find today, -which you

were so kind as to

bring before Mr.

Gladstone last Session.

The Chairman of

Cobden's Freehold Land

Society in Southampton

Street. (for political

purposes) brings

forward a paper -

so does Mr. Thos. Hare

on the Law Amendment

side of the question.

Neither takes exactly

my view, which

I believe is yours.

If you really

thought of going to

Sheffield, I would

draw up just a

rough note, in case

you thought of taking

part in the discussion,

which I think would

be really important.

But I should not
do it as from myself,
because whatever
I can do must be
done by thro' Ministers
in private.
The Solicitor of Cobden's
Freehold Land Society
takes up my view
& might be of use
to us ultimately
in giving his law
knowledge.
ever yours
F. Nightingale

{on top of first page}
I am sorry
you had the
trouble of
writing about
my Volunteer
Prize letters.

9001/160 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

[1:180]

Sept. 29/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest mum

I think ALL these things
are good. I am delighted
to see my (printed) opinion
so near being carried
out, viz. that all Counties
should have their
Convalescent Home as the best preventive of pauperism - all
Hospitals their Convalescent
supplement. But I am
not at all delighted to
see them all expecting
me to subscribe to all.
Croesus could not do it x -
Not a week elapses that
x Also, I never subscribe to any
building that I have not a voice
in the plans of -

I don't have a paper of
this kind from some
county or Hospital.
No: I have not subscribed.
If you like to do so, I
shall be very glad -
Hospitals & Convt. Homes
bear so very hardly upon
me -
Winchester £200
Miss Jones £100
Herbert Mem: 50
and now I have
promised £25 to Swansea -
Besides which, every body
writes to me *to go about*
collecting for them.
That *is* adding insult to
injury. I have just
collected £200 for the Flidners.

About the house No 35
and what I wrote to
Pa yesterday: -
in the uncertainty of
all my affairs, I have
determined to keep
Burch, at least for
the present - So that
she will not be at
liberty to keep the house
35, during the
interregnum when it
will stand empty
before it is let, or before
I go in. I explained
all ~~these~~ this yesterday to
you & Pa.
ever dearest mum
Your loving child F.

9001/161 signed letter, 4ff, pen [5:176-79]

Sept. 29/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have this morning seen
Mr. Beggs' paper to be
read (on the town Freehold
Scheme) at Sheffield.

It will do us much good,
tho' it is too diffuse, too
exclusive on the side of
the Freehold Land Societies,
& not from our point of
view.

He shows the increase
of disease. pauperism &
crime from bad dwelling
houses - the benefits already

accruing from Freehold
Land societies - he
argues for increasing
by all means the
possibilities of obtaining
freeholds in towns, &
for house & land going
always *together*. He
argues for facilities of
registration, & transfer
of small freehold titles
of working men, so that
a man, going from one
town to another for
work, might transfer
his freehold & buy another

where he is going. x

He limits the measure
to towns.

The paper is one of general
principles, & is to be
followed up in the
Jurisprudence Department
in London in the winter.

They talk of bringing
forward a Bill next
Session.

Do not you think it
possible that, if there
were a good discussion
supported by M.P.s, at
Sheffield, Mr. Gladstone

x His Solicitor says that
Lord Westbury's Act, with
a few additions, is all that
is necessary for this.

might take it into his
head to anticipate them,
& ask us to consult
Solicitors & prepare
a Draft for *him* to
bring forward?

If you go to Sheffield
& would support the
application of the principle
to areas within Municipal
boundaries, and to a
certain distance beyond
them to provide for
increase of population?

The manner in which
Mr. Beggs proposes at present
to apply the principle
is: to grant powers to
Municipal authorities to

purchase any land, within their boundary, which they may require for any purpose, under sanction of the Home Office. This power would enable them to buy entailed land in towns, & leasehold land, to convert it into freehold & dispose of it for building, or to build themselves.

I would suggest to you to support nothing but the general principle, because everything will depend on the details.

After the discussion, we might determine our

own course.

There is nothing revolutionary in Beggs' plan.

[Bright's plan was revolutionary.]

Beggs' is only the extension of a power already existing, but in a more beneficial direction.

[That is the beauty of it.]

He goes on about Suburban villages, which has been a favourite scheme, with some, for carrying away the poor from Sanitary defects in towns. [But such defects ought not to & *need not* exist. F.N.]

Town dwellings ought to be
& might be quite healthy.
These villages might
become nests of pestilence,
unless placed under local
authorities with specific
powers - and then they
would become towns
under the Local Government
Act, & so would cease
to be villages - F.N.
[In London there is plenty
of unoccupied or badly
built land, which
would afford space
for building for a vast
working population on
healthy principles, if
only it were to be bought.
But it is not to be bought

under the present law.]

Our scheme, which
you have, & a part of
which was sent to Mr.
Beggs, goes more into
detail & rests on different
legislative principles.
But his will do good,
tho' it is not all we want.

In haste

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Mr. Beggs sells Sanitary
appliances in Southampton
St. Strand & is an active
{printed address; upside down}
34 South Street,
Park Lane, Director of Cobden's
London, W. Freehold Land
 Society.

9001/162 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ? Sept '65}

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

My dear Sir Harry
Ly Clarges has left
Norwood, without
leaving any address -
And her maid here
does not know, or
pretends not to
know, where she is.
I don't think there
is anything to do but

to wait. And I would
not trouble you to
call upon the Agent.
She is such an
erratic person that
she may turn up
at this door
to morrow - & go away,
leaving no address.
Many thanks for
all the good things.
I did not know till
Mme Mohl told me

that Parthe was coming
to town to morrow.
And I have engaged
to see Mme Mohl
to morrow. We
are particularly
busy this week -
and I have two
more out of four
men to see -

I believe that
Mr. Jowett gives
me the Sacrament

on Wednesday at

3. And I do
not like not to
tell Parthe of it,
tho' she may well
be too busy to join
me.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/163 initialed letter, 1f, pen [1:193]

Saturday {arch; 1868}

Dearest mother

I shall hope to see
you tomorrow (Sunday)
about 4 p.m. But,
I fear, only for 10 minutes.
[Talking for more than
10 min. is as much
as my life is worth.]

I am *very much*
obliged to Papa for
buying the house
for me. And it is
on the whole a great
relief - tho' I am afraid

it is mainly for the
relief it will give
to my dear & unwearied
friend, Mrs. Sutherland,
(in looking for houses
for me,) that it is
a pleasure to me.

I am so weary -

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

9001/164 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct. 2/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir Harry
Mrs. Corser (Lady Clarges'
maid) does not appear
likely to make up her
mind between Ly C.
& me.

And therefore I am
very anxious now to
obtain Ly C.'s leave
to sub-let this house -
I moving into No 35
about November 19,
when expire the 3 month's
trial of my service Corser herself

decided upon -

Mrs. Sutherland has
already been to Reily,
the Agent; who says
that under the circumstances,
(of No 35 having been *bought*)
Ly C. cannot possibly
refuse.

[I think she both can
& will. But I think
she is the sort of woman
who will be more
likely to be "agreeable",
if *you* write to her.
Reily writes to her
to morrow (Tuesday)
And I should be truly

obliged to you, if *you* kindly
would write to her on
Tuesday too, after the
manner of the enclosed.]

The going up two pairs
of stairs to my bed-room
here is now all but
impossible to me.

I would not, I think,
mention to Lady Clarges
anything about her
maid (Mrs. Corser -)
of course she knows.
And of course she will
tell Corser even before
she answers you -
But I would not let

her answer to you come
to *this* house.

I do not propose to
move *before* Nov. 19,
for the reason above
stated. [I think *that*
would be unfair to
Corser].

Please ~~do~~ not to let any of
this reach my
household here -

I am sorry to give you
this trouble.

Ever your affectely
F. Nightingale

9001/165 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct. 16/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London, W.

My dear Sir Harry

Ly Clarges turned up
quite suddenly today -
& stays at

Fleming's Hotel

10 Half Moon Street

till Wednesday.

Reily, the Agent, sees
her tomorrow at 11.30.

I am afraid she has
not had her Norwood
letters.

If you could write

to her now, if you are so
kind, I believe it

would much facilitate

Reily's success -

There is a great deal to be
done in No 35, & to
be put in. And I

don't see a chance

of its taking *less than*

5 weeks, - during which

time, of course, no

one can stay in the

house.

Much furniture will have

to be put in also. E.g.

The whole of the
kitchen furniture,
consists of
 1 tray
 2 black coal scuttles
 1 coffee mill,
to cook in.
 ever yours gratefully
 F.N.

The whole of the sinks,
traps, &c paving, &c
.have to be taken up
& relaid I shall be
surprised myself if
the house is ready much
before Christmas {or at least
 {December 10

for *any body* to inhabit.
 I had not had the
builder & Dr. Sutherland
over it when I saw
Parthe on Wednesday -
 F.N.

 Mrs. Sutherland says
that Mr. Fortescue has
almost gutted the
house of furniture.
 F.N.

9001/166 initialed note, 2ff, pen

Lady Clarges {arch: ?1866}
Queen's Hotel]34 South Street, {printed address:
Norwood Park Lane,
London, W.

for permission to
sub-let this house, *she*
approving the tenant, as
in terms of Agreement.
that, if Lady Clarges had
given Miss N. any
hopes of having this
house beyond *May next*,
No 35 would never have
been bought -
but Ly C. sent an
express message (to Miss
N.) thro' her maid Mrs.

Corser, that she , Miss N.
could not have this
house after *May next*.
that it is of great
consequence to Miss N.
in her state of health
to be permanently
settled in a house of her own
as soon as
possible - and before
the winter -
As Miss N.'s ill-health is
continually increasing
e.g. she was 11 weeks
at Hampstead without
ever going off her
bed room floor -
(or something to that effect)

(I would make great
capital of my state of
health)

(also, that no tenant, if she, Lady C. accedes,
shall be taken without
Ly Clarges' special
approval - & that the
sub-letting shall be
done by her own Agent,
Reily - of course.)

This, put in your own
gracious way, is, I
think, the substance of
what is to be said.

F.N.

9001/167 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Oct. 16/65
34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Papa

I think I ought to tell
you what is going on at
No 35. I did not lose
a day in sending for
the Builder, Humphrey,
to look at it. And Dr.
Sutherland has twice
gone over it with him.
I have this day drawn
up a statement of the
points *essentially*
necessary, (for him to
furnish me with an

Estimate.)

These comprise, I am
sorry to say, a good deal.

- ~~the~~ ventilating W.C.s,
taking up & relaying
all sinks, traps,
paving of basement,
drain pipes - &c &c &c
thorough cleansing of
basement.

There is not a
chance of any body
being able to inhabit
the house for 5 weeks.
And I shall be much
surprised if it is done
much ~~before~~ Christmas.

The whole of the cooking
utensils consist in

one tray
two black coal scuttles
one coffee mill.

The whole of the bedsteads
but one are falling to
pieces.

The whole of the bedding
is filthy & must be
washed.

I have told my housemaid,
Burch, to go in & see
to these things which
appear to have been
entirely neglected for
4 months.

There is no woman ~~in~~
living regularly in

the house, which is in an awful condition. And we are going to engage one.

Mrs. Sutherland is, as usual, doing every thing.

I am afraid, I am sadly afraid, that there may be £150 or £200 to pay before any body can live in the house.

Mrs. S. says, Mama would not know it again since

Mr. Fortescue has taken away the furniture -

I understood Parthe to say that Mama could go to her house - 32, I mean.

ever dearest Pa your loving child.

F.

9001/168 signed letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry

This is the parcel you were so good as to say you would take to the Foreign Office to be forwarded to Paris.

Many many thanks for your note

F. Nightingale

19/10/65

9001/169 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Oct 26/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am glad about

your dinner: You

will be a wonderful

man if you induce

my Pa to go to it.

But I give MY

full consent.

ever yours

F.N.

9001/170 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [1:261]

Oct. 27/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Papa

A little line only to say

that a van full

of furniture was

returned last night

(with 4 drunken

men) from Mr.

Fortescue's to 35.

My good Mrs. Sutherland

received it - my

housemaid being in
Hospital - glass,
china, kitchen utensils
are in great quantities.
A good deal is very
bad. But I am
happy to hear that
there is plenty to
enable me to give
the largest dinner
parties, & the largest
of my evening routs.
And Mrs. S. says

£30 would not
replace the kitchen
utensils alone, now
restored.
No Inventory came.
The furniture (strictly
speaking) is irrecoverable,
being gone to Mr.
Fortescue's country house
- of which I regret
most two small
book-cases. I only
hope he will be
made to pay for it.

Mrs. Cowper's letter
was so *asking* for
sympathy for Lady
Palmerston &
them all, that I
have written to them
a long letter, (please
tell Sir Harry) tho' with
some small hesitation.

ever dear Pa
Your loving child
F.

Au revoir when more
of this.

9001/171 memorandum, 4ff, pen {arch: ?1865

Matrons & Probationers}

[12:160-61]

Then it amounts to this: -

that, in order that the Probationers may be neglected by the Matron, they are to be placed at a distance from her

[which is, of course, a reason for us to place them at a still greater distance, by removing them out of St. Thomas' - altogether -

since it is deliberately put to us - that St. Thomas wishes them to be neglected.]

that the Matron is to be prevented by mechanical means, both from having leisure to enjoy & from not enjoying leisure which she is *not* to have - (since how can she have leisure when all her time is to be wasted in running?) {arch: to be filed}

that the Matron's duties are *not* to be facilitated by saving her steps & her strength - but are to be hindered as much as possible by giving her the greatest distances to traverse

[The Treasurer does not know his Matron - And, if his Matron were what he thinks her, better get rid of her altogether -

Let us have her. We will soon find another Hospital thankful to build for her & for our Training School.] that -

Of course, if the Treasurer's arguments are valuable, it would be better to remove the Probationers out of their Matron's reach altogether - except while in the wards -

N.B. The circumstances under which women have to perform their duties about the sick are so different from those of men.

If Mr. Hicks' argument were correct, the Head Nurse ought not to have her room adjoining her Ward, so as to be in command of it day & night - but ought to be, on the contrary, as far from it as possible. Yet the former construction for Head Nurses' rooms is now universally admitted.

Till this moment, I have always heard (& always admitted) as an objection to the "Pavilion" principle of Hospital -building that it is essential for a Matron to live *within* her Hospital - so that she may

go to all parts of it at unexpected times, without being seen coming, without being expected

But it is now put forward as a principle for (I should think) the very first time that the contrary should be the case.

Objections(1) & (2) surely cannot be serious. Proximity of Matron's Office & Residence *can*. do nothing but save time in the Hospital administration.

In all modern Hospitals, Military & other, the whole Establishment of Matron's quarters & office, Linen store & Mending room - all Nurses' quarters (except Head Nurses') including Day & Dining Room, are all within one outside door - this being considered absolutely essential to efficiency.

Objection (2) Any one who could put this forward can know very little of the principles of action of a good Matron.

2. They think nothing of the time & strength they compel the Matron to waste in going to & fro thro' all these quarters scattered as much as they possibly can be.

3. In working a long line of building, it matters very little whether your office is at either end or the centre. For distances are the same.

4. Cost of extensive alterations.
Why did they not take our opinion at first, if they wished to retain our School.
It seems a very illogical logic not to ask our opinion about our own affairs -
{line cut off}

& men to tax *us* with the necessity of essential alterations.

Do not we pay rent - for good accommodations
not for garrets & cellars? **[end 12:161]**

9001/172 initialed letter, 1f, pen

12/11/65

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

Dear P

The three plants, - two of them ferns, one given by Miss Mayo (after death) - one by Lady Belper - which Sir H. was so good as to take down, -are all pets, have all been kept in Miss Mayo's greenhouse (now dead) many winters. Will you please have them ticketed for me & kept in you greenhouse for me till next spring? ever yours
F.

9001/173 unsigned note, 2ff, pen

32 South St

Tuesday Nov 12 {arch: ? 67} **[16:697]**

With regard to the
Salisbury & Southton
Hospis - you ask
me to tell you what
is bad about them -
we - the Big Prigs
don't like to do
what the little prigs
do- namely: give
an opinion without
recent data - I had
all the plans - &
Rawlinson's reports

about Winchester &
Reading before me -
when I gave those
opinions - All that
I can say generally
about Salisbury &
Southton Hospis is:
that they are founded
upon the prevailing
mistake - that tho'
construction of a
private house will
do as the pattern
for a place where

there is to be a con=
=gregation of sickness
whereas we know
that the const
ruction
of a barn would be
better & more fit for
the purpose. But
I would suggest to you
as a work worthy
of you, & of your
genius for construction -
to look at my book,
(first & last parts -)
& particularly at the

figs: and then to ride
over to Salisbury &
Southton & compare
principles with practice -
[I hear from Malta, that
they have no disease
in the huts, - although
the heat in them is
much complained of, -
whereas in the building,
altho' very much
preferred for coolness
fever & epidemics are
never absent - The
same at Gibraltar]

[end]

9001/174 signed letter, 2ff, pen

12/11/65

34 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I yesterday concluded
a compromise - the
best terms I could
make - with Lady
Clarges -
viz. that she resumes
this house on Dec.1.
that she remits in all
£130, viz.

£105 from rent

20 for windows

5 " gas fittings

£130 _____

And I give Reily £5.5
because this unprincipled
old woman takes
this off his Commission
If I could tell you
the history of the
worry & exhaustion
of the last 2 months
about these houses,
you would think with me that I
have come well off

out of this "most
filthy bargain".

To get rid of Lady

Clarges' maid is

not the least of it.

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

9001/175 signed letter, 4ff, pen

35 ~~34~~ South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry
Pray don't say,
(as you do to me,)
that you are sorry
for the "trouble
about houses" you
have "got me into"
!! Because it is
all owing to you

that I am in this
beautiful house.
And, on the whole,
(tho' we must not
sing before we
are out of the
wood - I mean
the Inventory -)
I think, after
Dec. 1., we shall
be well out of

Lady Clarges' hands.

I write about
a thing which
troubles me much
more at present.
And that is St.
Thomas' Hospital
(Probationers' Quarters)
Harry B. Carter
tells me that he
has (or will) put

[12:159]

into your hands
letters of mine to
the Treasurer &c
explaining what
is the construction
we positively
require for a good
Training School -
& which both
Sidney Herbert &
Mr. Clough distinctly
understood was

essential to a good
Training School.
I would ask you
not to conclude
any arrangement,
except "subject to
my approval," -
or "to another
Meeting."

We must
be very cautious with them
{printed address, upside down::}
34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

{a page seems to be missing}
to be provided for us
in the new building.
It would therefore be
only troubling you
unnecessarily for
me to go over all
the same ground
to you.
Mr. John Clark, who
will be your colleague
at the Meeting,
proposed for the 30th,
holds exactly the

same views ~~as I do~~
out of his own
conviction - which
I do out of my
experience.

I am particularly
glad that you
should be the actor
at this Meeting,
because you will
be perfectly
conciliatory, which
we ought to be -

And yet you will let
them see that we
mean business - i.e.
that we will come
to no permanent
agreement with
St. Thomas' to have
our Nurses' School there
(which is a great
& acknowledged
advantage to them)
unless they give us
the accommodation

[end 12:159]

9001/176 initialed letter. 2ff, pen

35 ~~34~~ South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

27/11/65

[12:159-60]

My dear Sir Harry

I will not say but
that we are very anxious
about the result of the
Meeting on Thursday
(Probationers' Quarters
at St. Thomas')

The (friendly to us) party
at St. T.'s have written
to me repeatedly -
urging that *our*
Committee men should
all be united in what

we intend to claim -
urging t us to be firm
-urging that, our
Probationers are of so
much importance
to the Hospital, if
we only say: "unless
you give us what we
want, *we go*" - they will
never let us "go".
=urging that we should
only consider this Meeting
as the first Reading
of the Bill - that
we should let the

Opposition (Mr. Hicks
& Co=) say their say at
this Meeting, not
debate much on our
side, but have a
second & a third
if necessary, Reading
of the Bill in
subsequent Meetings.
Any thing rather than
give in.

I am going to see Mr.
John Clark on
Wednesday at 4 p.m.
If I could see you, if
you happen to be in
town, any other time

before Thursday's meeting perhaps
it might be as well.

[end 12:160]

ever yours

F.N.

9001/177 initialed letter, 2ff, black-edged paper, pen {arch: ?1863}, bundle 137

[1:483]

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

Dear Uncle Sam

A thousand thanks for
your kind letter of Thursday.

I told Papa (at Lea Hurst)
that I estimated the getting
into this house at £200
including, of course, Humphrey's Bill.
I think it will be a
little more -

Tho' I devote my life
to getting in tradesmen's bills
(having no maid with
the least *nous*) I am
slow in getting them

I have paid Humphrey £139 -odd
I have just got in the
Ironmonger's bill. £20 odd
but I am afraid there
will be another for about
£30. I have paid a
Scourer & Cleaner's Bill.
Every article (in the house)
of furniture had to be
cleaned. Not a coal=
scuttle would hold coals.
And so with every thing.
I suppose it is so with
all, B~~t~~ in buying a house,

where there was absolutely
no one to act on our side.
But even I could hardly
have anticipated, that
there was but one article
f in the whole house
which has not required
something done to it.
Every cistern, tap &c was
out of repair - & has
had to be done *since* I
came in.

This is all I can say
with exactitude at present.

And I don't at all
wish to charge it all to
Papa, if you think best

not. Considering the
 enormous expence I am
 of to him, I should be
 quite satisfied to pay
 all above Humphrey's
 great Bill. if you think
 fit. And about that
 there is no hurry -

I have paid Clowser -

Could you be so very good
 as to write a note for
 a Cheque book for me
 to the London Jt Stock Bk,
 & send my messenger with it
 ever yours gratefully

The replacing those F.N.
 Kitchen scales alone
 cost £1.1.6.

9001/178 incomplete letter, 2ff, faint pencil

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

I disbelieve in miracles - not
 from the historical but from
 the moral point of view - I mean
 from that of the character of
 God - i.e. IF I believed in
 Christ's miracles, I should
 not believe in Christ.

I dislike Strauss Colenso &c &c
 because I do not think they
 have contributed anything to
 what is now the main want of
 the age, - the conception of a

perfect God. [Ewald} has.]

Someone says: that Phidias
 brought "the noble & beautiful

into his representation of Gods &
heroes - & that he thereby
incurred the enmity of a bigoted
conservative priesthood.

Whether that is true or not of
Phidias, it is eminently true
now of any one who stands
up for the idea of a perfect
God - either in practice or
theology.

Doubtless it has been true of all
ages -

Tho' Christ's God was not perfect
yet Christ, who was, above all,
"Agnus Dei qui tollit peccata

mundi" certainly suffered (more
than for anything else) for
announcing a more perfect
God practically.

I once asked M. Mohl whether
any of the ancient religions
announced a perfect God. He
said: Plato did- but not the
Stoics at all -

I wonder: is that true? - & why
did not Plato suffer more?

The whole controversy, it seems to
me, between Mr. Jowett &
Oxford, & the way he has
"incurred the enmity of a
bigoted conservative priesthood
is: that they can't a-bear a
more perfect God.

I am afraid he has had to
give his life a ransom for many
(at Oxford)

9001/179 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [1864] black-edged paper bundle 136

Confidential

27. Norfolk Street, [printed address]
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir harry

Ld de Grey's letter to **[15:406]**
you is offering nothing
but what I compelled
him to do two months
ago - viz. apply to Col
Gambier for P. Jackson.

I will write to Sir
J. Lawrence - But I
know him to be in
exactly the same
position that I am

with regard to ~~the~~
his Horse Guards in
India - (to compare
a pygmy to a giant)

Let me keep your
letters to night - and
I will write to you
in the morning.

[end]

I do not like to take
the sacrament without
telling Parthe, tho' I
don't want to tempt
her to to do any thing
unwise. I take the
Sacrament (from Mr.
Jowett) next Sunday
at 3.

9001/180 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

27. Norfolk Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dearie

If Sir H. could be
so kind as to come
over here for a few
minutes, I think I
could tell him all.

I returned to you
your copy of "N. on
Hospitals." But for
a wonder I have one
of my own, which
I will send, if Sir
H. cannot come.

9001/181 initialed letter, 1f, pen, {arch: ?1865}

Dear Papa

[1:262]

A half hour between twelve
and one or between two and five
would suit me. Pray say when.

And I hope you will like
to take the sacrament with me
from Mr. Jowett tomorrow
(Sunday) at 3.

But I shall hope to see you
in the morning too tomorrow.

F.

Saturday

9001/182 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen (arch: F.N. copied by Hilary}
63]

[1:262-

Thursday

Dear Papa, The splendid
evergreens arrived quite
safe on Tuesday night
so late however - consequence
of its being Christmas eve
that I couldn't send them
that night. - I sent them
the first thing on Xmas
morning. & they were
received with acclamation
at King's Coll. Hosp. at
Revd Mother's, & at
Sister Gonzaga's -

I don't think the mince
pies would be disdained
even if they were to
come now.

The letter which you
had on Tuesday morning
was posted on Sunday
night - ought not you
to have had it on Monday
afternoon? -

Now I do assure
you for once the
postmaster
was wrong
I weighed that letter
twice in 2 weighers
& it was only 1 oz.

Our information
looks *more* like war
instead of less like it.
but we've already spent
half a million in
sending out this expedn
& whether there is war
or not, it is all up
with our getting our

improvements into the
estimates next year.
I had a long & dismal
letter from poor Mrs.
Herbert at Mentone
She appears only to live
on my letters because
they are the only ones
which tell her about her
husband's work in the
W. Office - & yet how
can I write to her when
I can scarcely do my own
work

{some text appears to be missing}
"There is Sutherland",
just think what the
difference of the moral
atmosphere is! Living
in the society of Dr.
Sutthd & Dr. Williams,
to me who can seek no
other society, & living
with Sidney Herbert & A.H.
Clough!

But ~~inst~~ I
care so much for this poor
world that even now
I assure you, with these
& all my friends gone, I
cd gladly, if I had only
the health that I had when I

came back from the Crimea
go forth & pursue my
own work, leaving
that which their
death has rendered
impossible. But in this
lies the very sting of
my fate, that I have
sacrificed my means to
work in order to carry out
work with others which
their loss renders impossible
& have left myself none
to work alone. I need
hardly say how different
it would have been, if

it had pleased God to take
me & let Sidney Herbert
survive.

Farther, about my health
I don't think it is exactly
possible for any one to
appreciate, who has not
felt it, the impossibility
of any faith *taking the place*
of physical capability.

Mind I am not here
speaking of physical
suffering, but of physical
want of power. When I
read of Jacob Bell, in the
midst of the acutest
suffering being able to go on

with his work till up to
one hour before his death
I think: what a happy
man! I am quite sure
on the other hand that
my dear Clough suffered
more from being unable
to do anything for 14
months before his death
than from any other cause,
& I can truly say that I
pitied him more than
myself & that I cd rejoice
at *his* gain when he
died more than I grieved
for my own loss - But
now see the state that

[end 1:264]

9001/183 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

far better than this,
it appeared to me.
It is a house I should
never have hesitated,
if between that & ANY
OTHER whatsoever of
all the many houses
I have had in
London. There is no
comparison. [neither
Old Burlington St, nor
Dover St, Chesterfield
St. Cleveland Row,
Norfolk St nor this
35 South St is so
infinitely superior.

9001/184 incomplete initialed letter, 1f, pen

I send back with thanks
the original of the Poona
letter. I have kept the
copy. But I fear we
shall not be able to
use it publicly.

We have however
completed our reply
to the Bombay Commission's
slanders & blunders.

ever yours
F.N.

9001/185 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

I meant you to read my letter
to Mrs. Fowler please - Also please
send her the accompanying Fliedner
paper. I want her to go to St. Thomas'.

I want flowers very bad - ALL
you have. I don't think I have any
tin.

I really am so hard pressed, I
can't speak a word.

9001/186 initialed letter, 1f, light blue pencil, bundle 134 {arch: ?1860}

Dearie

As I am a little better today
I think it would save trouble
if I were to see Helen Richard
myself if she would be so good
as to come out to me straight
from you. And "from 12 to one"
would just suit me only, *the*
nearer 12 the better for me

And save her from telling
her story twice.

F.

Tuesday

9001/187 [vol1pt2] initialed note, 1f, pen

Dearie
I like your Ashley

Lady Verney Hay VERY much -
F.

9001/188 initialed note, 1f, pen [3:394]

I shall be too glad if Sir Harry likes
to come to the Sacrament tomorrow
here. But I understood him to
say that he had an objection to
Mr. Jowett's opinions, which,
I am SURE, is very natural.

F.N.

{printed address sideways:}
27. Norfolk Street,
Park Lane. W.

9001/189 note written on a letter, 1f, pen {F.N. in **bold**}

[1:333]

My dear

I have written this for the
Sanitarys who wanted a tract:
on the Whibock child murder-
I half thought of sending it to
Good Words or Chambers in order
for a wider circulation, but it
bears its "tract" origin too
strongly on its face I believe?
I meant it for the poor to read -

Good words is too literary
I suppose?

**Dearie I think this
should be a Tract.**

**But I am the poorest
judge possible.**

**I don't think Good
Words or Chambers
are at all read by
what we call 'the poor'.
And their style is so
different. But I am
a bad judge**

9001/190 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen [5:735]

[3]

There is said to be a very good
version in French of Marcus Aurelius
"Les Pensées de Marc Aurèle -
- traduction de M. Pierron."

[I don't know whether you would
care for this.]

~~In the~~ Montesquieu says "there
is not a greater object in history
than the Antonines." I agree - Marcus
Aurelius seems to me a Garibaldi in,
purity, with the administrative
faculty (which he wants) - &
above all with the willingness
to let the waves pass over his
head, which is always the fate
of the man of thought struggling
to incarnate his Ideal in politics.
He thanks Rusticus, his tutor, for
having withdrawn him "from what
is *purely* speculative" - He exhorts
himself to "*heroic* truth in all his

words." He says (to himself) Thou,
when thou dost not like to rise in
the morning, ~~say~~ tell thyself 'I wake
to do the work of a man.'

'Thou dost not love thyself if thou
dost not love the calling of thy (better)
nature - Even the artisan forgets to
eat & sleep for his art's sake. Is the
public interest less worthy of thy care?'

[How much finer this is than
the constant drumming of the Christian
chord, that "self-love" is to be destroyed,
that you must 'hate' yourself-]

Every where he reminds himself
that *he is "put into the world for the
salvation of men"*. How sublime
this is: - "*offer to the God within (thee)
a man, a citizen, an emperor, a soldier
at his post, ready** if the trumpet calls."
Can anything be truer of the vocation of
man, in general? And elsewhere: -
"think every hour how to act as a Roman,

as a *man*. What is not useful for the
beehive is not useful for the bee."

"take care not to *Caesarize*" (sic)
a "Life divided from the rest of the
community would be a factious life."

Everywhere he turns himself away
from simple contemplation. He calls
philosophers "real children" who do not turn it into action.

"Do not hope for a Plato's republic,
content thyself with making things
advance somewhat, & look upon the
least advance as important."

**Note*. I have always felt - F.N. that health
Was not worth preserving, except for an
object for which it was worth
losing.

How absurd it is to be always
declining to do good things, in order "to save
your health," which you only want to do good things.

F.N.

He, telling himself "never again to
criticize the life around him - and
not to declaim ~~nor to~~ against nor to

be indulgent to others - exclaims,
to himself - what a noble word! -
"be neither a tragedian nor a
courtezan,"*

* It is most singular to me, F.N.,
how all human thought, all men's words
are taking the turn of simple
historic contemplation or judgment.

[end 5:736]

I am sure I never make an
observation, - I making it with an
intention of leading to some practical
result, - that people do not immediately
begin either the indulgent line - &
people none so very amiable either -
or the tragic line.

9001/191 initialed letter, 1f, pencil. {arch:763} Friday - bundle 137

Dearie

I am very glad dear Emily looks forward so hopefully to her next winter -

I am glad that Sir Harry likes Mr. Calvert's wife. I should look forward hopefully to that, for my own affair, but that I think Col. Percy Herbert the most hope/less (because he has many great qualities,) of men. He spent a life in opposing Sidney Herbert. And all for what? -

The maid is not promising enough for me to look after - thanks - I *must* have some one who will take her own place at once as my fac-totum, as Corser did - & be the head of the household, without contests. It may do for some good mistress to raise a housemaid to this. It does not do for me - I am less than ever incapable of it - I can make no more experiments

with Ann Clarkes, or Temperances, or Burches
"£18 & all found " is just what I gave Ann
Clarke, what I give Burch.

Understand, I am sending away Burch to *keep* Temperance. But T. is just as fit to do what I want doing for me (now that Corser is away) as she would be to take a cook's place with a kitchen-maid under her. {Except under such as Webb or Corser, she
{is nothing.

I secure Corser till next May - she has £30 from Lady Clarges & is to have £32 from me
Still I shall be glad to hear of any body
permanent to take that sort of position with me. But otherwise I stick to Corser
ever yours

Please thank Sir Harry
for his Guernsey Eau de F.
Cologne & other benefits.

9001/192 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? '63}

Dear Sir H.

I am so poorly I cannot write.
The accts of Hilary these last 2 days
have been more suffering - but
I do not know whether materially
worse -

Could you, if I were to send you a copy of my scrap [5:174]
about the facilitation of purchasing
&c of freeholds by working men,
get the opinions of competent
men about it?

I have not been able to come
downstairs for some days.
I saw the "Poor Law Board" last week.
We are going to get a power for
compelling Guardians (in the
"Omnibus" Bill next week)

[end 5:174]

9001/193 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: Poor Law Bd ?1865} [6:335-36]

My dear Sir H.

This is a point I am excessively
anxious about, *the V.P. of the P.L.Board.*
Could you interest yourself & other
M.P.s in it?

I have lost all connection with
M.P.s since Sidney Herbert's death.
Independently of that, I could not
now canvass men - But if there
were one M.P. who you thought
would do, (A. Mills is one of the
Workhouse Visiting Committee & might
interest other M.P.s) I would
write to him. so that you might be
several urging it in the Ho: of C.

Are you not going to return to
town after Saturday?

I do not think the objection
to the "freehold" scheme is "having

one law for small, & another for large freeholds:" a new law would refer to *local* limits, not limits of size. And all local Acts are limited.

ever dear Sir H. yours
F.N.

Confidential Poor law Board

We want a man to direct the energies of the Poor Laws under & next to the President. We want a Vice-President, a permanent V.P. - such an official would manage matters for the President in such a manner as to enable him to see distinctly & quickly the right road. The President is a Cabinet Minister, an M.P., a man overburdened - a V.P. would be steadily seated at the P.L. Board daily & would, by dedicating all his time to one object, gradually & surely work out a system of Poor Relief in accordance with the spirit of these ~~Times~~ days.

When the Poor Law Board *continuation* Bill is before the Ho: of C., some one (& the stronger he is the better) should ask why such an

Officer as a V.P. of the P.L. Board is not established.

The Parliamentary committee on the Poor Laws, who sate for something like 3 sessions, were of opinion that such an Officer would be of the greatest service.

And we know that such an appointment is positively requisite here - if we are to move on in the right direction.

9001/194 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1865}

Dearie

The Inglotts are devout Catholics, Maltese=born. This makes me hesitate, & feel that perhaps you had rather not have the introduction. They are in terrible disgrace, however, for their liberal notions, & prefer London a good deal to Rome. I have never seen Mrs. Inglott, but Mrs. Sutherland answers for her - Still you know very well that Maltese=born are different from English.

9001/195 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1865 G = M 1866}

Dearie

[1:714-15]

I am afraid G. is behaving like a lunatic. But I have a great sympathy for a boy in the Army who wants to marry, knowing as I do that all the other boys in the Army (& many out of it too) want to do something

just the reverse, especially in India. I have no doubt there is, as you say, a misgiving that Miss H. won't wait. But even this is more respectable than - the more usual thing I won't particularly specify.

As for Emily writing to Miss H., it was a great imprudence but one excusable at 21 - much better than the contrary extreme of worldly prudence, (which *combined with* immorality notions in the young people of this day is what I most often see!) *She* will be sure to come round.

9001/196 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I am up to my neck writing Heads of Returns for Mr. Farnall. He proposes a great plan for us, to train girls from Union Schools (under our Head Nurses) in Workhouse Infirmaryes as Nurses

I should be very glad to hear anything about George.

9001/197 unsigned note, 1f, pen

I understand Genl Peel is going [15:411]
to move the omission of the vote
for stables to the Herbert Hospital.

I am sure I am
indifferent about the stables,
if that is all. [end]
{printed address, vertical:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

9001/198 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Saturday

Dearie

I will go to see 34 today if you
please. And if you will tell me
the coachman to take me
afterwards to see the places
you mentioned, I shall be
very thankful. I believe
it is better for me to go quite
alone. I could quite well go
{printed address, vertical:} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

at 2;30, if you want the carriage
afterwards - I don't suppose
my whole affair will take
more than an hour.

IF I go at 2.30, perhaps
I had better see the sights
first & the house last. But
pray do you tell the coachman.
F.N.

9001/199 incomplete letter, 1f, pen [1:333]

I could see you to-day at 3 or
at 4, please.

But if you would go to the opening
of the S. London Working Men's Exh.,
I should be better pleased still.

Sir Harry was so good as to say
he would go - They want "sponsible people"

And I am very glad even that
the little half-crowns should be put
in their pockets.

The whole was set on foot &
practically worked by a common
clerk in the W.O., Mr. Frederick,
now, I am happy to say, a Commission
Secretary. And he scraped together
upwards of £1000 from Guarantors,
of whom I am one -

The men, when my name was
given out, all cheered - tho' they did not cheer
the Pr. of Wales. I could not help shedding tears. [end 1:334]

he did not know about
Torquay. He thought her
better

ever yours
F.

9001/200 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

34 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London, W. {arch: ?1864}

My dear Sir Harry
1000 thanks for
your most kind
persistency. But
what I want (for my
work' sake) is
not a lady but a
servant x. I could
not possibly speak
with her more than
x to take ~~entirely my housekeeping~~
& parcel=making

10 minutes in the day.
She must do up all
my parcels for India
& home.
I should be miserable
to have a lady on
those terms. I cannot
possibly give her
either bedroom or
sitting room. I
have two maids
sleeping in Ly Clarges'
room. *And they*

complain!!! I have
not one bed in the
house unoccupied,
except an attic
where there is no fire
place. The dining room
I *must* keep for
men. I cannot give
up a room on my own
floor.

If, as you say, a
year ago, or, as I say
four years ago, I
could have begun an

arrangement of this
kind, it would have
been a godsend. But
now it is totally
impossible. What I
must have (& what
I have not) is a
first-rate upper
servant, who shall
also attend upon me,
(in fact, a MORAL
Walker -) so that the
same person shall
be my maid & my house=
=mistress.

{on the top of the first page}
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9001/201 initialed letter, 1f, pencil.

Sunday {arch: July.66.}
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry
I should very much like
to hear about Ld. Clarendon

Could you come in for
10 mins between 2 & 5
to day? Or perhaps
you are busy? -

If Emily is going to-
morrow, I should be so
very sorry not to see
her that, if it were

convenient to you, I hope
she would come for 10
minutes before or After
you -

Otherwise I would put seeing her
off till another day -
Every thing in our work
seems to come at once

ever yours gratefully
F.N.