

Wellcome Ms 8995

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8994/1 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: Jan. 17 1853}

a

Dearest mother

I hope you do not forget what Dr. Johnson said that, while he did not consider Parthe's lump of any consequence, he would not let above a month pass without consulting somebody of eminence about it in London.

b

Nobody could possibly give an opinion about it without seeing it - Laurence he would recommend"- But Aunt Mai tells me she told you all this - A month he thought of no consequence.

I am very glad S. Herbert's election is over -

We are going to take

c

the Sacrament on Tuesday with our dear old lady- I think she is calmer - but she still sends for us constantly to bid us "farewell for ever." I believe she will have Miss Hall

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when we go -

I am very sorry
to hear so poor an
account of Parthe -
& very sorry, dearest
Mother, to hear that
you are so overdone.

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It is a good thing
that poor little Kemish's
sufferings are over -

We do not know what
At Maria will do. I
think we shall leave
this the latter end
of this week & then,
dearest Mother, I shall
come home & rejoice
to think I shall see
you all for a time
before going to Paris -
ever your loving child
Sunday-

8994/2 2ff, pen, unsigned letter/note {arch: Jan 1853}

I am very anxious to explain [1:136-37]
to my dear mother so as to
avoid even any appearance
of being ungrateful for the
kind proposal, which I have
received, why I cannot accept
it *immediately*. I do indeed
feel deeply grateful for the
sympathy with my wishes
which such a proposal shews -
I am most anxious that
my explanation should not
seem ungracious - My dearest
mother, I learn from Uncle
Sam that you are kindly
thinking of Cromford Br. for
me - Of course I have given
your generous thought my
most careful consideration ___
I have also consulted my
friends who are interested in this object - The result of which
is that I must say what is
no new "say" on my part, but
what I have said for the last
eight years, viz, that the
certain failure which would
follow, were I to enter upon
such a difficult course- so

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untrained & unprepared as I now
am - would ill requite the
expense & the kind thought,
to which you would then have
gone on my account - In short,
I am at present too
inexperienced -

I paid the long promised
visit (to Bristol, which you
kindly urged in the summer),
to the Shropshire Bunsens,
where the Bristol plan is
now transferred, merely in
order to learn their plans &
give what they were pleased
to call my advice, as they
had asked me to do "many a
time & oft". They have sent
their one woman to Paris
to train -

I think *I* shall also be
able to get much information
there_ But I shall best
know when I am there -

As to the Cromford Bridge
plan *at present*, I see
indeed too small chance of success

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for me to be justified in accepting it *now*.

I am arrived at an age where the power of acquiring is generally supposed to be over - having for eight years constantly desired a training for this object, & during that time having had but three months' of that training - An object too so difficult that only one man, Fliedner, has ever succeeded in it - And now that this is offered to me, it is as if, supposing some one to have had in his life only 3 months' instruction in drawing, it were offered ~~an R.A. ship~~ to him to be at the head of a school of Design not yet founded. I should feel the failure equally certain in both

cases - I do indeed feel that I can do nothing without preparation.

This must be my answer for the present to your kind thought of dear old Cromford Br_

ever dear Mum your loving & grateful child.

[end 1:137]

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Dearest people We had a very good traversée & a very good journey. Kind Mr M met us at the Terminus & brought me here. The weather was beautiful

All things here much as usual. I ~~some~~ sometimes think we are come to the times of the Bas Empire in France & that she is declining, as in those times. At the same time it may be an accident like the reign of Charles II with us, which was very similar to this. x. from which we ~~are~~ recovered perfectly - Therefore France may recover from this accident. But then the French are Celts - The Irish are not a nation, but an ungovernable family of Staffords, in capable of political

principle. The French are not pure Celts, they have an intermixture of the Roman blood & Roman legislative power - & then they are eminently *logical*. They depend even too much upon the power of logic - they carry it to its extremest limit. So France may recover. Otherwise every thing tends to a resemblance with the Byzantine Empire - the centralization, demoralization & political incuria, the unbridled license of the imperial family - the fact that in all the empire not one adherent of the empire exists - terror of the Reds, inertia, the army alone holds it together. The unnatural expense of the imperial family - he has a million of civil list - is indirectly levying taxes - & yet must sell some of the royal palaces, or get into debt. He

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is enlarging the Louvre, pulling down the Hotel Dieu to increase the Quays, every thing to please the French eye-

The coronation has been put off, because the Pope will not come - All the preparations were being hurried on - the carriage ordered, tho' the coachmaker said, c'est facile à faire un Empereur, mais faire une voiture! then difficulties were found about the Pope & it was put off sine die - Mais il viendra bon gré mal gré, said one of the Bishops at the Conseil at the Tuileries. If he does, he will lose himself & strike a great blow at Catholicism - If he does not, France will bid adieu to the pretence at Ultramontanism she is now keeping up_

In France, public opinion is always in opposition - The Bourbons protected & sincerely loved the Church, & the consequence was, a priest could scarcely walk the streets in safety - The Orleans hated & depressed the Church & she rose in public favour, till in '48, when she ran about planting trees of liberty, & preaching on red caps, & candidating for the assembly, she stood. the idol of the people - Now she is courted tho' not loved by the Govt., & consequently is losing favour, with the nation tho' not so rapidly as in the Bourbon time, because it is known to be only a political manoeuvre, & because one of the Ministry said, Nous ne pouvons pas encore nous en passer-

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Also, by her own escapades,
she has lost in public
esteem - I remember, e.g.
Duquerry [~~illeg~~] (the man of the
Madeleine) standing candidate
& talking liberty at the Club
démocratique in a fine
electioneering speech_ Now
he, when "pudeur" goes to
the Madeleine, runs to the
door to meet him, & incenses
him on the steps, whereas
the Bp of Orleans would not
so much as receive him
at the entrance of the
Cathedral, but said, C'est
à lui de venir me trouver -

The revival of Catholicism
in France is (like the High Ch.
party in England) a reaction
before death, a solemn
farce - With Montalembert,
it is excessive vanity, with

Lenormand, it is something
more disgraceful, with L. Nap.
it is a political ruse -
With Botta, it is cold fanati=
cism, mixed with scepticism.
But real fanaticism is
extinct - Only one man I
know, a certain David, where
it is a real & living spirit -
~~i.e.~~ where, if he had been a
Protestant, he would have
been a Methodist, a Mahometen,
he wd. have been a Wahabie_
a Catholic & he is a fanatic_
He nourishes us with wild
boar on fast days, while
he eats haricots without
butter, because he says "You
are Protestants, you *must* be
damned eternally, I shd. like
you to enjoy yourselves a
little here"_ But Montalembert
would have been a "philo=
sophe" in the *last* century -

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With him it is circumstance,
the age, habit of mind, not ingrained
conviction_ It is ambition, (not
a low ambition, he never
courts, but) love of influence,
of which he has a real
& powerful share in the
country - He leads men's minds.
But real religious feeling, such
as made S. Ignatius of Loyola,
S. Bernard & Wesley willing to
go to the ends of the earth, is
extinct = Lenormand is a
Catholic, because he liked an
actress & his wife persuaded
him he was devout - He gave
into the piège, & became a
Catholic instead - As for
Botta, the author of all this
piece of work about the St
Sepulcre, he is the most
curious character of all_.
He is the most coldly
sceptical, yet he acts as if

he were a fanatic. You can
never tell whether he is in
earnest or not, yet there he
is, setting Europe at war
for the sake of the Holy Sepchre.

Layard is expected in Paris
daily - He has played his affairs
well & gained his name in
Nineveh & now he is meddling
with the S. Sepulcre.
Quam magna impudentia
regitur mundus

I dined last night at our
friend's & am going to day
to my Médecin, the Koh i noor
& his wife-

There is a schism in the
camp - "pudeur" has quarrelled
with his ministers - & one
has sent the orders he received
on the deux Décembre to England
to have them safe there, in
case of a search of his papers

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by the Police, when he wd. never
see these orders more -

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farewell, my people - You shall hear
all about my plans_ please tell
Hilly of my safe arrival - **[end 7:723]**

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120 Rue du Bac Paris **[7:723-27]**

Monday morning.

My dearest mother will be pleased to hear
that I have already been to *two* balls,
one concert at the Conservatory, have
one invitation to dinner, one to the
Opera, & *two* to evening parties, all
to be consummated within the first
~~evening~~ week of my arrival at Paris.
Tonight I go to Lady Elgin's, whom I like
much -

Notre Dame looks like an old
actress at a fair, painted & dressed
up in old finery - She is all gaudied
out with flags & hangings & old
draperies_ It is a comfort to reflect
that it was all a consummate
failure - Every body laughed except
those who cried_ & the fêtes, from
being hurried on, were entirely
manquées, even in the French sense.
Had Louisa Mackenzie walked about
a little longer on the P.'s arm, it
seems she might have been by his
side at Notre Dame yesterday
week - It seems generally supposed
~~however~~, that L. N. has met with
his match & that his punishment
may safely be left to the female-

Paris is petillant with spirit-
Villemain says, Ces pauvres prêtres--Ils

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se figurent que l'Elysée, c'est le Paradis

My first ball was at Mme Mohl's on Friday night, given in honour of Nini's marriage. We arrived in good time, M. Mohl came to the rail road to see us the sooner - we dined & dressed - my black lace came in, dear Pop, with great effect - Madame de Rouget was there, who wants to be one of the dames d'honneur of the Empress, in a head dress & gown, composed entirely of violets, the Imperial flower, the composition by herself & very curious - the success indubitable - I was introduced to an old Bonetti, who is always in & out of the Archévêché & will serve me much. On Saturday night we went to a balls at Triontaphyllos', where I met the Mavrocordatos, whom I have not seen since Athens_ All this ball going is for Anna Mohl, who is here - sister to Ida I have besides been with Hilary to her Atelier - Jeanron is quite a curiosity_ very different from what I expected - not of the order of subdued & chastened Overbecks, but of the time when wild in woods the noble savage ran - healthy, vigorous, shaggy, full of genius, wild-haired, grey-moustached, like Socrates, not like Plato -

We went to call on Madame Louis David's_ she has just furnished her apartment_ very pretty - & the beau-

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père is to pay for it - greatly to her
disgust - so, says she to Mme Mohl,
I was taking him round & he was
looking for something to vent his indignation
upon, when he saw my little busts
of la Rachel & Fanny Ellsler - Otez
moi, au moins, says he, ces drôlesses
là_. et il les emporta dans un
lieu (at this moment a very elegant
young man came in, & made his bow)
dans un lieu que la pudeur
m'empêche de nommer_ mais,
comme c'est mon cousin qui me
les a donnés, et qu'il aurait pu,
vous savez__ par quelque hasard y
entrer pour ses besoins, je les ôtai
de là, et je les mis, comme vous
voyez, sur une planche à la porte_
mon beau-père ne peut rien dire,
puisque je les ai mis à la porte_
Mme Mohl did not even soureiller_
but the beau jeune homme was,
I thought, a good deal the most
modeste of the lot.

I have been to the Diaconesses,
where two of my friends from
Kaiserswerth were - The Directeur
gives a very bad account of Miss
Williams, who, he says, has no
"vocation" at all - for anything -
But Hilly & I thought her a good
half=frightened little thing, who
might be cooked up into something
under better management - I am to go

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to M. Vermeil at 11 o'clock this morning to come to some final conclusion, & the Bunsens require from me a final answer about her by Wedny. After M. Vermeil's, I go to the Diaconesses again. & hear Miss W's own story- She appears very much discontent - about 36 & very unprepossessing -

M. Mohl is a darling. Hilly & I have the same room, a very nice one - with a curtain across - two beds - looking out over the Missions Etrangères & its vast garden

François is married - Mme Mohl appears much discontent therewith. She is not a person whom she knows. a queer creature, I believe -

Ly Augusta is a very nice woman

The Concert at the Conservatoire was magnificent - only five pieces executed to the utmost pitch of perfection - orchestra *enormous* - It was the production of a new piece of David's - I did not like it. It was very pretty - But like all works of art of this century, it was so sketchy, vague, indefinite, not strongly characterized - To me music is worthless, unless it says something certain & definite - This was all like the sea - it appeared to be a contest between the good & evil spirit - but neither got the better - but a conventional common-

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place spirit, called Common Sense,
got the better at the end &
drove out both good & evil,
as is always the plan in the world_
However there was no strong
character of any kind in it -
It was in 4 parts - & each part
began well, like a precocious genius,
& fell off at the end - Compare
it with a piece of Euryanthe, which
came in the course of the Concert,
where, tho' everything was super=
natural, fantastic, every thing had
a strong & striking character of
its own, & nothing was indefinite,
& you see the difference - There
was a sublime "O tous Pietatis" by
Haydn, admirably sung by the Chorus,
Beethoven's Symphony in A, which
was exquisite & that was all -
The execution was beyond every thing,
like one man - And the people
walked in & walked home without
any difficulty. Part of Beethoven
was encored_ it was wonderful - The
Conservatory is a government affair
& tickets are a favour -

Mrs_ Mohl has two children living
in the Apartment with her &
sleeping in the Dining Room -
one of them is the child she wrote
to us about - The cat is well &
as vain as a peacock -

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M. Roulin eat his ~~cot~~ modeste
côtelette here last night to see
Hilly.

M. Mohl wants to know who
wrote the Hippolytus Article in the
Edinbro', but I will write to the
Bunsens if you don't know - to whom
I must write about Miss W.

M. Jeanron appears to feel for
Hilly as Socrates did for Plato &
to found all his hopes upon her -

L.N. encourages all kinds of
faste - won't let people come to the
Tuileries except in their own
carriages - but does not succeed_

More about the Bruces another
day. Paris is looking beautiful - she
is certainly the prettiest city in
the world, excepting Cairo - My two
Kaiserswerth Deaconesses are going
to Smyrna- I write in greatest
haste - Please inform any body
whom it may concern of my safe
arrival_ I have not time to write
to any body, tho' I have business
to write to Ly Canning & the Bunsens
Send this letter to Papa, to whom
I will write. I believe I am going
to see one of the drôlesses in Racine
some day - Farewell, dearest people,
I have been disappointed not to hear from
you God bless you- You are very dear
good people_ Yours overflowingly FN [end 7:727]
& for ever

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{cut off} {arch: 1 Feb 1853} [7:731-32]

si aisé de ne pas faire des comédies en cinq actes
{cut off} reste, M. Ampère is too anecdotic in his conversation -
He

has just published some Promenades in Amérique, where he
has been, in the Revue des Deux Mondes, which are
entertaining. But his esprit is generally borrowed.

Je l'aime, was said of a friend, parcequ'il est vicieux
{cut off} is not the only case in France -

It is non bien porté to be Catholic - Twenty years ago
{cut off} Mignet, Robert Mohl used to speak against la
{cut off}ligion - Now as people grow old & begin to like property
as they find the other side, who have no pre{cut off}
{cut off}eas about religion, & Thiers, Mignet & Robert Mohl
go to church, & open great eyes when any thing
{cut off} said against religion, s if you had said an
{cut off}propriety before a demoiselle, & in short
{cut off}ligion has her head up in the world & it's very
{cut off}nfashionable not to be religious_ May the Lord
preserve us from it!

I have made no progress in my plans, as
[you] may suppose, having been shut up lateley,
not having been able to go on my perquisitions
The snow is still on the ground_ Yesterday it
snowed heavily & to day I fear still I shall
not be able to go out. You are dear good
people to be so patient - I cannot at all
tell you what my plans will be - This delay
as greatly disconcerted them - Hilary has had
another reprieve from her mother & will
probably stay another month - She seems
{cut off} letting on & as happy as possible -

Dear old Père Delécluze called yesterday _But
I was not up & every body else was out

Clarkey saw Guizot last night at Ly Easthope
{cut off} was very amiable -

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François has called several times since we have been here - socialistic, queer, very much altered, but evidently very good, unhappy & unpractical - Once he came when M. Mohl, Hilly & I were alone, as Clarkey goes out almost every night & was more loquacious on the subject of his Socialistic hopes. A{cut off} {cut off} most curious animal, a Mlle Wild, came, who actually went over for 3 months to America to study the Shaker system there- ~~filleg~~ ~~filleg~~ - You know what the Shakers are - they were founded by one Anne Lee of Liverpool & now amount in America to the number of 5000 - They are very rich, very industrious, very simple {cut off. &} patriarchal, they ALL take vows of perpetual celibacy, both men & women which they never break & th{cut off. they?} shake or dance like Dervishes - they have comm{cut off. common?} property, are extremely good manufacturers, & live in large families of 100. Their habits are extreme{cut off. extremely?} gentle & simple, they are hospitable to all, they exercise indeed an Oriental courtesy, & their mora{cut off. morals?} are intact_ It is a most extraordinary community Clarkey went the other evening to hear the black Malibran at a friend's. She represents her as wonderful with a black woolly head entwined with pearls, coming out of a white lace frock, & playing on the guitar with the airs of a Spaniard -

I was asked to dine at the Elgins on Mond{cut off. Monday?} but could not go - so Hilly went in my stead- They are very curious & interesting -

Farewell, my people -

Now I think I have gossiped enough-

Ever & ever my dearest people's

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I am very glad to hear, my dearest Pop, that thou a[cut off] better & going to Ly Byron's, to whom my duty - I should be very glad to hear more particulars of the [cut off].

[end 7:732]

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Saturday

My dearest You will be glad to hear that I have been out every night this week but one - Monday to Lady Elgin's. Tuesday to D. Giovanni with Clarkey - not a very good performance - Wednesday to dine at M. Roulin's & afterwards to Mrs. Chapman's_ Thursday, no Thursday, we were at home, which we were very glad of_ we tried to go to Lady Tartuffe, by Madame de Girardin, the lère. représentation, Mlle. Rachel, monde accourait en foule, but we could not. Mme Mohl, who expected to have a loge lent her, désespérée_ Friday we had our Vendredi dansant at home_ Mlle. Nini came en mariée, & Tom Appleton - & the Bruces - & I am going tomorrow with Ly Elgin, to hear a famous preacher réformé. a great enthusiasm of hers_ Ly Elgin is like a child. not much taste, but a great deal of imagination believes in the "rappings", in her own children, in Irvingism; I like her much - She is going to take me to ~~hear~~ see a Soeur Gèret. On Tuesday I am asked to a grand ball at Mme de Tourgueneff's for her daughter's fête_ My dear, Nelken is a Jew - this is a dreadful sell - How could they ask

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me to recommend a Jew to the Herberts? If they were to find it out, they would never trust me again. And indeed I think with some reason. I would not have done it myself, had I known, not for that responsible situation- I am sure Mrs. Chisholm won't have a Jew - Clarkey thanks you very much for your letter - is quite convinced. will not look out any more for a Surgeon's post. but wants introductions for him in Australia- If you get her any I think you may sink the fact of the Jew- as the Jews are never proselytizers -

I have not done much in my way I have been three days at the Diaconesses - don't think them promising. nor Miss Williams neither. I have been to a Miss Blundell -- a friend of the Bunsens- who, though a most disagreeable woman, has been of some use to me - & have seen a pretty Miss Magrath, whom Henry Bunsen had selected for a Deaconess, the greatest fool in existence_ I have been to the Hôtel Dieu, under the Soeurs S. Augustin & the Hôpital Beaujon, under the Soeurs Ste Marthe - both very well conducted in most respects, it seemed to me_ & to the Enfans Malades under the Soeurs S. Thomas, where Mme Mohl's

Mère Lamoureux is
beautiful -

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Hilly goes diligently to Jeanron daily - sometimes again in the evening & seems as happy as possible - The Es étouffait de sanglots at the Mariage Civil on Saturday - one of the Ambassadors who was there told me. & again on the Sunday at Notre Dame was perfectly bloodless & rigid & looked like a Greek head in marble - & again on Monday at the Bal du Sénat, was very timid, very civil, dressed like a common lady, without anything on her head & very anxious to do the thing civilly - But the Lady of Honor to the Dss of Kent told me that it was very evident she was not bred to the métier - People must be bred to it to do it well - she could not make her curtsey - she was too civil & did not know what to do-- There can be but one opinion as to her extreme beauty - we have seen her once - As to Brummagem, he is like a dead fish - but he is rayonnant & there can be no doubt is amoureux fou- As for her, there are a thousand stories against her. We don't believe one of them - Is it likely? Poor woman it appears she has found out a thing or two already - a professed libertine of 45 - without a fraîcheur, of ame or esprit - What a companion - refused by five ladies - this was hurried on to shew he did not care she repents already

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she was tremblante - a woman d'un si grand courage. She was told that she would probably have stones thrown at her on the way to Notre Dame - but that she must keep her windows down to receive bouquets. As it was, they threw bouquets & not stones -- but if one gamin had thrown a stone, she would have had mille So much for the pleasures of her position. He is so chancelant dans une position si chanceuse that if she had had a prudent mother, she would not have let her- But there is no doubt that tho' ambition is his first passion, she is his seconde. And as for her, she never cared for any one but the Duc d'Albe, her sister's husband- In short, she is no parvenue & he may consider he has made a progress by marrying her He is so fond of her that he, cet homme si froid, ne luit touche la main qu'en tremblant.

The chat sends her respects to Athenà - On Friday night she always repairs to a particular shelf, where she couches, because she used to pounce down from there upon the cakes, which used to be placed upon a table underneath - Now the cakes are no longer placed there - But on Friday night she always repairs to the same place still - like the Catholics, who keep to the same tables, though the cakes are gone. [end 7:729]

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Not right to take subscriptions **[12:66-70]**
for needy sick & spend them
on the attendants, when the
sick are not there, which
was often the case at Chandos
St. I would therefore have
only the Superintendt. & the
maid (the "Mother" pays for
herself) till the Institution
is fairly at work - At the
same time, any persons who
chose to come in, *keeping
themselves* & paying for their
board, to be admitted as
Sisters, under the training of
Superintendent & Mother.

If nurses are to be taken
to train, they must pay. R.C.s
make them pay, when they
take them to teach, with very
few exceptions, unless they do
menial work.

Very much depends on the
Chaplain- very much on the
Medical Men - If the Committee
chose to take a house which
could afford to give two or
three rooms, rent free, to a

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Medical Man, who might follow his ordinary business but be called in *gratis*, when wanted, no objection to having such a man attached, but with no power to enter but when sent for -

Surgeon must never be Master of the Institution.

Superintendent & Mother should each be requested to take annually 3 months at home at different times - the place of each to be supplied by the other --a nursing sister coming in to help-

To unite with the Hospital for Sick Children in the Female Hospital in Soho Sq - a farce to set up a staff to wait upon 3 or so "Ladies", which has often been the sum total of patients in Chandos St.

Expense

without rent & taxes, £25 per an. per head, sick & well - with, from £ 30 to £35 per an.

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An aspirant must have a **[3:447]**
certificate of good character
from her Clergy, one of good
health from a medical Man,
& be able to write a short
account of her own life for
the "Mother" (& her only) to
read -

Patients

All denominations to be
received & attended by their
own clergy, the R.C. by her
priest & the Jew by her Rabbi_ **[end 3:447]**
No visitors to be admitted,
except at prescribed hours,
& then only, if the Sick wish
to see them - They are to be
treated as guests & not as
prisoners- Those who have
no choice may be visited by
the Chaplain twice a week.
To all the dietetic & physical
regulations they must submit. **[3:447]**

Sisters

All *Protestant* denominations
admitted, provided they will
submit to teaching of Chaplain.
Wesleyans will probably pre-
dominate **[end 3:447]**

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3 wards of 4 patients each.
No cases refused, not even
the infectious & Syphilitic.
these treated in a ward &
by a Sister to themselves -

Pay patients

7/ a week, 3 or 4 in the same
ward -
10/6 a week - each a room -
no common sitting - room -
all must eat & live in their
own wards - If the place
increased, take £1,,1 patients.

Sisters

dine together, with maid of all
work, Mother & Superintendent.
Should the Mother & Supert.
choose to fetch their own tea
& breakfast on wards &
the maid hers into the kitchen,
no objection - The wards must
never be left_ so that the other
Sisters, if there be any, will
probably tea & breakfast at
different times -

Each Sister has a den to
herself, however small.

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Chaplain **[3:447]**
gives the Sisters Scriptural
instruction 3 evenings in the
week_ one evening in the week
hears what they have been reading
in their wards & directs them
how to go on -

visits the patients
does not send the Nurses
to church twice a day -

Full Sisters
read Scriptures, sing, if possible
& pray morning & evening in
their own wards (Mother
does it at first) note down
in a book what they have
read to shew to Chaplain
never to read without plan,
or preparation the night
before - keep in a book a
weekly account of each
patient's conduct & disposition,
to be shewn to the Minister
of the patient's persuasion
only or to the "Mother."
nothing to be read in the
wards to which any patient
can object - **[end 3:447]**

Daily table of diet & medicine
of each patient to be kept by the
Sister. Medical directions entered.

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If possible, medicines prepared at home - & Sister trained as apothecary.

Sisters (probationary) receive lessons in reading, writing, arithmetic, needle = work, Scriptures, from a Sister, appointed by "Mother", or from the "Mother", who will have the especial charge of the Probationers, till there are Sisters enough, for a Mistress of Probationers to be appointed.

Mother attends all operations herself, till there is a Sister sufficiently trained to do so -

Washing given to all the Sisters - put out at first - ultimately to be done at home -

Kaiserswerth frame for lifting amputation patients-

Maid belongs to Superintendent as Mistress of the House, is engaged & dismissed by her.

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Keep as near to the Dalston
plan as possible.

Take a small house in one
of the forsaken streets -
Great Ormond St ? but not
out of the usual beats of the
Surgeons -

Small rooms enough for a
Sanatorium & for Sisters' rooms.

10 or 12 patients, in 3 wards_
not more than 4 in a ward

2 or 3 sisters

1 maid of all work, to cook
& clean the house_ the
sisters answering the door
when she is busy -

Principle that of a family -
patients the guests -

"Mother" have the moral
guardianship. pay from £50
to £100 a year - dress herself
but in an uniform - receive
only board, lodging & washing
"Superintendent" should have
the entire housekeeping, accounts,
direction of the Sisters' time,

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& material guardianship of
the place - responsible for
her accounts to the Gentlemen's
Committee or to a regular
accountant, who shall
overhaul them annually -
at the end of every year,
if the Managers are not
satisfied, the Superintendent
& Mother walk off_ receives
a sum for housekeeping
allotted monthly at so much
per head_ out of the question
to overhaul the weekly bills,
except for the "Mother." No
woman will stand its being
implied that she ordered in
this chicken or that pint of
of port wine for herself_ Unless
you can trust her housekeeper,
better have none at all.
"Mother" not to have any
démêlé with the Committee
about the accounts, she ought
to know enough about them
to be able to say "the Surgeons
ordered that patient Isinglass
or that other wine" in order to

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be able to account for incidental expenses -

"Mother" & "Superintendent" must, for a long time, do all the work in the wards themselves, till they become the trainers of sisters_

Night nurses to be hired, if necessary, till more Sisters come in bad Surgical cases- otherwise sitting up only disturbs the patients -

Nursing Sister from Mrs. Fry's, when wanted.

Superintendent dresses herself- not in uniform - receives board, lodging, washing & travelling expenses free.

Maid of all work receives wages.

Sisters receive board, lodging & dress free - & should the Institution become permanent, a home for old age. necessary, if all classes are admitted as Sisters.

No Catholic Order not

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even the S. Vincent de Pauls,
receives those who have been
in service as Sisters

But I would have an **[3:447]**
Aspirancy of three months,
during which the Aspirant
should receive nothing but
board & lodging & should
clothe herself - a Noviciate
or Probation of two years,
during which she might
receive merely her upper
clothing, her board & lodging.
After two years & three months,
she enters, if she remain,
into the privileges of a *full*
Sister, receives a yearly sum
for clothing, wears the uniform,
is entitled to a home for her
old age - has every thing free
& her vote in the Council of
Sisters-

Without unanimity on the
part of this Council, which
always assists the Mother,
no "full" sister can be received
or dismissed. A probationer may
be received & dismissed by the
Mother & Superintendent together. **[3:448]** **[end 12:70]**

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8994/8 1f, incomplete?, pen, unsigned letter {postmarked: Paris
21 Fevr 53; 22 Feb 1853}

{in middle of page}

Angleterre

Mrs. Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

{at top centre of page}

Pray remember to

send Miss Hall's

letter to her.

{at bottom centre of page}

Please acknowledge my

letters. as I have not

a conception whether

they reach you or not

Hilly had one opened

the other day - & mine

are just as likely to be

stopped as not.

Please send Mrs Colyar to Mrs
Bracebridge- & if poor Mary
Stanley is not quite taken up
with her Aunt, I think it would
do her good - tell her I thought
she would like to hear about the
Madiai.

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8994/9 9ff, incomplete? pen, unsigned letter [4:483-89] [7:734-35]

March 2.

Mignet & Ampère came to dinner one day & were very good company, that is to say, Mignet was very good company & Ampère very bad. Ampère is a gentleman, to whom every thing seems cheap, which he can buy, to serve up at the table of his vanity - even the feelings of his best friends - he was, besides, frittered away & played with at the Abbaye aux Bois, till he did not know whether he had any feelings at all. Mignet is a very different kind of man - he has that sentimental mouth, which you so rarely see in a Frenchman - the French never have refined mouths & in short, he is altogether unlike a Frenchman - Mr Tom Appleton came & dined with them - & in the evening Clarkey, who goes out almost every night, went to the Chapmans - [end 7:735]

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Henriette de Witt has another little girl_ today is the christening_ after it, she is to come & see me. Pauline came yesterday, very civilly - But I was not up & did not see her - I have **[7:735]** had the Grippe, like all the rest of the fashionable world but it is now going off & I shall soon be out again. The weather is abominable_ blacker than Tartarus_ & colder than the Poles. Don't let the French talk to us about climate_ I **[end 7:735]** hope you like Mrs. J.P. I have seen nothing like him, after all_ Hilly goes on diligently at M Jeanron's - indeed, it is a pleasure to see her so prosperous - I have had another letter from Ly Canning - I think it very likely I may help her, if she offers me conditions that I like. & I believe you would rather I should do that then

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another thing. Brummagem [7:735]
goes on his course - At a small
place depending du report de Pau,
at a réunion chez le Préfet,
it was discussed that it was
better policy for B. to marry
a particulière than a Princesse_
when one of the company
present said Quel paradoxe!
for which he was visited by
the Préfet, taken before the
Magistrates, & required to make
his retractation & his excuses
before the whole Civil Magis=
trature - Voilà comment les
choses se font! The story
you have seen in the papers
about ~~filleg~~ M. d' Haussonville
is quite true - he was in his
carriage on the day of the
procession & got out of it to
make way for people out of
civility, saying to his little boy
as he did so, Ils font bien
de l'embarras avec leur
Empereur- For this he was
had before the Commissaire

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de Police- And the Sergeant
de Police who took him there
said that he said Ils font
bien de l'*esprouf* - Voila,
par exemple, said M d'Haus=
sonville, des mots que je n'ai
pas pu dire, puisque je ne les
connais pas - Nevertheless,
tout le monde va sen train_ [?]
every body is as spirituel as
ever. Somebody, hearing
people abusing Madame la
duchesse de Luynes, said, Je
vous trouve bien injustes pour
cette pauvre femme - il y a,
Messieurs, il y a beaucoup
de vices qu'elle n'a pas-

A comédie has been presented
at the Français & has failed.
to the great dégoût & asto=
nishment of the Author -
C'était un sujet, said his
friends, qui comportait
beaucoup d'esprit - il fallait
l'assaisonner [?] it fallait le
saupoudrer d'esprit - Du reste **[end 7:735]**

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or goodness - But the Contemplative
Orders, which they have founded,
have always ~~failed been~~ failed,
gradually diminished & died
because they were not in their
proper soil_ You must go to
Mahometanism, to Buddhism,
to the East, to the Sufis &
Fakirs, to Pantheism, for the
right growth of mysticism -
See how Fenelon was slighted
& fell to the ground in the
Cath. Ch. He was essentially a
mystic - He (& others such) have
taken root much more in
Evangelical Germany, (As far as
the Protestants have had any
religion at all, they have generally
been mystics)_ See too the Carmelite
Order, which has always been

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composed essentially & only of great
ladies (its foundress, S. Teresa,
was a great lady) of Madame

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de Longueville, Mme de la Vallière,
Mme Louise de France (v. too the
list of the Prieures in Cousin's
Mme de Longueville) & which
is now almost extinct_ & the number even restricted fallen
away - as all institutions, which
have their run among the Great
& never take root in the body
of a nation or religion, must always do.
The foreign Elements from the
East, which have been *really*
incorporated, & have tinged the
whole of Catholicism with their
colour, have been Manicheanism
& Fetichism. You trace their
influences here at every step -
& as Protestantism is but a
minimized Catholicism (excepting
perhaps in Germany) which
leaves the principles just as
they were, & only cuts off what
seems to it the extreme of
absurdity, thereby shewing the

principle still more absurdly,
(as a principle not pursued to
its farthest point must always
be), because it is bleeding at its
mutilated extremities)_ so even in
Protestantism ~~even~~ Manicheanism
& Fetichism turn up, tho' not

so much as here_ Here it is
incredible_ I believe there are
only some few tribes in Australia
which have displayed the character
of Fetichism to the degree to which
European Xtianity has done so_
There is now a society in Rome
which disposes of the funds
left by some ragamuffin, a
Borgia, I believe, to decree crowns
to the Virgins who have done
best service- It is evident
that here the Virgins are not different a
representations of one Spirit, but
are different Fetishes in them=
selves- Last week arrived

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2 crowns of enormous value
(I think the Virgin's was 60,000
fr.)

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For the Virgin & Child of S. Severin
here, who were supposed to have
done special good service in
sending Oudinot to Rome &
dispossessing Mazzini. And these
people talk of the religion of the
19th. centy. A sovereign of Spain
made a certain Virgin & Child
in S. America Field Marshal
& Colonel in the Spanish Service
& they wear the hats of Spanish
Marschal & Colonel respectively -
We laugh at this, but The Englishwoman believes, when
she puts on her best clothes &
cleans up her house on Sunday
that she has done good service
to her Fetish, Sunday - That
it is better to be clean than
dirty, to have whole clothes
than ragged ones, all, I believe,
except the Manicheans &
Diogenes, agree_ That it is
better to put a crown upon
the Virgin's head than upon
one's own, all, I believe, will
agree too - But that does not

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alter the question-

The fundamental idea of the relations which God bears to the world, whatever this has been in the mind of the founder of the religion, determines the whole religion - It permeates, governs, & percolates thro' every the remotest branch & usage of the religion- just as a mineral at the root of a tree will turn every drop of sap in that tree to the colour which that substance is made to produce - Salt, it is said, makes the Hydrangea blue - and Manicheanism, which has so deeply penetrated Xtianity, has coloured its spirit & observances to the remotest tittle

Manicheanism is a cross of Zoroastrianism & Christianity, of the Persian & the Semitic- Wherever the contest of two principles has been admitted, it has dragged the sect into all sorts of inconsistencies - Manes, I believe, was the first Xtian who admitted that the world was made

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by the Demiurge, & him an Evil Spirit,
& set him up in opposition to God-
Hence our Devil & all our absurdities
For it follows that entire indifference,
if not aversion to matter, is the highest
virtue- And that God has a bad time
of it & does not often come off omni=
potent nor any thing like it -

Zoroaster who, I believe, was the
original of the idea, was not half so bad - It is
true Arimanes made the world & all
things in it, but Ormurzd was to get
the better at the end of 20,000 years,
very much like the Revelations -

All the mortifications which have
poisoned Xtianity comes from Mani=
cheanism- There appears to me no
trace of it in Christ, tho' a great
deal in St. Paul - The Gnostics,
the Ophites & the Nicolaitanes, who
were all Manicheans, are formally
condemned by the early Xtians in Revelations, tho'
the one who wrote Revelations is, at
least, strongly tinctured by it - Let us
hope the one who wrote Revelations
was mad -

The degree to which ~~it~~ mortification is carried now
& the reaction against it (for, after
all, it is only the exaggeration of a
natural principle) appear to me quite
frightful - the reaction in the luxury
of the age among seculars_ the personal

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dirt & self-negligence of the religious bodies.

So Fetichism appears to me never to have been carried to such an extent as now. Even the Greeks never believed that one statue had more power or more virtue than another - nor one day more value than another. It is monstrous - And this 19th. century calls itself civilized -

There never will be any religion till the relation between God & the World is rightly established - till we have first discovered, (which we never have done as yet), & then logically worked out to its practical consequences the connection which a *Perfect* Being would bear to the world *HE has made* - till we have divested Him of all the imperfect & even weak qualities with which we have invested Him_

Wherever we have admitted two principles, see what work we have made of it_ It is the eternal contest between common sense & conscience against the logical carrying out of the wrong principle. Ever since the time of Zoroaster & all thro' the history of Xtianity, the history of religion has been

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merely the struggle of ~~two~~ sects
to determine *how* much power the
bad principle ~~went~~ had & *how* much
the good - The good one was
omnipotent, was not omnipotent,
both at once - the bad one
sometimes was omnipotent, oftener
than otherwise, tho' they said he
was not. Milton is merely the
practical rendering of the highest
form of this strange illogical idea
Some sects made the bad go so far,
some so far, some made it eternal
It is impossible when you once admit
it that it should not be like
two cats pulling at a rope - one
gets possession of so much of rope.
then the others gets most rope &
so on -

Again, in the 3rd. century of Xtianity,
began the ~~f~~ context of the two
principles of the Church & the will.
And all Xtian churches, except the
Socinian, have been but modifica=
tions of this contest - If half a dozen
expressions were blotted out of the
New Testament, or rather out of
St. Paul, (Jewish expressions about
Xt being a sacrifice), none of this
[illeg] would have ~~been done~~ arisen

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But those expressions have sufficed to put it into the Church's head (a very natural temptation) to administer the blood of Christ & by its Sacraments - From the moment it is admitted that salvation means anything but a will in a right state, from the moment we leave the principle that mankind is to create mankind, that ourselves are to be the instrument of our own perfection by the will of God (God giving Himself & His Laws) & have recourse to the grace of God & the blood of Christ, sacramental grace the Church follow, of course, because some thing must apply the blood of Christ. Then follows a perpetual rebellion of conscience & common sense - & Xtianity becomes nothing but a series of sects, to decide how much will is to do & how much grace & the Church are to do - for mankind rebels at once against the prepos= terous idea that he is to do nothing, & that he has no free will - As far as I know, Jansenism & Socinianism have been the only strictly logical sects - Jansenism

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said, as did Calvinism, "there is no free will, man has nothing to do with it" & predestination follows of course - (the inscrutable intention of God from the beginning of the world to bestow free grace upon this fish whom he fishes up out of the kettle & not upon that as the 39 Articles put it) - & that there are babes burning in hell a span long" follows necessarily- So there are in other Churches, but from want of baptism - The Jansenist did not think about Baptism- "I am a stick & a stone" is one of the clauses at this day of the Subscription to the Protestant Magdeburg Confession- The Puritans follow, of course

The Socinians say that free will does every thing - In one sense this is not true - Still they are right in another sense - & ~~[illeg]~~

The Jansenists were too logical for the common sense of the Catholic Ch., which has always rated good works very high indeed, & has put ~~charity~~ free will *practically* higher than ~~[illeg]~~ mysticism graces

so she bethought herself of putting St. Cyran into Vincennes, by way of convincing that good man's understanding -

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But hugely vague, indefinite & contradictory as religionists have always been, (oh! what should we say if the "Institut" or the College of Surgeons had done its work as the "Bishops & Curates" have done theirs,) there is nothing vaguer nor more undefined than how much grace is to do & how much good works are to do, or whether good works are to do nothing, as the Ch. of England (low) says, or Sacramental grace is to do everything, as the Ch. of Eng. (high) says - It is like Mrs. Hominy - "But what we are or how we are or if at all we are" &c

The sincerity of great bodies, M. Mohl says, is undoubted - because hypocrisy never spreads & governs_ Even the Jesuits are sincere - they believe that intelligence is to govern the world, & that they are the representatives of intelligence, as indeed they once were, (& it is evident that they had the best ~~side~~ of it against poor Port Royal)_ & they support the Pope, because in their eyes he represents the spiritual principle_

We must come at last to having_ a spiritual Governor, instead of a

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political one, because God, the great Governor, has made the spiritual the great principle, of which the political is only a branch - Various attempts have been made - the Pope, the Superiors of religious communities; the King of England, as Head of the Church of England, Fliedner, as head of a spiritual community - They have all wrecked themselves, because they did not understand the nature of God -

Mahometanism is almost exactly the Jewish religion. Mahomet took more from the Jews, of whom Arabia was then full, than from any other. If we want to know what the Jewish religion was, we have but to look at the Mahometan, except that the mystic principle is far more deeply grafted upon the ~~latter~~ Mahometan_

Almost every religion we can trace to its source_ the Essenes were a ~~mixture~~ cross of the Jew & the Pythagorean Philo & the Alexandrian Jews, from whom the Xtians have borrowed so largely, were a ~~mixture~~ cross of Sabean=ism, Platonism & Jewdom -

The mortification of the Sufi & the Fakir & the Derweesh was on a far

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more logical principle than the mortification of the R. Catholic or Puritan devotee_ because they were simply conjuring the anger of a passionate old Father - the Pantheistic Saint was not thinking of this, he was simply attaining the state of perfect happiness, which was to be, not given to him, but was itself indifference to the world, approach to or absorption in God by contemplation - The spinning Dervish turns his back successively on every thing earthly - the Persian Sufi is raised above law by his ecstasies & may even get drunk. the Hindoo Fakir may open his mouth to take food, if any body drops it in, but must be perfectly indifferent to it- he must be simply a receiver from heaven - be near God in the state of contemplation, insensible to earth - Pantheism, which represents the world as an exile, necessitates this- Plato, the highest of all Pantheists, did this, represented matter as bad, the earth as a place of banishment - But he did not take the gloomy side of his own doctrine_ His successors did. **[end 4:489]**

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8994/10 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 10th March 1853}

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10 March-

[7:736-37]

I stayed home yesterday to "receive"
Delécluze came, dear old man, Joséphine
& others- Henriette's note I enclose -
Dearest I have been much
occupied these last few
days with thinking about
poor Grandmama - my first
idea was to set off directly
by an occasion which offered
& spend the last days with
Aunt Mai there, feeling that
they were the last days - I
then thought it would be
foolish to do so, without
waiting to hear again - as
it might be years_ today
I hear that the decline is
likely to be slow (a letter
from Aunt Mai at Tapton)_
Sdtill I feel I cannot rest,
& *if* I find an opportunity,
& *if* the accounts are not

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better, I shall probably return soon to see her & see you all & then return here to finish my business, which is not even begun. I knocked myself up with sitting in that cold Atelier under the roof, covered with snow, & was ~~filled~~ so grippée that I was obliged to have a Hydropathic Dr_ & was very near going into his Establish=ment - However all the world was in the same case, & I am now quite well, & the weather magnificent - You complain that my letters were stupid, which is not won=derful, seeing that the two last were written from my bed=where I was for a fortnight - Enough of that -

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I have thought a great deal of those dear Sismondis, now re=united -

Lady Canning is completely off, so there is nothing now to be explained about that - I shewed you one letter at Embley, & I have had two since I have been here. which I will shew you - But they did not like my plan & so we are off ___ I don't think I said to you the "other thing," for there is no one "other thing" definite, but you know there are the Bunsens, Cromford Br. & the Bristol Bunsens -

This place is very disgusting to me sous bien des rapports. But l'homme que la pudeur m'empêche de nommer explains many things to me - He explains to me the rise of his Uncle - how easy it was to do what he

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did, which looks so difficult,
how little of a great man conse-
quently he was under any point
of view_ how selfish self- will
can get on here. driving after
its 'but'- To me this place is
so revolting, living upon its
bon mots, while this crucifixion
is going on, that, were it not
for my object I could not
stay here - I never go out in
the evening now, but stay at
home with M. Mohl, who is
much better company than
anybody outside - It is positively
like seeing the canaille jesting
at an execution__ only this is
genteel canaille but that makes it worse- I don't believe
they will ever be great
people - At the same time,
except Cairo, I know no
city so beautiful as Paris-
It is a perpetual feast - Every
rue & quay & Place - All the

[end 7:737]

8994/11 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853} [7:737]

Dearest people

Having received this morning a
worse account from Tapton,
& Mrs. Mohl having a
very suitable opportunity
for me in a very stupid
old lady of 60 going over,
il n'y avait pas à
balancer & I came_ I
shall put this in at
London myself - as that
will be the shortest plan
of getting it to you - I
shall go down directly -
to have the last days
together with Aunt Mai
at dear old Tapton_ever
dear people, your loving
child - PARIS - 11 March

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8994/12 1f, pen, initialled letter {archch: Mar 25 1853 [should be 24 March]}

Dearest people **[1:420-21]**

It is just the same -
No difference - except
that we have to keep
perpetually painting
with Nitrate of Silver
to prevent the sores
from spreading - The
restlessness continues &
must wear her out at
last - The mind is
clear - Mr. Chalmer came
yesterday & prayed by her & she
recognised him - She
has taken nothing -

I suppose you opened
Aunt Mai's & my letter
to Papa, dated Saturday.
Pray destroy it that
it may not be sent
on to him - I mean
the letter discouraging
his coming -

ever yours dearest
people

F & M -

Good Friday Eve-

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8994/13 2ff, pen, unsigned letter, thin black-edged paper {arch:
1853} [1:419-20]

Tapton 21 Mar.

Dearest mother She is
still alive & the worst
symptoms are passed -
I mean the most
distressing restlessness_
She has not moved
since 9 o'clock last night ~~this~~
~~morning~~, she is too weak.
The cries are the only
symptom of restlessness
which remain. We
have done very well
with Papa & I am
very glad he came. He
has seen her twice &
I am sure she recog=
nised him & if it lighted
her path with one ray

of pleasure, it was
well worth while-
The difficulty was
to know what to do
with him as the
front room is the only
bedroom in the house
where her cries cannot
be heard - & Aunt
Mai was already in
bed in that (she lies
down from 6 to 12 &
I from 12 to 6 - dividing
the night) but he
kindly staid up till
12, when I called
her, & then I put him
into that room where
he still sleeps_ Mean=

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while I watched for
a quiet moment when
she should be still long
enough to permit him
to see her - then I
took him in on my
own responsibility -
about 11 o'clock at night -
she certainly tried to
smile_ The next
morning again the
same- but he has
not seen her since_
it has been impossible,
He is out all day -
so it does not matter_
His being here has pleased her without
distressing him
The cries are not
painful now, but
unconscious - What with
frequent vomiting, having
been now since Friday

night without one
drop of even water
passing her lips &
with an exertion of
voice which would
kill a healthy person,
that she is still alive
is miraculous_ Aunt
Evans's 19 hours talking were
nothing to this - Still
her mind is clear, she
recognises us & what
she says is full of love
& trust - I think she
bears it like a hero-
Many thanks for all
your love & kindness-
We are well & very
careful of ourselves-
ever dearest mother yours

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8994/14 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 25 Mar 1853} [1:421-22]

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Good Friday
the day of her release
Dear Papa
It is over at last.
The spring time is come
for her at last & the
valiant old spirit is
gone to renew its strength.

About 8 this morning
she passed away, so
calmly that, though I
had hold of her, I could
not mark the exact
moment - Between 1
& 2 this morning we
had her out of bed
for the last time, &
renewed every thing
about her - painted

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all her poor sores, &
made her comfortable for
death = We had an awful
difficulty in getting her
into bed again. but
she appeared soothed
by the change. She
never moved ~~nor sp-~~
again - except a little
uneasy motion of the
head - nor spoke -
about four the cry
ceased - & her breathing
became very short &
hurried - How conscious
she was I am quite
uncertain - but her
eyes were open, & the

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expression of her face
solemn & earnest in
the extreme. I should
say she was waiting
for death - Two hours
before it came, she
became quite composed.
there was a stoppage
in her throat which
you could see externally,
& there was an occasional
little cough to get rid
of it - not of irritation.
or impatience but of
a little surprise, "what
is this?" The end was
like the dropping of
water_ slower & more
gently came each breath

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like the drops out of an
empty vessel. till the
time when the last came
was imperceptible -
There was not the
slightest change in the face -
Forty eight hours ago,
the rapid spread of
the sores was appalling_
Now all is peace -
& such a rest -
Wonderful restorative
power there was in that
nature_ when she
died the sores were
almost well -
The funeral will be
on Friday, if possible.

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We found, after her death, her papers all put by most orderly - in a drawer - among them, a packet directed to you in her own hand. we opened this & found the missing list of bearers - We have done what we could today in the way of orders - with the other papers we have nothing to do till after the funeral_ The cold was so intense last night that the Nitrate of Silver froze

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in her room -

The servants have done everything very well.

I cannot express the unspeakable relief that all is over, & so painlessly, & no long waiting before her, as we thought in January - & this awful week at a close It is just a week to day since she has tasted neither food nor sleep.

Will you tell Beatrice that her mother or I would have written, but that she will hear all

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from you & that I
thought of her when
~~she~~ I closed her eyes?

Aunt Mai is asleep
or she would write -
love to all.

I hope the sun shines
on you, dear Papa -
The full moon shone
on the waste of snow
last night, as the face grew
beautiful in the light
of death_ & young in
the hope_ of life - I
almost wish you could
have seen her as she is
NOW - there is no trace
of suffering or decay -

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she might be 50- it
is impossible to believe
she is 95 all but a century. I have
never seen her so before.
such power- such
sweetness - & such a
"rapture of repose." all
her agitations have ended
there - There is ~~such~~ a
look of satisfied expec=
tation about her_ I never
admired before the noble
cast of her features_ it
is a face which might
have done anything -
There is not a wrinkle_
not a semblance of
old age - ever, dear Pa,
your loving child

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8994/19 3ff, pen, unsigned letter (arch: 1853) [1:418]

Tapton. Friday.
Dearest mother
Your most kind &
touching letters did our
hearts good - as you intended_

I am very glad to
leave the Canning affair
as you say

Our dear one still
lingers here- like the
icicle which I see
hanging from the rose
tree at her window--
but I think the
morning's sun will
melt her away - Her
being here from day

to day seems a miracle.
for forty hours not
even a tea spoonful of
water passed her lips.
today she has taken
one or two of milk -
I fear she suffers
from the thrush which
is overspreading her
mouth & throat - &
sometimes her inarti=
culate cries are
distressing - One of us
never leaves her. She
is always conscious &
gives us sometimes
such touching proofs

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of it - though she
rarely speaks - She
always knows me from
Hannah in that dark
room - & when I give
her anything says
Thank you Bless you
Goodnight - Farewell_
Today she said Hope
& peace - & I am so glad_
She had a very restless_
morning - but this
afternoon has been
calm- Her muscular
strength is still great_
& all her faculties
vigorous - dearest

mother, ever your affecte
& grateful child
Her truth & religious
feeling, which never
expresses itself as feeling more
than it does, & always
feels truly, genuinely
& warmly is very
touching at this time_
The snow has been lying
deep on the ground-
but it is melting away
not more surely than
she is doing. The poor
little Crocuses she was
fond of were covered
up to their heads -

We should have liked
to have seen Papa.
but I think it
impossible that
she can live till
he comes, even were he to set off directly & we
feared to send for
him, lest we should
snap the feeble
thread of life -

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8994/18 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [1:419]

 Taptan Saturday
Dearest father
 Aunt Mai has "laid
her down" & commissioned
me to answer your
note- The truth is,
dear Papa, that you
could not have come- she
could not see you & she
would not know you -
& it would be only a
distress to yourself
without being a pleasure
to her. The fact is
that she is so restless
that she often gets
up three times in a
quarter of an hour_ &
she requires 3 people to
get her up -

Neither Aunt Mai nor
I have had our clothes
off since yesterday mornng..
all thro' the night we
could not conceive that
she could live 10 minutes.
& here she is still at
6 o'clock in the evening_
She *may* live through
another night - she
cannot longer - As it
is impossible for us
to keep anything on her
at times, she looks
like Domenichino's
St. Jerome- that grand
old head, struggling
for life_ Yet all that

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we have told you is
true -In the intervals
she always recognises
us - gives the most
touching little proofs
of hope & trust - I am
so thankful we are
here_ She constantly
appeals to us_ When
wearied out last night
with suffering, not
from pain, but rest=
lessness, she said The
Almighty, I said, will
bless & keep you, she
said, *love, love, love-*
Three times we thought
she was gone - she said,
when she recovered,

Pray the Lord to have
pity on me - I *am* dead.
Amen, Amen, she says
continually. I am willing
to think she has no
pain - but she labours
hard for breath - That
she lives from hour to
hour is inconceivable_
Since 9 o'clock on
Friday night, this
struggle with death has
begun - Yet she goes
down to her grave
like a hero & has
never given up the
reins till the last -
Even now, we can do
nothing but what she
orders_ Ever, dearest people
yours-

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8994/15 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch ?March 1853}

My dear child

Papa will have told you that we came with J.P. & his wife from Masbro' to Sheffield on Saturday - I think you were mild & merciful_ O Lord! O Lord- How could he? But it is a painful subject & I don't mean to 'relude' to it any more, unless I speak to Athenà about it_ So I hereby liberate my soul & no more speak on the matter-

Alice Parker came with them & I am sure she sees it_ (Poor girl) I think. you must acquit Sarah now for her dry bone_ We shall be with you,

dearest people, tomorrow_ we long to see you- but don't stay at home to see At Mai, if you have anything to do_ I believe she will be up again on Sunday to hear Mr. Martineau, who preaches that day at Essex St. I tell you this, in case it should be illconvenient to stay at home- Otherwise, let all ~~we~~ I have to say wait till tomorrow - only my most true gratitude for your kind letters, dearest people, cannot wait till then - with which I am yours, while this machine is to him, most dear lady

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8994/17 3ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter, bundle 123, black-
edged paper {arch: 1853} [1:424-25]

Tapton_ Friday 1st.

My dearest mother The day is over_ the
house is empty & deserted, now that
mighty presence no longer fills it - the
dear old place is to be let or sold_ & I
feel that the years, which were little
short of a century, are past & gone - never
to return - I have a clinging tenderness for
the poor old place & for the forlorn &
deserted room up=stairs -

The day was very striking to me, from
its utter contrast to Bonsal, & from its
striking characteristic of her - From the
moment we closed the coffin last night,

after I had filled it with beautiful
flowers, sent from Banner Cross, which
had strewn all her bed, ~~the wind~~ &
we had brought it down stairs to rest
its last night in the little breakfast-
room below, the wind kept rising
till it blew ~~to~~ a perfect hurricane -
We had had a fortnight so perfectly
calm with the still falling snow,
that this melancholy sough was the
first sound we had heard - All night
it blew, & it rained, & this morning
ushered in mild & dark & stormy-
(so unlike the night, this day week, on which
she died.)

till, ~~when we s~~ by the time we reached
Ecclesall, the sun shone out hard
& bright - The wind was so high in
the steep road, up thro' the church yard,
that the bearers had the greatest
difficulty in keeping their footing
with their burden, & I expected to
see the whole blown down - the pall
was torn hither & thither. (It was where
my poor Aunt was once blown down
& much hurt) As for us, the
mourners, instead of keeping any sort
of procession or order, we were blown

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all manner of ways, into the gutter,
on to the tomb stones, & Beatrice, who
was with us, could hardly be dragged
on all this was so like her character - & her storm which blew
down my poor Aunt's mind. At last we reached the Church,
where we found a number of people,
true mourners, already assembled--
some I saw crying bitterly - & none
that were there I am sure but had
had their hearts warmed by "Mrs. Shore,"
& had gone out of true respect ~~to~~
& love - We took our places beside
the deep vault, under Grandpapa's
monument - & dear old Chalmer read
the service_

The wind blew down the glass of the
carriage as we came home, then came
more clear bright sun & then a violent
storm of rain_ What I meant is
that the whole thing was so characteristic
of her, the vehement storms, ~~of wind~~, the
bright day light, without a moment's
pause or interval, forgetting all the past
& clearing up without a shadow of a
cloud upon her brow - & then the gust
of true, deep feeling - it was so like her-

Now she is gone - the house deserted_
& all is over_ soon to go into the hands of
strangers. & I shall not even see the

Ribes blossom_ somebody else will mark
the tender green of the larch against the
dark yew=tree, as we did, with her, last
spring -

Now about our plans, dearest mother
Papa goes back to the Hurst on Monday_
he will not stay any longer - & as it
seems lonely for him by himself, ~~though~~
we have determined (though there
is still much to be done

here) to go

with him - Aunt Mai & Beatrice **[end 1:425]**

(Aunt Joanna went away from the Hurst yesterday -
& Uncle Sam is obliged to go to town
on Sunday) On Friday Papa is obliged

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8994/16 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {undated} bundle 123 [1:416-17]

Tapton - Monday

Dearest people

Just arrived &-
only in time to
write a word to
tell you that I am
safe here & all right,
& so glad I came -
I have seen her
twice - the first
attempt I made
she did not know
me - I thought
it would be a
satisfaction to her

as she lay thinking
to think that we
were all about
her - & so I made
a bold attempt,
went in again,
Hannah let in
the light quite
wide & I said,
It's Florence - she
pulled me down
& kissed me with
immense vigour &
said quite distinctly

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Goodbye - goodbye -
I don't think she
will ever speak
again - She takes
hardly anything now.
I shall go back
again & try if she
would like to be
read to - I think
she slightly wanders
at times. She is
very restless, but
should she sleep
again, she may live
some little time_

I am most thankful
I came - I think
it was quite too
much for Aunt Mai
Tomorrow I will
write full particulars
of journey & every
thing, all accomplished
senza intoppo I am
glad to be quiet -
The place here looks
so wintry - The first
snow drops are come-
but she will not live
to see them_ On Monday
she was 95 & she will

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see her snow drops in another
land-
Soon it will be spring to her_
sooner perhaps than to us_
ever, dearest yours_

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8994/20 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853} [1:425]

April 3 -
The place is to be sold -
My dearest
I shall not forget
your plants
nor, Mama, your covers.
Uncle Sam went to town
this mornng. - We, with
the servants & bearers,
went to Ecclesall Church,
where the hymns were
chosen for us- & the
homely kindness of the
people touched us
much- On Friday
the church was full
of people, all in
mourning, many sobbing,
& all there out of the

sincerest respect &
love for her- I am sure_
We have had enquiries
without end -
We go to Lea Hurst
tomorrow - as Papa
will not stay any
longer_ Aunt Mai
returns here on Friday
she is obliged to return
for business & to see
her mother's old friends
Whether I return with
her (for a week or 10
days) depends much
upon you -
ever dearest people
your loving child

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8994/21 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853?} [1:418]

But she lay quiet beneath the
folds- & never stirred - I
suppose she was not there.
Anyhow her stormy days
are over - & her foundations
will be laid with sapphires.
for I saw a little bit of
the blue sky peep out_

I asked Gdmama whether
you should write to her_ she
said - thank them - tell them
I cannot see - tell them it will
not be long. But I think she
would like to hear all the
same - she always says, tell
them they are very good _

I hope Uncle Sam will stay
with you till he is well - Aunt
Mai says it is a great relief to
her to know that they are all
with you - & that he is so
well taken care of -

You need *not* write to Miss
Chaldecote - thank you- for I left
nothing there but our sheets &
blankets & a parasol, which

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are gone to Combe - My old
cold. bonnets I have had made
into new black ones ___ My
green silk & my evening white
I have left at the Hurst. I had
not time to unpack them in
London - For I was at the
Bunsens & they were at Miss
C.'s - & some of my old clothes
I have sent to little Toodle -
My fine black silk did at the
Bunsens_ I have nothing here
which I am not wearing -
My purple velvet & brown cloak
I left at the Hurst - as I had
not time in London to separate
anything - So that I don't
think there is anything anywhere
which had better go home, thanks.

I have a parcel for thee
from Mary Stanley whom I
saw in London which I shall
bring - I was afraid it wd
get destroyed in Papa's bag -
ever thine

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8994/22 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: Jan, Feb or Mar 1853}
[7:733-34]

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Dear Papa This is a curious place - the bitter unreality of everything - of the tenure upon which l'homme que la pudeur m'empêche de nommer holds his position_ It will all fade away like a ghost or anything else unreal & leave not a trace behind - On Mardi Gras a blanchisseuse, who was asked whether she would not go to see the Boeuf Gras, answered, Non, j'en ai bien assez de la vache Espagnole (there is a proverb here - elle ne parle pas plus le François qu'une vache Espagnole) whereupon all the blanchisseuses of that quartier were taken to the Police - they said, Messieurs, L'une de nous l'a dit_ but they would not tell which - & they all subi a little confinement. The Corps Législatif was opened on Monday à coups de canon_ but the Corps Législatif was taken like a box to the Tuileries to

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be opened- & there he put in his key_
~~there~~ - for he was too magnificent
to come to the Chambre - Such a
piece of impertinence has not
been in Royal times_ A book
has been printed to prove
that he is the descendant of
the Masque de Fer, who was
the eldest brother of Louis XIV.
& who, it appears by this
remarkable work, married the
daughter of the Governor of the
Prison - So that our Emperor
is plus légitimiste que les
légitimistes - as he inherits
the throne not *only* of Napoleon
but also of Louis XIV- & of Louis
XIV's elder brother too - The
Empress is like a dame du
temps de Louis XIV - dresses
with her hair put back off
her face, light hair, & very
simply. There is absolutely
no news but Imperial gossip.
Everything is as dead as in
an Autocracy. Lacordaire has
been suspended from preaching
because he said "Soyez purs, mes

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frères, purs et *blancs* comme
les *lys* -" in a sermon - And
a bolder thing has not been
said since Montalambert in
an Eloge at the Institut, said,
Les révolutions se terminent
toujours par des sots ou des
coquins - when he was cheered
to the echo -

I have sate one day to
Hilary at the Atelier - The
snow is deep in the streets &
it is still snowing hard- You
must have been cold, I have
been thinking, at the Hurst.
I have not got on much
with my real business -
people are so slow here -

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still I have seen a good deal
Ever, dearest Pa
your loving child

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8994/23 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 5.4.1853}

Lea Hurst

April 5

My dearest mother

Remember you bring
Athenà to town - that is
of the first importance.
I shall want her company
after this, I will proceed
to minor business -

In consequence of your
note, Papa has written
to Fletcher today to come
over here on Wednesday
or Thursday, which will
be the only means he will
have of seeing him - as
he protests against going
to him - If he is approved
& if he likes us, I will

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then, IF I go back to
Tapton, stop at Chesterfield,
take a fly to Wingerworth
& come on by a later
train, & inspecting him in
his school.

J.P. has put himself off
till Saturday. P (to meet
Papa at Sheffield to prove
the will) Papa therefore
declares against leaving
this place *till* Saturday.
He does not wish to see
Tapton again - he said
yesterday he was bidding
it an eternal adieu - he
does not wish even to go
up there from Sheffield-

& will come to town, I
believe, straight from
Sheffield (without
revisiting the poor old
place) on Saturday night
Perhaps we can hardly
wonder at this -

Now for myself_ Saturday
being a dies non_ at schools.
if I am to see Fletcher
in school & his wife -
we must return to
Tapton on *Friday* - pro=
bably we shall do this
therefore -

I should be very
glad to hear that Parthe
had gone to Ly Byron's.
I am sure it will be a

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pleasure to both - & Ly
Byron is not likely to be
tempestuous or too active
in her ways & feelings -
Parthe will then, I
suppose, come to town -

I was much touched,
dearest Mother, by your
care for me ~~as~~ explained
to me yesterday, I believe,
by Parthe - I really don't
want it bodily. But
Grandmama occupied a
large share in my life.
the world seems to me
a different place with
her & Aunt Evans not
in it - Tapton was to me
more of a home than ~~f~~people

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could readily conceive - I
shall not ever see the Ribes
blossom again there. nor
the sun rise from her
window upon that beautiful
ground opposite, making
all the villas castles,
as I so often did during
her illness - I confess the
old place being sold
makes me feel something
of the Evans' passionate
clinging to old memories,
& that I left it sorely,
sorely, so soon after the
funeral, as if I were
leaving a home -

It was her own desire

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that it should be sold_
often she said to me
during her last days "I
hope it will go off well"
But we were loth to part
yesterday -

Aunt Mai must
return - to visit all
the faithful old friends
of Grandmama, w as
she would have wished
us to do, to settle with
the servants & to pay
bills & clear out the poor
old place before the sale.
We have brought away
a little furniture & *all*
the plants which Parthe
mentioned - They filled

quite a large hamper -
Poor Mrs. Goodman was
much shaken when we
called yesterday. I am
sure the £10 will be a
great comfort to her_
She had made her poor
little struggle to get into
mourning - so I thought
we would give the £ 10
when we finally went
away. for fear she shd.
think it necessary to
spend the whole of it
in black to do us honor
I shall like much to see
Tapton once again for the
last time, as of course
we shall never return
there after it is sold_

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& to do all these things
with Aunt Mai, for
remembrance's sake_ But
I have not yet made up
my mind what to do -

I suppose you will wish
to continue the £10 a year
{which you were so good
as to divide among the
Tapton servants) *till*
Grandmama's death -
I believe it was last
given in May - If you
tell me to do so, I could
pay this £ 10 for you to
the Saml. Smiths. They
are paying the servants
their wages, with a year
in advance by Gdmama's
~~will~~ desire & have given them
something over & above

8994/24 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 8.4.1853; cancelled one-
penny stamp}

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Lea Hurst. Friday. 8th..

My dearest people. Thanks many for your
letter this morning. If I don't make my
appearance with Papa tomorrow, which
indeed I wish to do very much, I may
as well (as you say) explain what that
'estimable matron' has been doing.
But indeed I know as little as you do.
All that I can swear to is this. ~~While~~

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The offer for me was made *by* Lady
Canning to Mrs. Bracebridge, months ago,
without my knowledge_ It was couched
in the form of a very civil request to
know from her whether she thought I could
ever think of such a thing, or whether
I would, at least, give them a plan.
were first on, then off, then on again,
twenty times in a fortnight - I could
not in the least understand their
behaviour. When I passed through
London Mrs. Herbert sent for me to
say that I was to have "the appointment

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of the Chaplain", the "dictatorship of the funds", the "choice of the house", "every thing" but the admission of patients, *if* I would but come- Two days after, I heard that they were wishing to go back to the old system of paid Matrons, & to be off with me. *after* they had made me the formal offer, & put Mrs. Herbert on the Committee, in order to transact my business, as my friend. I troubled myself very little about their 'offs' & their 'ons', as I had, at best, but a small enthusiasm for them - But their conduct was wholly inexplicable to me, even allowing for the usual unbusiness =like habits of 'fashionable apes'- *till* (while Gdmama was at the worst & we expecting her not to live 10 minutes any hour she *did* live a week) arrives a message from Ly Canning to me "One of the Committee, Mrs. George Eyre, knows a cousin_ I mention this to you (it was to Mrs. Herbert) for I think Miss N. would probably wish to know it." Now, as most people have cousins, & as many people know ~~the~~ some cousin of most people, this mysterious message did not seem much to the purpose - But,

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by the same post, arrived a letter from
Σ to Aunt Mai, "Cannot Mrs. D. Galton
be requested not to interfere?" & two or
three other letters from other persons,
shewing that that 'estimable matron's'
tongue had been very busy indeed -
What it was exactly that she *did* say I
have never known nor asked - But
it appears that Mrs. G. Eyre, disregar=
ding Ly Canning's express injunction
to the Committee "not to speak of the
matter" had been & asked Marianne's
opinion - such a sensible plan!

The result of what *she* M.G. said was that,
at the next Committee, Ly Cranworth
& ~~L~~ (I don't know whether she was
influenced poor fool by Marianne or by Mrs. Eyre)
& Mrs. G. Eyre would have nothing to do
with me. This, Mrs. Booth told, ~~with~~ (who
~~filleg~~ was present & of the Committee) to the Saml. Smiths-
One of the things, which M.G. said,
was that "I was acting without your
knowledge or consent, & that the Committee
would get themselves into trouble if they
came into collision with you" - It seemed
that she was so bursting with busy=ness
or mischief that she actually made
poor Beatrice, of all persons, her confidante - to whom she

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told that I had sent a plan to the Committee (she had never seen it) which was not a plan for a Sanatorium at all, but a "whole Penitential Ch. of England machinery," an "organized discipline" & a great deal more of the sort. What this means I don't know, & she probably does not know.

But, by the same post, came an awkward apology from Ly Canning to me, saying she did not know "what proposition was to be made to me *if indeed any is made* - for I greatly fear" &c

I was tempted to write immediately & decline respectfully having anything more to do with them - I was so absorbed, just then, with the awful scene going on in the next room & constantly in my ears, when not before my eyes - that I scarcely knew how to cope with all this - especially as Ly C. said that these women "agreed with every body ~~else~~ in turn". But Mrs. Herbert, Ly C. & E all wrote to me to know whether there was nothing to be done to stop M.G's mouth - It was no use doing anything *there*, she would only have denied that she had ever said anything & talked about being ill-used - &c. So I

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simply wrote a formal letter to the Committee, saying that, so far from wishing to press my services upon them, the offer of my services had been made in my absence & without my knowledge. But that, if they *did* make any offer to me, I should certainly accept nothing without the *full* consent of my family, who were already apprised that there was a negotiation pending - & that, *if* an offer were made to me, I should require both time & opportunity for consideration, which I had not yet had "& for laying it before my people" &c - This letter was read in Committee, & I suppose, gave satisfaction, for by the next post, came a formal letter, beginning "Madame" & asking me to come up to town & see whether it would 'meet my views' &c, to which I simply answered that I would come up to town, when I could - And so stands this gran Commedia -

You see you have full liberty, my dearest people, by simply signifying disapprobation to Ly Cranworth, Mrs. Eyre or any of them (which will go the round of the Committee with additions)

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to put a stop to the whole proceedings.
I shall accept nothing without your full consent, as I have said - I am very indifferent about the subject, as I have *made* an engagement at Paris with the St. Vincent de Paul Sisters, which I would perhaps *rather* go back & fulfil than accept the 'f. apes.' Unless I am left a free agent, have unconditional terms offered me, (I mean, unless I have a post *without conditions*,) I shall certainly give up the thing altogether. After the sample I have had of them, which is excellent experience to have, I shall undertake nothing without a clear understanding that I am to be left perfectly free, that I am to organize the thing & not they, & Mrs. Clarke to be my Housekeeper - to which the latter declares herself, as I think I told you, ready & willing any day, without pay.

It therefore remains with you, my dearest people, to say which you prefer of this or of the Paris plan- One word of disapprobation from you will be enough to turn me or the Committee off this_ Without an unconditional consent from you, I shall give up the thing altogether.

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I will only ask that you say nothing to any body, about it before I come up to town *unless* it be to free *me* from the imputation of your disapproval. I hardly know myself what I shall wish to do *till I see*, & therefore do not wish to be *committed* to the *Committee*. Also, if you were to hear the story first from M. G. or from any of her "poor fools," whom she has bamboozled, you would certainly think something extraordinarily different from what has actually taken place - The f.a.s have been quite civil to me throughout.

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Papa will be with you at 10 or 11 on Saturday night, according as the trains suit him. He is very sorry not to send John in time to go out with the carriage on Saturday, but he will be with you at 6 on that day - What with packing &c, Papa could hardly by possibility part with him before, but there is a strain upon the *domestics* as it is.

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papa is intensely delighted with ~~the~~ Parthe's version of the Incendio del pictura- & augurs a merry meeting from the merriment of Parthe's mind_

Fletcher came yesterday - I think he is a safe man_ who will teach the three Rs & nothing else_ not conceited or self-opinionated

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sensible - old-fashioned - no

enthusiasm_ (will ask questions_

out of a book). & trouble nobody_

with new lights_ He has been desired

to write to you whether he likes us

well enough to wish us to enquire

about him_ in which case I shall go to

Wingerworth=

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Miss Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St

London

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8994/25 1f, pen, initialled letter/note {arch: March or April
1853}

Dearest

She still lives
but that is all -
I have no atten=
tion to spare for
the Canning business,
but Marianne's
tongue has been,
as usual, busy, &
I fear she has
done me a great
injury - Do not

believe any thing
you hear from her_
I hope you had
Mrs. Bracebridge's
letter -

I have no spirits
or interest to spare
from this (just
now) all absorbing
dying scene.

thine ever & ever

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8994/26 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {postmarked: 2 June 1853,
Paris}

Dearest mother

Mrs. Herbert has just written me word that Mrs. Chisholm is living on nine=pence a day, having parted with her one maid of all work, & not having tasted any meat for weeks - yet positively refusing money. The only way they can think of of helping her is by giving her a Testimonial in money They have opened subscription lists for this purpose at Coutts, Hoare, Kinnaird, Herries & Farquhar, (S. Herbert has subscribed £ 25, Coutts do, Ld Shaftesbury & Mr Lowe £ 10 each) If you like to

subscribe, there is no time to be lost - as the woman is starving - Will you write directly & put me down for £5 ?

~~She~~ Mrs Herbert forwards me a note from Bp of London, desiring to see me - (I did not see him in London, as I did not tell him I was there) Mrs. H. has told him she wd. let him know when I returned (in a month).

If you can think of anybody whom Mrs. Chisholm has benefited, pray send them this summation -

I went to see the Salpe= **[7:741]**
triere this morning with
Madame Guillot - the female

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workhouse of Paris, 5000 inmates, including sick, old, insane & epileptic- I should like to know how many females there are in all the workhouses of London, proportionately to the population -- The Salpetriere is said to be the best managed Workhouse in the world - As far as I could judge, it was very good - the Gardens are beautiful - the inmates are almost all above 70 years of age - Tomorrow I go with M Guillot to the Hopital Necker - **[end 7:741]**

There are two children in the house here - one sleeps in the dining room - less than two there appear never to be - & M. Mohl sends for the Dr. to look at them-

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Angleterre

Mrs. Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

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8994/27 4ff, pen, unsigned letter [4:489-91]

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My dear people, I am going
to day to my place

Maison de la Providence

Rue Oudinot 5

but my letters will be directed *here*_please
Françoise, the *bonne* here, is to
come every day to see me, as it
is close by. And I shall
come & see M. Mohl & Chaton,
the little girl, when I have time.
The Soeur Supérieure of my place
is a silent, staid, respectable
old body, not at all like a
Frenchwoman, but more like a
Lord Chancellor -

The state of religion appears
to me more & more curious every
year. The blood of Europe is
Hindoo, therefore Pantheistic,
the belief of Europe is Semitic,
coming from the Hebrew, therefore
Monotheistic - Hence a perpetual
oscillation - hence the mobility of
the European mind - they have
a belief grafted on them of a
different blood from their own
& are uneasy under it
The Hindoo Pantheism, which

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represents man in a state of
exile,- of expiation, not repentance,-
of having, *not* offended *God*,
(who cannot be angry or surprised
with that which he has made)
which is doing as he intended it to do
but of having to work his own way
up to perfection by gradually
overcoming the flesh till he
is re=absorbed into God, this
the logical belief mixed with
many mythological superstitions,
inherent in our blood, is
perpetually at war with that
other Monotheistic belief derived
from the Hebrew & the Arab,
which represents God as a
capricious personal being, with
passions & compassions, who
punished Adam *not* with
sin but with misery. Original
sin is an invention of St-
Augustin's, as indeed the
Trinity is the exegesis of the
quarrels of the Church, far
more than a growth from the East.

The Hindoo Pantheism works
its world by laws of nature_
which are so, because the
nature of God is so_ not by
the wills or decrees or inter=
ference of God, who has to be
propitiated & sometimes not - All
that is the growth of the Semitic
race, which formed God after
its own image - & whose
opening words are the formed
man in his own image_ testifying
that God & man are alike in
their idea- The Vedas are the deification
of the laws of nature - as
indeed much of the Egyptian
mythology is - But to this day,
there are *Semitic* tribes, who
bury fatted men as human
atonements. Sacrifice, Atonement,
propitiation, are the idea of
the Semitic, not of the Hindoo,

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who is to work his way up by
perpetual refining of the
material, casting away the
world, till, when he is in a

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perfect state of contemplation,
unable even to think, uncon=
scious of the world & of his
nails growing thro' his flesh,
eating what is put into his
mouth, but ignorant of hunger,
having overcome the world, he
is ready to be re=absorbed
into the Divine - But many
states must be gone thro' first.
The Catholic idea of mortifi=
cation springs direct from
the Hindoo - The Protestant
idea of blood, the sacrifice
of blood, comes from the
Semitic_ Many superstitions,
even Semitic ones, have defiled
the original logical idea of
the Hindoo - Again, Zoroaster took
Ahriman, the Spirit of Evil,
from *his* predecessors- And,
where there is no free = will,
the Devil must always be
exalted even to Omnipotence,
to *account* for evil. & the

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Hebrews, who were long without
any devil, took theirs from
Zoroaster & the East, & engrafted
him upon their own system -
Zoroaster had a perpetual
combat going on between the
Divine & the Devil, like Milton
The Hindoos are now divided,
like us, between the Destruc=
tives & the Conservatives -
the Vishnuites & the Seeva ites,
(Brahma like our God is gone
to sleep for some thousand
years)- The Incarnation is
strictly a Hindoo idea -
Vishnu, the Incarnated Krishna,
is the Conservative power,
worshipped by one section,
Seeva, or Destruction, by the
other - So M. Mohl tells me
& I was struck by the likeness_
The fact that the Semitic ideas

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were preached in Europe, &
the purity with which they
came to us, while the Hindoo
ideas were never preached here,

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seems to account for the fact
of our having received this, to us un-analogous religion_
The Stoics in Greece were the
nearest representation of a
perfect Pantheism which
have ever existed - the idea of Duty
supreme - God not a per=
sonal capricious being. The
Christians, by the perpetual
repetition of the words "the
Son of God" & by reading
nothing else, came to believe
in an Incarnation - The God
of Pantheism was not a God
to be loved, not a moral God,
he was more the ideal of
perfect happiness, into which
man was to be merged, but
man *might* transgress moral
laws, might pass over the
bounds of earth, when in a
"perfect state of contemplation"
The Semite God was a God to be loved, but then who could love Him
Zoroaster is full of angels &
devils, all the powers of nature
turned into spirits, the Vedas are
the simplest idea of the powers of
nature - English belief is a curious compound
of the two

I do not think we *can too much*
ask the "comment" & the "pourquoi,"
because, if I do not know *what*
the character of God is, how cannot I
have any *sentiment* towards Him?

Religionists, even Christ, have
too much set down "Thou *shalt*
love the Lord thy God," without
giving us a Being whom we *could*
love - The being whom St. Teresa loved
was not a God but a Devil - &
the Christian's God is too often one,

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(vide Calvin's & the Bishop of Exeter's,) whom it is impossible not to *hate*, if he existed, which he does not. I had rather hear the clean (though "still small") voice than the "*whispers* of the Eternal mind" & the "*mystery* of things" appears to me a curious subject of "inspiration"-believing, as I do, that God's express purpose in creating us is that we should learn *all* He knows, that all that is His is ours, & that for us He keeps *no* mystery. i.e not eternally - [end 4:491]

8994/28 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 27.6. 1853} [7:741-42]

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Paris. 27 June

My dearest mother

You will perhaps have heard from Mme Mohl that I have been ill, so that I think I had better write, & tell you that I have had the *measles*!! but am now quite well -

Nothing could have been kinder than the Sisters of Charity were to me - they nursed me like one of themselves_ Dear M. Mohl wrote to me every day - & he has now taken me back for 2 or 3 days for rest & change of air

I think I shall be in England again next week, for which I have 2 strings to my bow -

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As to my calamity itself, of living *till* 30 years of age ~~& then~~ without having the measles, & then having it twice in 18 months, it is so strange & not ~~un~~ to be expected an one that I can make no moral reflection upon it - Nothing would induce my Doctor, who was a very good one, to believe that I had had it before - The strangest thing was, that, to the Sisters of Charity best belief, I had been nowhere where there was measles - If I had, I should not have avoided it, strong in the triumphant conviction that I had had it, but I had seen none - Nobody had it but me, tho' there were

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250 children in the Institution
It was like going to Kamschatka to die of the bite of a mosquito - this coming to Paris to have the measles a second time as unaccountable. However, it is no use moralizing - I am very thankful to be so very well thro' it - M. Mohl's kindness nobody can tell, nor the Sisters'

My idea at present is to come to London next week, rest a day or two at Combe, then go into Chandos St for a few days to *look at* things merely, *not* interfere - then have a week free in the country - & then go in with Mrs. Clarke to the new house about the third week or so {cut off}

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July, long before which time I shall be perfectly strong again -please God-

Dearest Pop - many thanks for your two letters - you have done all things well - except that I did not receive till Wednesday the one announcing you were to be in London ~~till~~ Tuesday & Wednesday. nor till Friday the one announcing you were to stay till Saturday - nor did I know where to direct in London till your second letter - I shall ~~be~~ like the bath all the better, selected by you, & when I am settled, shall be glad to ask you to write to the man to send it_ but we shall ~~filleg~~ write much before that - I hope the furniture is not very expensive - {cut off}ny thanks for the clo', which {cut off}uppose I shall find, with ~~filleg~~ and the straw {cut off}et?, at Combe ever my dearest people
yours.

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Many thanks for all the trouble you have taken

There seems a fatality against my doing any good here-

If the new straw bonnet is not left at Combe, please send it as I shall want something decent on arriving. [end 7:742]

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8994/29 4ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1.7.53}
[7:743-45]

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July 1. Paris.

My dearest Many thanks for your letters - I wish we could make out something about Mr. Hay- what can I say about a man I have neither seen nor heard of? He may be the pest of our lives or the contrary - 36 is too young - we want something paternal- But the Ch. of Eng. does not grow the kind of thing we want - If he has a living in Dorsetshire, what does he want in London?

I bring home from Collas' for Mama a Sophocles, for you a Génie Adorant, things which I have long wished you to possessed - I mention this, because you must bring from Matlock a high black marble

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pedestal for the Génie, the sentiment of which requires that it should be so - he is evidently standing on a height, like the Adam in the Sistine Chapel - The original stands very high- I will send you the dimensions of the Statuette, which is the largest size of Collas' The Sophocles should, a mon avis, have a low pedestal. There is, also, for Papa, my favourite of all the Parthenon pieces_ the Pericles & Alcibiades on horseback - & for Athenà, the Antique owl with the 3 mice, which will require a pedestal also - If it is objected that I ought not to have decided on objects of this importance upon my individual judgment, I say that the English

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destroy themselves & all their

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feeling for art by wanting authority in art. You may go on wanting to know what you *ought* to feel in art, or what Mr. Hallam or Sir C. Eastlake think you ought to feel ~~in art~~ till you cease to have any feeling at all ~~of your own~~ - It is the destruction of all real Ideal in Beauty - Far better feel something, & feel what the authorities call wrong, than feel according to authority, which means feeling nothing at all. The English are Roman Catholics in Art_ These objects are worth the carriage home, for I never see anything at Jackson & Graham's to compare with the things here -

Mr. Mohl laughs exceedingly at Layard & the Princess'es_ You see Nineveh & all that we have found was built of unburnt

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bricks or bricks so badly burnt that for them to support colonnades, as in Layard's drawings & supposed Restorations, is absurd- The columns would have sunk into the walls - There is proof that the Assyrians never built more than one story_ They had no windows - all was lighted from above - We are even unacquainted with how the walls could have supported a roof at all - It must have been of wood with a sky light_ Had there been a second story, there would have been no light - The smaller chambers were merely caves hollowed out in the vast depth of these walls of unburnt bricks, which supported themselves by their immense thickness - Then Layard's

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doors are taken from the
Mahometan mosques of Cairo -
Nineva was wholly guiltless of
such doors - Only his bulls are right

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Botta gave Layard the best thing we have in the Brit. Mus., the horse's head - Otherwise, Layard is quite aware that Botta's things here, which come from Khorsabad are far better (belonging to the best time of Assyrian art) than what we have, which come from Roseyunjik - the real Ninive, Khorsabad was a country (palace of the kings)

I am very much obliged for what you have found out about there being no hurry, which is a great relief to me. Ly C. altho' she says "the 3rd. of Augt. is the earliest day the new house can possibly be ready " says also "the sooner you can come & give your attention to details in arranging the new house, the better, after next week"- she says "there might still be leisure to go into

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Chandos St. later_" This however
does set me more at liberty -
Is Lady Coltman in town &
do you think, if she is, I might
offer myself to her, IF I found
it desirable, for a day or two
to see Harley St. from? I only
ask the question provisionally,
first, because I cannot bear
making her a hotel of, 2ndly.
because I have Combe, & Aunt
Mai, dear kind At Mai, offers
to stay with me in London, & or
I *may* go into Chandos St.
directly. It will be all as I
find it, & as Ly Canning advises,
on my arriving in London - At Mai
will meet me in London at all
events - So I only ask the
question about Hyde Park G.,
as Ly Coltman so kindly
pressed, I may say, her
protecting wing upon me _& so
did Lady Clark.

Mr. Mohl has been paternity
itself_ dear good man -

☞ I wish Papa wd. write to me

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Many thanks about my clothes.
I got my straw bonnet from Mrs.
Edwards - My grey gown I did
not get, because, if you remember,
you advised me not to take it
to Paris. The gown with the
three blue bordered flounces I
gave to little Tunzelmann (to
her great delight) when she
went to N. Zealand- It was
utterly spoiled in Scotland_
There is not much wear in
those stuffs - But, tho' the
lustre of its beauty was dimmed,
it will shine with replenished
glory in N. Zealand. I never
regret giving away clothes.

I was afraid of dashing the
new grey gown here in the same
way. Many thanks for my
bonnet. (grey)

If my bed is quite long eno',
I like an end like my own at
Embley_ it is only when the
bed is short, one likes resting
one's feet_ if the bed is long, one

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does not get down so far. If therefore the bed be long, you might kindly write to the man to make ~~one~~ the end like mine at Embley, as you propose it. Many thanks. I will tell you, as soon as my room is chosen, qua carpet - thank you -

I have written to Ly Canning & E to find out about Mr. Hay. I distrust both Mrs. Duckworth & Ly Bell, & his own letter is very Scotch - I presume there is no secret about it. Indeed one *must* take renseignemens.

The Roman Catholic Ch. has never **[3:235]** been given to mysticism - It is entirely a foreign element in her & has never taken kindly root in her - She is essentially a practical, hard-working, every-day kind of church. St. Teresa & one or two others (mystics) have been petted & spoiled, because of their transcendant talent **[end 3:235] [end 7:745]**

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8994/30 3ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853} **[part in 3:319]**
[7:745-46]

Paris. 8 July

My dearest

The Genie Adorant is 1 ft, 9 in. high
the Sophocles 2 ft, 2 in.

I have written to M. Bunsen, telling him
that, if the Committee choose to have
Miss Williams, I have no objection -

My dear, all your letters cost 1/9
for this reason- I see a little 5d.
marked at the corner, which shews,
I suppose, that half the postage
has been paid - this makes no
difference at all at this end - I
always pay 16 pence, because the
French 8d. not carrying so much as
the English 10d., the letters are almost
all double weight - I have just
paid 20 fr. for letters - which, if you
would just stick 10 penny stamps,
on them, as E does, or write post
paid, would all ~~have~~ be saved -
those penny stamps I would gladly
refund- My escort has delayed,
else I have been intending to come back
every day this week_ (and dear kind
Mr M did did not think me strong
enough) & I believe I shall come
back some day in the beginning of
next week, the day that an opportunity,
the same, decrees -

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I am quite well again_ & nearly strong
Aunt Mai will meet me in town
& go with me to the Cavendish Sq hotel,
at least for a bit - I cannot give
any idea of my plans till I have
seen Ly Canning, who will say what
they wish. I feel much inclined for
Mr. Hay from what you say & from
what Σ, who is his cousin says -
but I wonder at & am thankful for, Ly Canning's mansue=
tude about him, he is so low church -

I am glad every body is out of
town. I shall allow Ly Monteagle
& the Bp of London to see me

The Bracebridges are at Atherstone.
I have heard from her, & she offers
to come up to town any day to look
over Harley St with me & help with
her suggestions - there is much kind=
ness in the world. **[7:746]**

Good kind Mr. M talks talks with **[4:492-93]**
me for ever about the East & the
West. But I suspect we differ
widely in our conclusions - as to the
future of religion in the world & the
prospect of a perfect ~~one~~ religion & the
likeliness of improvement in the race.

I did not say poor Port Royal **[3:319]**
was worsted - All our sympathies must
ever be with her & all her beloved ones_

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But there cannot be a doubt, I suppose, that Jansenism & Calvinism are more utter idolatry, (or worship of an untrue & wicked God) than any the R. Catholic religion contains. **[end 3:319]**

I am afraid I could not read Smedley.

I hope Papa is quite well again - Why has he not written to me?

The heat here is intense. Is it so in England?

There cannot be a doubt, I believe, that the Jews knew nothing of a future state till they returned from the captivity - All their knowledge of that kind they derived from the Assyrians & Persians - Indeed the orthodox Jew, the Sadducee, we are expressly told, never believed in a future world. It is self-evident from Job, from the Psalms, from Moses teaching of temporal punishments, that they had no belief in Eternity- From Persia they derived their belief in ~~full~~ reward & punishment & in eternal life - The Pharisee was a cross between the Persian & the Jew- The Essene, the third

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sect, was a cross of Pythagorean
& Jew_ The Jews were an Arab
tribe, who believed in many Gods,
hated the others, & worshipped
their own - The Arab Mahomet-
anism to this day is as like their
religion as possible - a little
improvement upon it being a pure Monotheism. Otherwise
Mahomet's exterminating God &
the Jews' are both creations of
the Semitic mind as like as
possible - The Arab too is not
given to mysticism, notwithstanding
his proximity to Persia - & in all
the old Testament you can scarcely
find a mystic word_ By mysticism
I mean the endeavour to establish
a personal relation between God
& the individual, by means of
the high degree of sanctity of
the individual- by means of
contemplation, the highest degree
of which is absorption - & this
the Spanish Carmelite, the Persian
Sufi, the Calvinist Puritan, the
Hindoo Fakir have all endeavoured
more or less wisely to effect. But
the Buddhist books are infinitely

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more moral, as far as I can see.
A R. Catholic book impresses upon
you as morality to go to mass, &
confession - A Protestant book
to read the Scriptures, believe in the Atonement, observe
Sunday, take the Lord's Supper,
& say your prayers. The Brahmi
nical & Buddhist books all put
morality in its *highest* point of
view higher than these observances.
viz, men's own effort higher than
these means & appliances -

Tholuck says that Persian
Sufism has produced a higher
degree of personal intercourse
with God than Xtianity - Persian
Sufism & Persia altogether are
now in a state of decline - are,
like this country, a barbarous
nation - For barbarism is, when
the state absorbs all individual
action, when there can be nothing
au dehors of the state - & the
truest marks of barbarism
are over=refinement, over=
dress, luxury in all things, great
refinement of language, care &
attention to words & form -} All
the human mind overflowing in this way}

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these marks of decadence exist
here - (N.B. A barbarian is not a
savage, who has *no state*, but
lives independent as he can). **[end 4:493]**

There is talk of abolishing the
Académie des Sciences morales because of
the audacious speech of Mignet,
the secretary of the sciences morales.
{passage in Latin? see photocopy}

François is in prison, for
conspiring, but likely to get out -

There was a conspiracy to
shoot at him the other night at
the Theatre, nothing to do with the
above, but all the creatures
have been taken up - thank
Heaven -

I have much more to say,
but no time -
farewell my peoples -

Angleterre

Miss Nightingale

Lea Hurst

Matlock

Derbyshire

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8994/31 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853} [7:746-47]

Paris - 11 July -

Thank you for your letter, dearest.
I believe I am coming back on
Wednesday & have written so to
Aunt Mai. I have not been
well enough to make the journey
till this time -

Mr. Mohl's kindness to me
you never can think enough of_
He has been more than a father_
He is coming to England in Sept.
& I hope he will go to you -

The Miss Gardiners sound
promising, but I had much
rather have no lady folk at
first - They were poor Mlle. de
Rantzau's scourge & bane; & she,
by the bye, is dying.

Mr. Mohl says that the Chinese
have the same defect as the English
(this is for Papa) in their magistracy.
They (& we) mix up administration
& justice - ~~they~~ we confuse Police &

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Police Correctionnelle - the care of the public safety & the punishment of the individual criminal. M. Mohl says he was struck when he used to go to the Bench in England, first of all with this, secondly with the tyranny of the clerk, who insists on law, while the magistrates are trying to decide by equity, & the magistrates give in_ He described to me a most hideous case, where there could be no doubt of the rights of the case, & where the magistrates were going to decide right, when the clerk came in with some flaw - as with us So, he says, it is in China - the judges are policemen, for the apprehension of the criminal.

I am so much struck with the ruin of this country & of so many others. Will people still go on saying, there is a law that nations shall rise to a certain point & then decline, & never enquire what the law is by which nations fall & by which they rise? Since the invention of printing & publicity, nations ought not to fall - but M. Mohl says that two nations have fallen

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since that time, Spain & Germany.
For Germany has not half the importance it had two centuries ago, when printing, when the reformation, when all great advances always had their origin in her. I said that socially & religiously she was before England two centuries_ He said, religiously yes, because every man who was not a Catholic was before England religiously. But socially, he says, the difference between England & Germany is that the English government is *before* her people, who are a hundred miles behind their government who do not take to themselves even so much individual action as the govt. would permit, nor go half the length it wd. allow_ Whereas, in Germany, the people are very far *beyond* their govt., the people are educated, the English people are not, but the govt. is behindhand & entrave's individual action as much as it can. In spite of all this, the Prussian artisan is a rational, conversible, cultivated being, while the English artisan is a coarse

ignorant, drunken, & when drunken, so rude an animal that a woman can scarcely approach him.

But the action of the Govt upon individual industry, in confining & misdirecting its action is disastrous in Germany_ a cabinet = maker may be fined for driving in a nail which ought to have been done by a tinman & these dreadful petty interferences empty the country & drive the people from town to town.

Wellcome Ms 8995

Thursday

*I do wish Papa would write one of his nice letters
to Mr. Mohl to thank him for me which he*

Dearest people cannot do enough.

He has been so kind [end 7:747]

We had a very good
journey from Paris yesterday
& I was not over = tired -
very pleasant companions -
Dear Aunt Mai met me
in London - I am just going
to Ly Canning's with Σ
& to look at Harley St with
her_ Write to me at Combe_ as
I don't know yet whether we
shall stay at Cavendish Sq I will
write when I have seen Lady C.

8994/32 3ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 24.7.53; postmarked 24
July 1853; 2 cancelled one-penny stamps}

a

Tapton

July 24

My dearest

I was greatly distressed
at T.W. Evans's failure, which I
did see in the newspaper, tho'
you conceive me to be living
in the "ideal ? world" of *lifts*,
gas baths & double & single
wards - I could not however
gain any understandg. of the
story, *till* your letter came, as
what made the old W. resign,
I cd. not conceive - I am very
sorry.

I hope Papa wrote to Mr.
Mohl, as I have not written
at all to him.- If Mr. M. has an=
swered, please send it me -
I have told every one but my
tradesmen that I am at the
Hurst - Miss Bunsen did returnd
your letter there -

I am quite at a loss to
understand how the mistake
about the Bunsens could have
arisen, or how I cd. have said

Wellcome Ms 8995

b

that I was going there to stay.
I never received their invitation
till after I had left London
for good, viz, packed up all
my things & brought them to
Combe - I then found their
letter enclosed in yours at
Combe - I ~~went~~ did go to town
again on Monday, but merely
to meet my Committee, & to meet
Wyatt & Shore about the lift,
came back the same afternoon
to Combe, went to bed &
staid there till Wednesday
mornng., when we went to
Atherstone, for me to settle
some necessary business about
the Sanatorium with Σ , which
we had begun in London_
~~But~~ I took the opportunity
on Monday of calling upon
the Bunsens, to thank them
for their most generous
invitation, found they had a
large party on Monday night, &
{last line cut off}

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

But even, had circumstances been quite different, I never should have thought of going to the Bunsens - I was far too busy & too weak to accept even such a liberal invitation as that - which indeed it was. How *could* I order my meals or go to bed in their house, whenever I chose? I am therefore quite at a loss to know how I or Bertha could have said I was going to stay there, as I never even thought of it, & as I have only written to you one little scrap from Combe since I recd. their invitation. on Saturday -

I have had such a quantity of offers of Sisters - I always expected the Sanatorium would be a hook in my back for madwomen to hang themselves on - but I never expected that madwomen wd. come over from Germany. that was an invention of [cut off]
[last line cut off]

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[top line cut off] The {illeg.}, is which Miss Bunsen refers, is one of these - This woman, very handsome, & with the sweetest voice I ever heard, cousin to one of the Bunsen attachés, actually arrives upon me in London, without writing, without enquiry, & tells me she is going to join me - & when I convince her of the impossibility, quietly tells me that she will stay in London a year to see. She speaks not one word of English. She says she saw me in Germany. I have not the least recollection of her - Poor fool! it is very touching -

The S. Smiths were going to send books both to Mudie's & Rolandi's_ so I left your parcels with them -

Thanks for the clothes -

With regard to my rooms, they are to be the one which is being partitioned off the Dining = room, (ground = floor,) {last line is cut off}

Wellcome Ms 8995

partitioned off the sitting=room, (1st. floor) Bu{cut off}
as the work=men will not be out till the
20th., by contract, an upholsterer can do nothing
more at present than take measures - As {cut off}
have made a stand=up fight against carpets
& carried my point for stained (not dry
rubbed) floors & only bed=side carpets, I
should very much prefer that my carpets
shd. only be for the middle of the floor, not
nailed down, if that can be done. as there {cut off}
be such a great difference made between me {cut off?}
the patients - I send you the plan of Harle{cut off}
St (which please return) where you will see
my rooms in full yellow dress - The yellow
line means *new partition* - I liked Wyatt
extremely - He is doing it gratis -

Pray give my love to Fanny Flood-
I think your man may certainly send in my furniture by the 20th.
Augt.

I can scarcely tell you what I did in London
It was such a drive & hurry_ Without Shore
the "lift" would have been entirely useless, &
we should have spent £30 entirely for a toy
Wyatt adopted every one of his suggestions, wh{cut off}
were all presented in an underhand sort
of manner, without saying they were his -The
Committee wd. have had no bath, because they
cd. not imagine one for less than £50, whereas
I have got it done for £10 -(in the same wa{cut off}
about many other things)- Ly Canning I continu{cut off}
to like exceedingly - But to say that any of the
others is a "help" to me, is, as the parrot sa{cut off}
adding insult to injury. I am seriously unea{cut off}
about our funds - & it was for the purpose of
keeping myself legally out of liability, in case {cut off}
bankruptcy, that I went to Atherstone- For they d{cut off}
both legally so well informed - Had I not done this, I might

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have found myself liable for a quarter's bills -
The Committee are wholly regardless of money. £120
we had in the funds they have taken out for the
alterations & furniture of this house & spent every
penny of it_ I find we cannot possibly live in this
house under £1600 a year_ We have now £700 [illeg] a year more
to raise in subsns.! If you can do anything for us, do - One
comfor [cut off]

{right margin, centre}

{illeg.} expense in every arrangement_ & protest against

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their extravagance - You must not publish however that
I have told a lamentable story_ They warned me not
{top of page}

I thought I had a black silk mantilla_ (not new, but
old,) at home - If I have such a thing, I should be
much obliged if it could be sent me - If I have not, [cut off]
I must buy one for this autumn as we shall soon be out
of crape - & my crape things look queer with my
gray gown & bonnet in London - The weather here
is so cold ~~fr~~ & stormy I can well wear my gre{cut off}
shawl. But I should like to know if I have a mantilla - If
however, we have no more summer than this, I can well wear my
velvet in [cut off]

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Miss Nightingale

Lea Hurst

Matlock

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/33 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: ca. July/Aug 53}

I suppose, my dear child,
you have none of my
prints at Lea Hurst -
I shall want all my
prints framed (especially
the good ones, the Christs),
& sent up to *Harley St.*
I rather think it would
be cheaper to have it
done in the country, if
you would bring them up
in the carriage - & please

[12:76]

let it be done as cheaply
as possible.

[end 12:76]

I should like to have
all my Paris letters, if
you have kept them, sent
me here - please - to
Tapton_

8994/34 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?July 1853}

Wednesday -

My dearest My heart
yearned so after my home
when I passed my own
valley, that I should be
very glad to see it again
for a very few days before
I go hence - But I feel
that I must have a rest
here, between parting with
home, & going to my place.
I am therefore going to
propose, if it meets with
approval, to come home
on Friday (giving time to
stop me if you should be

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unwilling or full & staying till Monday
or Tuesday, which would
give me the necessary rest
here before setting out
again. I calculate that
Fanny & her brats, (whom
do not think I should not
have liked to have seen,
but thought the Nurseries
would be full,) will be gone
by Friday - Do not think
I shall not like to see
Madame Mohl - I shall be
very glad, & to thank her
for all her kindness - I felt
when I passed Amber Gate,
as if it would be impossible
to me to go away without just
coming to kiss all beloved ones -

The agreement at present [12:76]
with my Committee is that
I go into Chandos St. on the 5th. Aug.,
& into Harley St with Mrs.
Clarke on the 12th., as it is
thought the attic & 2nd floor
can be got ready by that time
& we can be getting in furniture
&c. Otherwise it would be such
a scramble having patients in at once - But I hardly expect
we shall keep to these dates-
Workmen are always after time
I doubt too about going in to Chandos St at all -

I did think of going to the
Water cure, but think I shall
be able to do a little water here & save
that bustle -

If Mary Stanley likes to come
up to London in the latter half
of August, I shall have more
time to see her than than
when we are full of patients,
(which I expect we shall be
after the 27th. Aug.) but I have
so many Sanatorium letters
now to write that, as you say,
I shall not write to friends
during this little interval of
solitude

[end 12:76]

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8994/36 2ff, pen, signed letter {arch: 1853} [1:463-64]

1 Upper Harley St.

Aug 19.

My dear friend

The quantity of work
for the last week, (in
settling this new place)
& the poor Ocs' sorrow
have prevented me
from attending to your
note sooner -

I think you are
perfectly right to defend
your sister- And this
being my opinion, I
should neither have
applied to you about
this matter ___ nor will
I,

I, now that you have
done so to me, enter
into any explanation,
which must be painful
to you -

On re=reading your note
I almost wish you could
re=read it yourself - I
cannot but think you
would smile to see how,
"without inquiry" &
without any possible
means of information,
you accuse others of
"at once *without inquiry*
giving credit to a story
so improbable".

About my affair I will
however say no more_ But

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there is another matter,
concerning which you have
spoken, in your letter to
Parthe, to which you refer me.
Knowing the generous &
chivalrous attachment
which you feel towards
Blanch, I am sure that
you will be relieved to
hear that you have been
entirely misinformed -
& I trust you, dear
Lothian, to contradict
the report, if ever you
hear it.

I hope that you will
come & see me "in service",
when next you have a
day to spare in London.

Finally, dear Lothian,
one word. - our old, & I
hope, real friendship
encourages me to say it.
Do not engage in any
paper wars_ you will
convince nobody - &
arrive at no satisfaction
yourself_
in great haste
ever your most loving coz
Flo-

Dearest
I enclose Lothian's note &
this copy of my answer

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8994/37 3ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 20.8.53}

a

1 Upper Harley St

[12:76-77]

Aug 20 -

My carpet has come, many thanks - but, as my rooms are very far from being ready, there seems no prospect of its being laid down before Xmas_ also my bath has come, all right.

I have had such work in getting in here. My Committee worse than a hindrance - such mismanagement of public funds, such cruel speculation, such filthy dirt, luxury, finery, & meanness I could not have imagined, if I had not see it - Mrs.

b

Clark's spirit has never flagged one moment - Cairo & Chandos St ! Westward of Cairo I have never seen such fleas, such filth, such finery. And Mrs. Conway sits with her gloves on, & lets me do all the work - Enough of this - I will tell you all when you come to town - Mrs_ Clark has done the work of three servants -

[end 12:77]

I gave your kind message about the Hurst to the poor Ocs - Uncle Oc came to me after the funeral, which went off pretty well. They are all gone

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

today to Wimbledon, & on
Saturday go to Scotland,
At Jane has been in bed
some days -

I am almost glad you
are going to Buxton -

At Patty is in town I
have not seen her, but
she has written me a
kind note.

My furniture is all come
in, thank you - & looks
very pretty. but as we have
not a place to put it in,
it is all piled up at present.
My prints look beautiful,
but are also all in a
drawer in the Housekeeper's
room, as *my* rooms are
neither papered nor painted -
The prints are, I believe, all come
right.

d

The workmen who (by
contract) were to have
been out today, I verily
believe won't be out
this month, & had we
not come, I think hardly
this year. We have a
patient coming in for an
operation tomorrow, which
we could not possibly
delay, & all the rest
must be in before the
close of the week - and
we have been working
like troopers to get ready
any rooms at all for
the most ~~necessary~~ pressing cases.
On Monday sits my last
Committee- & after that
I have only that plague,

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Miss Maurice, & Ly Monteagle,
who takes my part -

I sent S. François by
poor Gerard - I hope you
have got it since -

I certainly shall not
pay £ 25 to the London
Liby.- I who never read
any books but what are
not to be found there. The
London Liby. will be of
no use to me, after I
have done with this place_
Comte & Cousin, Catholic
Rules [?] & German metaphysics
being all my literature -
organization & religion being
all I care about -

The Committee, after all
its brag about sparing
me all the disagreeable

part, has left me every
thing to do, even to the getting
~~filleg~~ tenders from the
butchers - & other tradespeople_
They ought to have a
man to do these things
for them -

The Lord Chancellor
came to see me to day,
dear man -

And the Bunsens have
been & dear Lizzie -

But few have been
my moments to talk
& I have been glad
that London was empty.

ever dearest people
yours,

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/38 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853}

[12:79-80]

1 Upper Harley St.

August 30

Dear Papa

I have had no time to write, for, from 6 o'clock in the mornng. to 10 at night, I am sure that I have never once sat down - The workmen will not be out this fortnight - & to keep order in a house full of patients, nurses, & workmen of all kinds, is what I never wcould have done without Mrs. Clarke -

I have seen nothing of Mr. Wyatt, nor of Sir. J Shuttleworth, nor of Mr. George Eyre, nor of any of the Council (I understood from the Ladies' Committee, when I came into service, that these two gentlemen, Mr. Eyre & Sir J. K. Shuttleworth, had undertaken every thing

regarding the house)

The lift, gas= stoves & gas= burners having been brought home & tried by me - & being about to be fitted, it was obvious to the meanest capacity

1st. that we should have some dreadful accident with the lift, without a counter = balance weight

2nd. that we should set the house on fire in two hours with the gas= stoves

3rd. that there was no draught in the descending flues, & that the gas, instead of going *into* the flue, would therefore come *out* into the room,

4th that the rooms, in which the gas= stoves were, would be like laundries with the steam

5th that, if we did not

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burn ~~with~~ the patients in their

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beds, we should suffocate them
with the heat & gases from
these stoves &c &c

These being the circumstances
& I being by appointment, it
appears & (though I did not
know it before) Clerk & Board,
Governor & Nurse, as you say,
to the Council for the "Establish=
ment of Invalid Gentlewomen,"
I took the liberty of acting
upon my own responsibility,
wrote to Uncle Oc to come,
sent for Mr. Ashdown, the
gas= man & Mr. Porter, the
lift = man to meet him (Mr.
Williams, Wyatt's factotum,
never *shewed*) de non
apparentibus &c the proverb
is somewhat musty - &
have arranged that we
should have

1st. a counter balance weight,

strong break & leathered
ratchet to the lift -

2nd that all the descending
flues should be made ascending
ones

3rd that the stoves should
all be placed on zinc plates

4th that they should all be
fitted with hoods, steam=
escape pipes &c & the same
carried up by an ascending
flue

5th that throttle=valves,
slides & ventilators should
be provided & bells to the
gas= lights &c &c

I am extremely sorry for
the increased expence to the
Institution, of which I hoped
to have been able to save
the money - & I am quite
aware that I am acting
as a Principal, whereas I
never professed to be anything

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more than a Servant. but
I shall represent to the
Council, if they ever do shew
(I have written to them in
vain) that it is MORE
expensive to burn one's
house down - &, if they
should not approve of my
having incurred this expence,
I shall bear it myself.

I have sent a written
report to Mr. Marjoribanks_

There was no time to be
lost, as the workmen were
actually fitting.

I mentioned all, or most
of these things both to Wyatt
& to Mr. Ashdown, some
weeks ago, but it was not
till Mr Ashdown came &
saw the room actually full
of steam from the Gas= stove
which I had had lighted for
him, that he believed it, at

least, with a saving faith-
Uncle Oc was almost
suffocated with the gas,
which went off in a series
of partial explosions.

Add to this that we
have 5 patients dying in
the house, that the *foreman*
gets drunk, that there was
a fight on Wednesday
between the workmen in
the Drawing room, & you
will guess that Mrs. Clarke
& I have enough to do. I
find her quite invaluable.

ever dear Pa

your loving child

I must give my warmest
testimony to the medical
men, & to the character
of the higher English workman, in
general - The paper-hangers

Wellcome Ms 8995

& painters have always
helped us to keep the peace.

I certainly never
undertook to be general
in a camp, but, having
bivouacked for 5 months
with Arabs, I don't mind
these things - I *must* be
amused, however, at the
Committee having objected to
me on the score of my youth
& inexperience, & also on
the score of not choosing to
have unpaid servants, --
& *then* leaving me to preside
over a ~~Bear-garden~~ - camp
They might comb out
England, & I fancy they
would not have found
two *paid* servants to do
what we have done -

[end 12:80]

8994/39 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: Aug 1853}

my Clo.

I am so glad you
liked M. Mohl. He
is a man, take him
for all in all &c

Mr. Marjoribanks
came yesterday -
But I had so much
business to transact
with him that
I forgot the
invitation - Could

not Papa write
to him & ask
him to shoot? or
something?

59 Strand his
direction
ever yours

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8994/40 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: Aug 1853}

Thank you, my dearest,
for the flowers & prints
just received -

I packed off all
your boxes, enclosed in
my own great case
from Paris, (which brought
the bronzes & cost 8 fr.)
put the tin box inside
& another box of mine,
paid 3/ which ought
to free them all the
way to Embley & sent
them off -

Σ is in London - & comes
Mrs Bracebridge

here daily. So does
Mrs. Herbert.

Ly Canning, Ly Cranworth,
& Mrs. Booth are now
my Standing Comtee.

I hope you have
entered into the
whole Maurice affair,

I enclose the Guardian,
which they have had
reprinted.

8994/41 1f, incomplete, pen, unsigned note {arch: August 1853?}

1 Up, Harley St
Saturday

My dearest

You need never
return my letters_
I think, though, I
shall begin some
time & keep them,
& after my death
gratify the public
with them - For I
have the most

Wellcome Ms 8995

curious "Memoires
pour Servir" to
a book on the
Statistics of British
Charity Societies.
For jobbing go not
back to the time
of Harley & Co.

I will have my
Davenport, please,
when you send up

8994/42 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 16.9.53}

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1 Upper Harley St
Sept 16 1853

My dear

This is the first
word I've heard of Mama's
subn. On the contrary,
when I saw her at L.H.
she told me she did not
mean to subscribe I have
paid the £5,,5 (necessary
for an admission) today.
There is nothing else paid
yet from her, to which you
seem to refer -

Mr. Hallam, dear good
man, paid me a long
Sunday visit -

You do not say a word
of the *dates* of your
Movements, farther than
that you will be in town
on Wedny. - so I direct
this to the Tollets at a venture

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b

I am looking forward with great joy to seeing you on Wednesday - & by that time I suppose & hope we shall be somewhat in trim for you to see - I have been making great exertions for that purpose - I hope you will be in town *till* Saty.

I am very anxious to hear more about the Birmin. enquiry, at which Mr. Bracebridge was present - also about the Eastern question - ~~at which~~ the Exchange was in a

c

blaze about it yesterday. & Candles is viz $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb in consequence - I wish they Candles would remain tranquil.

I don't see the Athenaeum, of course - But, if you will send it me, I shall be delighted - & the patients will read it for love of her (Mrs. Sidney H.)

All my news I keep till I see you. for Friday & Monday are my very busiest days.

Yesterday I had to take a poor dying patient (such a nice

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d

woman_ I do so miss her)
to the London Br. Station -
& the dear Ocs lent me
their carriage for the
purpose - & she went
down as brave as
could be_

I have the greatest
joy & consolation in some
of my patients

My best love to all
the dear people at
Betley & to Mrs. Milnes,
if she is there - I saw
her for a moment in
London the day before
she left - which was
also the day before
the mass of our patients
came in.

ever yrs. overflowingly

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I took advantage of being in the City yesterday to
get in our
flour - &
came to an
agreement
with our
Factor
me looking
into all
the bins
with a
learned
face
for I
have
introduced
baking
at home,
instead of
Plaster of
Paris from
the baker's -
& I can
tell Flours now,
by the touch -

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8994/43 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {incl. letter from E. Majoribanks}

My dearest, I am extremely

obliged for the idea of the
American Clock The gift
to the House will be of
immense use - I will
write to Rogers, as you
desire, as soon as I
have a moment, & I
hereby present the
thanks of the House
for the great service
you have rendered to the country.

The note from Papa about
Dent's clock came too
late - I wrote instantly
to put it off - & the
clock & my note
crossed on the road_
To send back Dent's_
clock now I fear I
shall never have time

But if he is liberal &
will take it back, I
will write to you, & ask
you to be so good as to
send Atkinson's clock
here on trial -

The Mackenzies were
here yesterday to see
Mrs. Parey & me - I
gave your note & invitation
They were very affectionate
& will write to you_
Louisa is at Castle Fraser-

I have got a new
housemaid & am looking
for another - Therese
comes tomorrow-

we have three new
patients today

many thanks_

yours_ ever

Poor little Crossthwaite, to whom
you shewed the flowers, is dying

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8994/44 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853}

1 Up. Harley St
Sept 30

My dearest The ~~enclosed~~ clock came an
hour ago, & is already
put up & striking -

~~They wanted to change~~

~~{illeg} I~~

~~{illeg} only~~

~~paid £ {illeg}~~ I took

the opportunity to read

our slovenly unhandsome

nurses a lecture on

unpunctuality - Now

they have *no* excuse.

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I have heard nothing

more from Dent - It is a

thousand pities you did

not write to me about it

sooner after Papa's visit. I *could* have

got off then- Now I *fear*

I must give up Atkinson,
which I am indeed very sorry for.

Dixon came & said
there had been a mistake
about the price of the
Cromford Br. frame - It
was 30 odd shillings,
instead of £1,,1 I forget
exactly about it, but
I told him to write to
you, & settle it *with you*,
& I would *not* give
him the drawing till
he had done so - He
probably has by this time- {diag. line ends}

We are filling fast_
which I am glad of,
as it is easier to manage
thirty than three. We
have some such devils
of tempers that they
disturb the whole house_

Wellcome Ms 8995

& I should not be the
least surprised, if the
divided room plan is
obliged to be given up -
It is incredible - ~~And~~
~~they~~ some of the Impatients even say that
"they don't get their
money's worth out of
the Institution"!!! The
Scrofula temper is quite
a peculiarity -

Books, newspapers,
fruit, vegetables, game,
chickens, all is grist
that comes to our mill

The medical men
are capital, & always
stand me in stead -

But I almost long
for a good Operation

case - These consumptive
& scrophulous cases,
where there is little
to be done & much [illeg]
[illeg] to be endured are so
uselessly expensive &
expensively useless -

In great haste
ever yours

I present you with
the thanks of the House
which was universally
delighted with the
clock_

Dr. Be. Jones is come
back. I like him *exceedingly*

Mrs. Clarke says
28 yds. chintz are wanted
for my room to cover
the furniture

Therese is come. I have
had to pay for 17 weeks for her

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/45 and 46 are mixed up; Letter 46 3ff, pen, unsigned letter, signed note {arch: 4.10.53; incl. letter from E. Marjoribanks}

a

My dear Papa

The other side is from Mr. M. as you see. I had told him that between my Treasurer, who dealt in inexpedient principles, & my Comtee., who dealt in unprincipled expedients, I had a difficult place of it. He smiled & said it was no news to him. Somerville Hay is, I fear dead. Is it true? And a certain lady of the Comtee. who shall be nameless, is trying to palm a Chaplain upon us, whom "Mr. M & me" won't have -

I reduced their Bills for them last month to

b

three fourths, with twelve very expensive patients in the house - I don't know that we could well have *more* expensive ones -

If I knew of the "very superior" woman at £20 a year, whom Louisa wants, I wd. keep her for *myself*. We give our *nurses*. £ 26 & £20 a year -

Lizzie Herbert was here yesterday (called up to town for a Cabinet) & gave an awful acct. of the prospects of war_ But I suppose it is all in the papers today_

I have reduced the cost of each person pr. day

Wellcome Ms 8995

c [labelled as 8994/45 at Wellcome, but continues]

[3]

so that I have
no time to mince
matters -

With regard to the
drugs, I am certain
that, if the Comtee.
chose to fit up a
little room with
a few shelves, & deal
with Gale, Baker & Ward,
with whom I am well
acquainted, many things
might be done at
1/3 the price - But
who is to make the
drugs up?- I would
willingly do it, as I
have had a regular
Apothecary's education

d

in Germany - but, as
I have not been examined
at Apothecaries' Hall,
it would come out
the first sudden death
& inquest we had in
the house & we should
be in a scrape_

I am provoked
that I did not lay
in my Flour, in spite
of my Treasurer's
principles, last month
anticipating, as we did,
this frightful rise of
prices - But I think
that Bread will get
up till it reaches 1/
the quartern loaf, &

e

then fall as rapidly
as it has risen (there
is such a confusion
in the market) But
this being the case,

Wellcome Ms 8995

I shall do nothing till
I hear farther -

The flowers did not
come till *last night*
& were a little dashed,
& the single bunch of
grapes alas! mouldy.

Thanks many.

I knew you did not
grow chickens- but
Gdmama & At Evans
gave me a message
last night that they
bequeathed the beautiful

Wellcome Ms 8995

f [8994/45]

game you sent *them* to
me_ Shore has sent
me Black Game from
Scotland -

many thanks for the enclosed
{upside down, from bottom margin}

1 Up. Harley St
4 Oct 1853

Dear Sir

I have received from
you £36. 3. 2
15

£51. 3. 2

for which I beg leave
to thank you -

I will attend to your
directions & believe me,
dear Sir, yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

8994/47 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853}

a

1 Up. Harley St
Oct 11.

Dearest mother

Druce came this
mornng. threatening
about his bill.

I have not got it -
I looked it over at
Marshall Thompson's,
copied it, & returned
it you - But, if you
have not it, Druce will
send it again. He is
going to write to you -

1000 thanks for two
brace of splendid par=
trig & a pheasant -
just arrived - plus

Wellcome Ms 8995

b

grapes (& flowers yes=
terday) Partrig is 3/6
the brace - here -

Our new invalids are

1. Miss Yarker_ general debility
£ 1,,1 incurable
2. Miss L. Yarker. internal inflammn.
£ 1. 1 incurable
3. Miss Goodridge - cancer of the breast.
charming womable_ sensible_
good_ to be operated upon.
£1.1 & likely to recover
4. Miss Banks - general debility
10/6 incurable
5. Miss Robson_ general scrofula
10/6. going to N. Zealand
6. Miss Holloway - erysipelas
10/6 to be dismissed
unmanageable, & dirty
coming in
7. Miss How - eyes & internal
inflammn.
1, 1 incurable
- 8 Miss Burgess - general debility
10/6 old
9. & another Cancer 10/6

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

I will gladly accept
your offer of taking my
bed, & will order myself
a spring bed & one
mattress (like my patients)
which can be had at
my place for £ 4,, 4
Mattress 1,, 15

5,, 19

We do not aspire to
Belmont Wax here which
is 1/ the lb - no reduction
by the doz. lbs - I buy
my Candles at Davies,
St Martin's Lane
& get Composites at 8/6
& 9/ the doz. lbs, &
Dips 7/6 the doz lbs -
very cheap for these
horrible times - Our
consumption is enormous.
We are now 23 in family,
& tomorrow shall be 25.

d

Soap is not likely to
rise -

I am quite satisfied
with Fortnum & Mason's
tea at 5/6 & 3/3 & his
coffee at 1/4

Our consumption is so
rapid that there is no
danger of rats & mites
with us - I was in
Covent Garden Markets
this mornng. to buy all
our vegetables, which
makes an immense
saving - & gets them
all so good - I bought
a beautiful Sack Potatos
at 15/, Onions at 3/ the
Bushel, Apples at 4/ the
Bushel, Lemons at 1/ the
doz. & every thing else in
proportion - nearly half

Wellcome Ms 8995

the price & twice as good

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/48 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

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1 Up. Harley St. [1]
19 Oct 1853

Dearest

I believe even the
fineries will be acceptable
(I mean for N. Zealand)

What is the jet
trimming for? for which
of my things, I mean.

My little chair has
never come - nor my
bookcase

Ly Canning came back
yesterday -

I should like a box
of *books* from Embley.
very much - *good* books

I cannot get a
newsman to do the

b

Times every afternoon
for less than 2/ a week
A new Times is only
2/6.

Hilary & At Patty
were both here yesty.

We are so inordi=
nately busy this week
with Operations that
I have no time to write
more - I have lots of
things to say -

I like Bowman so much

You foolish child, don't
you see that the Covent
Garden expeditions are
just the best thing
I could do? They get
me out_ they give me

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

[2]

air, exercise, variety

W

best potatos at Covent
Garden, (bargained for
by me) 5/ per bushel

bad potatos at Green
Grocer's only 5 lbs for d.6

your Raunitz thoughts
are not appropriate.
Mrs. Clarke has not
patience to take the
trouble- She rests
satisfied.

Edinbh., Quarty. &
Westmr., Stirling, &
John de Wicliffe came
yesterday- very
acceptable to patients

d

My packing=case is just
arrived - 1000 thanks -
I have not yet unpacked
it -

8994/49 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

1 Upper Harley St
20 October 1853

My dearest

Will you ask Mariette
whether she put into
the box my old black
quilted Slippers with
velvet facing & the
boots I gave her in London to
have mended - These
are absolutely necessary
to me, as I have
no time to go out &
buy others & have not
a shoe to my feet -
I have been waiting
impatiently for them

Wellcome Ms 8995

& cannot find them.

Many thanks for
the things -

The keys of the
Davenport are in
Lothian's box (which
he gave me) on the
table in my room -
but as I have the key
of that - ~~so~~ you must
send up the box itself, please.

I do not find the
polka & skirt or jet
trimming you mention
I suppose they are
to come up separately

But perhaps they may
still be forthcoming,
as I have not had
time to hunt -

Please tell me
where you got my
quilted slippers -

A very severe
operation this mornng.
~~& the~~ on the Ground
Floor - & the first
floor chose to take
this opportunity to
rebel against its
nurse, so I have
to seek another -

Adieu, dear one
ever yours
I will send back
all the books & boxes.
& will try the shifts.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/50 2ff, pen, unsigned note {arch: after 22 Oct 1853; incl.
letter from Frederic Weber} bundle 134

My dearest

I do assure you that
the mended boots are
not come

Do ask Mariette again.
A pair of fur boots is
come. but the walking
boots I gave her to have
mended *not*. Good
Hilary unpacked my
things for me - so I
was not quite sure
before -

Many thanks for
Papa's letter & yours
of this mornng. I will
soon answer it. I
should like potatos
at 10/ very much.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/51 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 28? 10.1853}

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My dear

I will pay Page if
you will send him his bill.

I have paid

Page £ 9. 7

Rhind 9

Clock 3.

£ 12.16

Your pocket hadkfs (marked)

I have - The Clock was
the one you were so good
as to give us -

I should like a new
chest of Drawers very
much - mine is too
small_ & I should be
very much obliged if
you will take it.

b

I think I mentioned
that Mrs. Herbert is in
the frame she came in,
& I put a Last Supper
into the frame you sent,
which hangs under
the two Maries, & looks
very well - It was
not a frame which
could stand upright
& it suits the Last Supper exactly.

All the frames are filled
& look very well - Sybil
is still frameless -
Genie Adorant is on a
bracket - I sent a
plan of my pictures,

I have received
half of 26188
" " 36468

for which many thanks

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

It will never be possible
for me to do the Abbess.
Difficulties accumulate
round me every day,
as I find how incapable
the Comtee. are of adhering
to *their own* resolutions,
how A, B. & C, who sit
on Monday, upset
all that D, E & F, who
sate on Friday, were
doing - though that doing
was fortunately little -
All my resolutions were
adopted yesterday,
which I enclose - I
think I sent you the
rough sketch - But
the acting up to them
entirely devolves upon me.
The Comtee. let one woman stay

d

two years, who was quite as able
bodied as I -

I am afraid of *Mary*
Stanley doing the Abbess -
She is anxious to do it.

I care little about the
Ch. of England now- She
can hardly last my time.
I mean, I care little
whether Maurice goes
or not. But I am greatly
pleased to see S. Herbert
& Gladstone taking his
side -

My furs, bonnet, prints
&c are come - many thanks_
At Mai is stuck up as a
pendant to Bunsen, pro tem.

Lincoln's Inn & King's
College quite frantic about
Maurice - Bp of London
sidling & siding as usual.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/52 4ff, pen, unsigned letter

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1 Upper Harley St

October 29 1853

Oh my boots! my boots!
dearer to me than the
best French=polished,
my brother boots !
where are ye, my
boots! my boots! I
ne'er shall see your
pretty faces more!

My dear, I *must*
have them boots I can't
wear your London=made
square=toed corn=begetting
rascals- The pair I
gave Mariette at
Cavendish Sq. was quite
new, save a rubbed
piece of cloth at the back.

b

I have but one shoe
to my feet - & them
boots I must have -
Why Mariette must
have hundreds of my
old boots. I had four
pair, not at all
decrepit - ~~which~~ when I
~~brought~~ came home from Paris.
Alas! I charged her
so particularly not to
let that pair I gave
her in London out of her hands_
But, if she really
cannot disgorge,
Chollocombos must,
alas! make me a
new pair - He has my ~~last~~ measure

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

& probably Mariette
can find him one old
pair of mine as a
pattern that he may
make no mistake.

Thank you for Duolin's
direction - I will have a
pair of quilted bottines
made there by & bye. Our stone
stairs are now very
fine & carpeted.

I sent to Sprague's
the three Reviews,
Wicliffe &
Cloister Life

I wish you would
kindly send me the
direction of a "blanchisseuse
de fin". It is quite the

d

cheapest plan to go to
the best, because they
keep clean so much
longer. Mariette's are
too mou - so I don't
send any to her to be washed, this time_ & my own
"blanchisseuse" is horrid.
the things are dirty
3 hours after -

I have sent all
the boxes back by
the rail with "Empty"
on them -

More flowers, more
game, more grapes-
thankfully received
I wd. say many thanks
for what we've got.

Wellcome Ms 8995

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[2]

but am afraid you wd.
say la reconnaissance
est un vif sentiment
des bienfaits futurs
&c &c. The old clothes
were most magnificent
& received "with a shout",
as David wd. say -
Ly Caroline Russell is
come back to my great
joy. With her spicy
Irish fun she prevents
the other women from
tormenting me, & makes
a joke of what they say.
However they are much
improved - And Ly Canning
& Mrs. Herbert attended my
Committee today

f

They are both come back & they hope
war will be staved off.

John, my fidus Achates,
was delicate about
sending back the boxes_
he thought it such a_
broad hint, he said.
However the sweet little
boxes are gone -

We have no funds
to hire an accountant -
& if we did, he would
off with the money.

Many thanks for my
Davenport &c &c &c
Newman has not yet
returned Cromfd. Br_
mounted - & I have
heard nothing of the new
Mrs. Herbert_ tho' her

g

frame is come - Many
thanks for the Cromfd. Br.
frame - I s'pose the
† rings must be altered

Wellcome Ms 8995

The Caxtons are being
read aloud in the
common room at this
moment - But now
B. is gone, I have
everything to do - for
only one of the patients
can read aloud &
she has only half a
lung. The Cs are much
admired.

Many thanks for the
envelopes_ Little Crossthwaite
sticks on stamps for me
by the doz.

h

Your black poplin has
clothed the old lady,
I consent to have the
£ 12 book=case, IF it
does not come to more,
& IF you will kindly
order it, (as Index
Expurgatorius can go in)
I will ~~have~~ get a little
cheap 3 shelve to hang
against the wall besides.

I have subscribed to
Mudie for the patients
15/ for 3 months 3 vols.
& take in a newspaper
at 4 o'clock (same day)
20/ pr quarter - it sounds
very dear. But it seemed
to me best -

8994/53 1f, pen, unsigned note on inside envelope flap {arch: Oct
29 1853? postmarked, stamp cancelled}

Miss Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

Cabinet Council does not meet
again till 8th.- Ld John wants to call
Parlt. Colleagues won't - Ld. Clarendon
has sent a new note -
great hopes it

Wellcome Ms 8995

will be accepted
by Czar & Sultan

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/54 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: October 53}

a

Bunsen I Vol *English*
X ---- I&II Vol *German*
Sharpe's Histry of Egypt
Gliddon's Archaeology
Wyld's Map of Egypt
X Arrowsmith's do
Wilkinson's Map of Thebes
X Lane's Koran
These are, come here,
returned by A. Stanley.
Of these I think those
I have *crossed* are not
mine - Will you say?
i.e. will you look
if my I & II Vols of *German*
Bunsen are at Embley?
(Arrowsmith & Lane I
am sure I never had)_
I promised to let
Mary know - whether all
had been sent back or whether
more than all -

b

I should like, please_
a fresh pair of boots
to be made by Chollocombe
(not to button) but with
elastics & *lined with*
flannel -

I subscribe to Mudie
quarterly, because if
the Comtee. affront me
, I walk off, what is the
good of a yearly subsn.
to me? where is your
imagination, my dear?

With regard to Maurice, [3:356-57]
he may leave the Church,
but where will he go to?
I rather think all other
Sects. are equally set (upon

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

damning us eternally), with the Church - I confess my sympathies are all with the absurd ones - They are the only consistent - Jelf seems to me to be in the right & Maurice & Gladstone &c &c in the wrong. If there is any thing the Church does say distinctly in her Liturgy, it is that we are to be damned everlastingly. If you don't believe ~~it~~, you who sign the 39 Articles, ~~come~~ what the Church says, *come out of it*. (I don't refer here to those who

d

only *go to church* but to those who actually subscribe to her) - I don't feel ~~the~~ any sympathy at all in the admiration for the Bp of Winchester's liberality, when he does not mumble the response in the Athenasian Creed about our being damned everlastingly - If he does not agree with it, let him come out - It is such men as these who continue *ABUSES everlastingly* - When I read what Maurice has written, it seems to me all so poor & vague ~~that~~ (all that he says about a Devil, for

Wellcome Ms 8995

e

instance, & about there
being an abyss of love
beneath the abyss of
damnation) ~~nobody~~ that I am provoked
with him for such subterfuges. No
one asks in any case,
"But is it consistent
with the character of
God that there *should*
be everlasting damnation?"
They only ask, Is it in
the Articles? or is it
in the Bible? does
eternal mean eternal?
It seems to me like
a little crazy worn=
out boat, which does
not venture a yard
from the shore for

f

fear of being wrecked_
while our great steamers
are sailing unerringly
across the Atlantic.

No, I think Jelf &
the absurd ones less
dangerous men than
Maurice & the
enlightened -

Let men ask about
the character of God,
& the nature &
destination of man,
& not about the
meaning of the word
α ὄντιος & they will
discover unknown

Wellcome Ms 8995

g

lands greater than
America. [end 3:357]

8994/55 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: back of Garnier's letter}

Mrs. Milman, Miss Duck=
worth, Miss Frere have
been to see me -

Do you know that
Arthur Stanley has
written two Articles
in the Quarterly ?
I leave it to you to
find them out. If
not, apply to me -
We have 15 patients -

8994/56 2ff, pen, last page in pencil, unsigned letter

a

1 Upper Harley St
7 November 1853

Dearest

Mr. Hallam's notes
not yet arrived.

Tin box & all the
other boxes were
packed together &
are to be sent off by rail
(with "empty" on them)
as I told you - I thought
they were gone long since

Σ comes to town
on Wednesday to
see me - not
before

The prints came

Wellcome Ms 8995

b

thank you very much.
And I have written
to Page about framing
the Ecce Homo - but
he has not yet been.
Neither has the new
Mrs. Herbert been
sent- & the old one
is too small for her
new frame - She is
therefore still at
present in her old
one - Also C. Bridge
is still ~~in its~~ not
come home from
Newman's

The little Lee, whom
you remember (paralytic)

c

Shift does very well,
thank you -
Neither Rolandi nor
Bickers & Bush
have been

I will send the
squeeze back when
Rolandi brings his
books - to go back
in it -

Please acknowledge
the tin. I am
uneasy about his fate -

Flour viz 6/ the
sack this week.

[not FN hand, HCV?]

 Ls to emigrate

 Alfred

 when Sams return

Ly Doyly M Mohl

Barlows 7th.

, Alexandre Thomas

Mrs Wildgoose

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/57 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

a

1 Upper Harley St
17 November 1853

My dearest

For two brace of birds, [12:83-84]
one pheasant, some books
prints & boots, just arrived,
our warmest thanks

There is a capital
nurse, has the most
difficult cases, but she
& Mrs. Clarke are *not*
one - & this gives me
some trouble - There is
will do nothing *but*
nurse if she is not
nursing, she won't be
disturbed - & Mrs. Clarke
has an inconvenient
practise of going to bed
when anything happens to

offend her - The Drs &
patients however like
There is so I shall
carry her through, in
spite -

Bertha comes today

Josceline Percy has come
in to the rescue, & now
comes to help me with
my never=ending, always
recurring gas troubles-
Wyatt, who did our
affairs for nothing,
has been dear at the
price - I had him, Mr.
J. Percy, Dr. B. Jones &
Phillips for a grand
consultation yesterday.
I unfortunately burnt

Wellcome Ms 8995

some of Ly Canning's letters
on the subject, which
I ought to have sent you -

W Did you expect
my people to read the
Edinbro? They cut open
a few leaves of the
Quarterly - don't belie
them- they did - &
finding the eternity
of punishment *there*
doubted, they decreed,
not that par la grace
du Roi Socrates shd.
be saved & Eberhard
keep his cure, but that
the Edinbro' shd. not be
touched!! However they

have read the Caxtons
with transport & I
have now got them Ruth.

Ruskin, my dear (you
know I had but one
Vol) was sent for by
Harry long ago for Alice,
& I, innocent ! gave
it up directly. He said
you had desired him_
The other Vol. I have
never had__.

The boots do well,
but __ they are made
to lace! Why, he must
have lived in the
11th. centy. what barbar=
ism - I can as soon

[end 12:84]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/58 3ff, pen, unsigned letter

a

1 Upper Harley St
23 November 1853

My dearest

The enclosed bill I
have paid. It includes
Virgin (Guercino
Two Maries
Albert Dürer's Xt
Annunciation
Isaiah (oil sketch
Ecce Homo

£ 9.7

They all look beautiful.
It does not include
one of my own, a £.1.5
frame which I have
paid separately, nor a small gilt
frame which I have
had scratched out
knowing nothing about
it, & put on a separate

b

bill, which I enclose,
with an explanatory
note. If it is all right,
tell me, & I will pay
it -

I concluded to keep
Mrs. Herbert in her
old frame - The other
was much too heavy
for such a slight
sketch - & Colnaghi
never sent the larger
margin - & she looks
very well now hung up
under C. Br. The last
time I stood there
(during her life- time)
on a dark autumnal
day & heard the river

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

wandering by & the
leaves falling in the
sighing autumnal west
wind (I never saw
the place again except
so changed that I should
not like to see it now)
has made such an
impression upon me
that, contrary to my
wont, I hardly trust
myself to dwell upon
the past nor upon
your beautiful drawing
of the past -

Delphica is come _She
is quite too big for Mrs.
Herbert's frame, even
if she were out of it,

d

I have not yet seen my
furs' arrival. thank you Did I
thank you for the pheasant
& four partridges?
Newman never returned
the portfolio - I have
another (of yours)_
We have had the
densest orange fog
here since Monday -
Yesterday afternoon it
was as entirely dark.
as in the blackest night
Did I tell you that
A Stanley, Dean of St. Paul's,
Gladstone, S. Herbert,
all of whom I saw the
other night are all
mad about Maurice_
all talking of getting up

e

a protest - the only
question whether it
is to be wide enough
to admit every body
or narrow enough to
be unmistakeably

Wellcome Ms 8995

orthodox_ I will write
to the Stanleys about
the 1st. Vol of Bunsen's
Egypt.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/59 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

a

1 Upper Harley St
23 November 1853

My dearest mother

I have written to
Mary Stanley about
Bunsen's Egypt - the
English Vol. I suppose_
Delphica is 14 inch
wide by 18 inch long -
i. e. *without* margin -
You will put what
margin you like_
I think she would do
as a pendant to the
Crucifix

I do not remember

b

Mr Bowman, with whom
I have been to Kings C.
averages the no. of patients
who come in *from*
drunkenness at *one*
half!!! & the Chaplain
said to him in my
presence that he could
not say a word to
the patients, of which he
could hope for the fruit,
because, *if they listened*
to him the nurses
wd. lead them such
a life that they could
not bear their lives in
the ward- Mr. Bowman
made no sign of surprise
or horror, & when I
reminded him of it
afterwards, *Ah!* he said,
what can one expect? of
the class the nurses come
from? !!! So much for today.

Wellcome Ms 8995

I would so gladly
give my Abbess of
Minsk materials to
you, or to A. Stanley,
to make what you
could of them *just*
at this time against
the Emperor of Russia_
I have not time, or
I would - There is
nothing done but my
own little sketch
which I wrote for you.
I have the (signed)
depositions from all
the authorities of Posen,
R.C & Prot. (Archbp

Wellcome Ms 8995

could tell the patient
world a thing or two
about Kings College & Westminster Hosp
(concernng. patients & nurses
& all) wd. make them
start

Humboldt, Hr of Redcliffe
& Two Guardians went by
Bertha

P.S. What can Mr Taylor
mean by talking about
"vocation"-- unless he
means that it is the
vocation of women of a
certain description to
get drunk & do sundry
other things - which I
will not mention - &
which the Salisbury
Hospl. in particular & the
London Hospl. in general are famous
for

8994/60 3ff, pen, unsigned letter, attached initialled postcard
in pencil? 9048/14 and bundle 371

1 Upper Harley St
25 November 1853

Reference having been
made to the Medical
Officers by the Ladies'
Committee, in the case
of certain applications
(made by patients) for
an extension of the period
of two months, with
regard to which the
Ladies' Committee desired
that the decision should
rest with the Medical
Officers, the latter
were of opinion

[12:85]

Wellcome Ms 8995

I that it is rare, if a case be not better at the end of two months, that it will be better at the end of four or of six months - one month, or, at the furthest, two being sufficient to determine improvement in a case, as a *general* rule.

II that such cases, if accustomed to look upon this Institution as a home, have no *motive* to be better at the end of two months, but rather to be worse,

as this Institution is the most cheap & comfortable lodging = house which they can find, with the luxury of taking medicine & of *sympathy* besides -

III that, of the cases which come to this Institution, ninety per cent are simply hysterical cases, to which these remarks more peculiarly apply_ The Medical Officers wish to be understood that they do not refer to incurable cases, whose downward path, even if slow, may be fitly softened in such an Institution as this

Wellcome Ms 8995

IV The Medical Officers consider it an invidious task for *them* to be called upon to discharge the patients_or to do more than report to the Committee. They suggest that there is nothing invidious in administering a law, & if the law, which they believe already to exist, (viz. that a patient's residence in this Institution is limited to the term of two months, & *is not extended*, unless there be prospect either of improvement or of death) if this law be clearly understood & firmly administered, the Medical Officers are of opinion that it will be beneficial both to the health of the Patients, & to the efficient working of the Institution.

[end 12:86]

attached postcard, pencil, stamped, cancelled very faint, FN hand:

I cannot thank you enough for those most lovely irises [?] I have never seen any [illeg] so beautiful stop in my work to [illeg] to admire their exquisite little 'trees' in miniature, & perfect foliage [illeg] turning yellow & [illeg] more lovely. I have to thank you for the {illeg.} greatest pleasure. And so does my sister with whom I share them We have refreshed them many times.
[illeg] Feb 28/53 [?] F.N.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/61 3ff, pen, unsigned letter & attached note {arch: 25 Nov 1853}

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The Medical Officers on being referred to by the Ladies' Committee in the case of certain applications which had been made by patients for an extension of the period of two months, & with regard to which the Ladies' Committee desired that the decision should rest with the Medical Officers, were of opinion

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I that, if a case were not better at the end of two months, it was not likely to be better, as a *general* rule, at the end of four or of six months

II that such cases, if accustomed to look upon this Institution as a home, have no motive to be better at the end of two months, but rather to be worse, as this Institution is the most cheap & comfortable

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lodging=house which they can find, with the luxury of taking medicine ~~besides~~ & of sympathy besides.

III that, if a case be not better at the end of two months, one more month, or, at the farthest, two, might be granted, but only in extraordinary cases

IV that, of the cases which come to this Institution, ninety per cent are simply hysterical cases, to which these remarks more peculiarly

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apply - The Medical Officers wish to be understood that they do not refer to incurable cases, whose decline, even if prolonged, may be fitly soothed in this Institution.

V. The Medical Officers consider it an invidious task for them to be called upon to discharge a patient. But there is nothing invidious in administering a law & if the law, which they believe already to exist, (viz. that a patient's

Wellcome Ms 8995

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the term of two months
& be not prolonged,
unless there be prospect
either of improvement
or of death) if this law
be clearly understood
& firmly administered,
the Medical Officers
are of opinion that it
will be beneficial both
to the health of the Patients
& to the efficient working
of the Institution.

25 November 1858

[attached note:]

Madame H. Dessain

Imprimerie

Place St. Lambert
près du Palais de
Justice {small map}
knows
all the
Schools &
will take me

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/62 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: November 1853} [3:357]

I had felt so much that
~~I could not~~ impossibility of continuing
in the Church after
this affair of Maurice
that I had ~~actually~~ already
written a letter to my
Committee, resigning &
telling the reason why,
& had also while at Combe, written a Review, for the
Westminster, stating
Maurice's case in all
its enormous blankness,
but I reflected that it
was only dragging truth
out of her hiding place
to betray her (to people
who could not understand
her,) & so I tore my

letter & suppressed my
review *for the present*
But I have never asked
like Pilate, What is truth?
Only there is a difference
between ~~explaining~~ unveiling truth
& betraying her - St. Paul
did the first. Luther did
the second - [end 3:357]

8994/63 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?53}

My dear soul, I can't
make head or tail of
your letter - is the
introduction for the
Drydale or the Trotti to
the Hills? If it is for the
Drydale, I certainly shall
not give it - I am nowise
bound to do so, ___ is, &
was therefore obliged to
give the demanded intro=
duction to Mr. Murray,
but she wrote privately
to Mr Murray (don't
tell this) to tell him not
to mind the introduction_

Wellcome Ms 8995

I have no connexion
with the Hills but
obligation on my part,

Wellcome Ms 8995

& don't want to add another
~~file~~ but
I really cd. not understand
your note - so I subjoin
a note for the Trotti
Ranzabè will do him no
good, but much harm)
I am loath to give it,
as I know how chary
Σ is of giving introduc=
tions to the Hills - & for
me it is still worse -
I wd. give an introduction
to Mme Rossetti, if
you liked it_ but it
wd. so disappoint her
that he did not know us.
& I think it is awkward

to give introductions for
a person one does not
know -- He may be or
he may not &c&c&c

I enclose some of the
stamps Papa left
behind for your present
use- "but sweet my love, thy wish forgo I keep the rest
for me"_
ever thine

8994/64 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853 Harley St}

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My dear people

You will perhaps like
to see the rough copy of
my "Quarterly" Report to
the Comtee., as I have
not time to write

If a triumph to my
vanity could have
consoled me for the
vice, speculation, mean=
ness I have seen, it
would have been
complete - for the
Comtee. sneaked away,
avowing themselves
thoroughly humiliated.

Wellcome Ms 8995

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They paid me a very
handsome tribute, for which,
of course, I do not care
a fig, seeing what
they did to my predecessor.

If I am assassinated,
I hope my bones will
be laid with Queen
Mary's & Don Quixote's,
the unsparing ferocity
of the one & the
reckless fanaticism of
the other having been
my models_ Let me
have their portraits
to hang up in my
room - We have

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had stones thrown thro'
my windows more
than once -

I had great reluctance
to putting some things
in my Report, which
sounded like praising
myself, but Σ & Mrs.
Herbert said it was
quite necessary, & egged
me on, saying, Why
should I spare these
people the truth?

I have learnt more
of the causes of failure
of charitable Institutions
in three months than
I should have done

Wellcome Ms 8995

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by sitting on Comtees. for
three hundred years
& can now fully under-
stand the reasons why
French & German
Hospitals, Schools,
Penitentiaries stand &
flourish, (without our enormous
subsns.) & ours fall -
with £40,000 a year sometimes.

We have had ANOTHER
accident with our
gas!!, whereupon I
wrote to Mr. Wyatt
& Mr. Marjoribanks,
signifying our great
aversion to being burnt,
stopped all further

proceedings, till better
advice could be had,-
& put up an Eraijorats
Stove in my own room
at my own expense,
of which the Nurses
may have the use,
in order to carry out
my plans_ This will
do for this winter, &
in the meantime they
may pitch upon
something - It seems
as if it took Dryden's
prescription for the
Oak=tree to mature
a Gas Stove - here -

Wellcome Ms 8995

I have staved off
having a Chaplain
& communicated my
determn. to the Bp
of London yesterday,
who approved. So we
shall go on with Mr. Garnier.

Dear Mr Hallam
was here on Sunday.
Yesterday, as usual,
on Mondays. a perfect mob -
Bp London
Mr. Wyatt
All the Comtee.
all the Doctors
Σ (they go
abroad on Thursday)
Mrs Herbert
&c &c

a heap of friends of
the patients -

Miss Goodridge, my
pride & glory, the
Opern. Patient, has
been discharged cured.

N. Zealand plaque
sailed yesterday -
Quekett has been
all=mighty & all=
benevolent -

Did I tell you that
good Mr Dixon has
given us £ 50 &
Lady Pembroke £100.

Σ has rehung my
room & made it look
very nice.

Wellcome Ms 8995

I fear I cannot serve
At. Pat's protégée, tho ' I
will bear her in mind.
I have such multitudes
of those kinds of people.

The Supt. Deaconess
of the Jerusalem place,
my great friend at
Kaiserswerth, a woman
of education & fortune,
writes to me from
Jerusalem that her
sister desires to come
to England for a year
to perfect herself in
English by taking a
governess' place (without
salary) where she
wd. have time (for her
own English studies)
allowed her - In a year

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she is to become a Deaconess - This rara avis
might be acceptable to some - Could you help
her?

8994/65 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter **[1:137-38]**

1 Upper Harley St
December 1 1853

Dearest mother

I really have no time
for these fooleries.

Leonora's marriage is
just of a piece with
them - I am quite sure
she had not seen Dr.
Pertz six times_ His wife
~~was~~ but 'two months' dead.
If he had married At Julia
I should have supposed
that his wife had asked it,
& it would not have lowered
my opinion of either - Now
my opinion of both these two is gone_
I always considered the
Horners one of the few really united
families I knew, (borné &

Wellcome Ms 8995

tiresome as they are)- &
here is a woman forsaking

Wellcome Ms 8995

those she has known for
35 years for a man of
58 whom she has known
for 6 days - & her own
country into the bargain.
Can anything be a greater
proof of the want of
interest women take in
their lives?? that fatal
want of interest which
leads my governess=class
into Hysterics - the higher,
(as it is called), class into
a marriage = *lottery* - For
I suppose nobody pretends
that Leonora is in love
with him - In these
matrimonial speculations
I cannot take the slightest
interest, farther than a
wish, that women's lives
could have interest enough

to make men shy of asking
such a sacrifice - But
men are so well aware
of the fact that a man,
who has enough, can hardly
look at a woman for fear
of its being said that
he has "trifled with her
affections"

That I am alone
nobody ~~feels~~ can know
more deeply than I do myself
that my life is most
solitary & friendless, in
the midst of friends, is
a truism, *how solitary I* &
I only can tell - but
would marriage diminish
that solitude ? certainly
none of those marriages I have
ever seen - I have seen
the husbands of my dearest
friends curl their lips with

Wellcome Ms 8995

a curious kind of smile
at how little their wives
understood them - & most
men know their wives about
as much as they know
Abraham - This man who
wants to marry me now
knows about as much of
my views & feelings as ___
I do of his, which is saying
a great deal- for I really
did not know whether *he*
was alive or his brother -
& when he talked of his
child, I did not know
he had one -

If I did not know that it
was considered a compliment,
I should consider his
asking me almost an insult.
As it is, I can only take
it as another proof of the
general melancholy truth
that marriage is almost the
only interest in a woman's **[end 1:138]**

8994/66 4ff, pen, unsigned letter **[5:187-88]**

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1 Upper Harley St
22 December 1853

Dear Papa

The question which
you start is the most
interesting one of the
day, & is not undiscussed
by the great men who
watch, not interfere in,
the Labour Market -
I imagine that S. Herbert,
Quekett & many others
(my "Lady Bountifuls",
I acknowledge, are only
influenced by their own
kind impulses) are
fully insensed with
it - & S. Herbert,
whatever his faults,
great in my eyes, as a

Wellcome Ms 8995

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statesman,
is a thorough Political
Economist. The opinion
which is, I believe,
spreading among these
is that the trade &
manufactures of England
will be gradually
transferred to her colonies,
that this is scarcely
to be deplored in
any point of view,
that, for the Laborer
to go where he can get
5/ pr day, is the
soundest Political Economy
& upon the true principle
of supply & demand -
The gold is in Australia,
the corn is in Tasmania.

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Those who watch the
signs of the laws of God
say that there, in a
few years, will be the
Anglo=Saxon population,
~~the~~ commerce & ~~the~~
manufacture

You say that wages
are rising in England.
So they are - But with
them the price of
every thing raised by
labour - I could not
feed my family with
bread now under 25/
pr week, if I had not
laid in flour & baked
at home - Flour is
now 70/ pr sack -
Coals are 40/ pr ton

Wellcome Ms 8995

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~~just~~ nearly twice the price
they were four months
ago - when I laid in 56 tons
at 23/. Our butcher
came to me only yesterday
& said that he could
not go on supplying
us at contract prices_
And my belief is that
meat & bread will be
higher still after Xmas.
12/ pr week will hardly
go now as far as 9/
this time last year.
My conviction is that
the Laborer's wages,
though nominally higher,
are really lower. And
this by accurate calculation

Wellcome Ms 8995

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I too think that the [3:361]
old world is going to be
transferred to the new.
not perhaps on such
accurate Politico=Economice
grounds as the great men do
but because all history
tells me that when
a nation's religion is
divorced from its
practice, its Culte
from its real belief,
that nation becomes extinct_
The events which have
lately taken place in the
Church are, I think,
truly alarming. - the
Gorham & Maurice cases.
the shuffling the
cowardice - the meanness
the leaving every important

[end 5:188]

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point out of the question
to haggle about a word_
the looking for your
faith in the Dictionary
& not in the character
of God - And of the
two cases, I think the
Gorham nothing to this_
In the first, the Church,
when she was asked
whether little babies
were damned or not,
only answered " she did
not know - it did
not signify - it was an
open question - you
might believe sometimes
the one & sometimes
the other, as you chose,
or both, if convenient".

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but now, the Church
having declared in
almost every line of
her Liturgy that we
are to be damned
everlastingly, somebody,
in a poor vague way,
presumes to say something
about "an abyss of love
& under an abyss of sin" of
which few can unravel
the meaning & immediately
everybody goes & looks
in their Dictionaries for
the construing of the word
"α ὀνιος" Two only, Archd.
Hare & Kingsley, say
plainly, We believe as
Maurice does - All the rest,
Gladstone, S. Herbert, Arthur

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Stanley, tho' extremely excited
upon the subject - tho'
they declare they will
have no new test applied to
the Ch. of Eng. tho' Arthur
Stanley draws up a protest,
(which nobody will sign
of all those assembled
on Friday at his house
for the purpose)_ yet
not one of them will
say whether or no he
considers the doctrine
of eternal damnation as
consonant with the
character of God. I feel
towards *Him* as towards a
much injured individual
about whom I knew a
great secret, which would
clear His reputation, known
to many others also, which we will

a {bottom left margin}
not tell.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/67 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

1 Upper Harley St
22 Dec 1853

My dear The Alpaca
made a very handsome
petticoat - I should like
my purple velvet cloak,
sent up please, also my Dahlia
petticoat to be dyed -
black - I don't want
another common gown at
present nor a polka.
But I should be very
glad if Mariette would
make up or send up
to be made my black
silk top (which you
have) to the black
silk bottom which I
have - make it up

wadded very warm *both*
sleeves & body (like
my old black merino)
with close sleeves &
"poignets" to wear under
a polka, as I have
divers skirts without
tops - & I can't wear
a polka without a
body under it, as it
shews the white, & I
have three polkas &
not one body except
with large sleeves_ so
the polkas are useless.
Many thanks for the
pretty bows_ If Mariette
can't make said body, I
will have it done_ if she
will send up the silk

Wellcome Ms 8995

I have bought a frame
at Nurse's to match
with Bunsen, & put
up one of my old
Holy Families in it,
which does very well
And nobody minds
putting Christ out at
the door nor God either
for that matter, tho'
we don't like to put our
friends The Delphica
is not come - Aunt Mai
is hung up in my bed
room & the Albert Dürer
If you have no objection
to leave my prints as

they are & let me pay
for what I have had
extra, I shd be very glad.
Of course I will pay for
what you did not intend
to give me - I have
paid please tell Mama for the carpet,
the pendant to the Delphica
& to the Bunsen so do not you do so- I must
think that I know a
little more about Hospital
Nurses than Mr. Taylor
in London - Josceline Percy
& ~~F~~ whom I think I have
heard you quote as authority
& with whom I am now
great friends bears me
out - Mr. Taylor cannot
say too much of the
horrors of the Patients - I

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/68 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: Winter 1853}

My dear, Druce has sent
the new pr of drawers,
which do very nicely -
But I have kept the old
one in my room downstairs,
where they are much in
request. I will keep both
thank you -

Do not think, if you
hear about Ockham from
other sources, that I have
told - I heard it above
a month ago.

Thanks for the enclosed,
I never see Mr.
Marjoribanks - only write to
him

The Crucifixion frame
will do beautifully for
the Delphica

{cut off} mounts, watch, Esmond,
her box I sent by Uncle Sam.

I dare say I shall wear
the Chinchilla as winter
comes on - It is so intense
the cold here

Please send me my
"Voice of Devotion" the little
book of prayers_ also, if
Marianne has made it, the
long=promised=by=her wadded
petticoat - Surely there are
old gowns of mine at Embley
to make it of_

The mortality bills in
London increase 30 pr
week for every degree the
Thermometer falls - so untrue
is the proverb, a warm
Xmas makes a green church=
yard - The cold is now
unusual & people intending
to die have taken the opportunity.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/69 4ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: summer 1852; calendar 1853?} [1:314-15]

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My dearest/ Your Moral=
Philosophy=question I
would so gladly answer
but that I feel it as
impossible to do so in a
letter,- as it would be to
explain the path of the
moon in a letter, without
entering into the whole
subject of Astronomy -
Without entering into the
whole immense subject
of God's government (a
far more difficult and
unexplored one than
Astronomy) it is indeed impossible
to ~~enter upon~~ answer so important
a question as "How are our
mistakes ordained of God

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as well as our misfortunes? how
can we bear what we have done ourselves?"

The heads of my (attempted)
answer would be.

It was not your fault - it
was God's fault - or rather
it was His Wisdom - you
could not help it - you
could not do otherwise.

To blame yourself is as
untrue as to blame others -
Every thing happens by Law_
by *God's* Law - If the laws_
of God had been different,
which made you what you
are, Imperfection would
not have been on the way
to Perfection -

Your mistakes are part
of God's plan_ If the plan
of God had been different

Wellcome Ms 8995

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from what it is, every
body would not have
had perfect happiness,
which every body *will*
have some day -

Then when people come to see this,
all that energy which
is expended on wishing
'we had done otherwise'
will be turned to considering
the laws of God, & how we
can further his purpose,
for which they are construc=
ted, Perfection for each
& for all -

If that unfortunate
Miss Ryder, the Superior
of the Good Shepherd at
Bristol, who has just
poisoned one of her Penitents
by mistake (I know her)

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could see that that mistake
was in the plan of God, —
that she & the Penitent
& all the world would
not attain to perfect
happiness, if it were not
for those laws by which
she made that mistake,
she would, instead of being
miserable for the rest
of her life, resign herself
nobly to the laws of God
as the greatest sufferer
which they could have made,
& suffer in accordance with
God's will -

Will this creed make us
negligent, careless? make
us say, 'we could not help
it, we may do what we like'?

Wellcome Ms 8995

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If we do, the laws of God
will so bang us about
that we shall see, it is
part of His purpose that
we should learn His plan
by our sufferings & our
mistakes - & we shall not
commit them (merely *because* we
were not to be blamed for
them) any more than we
shall put ourselves in the
way of tooth ache & sciatica
because we are not to be
"blamed" for having the
tooth=ache & sciatica_

This is all the answer I
can make in a letter. But
the subject of the moral
Laws of God is at least

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as interesting & a far
more unstudied one than
that of His physical Laws.

Either God governs all
or nothing - If He governs
anything, He has surely not
left the most important
kingdom of all without
His laws, plan & super=
intendence - It is much
nobler to bear one's own
mistakes *in accordance*
with the will & plan of
God, than merely to bear
one's physical sufferings.
Oh! God in the flesh, know
thyself, unite thyself as
one with All=comprehending

Wellcome Ms 8995

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thought - accept thy
high office to work out,
to manifest that thought,
phase after phase, now
& for ever - that thought
that we shall, *by the*
exercise of our own nature,
by the learning of thy laws
which cannot be learned
without our mistakes,
rise to thy Perfection, to
be one with Thee -

I am very glad you
are better, my dearest, I
hope to meet on Saturday

Farewell now, my love -

8994/70 1f, pen, initialled letter, bundle 123, black-edged paper
{arch: 1853}

Tapton. Wednesday- **[1:423-24]**

Dearest mother

As Fletcher is off, we shall come
up to town by the Great Northern on
Friday - We shall be at the Burlington
about $\frac{1}{2}$ p 4, if trains are punctual -
So that, if you want to see Aunt
Mai, you will perhaps like to be in
at that hour_ She will leave
London by the $\frac{1}{4}$ to 6 from Waterloo.

All that I have to say I put off

till then - A great snow=storm this
morn - these Northern climes!

We saw a whole neighbourhood full
of her old friends yesterday - they
all came_ We went to church
at Fulwood on Sunday & old
Chalmer preached the first sermon
I have listened to these ten years -

I will do Rodgers on Friday mornng..

Thank you, dearest people, for all
your kind letters -

love to Athena - FN

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/71 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853?} [1:417]

Tapton

Tuesday

Dearest people

Our dear old soul
up stairs is still alive.
but she has taken
nothing for 24 hours -
not even tea - has had
two very restless nights -
though now she is
sleeping - She knew
me quite last night
again, said Kiss me -
thank you - quite
recognised my having
come to her -

My mind is so full
of this that I cannot
bring it to consider
the offer, which I asked

Mrs. Bracebridge to
write to you, which
Lady Canning has made
me. I had considered
the matter as quite
off__ & only learnt
this offer, on arriving
in London; (from a
very urgent note,
which I found from
Mrs. Herbert, awaiting
me in Victoria Sq, &
asking me to come to
her that very night,
as she could not come
to me - which I unwill=
ingly did - I slept in
Victoria Sq with Beatrice,
who staid in town to

Wellcome Ms 8995

receive me. Mrs -
Bracebridge left a letter,
telling me that I must
come to the Atherstone
Station to speak to her,
where she would be
waiting to tell me this
affair & that I could
go on to Tapton that
night - However I
could not - so I came
on to Tapton Monday
morning - I did not know the end was so near here. I am quite
well now, thank you
& was quite well again
before I set off, which
we did on Friday. Mrs.
Mohl had got a
governess of Madame de

la Rochefoucauld's, a
very stupid old Englishwoman,
for my escort - we had
a very beautiful day
for crossing, & were in
London by 6 o'clock,
where I found Beatrice,
drank tea with Mrs_
Herbert, (he had a
great man dinner in
the house) & left London
by the 10 o'clock mail
train the next morning,
taking Beatrice to
Bedford Sq - I had no
hurry nor fatigue &
have quite regained my
strength- thank you-
I shall wait for your answer
before I take the Canning matter
into consideration, dearest Mum.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/72 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853} [7:733]

Dearest mother If you do not wish Miss Hall to know of my being at Paris, on account of Grandmama, will you stamp, seal, & send the enclosed? If, on the other hand, she knows already of my being at Paris through John, perhaps you had better not send it till Papa has left the Hurst - She will then only think that I am come back - You do not tell me what the "enclosed" article was, which she sent me_ ~~you~~ of dear Aunt Evans's dress,- so that I am obliged to thank for it quite vaguely_ She will find out that I don't know what it is - Perhaps you will send Miss Hall's note on to Aunt Mai.

Mrs. Chisholm writes to accept Nelken, *in the general*, if he will forward his testimonials - I am on tenterhooks, as he is a Jew - Still I have given her letter to M Mohl. The snow here is deep in the streets & it has been snowing heavily since Thursday last - with a cutting North wind - Paris in a snow *is* a bleak sight. Hilly is hard at work at Jeanron's daily from 9 till 6. & I have been sitting - A Marquis of your acquaintance & ours, the same who pursues poor Mrs. Ferrand, (asked to the Bal du Sénat), went in derision en habit convert de paillettes- (spangles). This man, like his Uncle, is especially vulgar- parvenu- he gives immense salaries to all

Wellcome Ms 8995

his officials & insists they shall
live up to them to make a shew, to
make the Empire splendid.

[end 7:733]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/73 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1853}

Dearest mother

I am sorry to say
the eye glass has
never been found,
tho' well hunted for.
The gally pot *has*.
& I have it for
you. It was not
found till after
Papa's box was
packed - & he says
he has another at
home for you -

There are no cards
or notes. I sent all
Hookham's, Rolandi's,
& Harding's parcels
for Parthe by Papa_

~~He w~~

I went to Lucrezia
Borgia with Shore
in the states last
night - the most
splendid piece
of art I ever saw.

perfect in its way_

I go tomorrow
to Combe - Hilary
sleeps with me
tonight_ here -
On Monday to Paris
with Mme Dubois.

ever yours

dearest mother

FN -

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/74 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: June 1853} [7:740-41]

a

Dear Pop

Hilary says

"Will you give my dear love to Pop & thank her much for her letter, which Clarkey enjoyed to share - I didn't see George Duck, but have been to see Louisa McKenzie, besides that she came to dine & converse here very pleasantly - & was very pleased with Pop's letter & will sit for her picture or anything else to please Pop, if we can do it - Only please remember I don't ever make promises - no not even to please Pop.

The Jeanron talks like the Bocca della Verità - no, there never was a man so genuine & so natural & with

Wellcome Ms 8995

b

{illeg}

so much reflection_ He's
like a great oak tree with
all its leaves on & makes
no more fusses or convenances
than an oak tree would, tho'
he's full of real consideration

Clarkey is pretty well -
Mr. Mohl very well indeed
& I'm so happy to go again
to my Atelier, where the dear
good people adopted me
again into all old familiar
ways & where the maestro
is as full of stuff & of the
discoveries he has made -
It is some pleasure to paint
all day when one's very baddest
daubs become texts of
enlightenment & one feels one
is taking in of the true stuff
instead of pottering in the
dark or artificializing." [end 7:741]
{bottom and right margin:} {illeg}

8994/75 pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853} [30 May 1853] [7:737-40]

Fête Dieu

My dearest people

I am glad you are going
to London - I hear from Lady
Canning that the Mansfield St.
house is *not* taken, & they
have *another* in contemplation
in Harley St. It is to be
decided upon on the 11th.
Perhaps, when you are in
London, you will hear from
her whether it is decided,
& then, if you like to furnish
my room, you know I cannot
but be too grateful -

On Tuesday I believe I go
into my S. Vincent & for good,
or for evil, as you may think -

I hear from the St. John's
place that they won't have

Wellcome Ms 8995

poor Therese- so I shall be
obliged to take her a lodging.

Wellcome Ms 8995

Yesterday was the Octave of the Fête Dieu. The Corpus Domini. I stood at my window & saw the procession in the magnificent gardens of the Missions Etrangères next door - I have never seen anything so striking - It reminded me of the Jewish & Egyptian processions, & a little also of the Indian - The Catholic Church is eminently an artist_ Nothing in the vagueness of the Protestant Church strikes me so much as this, that, in wiping off all these things, which are the logical consequence of the belief in Grace, Original Sin, the Atonement, the Incarnation, they have, tho' keeping those dogmas, left themselves no God at all. (This however is common enough in the destroyers of abuses) The Fete Dieu has become a Fête-

Hudson, a Fête Dss of Sutherland for the upper classes, a Fete Greenwich or a Fete Epsom for the lower, or worse, still, a Fete Gin palace - Whenever, if ever the Gospel of the *perfect God* is preached, all that is best of Art, of painting, architecture, music & poetry, will be his. We shall hear no more of those monstrous speeches about the distinction ~~of~~ between faith & works ~~of~~ between imagination & action - But the perfect being will be dedicated to the perfect God.

To return to the Fete Dieu, which was celebrated after this fashion - First walked the female schools, to the number of some hundreds, all in white, with the white veil over their heads, (it was the Première Communion) singing

Wellcome Ms 8995

a low & solemn chant - then
the boys- they carried banners
after the manner of Raphael's
Madonna di S. Sisto, (which
was a banner, originally),
with ribbons, white for the
girls, crimson for the boys,
depending, of which the
privileged all held an end_,
on these banners were
copies of pictures of Raphael
& Murillo,- then came a
military band, the soldiers,
~~bayonets~~ all wore nose gays
& had crowned their bayonets'
points with flowers, the
officers had flowers in
their schakos, such was
the length of the train, that
none of the separate choirs
interfered with ~~the~~ each others,
as they defiled thro' the garden

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& the effect of the snatches
of military music, of the
clear & feeble voices of the
girls & of the deep chant
of the old priests, alternating
with each other among the
trees, was wonderful - Lastly,
came the tall incense bearers,
dressed entirely in white, like
Egyptian priests, & throwing
the incense, which curled up
in tall clouds thro' the sacred
groves_ For, on this day alone,
the gardens of the Mns. Etran-
gères are thrown open to
woman kind & mankind -
And, of all these missionaries,
scarcely one, you will remember,
will ever return. Yellow
fever, black fever, cholera,

Wellcome Ms 8995

martyrdom, prison & hunger
mow them off, as is well known,
to certain death. After the
incense = bearers flinging their
censers came the choristers,
all in white with crimson
sash, & then, numbers of
priests, like the Indian,
entirely robed in gold,
glancing thro' the trees, &
last of all the Host, under
its canopy, borne by four
bishops - All the population
fell upon its knees as it
went by, & a number of
the missionaries & of other orders, chanting, closed
the train- I saw the white
Cornette of the S. of Charity &
the black dress of the nun,
now no longer cloistered,
floating among the flowering
shrubs & tulips of the garden.

till at last the Host was
enshrined in the chapel at
the end of the bosquet. & the
benediction was pronounced -
The whole procession of girls,
who reached to the other end
of the garden & cd only be seen
thro' the trees, covered their
faces with their white veils
& sunk upon their knees -
as the Tantum ergo sacra=
mentum was heard in
snatches on the wind -

I did not go down _I hate
a crowd - But I never saw
anything so beautiful seen from above, as that
green & flowery grove
filled with the thousand white figures
of the kneeling children__
veiled & perfectly motionless.
their heads bowed to the earth
& farther on, the dark figures of the Missionaries.
It was like an Oriental Mystery
As far as I know, the Ch. of

Wellcome Ms 8995

England is the only religion
which has allowed of no priest=
esses- From the Druids down
to the Quakers, women have
always been admitted to
minister to their God - The
Ch. of Eng. is the only one which
has banished them from the
service of the Spirit - Small
indeed is the service she
requires from any, to go to
church twice a week, to have
a little prayer said to Him
every night, to take bread &
wine once a month, this is
all I believe the God of the
Ch. of Eng. requires from man
or woman - An over busy
mother made an over careless
mother - Soon we shall be
able, like the Ho. of Lords, to
say our prayers by proxy, as
we confess our sins by proxy.

Enough of this. It sounds, I
fancy, unmusical to English
ears, & harsh in sound,
particularly, to thine - Be
that as it may, let us go on to business - M. Mohl is
one of the most perfect characters
I have ever met with - Poor
man ! he has a hook in his
back to hang all the madmen
of Europe upon - & every body
who has want of help comes
to him. I fancy the one
he has with him now he
thinks not the least insane.
I have seen pretty nearly
all the Hospitals in Paris.
& I have seen a woman
I knew in Rome, the Superior
of the Trinità- I have not
seen another creature I know
in Paris - nobody knows I am
here - excepting the Koh=i=noors,
Guillot & his wife - & my friend
the old abbé, old Apostle of the Petits Pères,
Des Genettes

Wellcome Ms 8995

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Of all the professions in the world
I fancy the one which has done its
work the worst, has been the
least prepared for it & done the
least in it, has been the Clerical.
I don't suppose the Judges, the
Soldiers, the Doctors, the Engineers
have not done their work much
better - There is one civilized man
in every Xtian parish in Europe,
40,000 in France, 25 000 in England.
What have they done? When one reads
the life of Oberlin & sees what they
might have done, it does indeed
seem a failure - And then people
throw the blame upon Mankind & say
the human heart is desperately
wicked, & God did not mean it to
{upside down, crossed out with single diagonal line}
je vous en serai bien recon =
naissante, mais si vous êtes
trop occupée, je vous prie,
Madame, de ne pas vous
déranger ni perdre un temps
précieux pour une "mal=apprise".

Veillez agréer, Madame,
l'expression de mes sentimens
les plus empressés -

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 8995

be otherwise - poor human nature'.
Oberlin & S. Vincent of Paul did
not talk about the human heart
being desperately wicked, because
they made it otherwise - It is such
a very convenient way. And to
think that these men have been
preaching for nearly 2000 years,
& have not done more than this,
40,000 in France, 25000 in England
Why, if Oberlin's influence had
been prolonged for 2000 years,
he would certainly have regene
rated at least that spot of
earth - S. Vincent did regenerate
the Hospitals. But, what do
they preach, in England the
Rubric, here mass & confession.
Certainly, if the Church were
entirely swept away in England,
Spain & Italy, it would make
~~very little~~ I believe no difference, at all,
here a little, for it keeps
them out of gin palaces &
Epsom races - in the N. of Germany
the sweeping away of the Prot. Church
would make a great difference - **[end 7:740]**

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/76 1f, incomplete, unsigned letter {arch: 1853?; 1853 Harley St.}

a

Dearest mother
My dear Dr. Pertz is in
England (with one son)_ he
~~who~~ was so kind to us at
Berlin- you will love &
admire him as much as
I do - he is Librarian of
the famous Library at
Berlin (where he used to
let me read by myself)
you know, & wrote the life
of Stein, you know, & is a
perfect Encyclopaedia &
Library in himself_ He
is going to be in England
through Septr.- Pray write
to him & ask him both
to Lea Hurst & Embley -
to Embley for yourselves,
to Lea Hurst, because I am
sure Papa will like him &
the Sams will be there.

f

I have seen the dear Herberts_
The Public Meeting was
organized *with* Mr.
Chisholm's consent - indeed
it was the only way that
money could be presented
to a public character like
her_ she has made herself
public by her good deeds.
let the acknowlt. of them
be public - you cannot give *her* private charity. - they got £900_
& hope to present her
with a purse, (not plate)
of £2000 - before her
departure in a fortnight.
I am very glad - It is
a good & fine public
farewell - People subscribed
their thousands to Hudson.
let them shew they can appreciate
Mrs. Chisholm

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/77 1f, pen, unsigned note/incomplete letter? {arch: 1853
Harley St.}

He is to be directed to
at the Prussian Embassy
9 Carlton Terrace
ask the boy too - a great original_
ever dearest mother
your loving child

Our clergyman here is Mr. Garnier,
the Dean of Winchester_ he
lives 4 doors from us_ &
came to be introduced to me
& offer his assistance - I went
there yesterday to ask for it.
But he was "gone out of town".
Clergymen are always out of
town -

{upside down, crossed out with single diagonal line:}

Me 54,,12
Mrs. C. 26
Subn. 5,, 5
Mrs. C. 8

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8994/78 2ff, pen, unsigned letter/response to J. Booth? {incl.
letter from J. Booth; arch: Harley St 1853}, bundle 123

~~I received~~

I don't think Mrs. Clarke &
I shall go till *Thursday* -
I received Papa & Plante's
skins just as I was setting
off per rail - I have had his
bill sent me, & will settle
it when I go to town: Is

Johnson (Carlyle's) the same as his old
review on Boswell? Also
Hypatia I shall be very glad
to see, tho' I liked not
the bit I read - Do you
know of any other place
than Mudie's to which
I can subscribe? I like
not the 3 Vol. novels
for my patients. However
I believe Mudie has

Wellcome Ms 8995

every thing. Is it £2,2
a year for a London
subscription ?

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/79 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853}

as at the Greengrocer's
I don't expect that flour
will fall before Xmas_

With regard to paper,
it is not like comestibles.
Paper may fall in that
monstrous manner from
improvement in manu=
factures - but we shall
never see consumeable
articles fall in that way

The Bp of London
called yesterday ___ & we
had some talk about
a chaplain - nothing
is settled - also Mr.
Hallam, who only came
up to town that mornng..
& will come to you early
in Novr.- also Frances
Bunsen. also Mrs.
Herbert. She says the

Cabinet is all for peace
& will perhaps go out
upon that question, if
Parlt. meets. Parlt. is
so warlike - She seemed
bothered & said he
was overdone & they
are not likely to get
out of London - Queen
coming up_ Ly Canning
with her.

Mrs. Stanley called
on Saty.- I was so busy
I cd. not see her_ but
I called on her on Sunday,
as she wanted to see
me - Mary comes back
from Belgium tomorrow.
They are in town for a
fortnight - going to Cheshire

Wellcome Ms 8995

Thank Papa for his
letters - very much -

The great thing we
want is a daily Times
to keep them from
quarrelling about each
other & me - If you
can't suggest to me a
cheaper way of doing
it, I must take it
in myself -

Any *information*
or old clothes for
the one going to N. Zealand
most acceptable - I
am drained - Nelson
is the place_ Since
she has had this hope,
she is come to her senses,
& eats like other people
& goes out.

Uncle Oc has been
again (called up to town
by the price of things)
to help us with our
interminable works, &
has been most kind
& helpful.

If there is a war, the
armies *will* provision
themselves on the Danube,
& where are we?

I've got my flour
though at 60/ when my
neighbours are smarting
at 72/ which is very
delightful, I mean
their smarting -

I fear I must
keep my Dent, as At=
kinson is intractable
& I have no time to run
about changing it. I was very
{right margin:}
sorry. I think I will not trouble you about Howell &
James. It would be no use for me to have
an unwarranted clock -

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/80 2ff, pen, unsigned draft/letter/copy {arch: 1853}

Rules for Patients

I

It is not permitted to any Patient to find fault with the Nurses or Servants. ~~But~~ She is requested to inform the Lady Superintendent of every complaint she has to make of their behaviour, & it will be immediately attended to.

It is expected that the Patients will treat the Nurses with uniform civility.

II

The candles are to be put out at 10 o'clock.

III

The Lady Superintendent will, on every occasion, accompany the medical attendant on his visits to the patients, unless when she deposes the Nurse to take her place.

IV

Patients who are well enough to go out, & remain absent at meal times, cannot have anything prepared for them out of hours, except bread & butter.

Wellcome Ms 8995

V

A patient may occasionally, & by giving ~~due~~ notice to the Superintendent, invite a female friend to dinner or tea by paying 1/ for dinner & /6 for tea, always giving notice to the Superintendent

VI

It is required that all presents of food brought by friends of patients should be deposited with the Superintendent for their use.

My dearest

I send you some documentary evidence to shew you how we are going on- I have, by intriguing with the Bp of London, got off the Chaplain _S. Hay being dead, & I not liking the other candi= date - his Lordship authorized me to propose it to Mr. Garnier, who is a very good man, & quite harmless & we are now going to have a Gentlemen Comtee. meeting to propose it to him formally _with £50 a year

I have been twice to dine with the S. Herberts, thought {top of page:} him anxious & old tho' as agreeable as ever_

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/81 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: 1853 Harley St}

My love

The chiffonier is
come & is beautiful_
only too beautiful_
for my room, which
sees a great deal
of dirty work -

Please send me in
the bill -

We are very thrang
Miss Lee still lingers
& probably will -

We have two Insane
in the house - one on
the Prophecies -

I shall see Papa
on Monday night

I hope

8994/82 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853}

a

My stove= experience is,
I fear, not applicable
to your case - ~~In~~ All our
stoves have been *gas*,
excepting one, (a
x."Benham's Cottager") fed
with cinders & coal dust,
which I, exasperated
at the interminable
delays, the gross
carelessness, & the
great danger (as
well as inefficiency)
of what my authorities
had done, had put
up at my own expence
in three hours, & lent

x. Benham, Wigmore St.

Wellcome Ms 8995

b

to the house for this
winter_ This is a
£3.3 stove (with
boiler & some other
things which are extra)
The boiler greatly
increases the heat -
~~Still~~ so does the flue -
But I don't recommend it ecclesiastically.
~~Still~~ no one can judge
for the church, without
"inspecting the locality"
Deane & Dray's
pillar stoves, fed
with coke, are
generally thought
well of -

Deane & Dray
46 King William St.
London Bridge

c

I have never seen
Dr. Arnott but once,
(when he came here
very kindly & made
a great many
impossible & expensive
suggestions), & could
not take the liberty
of writing to him.

I fear I cannot help
you- Hospital Practice
is not ecclesiastical
practice - & the less
of the latter I have,
I begin to think, the
better I shall get on.

I will ask Josceline
Percy, who sometimes
comes to tea after us,
but I fear he will say
as I do- our experience

Wellcome Ms 8995

d

is so much limited to gas.

Of course you have
thought of Arnott's Stove.

You will be delighted,
as I am, to know that
there are now 85 children
at the Lea School, that
Mr. Bagshaw is very popular,
& the School Mistress
looking up.

Aunt Maria will
be missed there
& her harmless charities

8994/83 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

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I have reduced the cost of each person
from 1/9 to 1/0 3/4 (~~1/11~~ per day)

But I am aghast at
the rise of prices yesterday
Flour rose 14/ pr sack
~~14/~~ yesterday ! Such a
thing was never heard
of - I went yesterday
to make all my purchases
for the month - & my
Corn Factor, a very
honest man, is now asking
70/ & 63/ pr sack for
what was 56/ & 50/.

*Fortuum & Mason
consented, but with
hesitation, to go on at
the low rate of prices
I contracted for last
month. (rice, candles,
& every thing else being*

d

at war prices) but
they would not allow
us discount as before.

I meant to do as
Mr. M had authorized
me yesterday. (I say "I,"
for everything is left to

Wellcome Ms 8995

me.) But this being
the case, I have asked
advice whether things
are likely to go on
at this rate, or whether
we had better wait
a month & see - We
are better off than
our neighbours, in that
we have $\frac{1}{2}$ sack Flour
at the late low price
to go on with, which
I bought in the City
last month - But I

e

see nothing for it but
to put our Patients
upon a diet of Tea &
Soap for the winter.
May Russia go to the
dogs!

Furthermore, the
stove which, with ten
feet piping, tumbled
into my arms this
day sennight, has
been put up again
in exactly the same
manner, & will, in
the course of an hour,
repeat the manoeuvre
in exactly the same
manner_ A man who
employs workmen who
perform these feats
ought to be subject

Wellcome Ms 8995

f

to a penalty for endan=
gering sick women's
lives. Common sense
tells one that a pipe
must not be *soldered*
so near so great a heat.
but *riveted* & made
air=tight by a hardening
Blk. Lead Mixture -
If something is not
done, I will encamp
with my twelve patients
in the middle of
Cavendish Sq., & let
the Police & the Comtee.
come & rout me out
as a vagrant.

We had an operation
in the house yesterday,
& have another tomorrow

8994/84 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853}

I have had two stern
masters, Hospital Practice
& the Administration of the
New Poor Law, (for the latter
of which I have to thank
you, which I do indeed)_
And these enable me
to keep my Comtee. by
perpetual governing
pretty straight -
Otherwise we should be
stocked with people,
who make illness an
amusement & a luxury,
for want of any higher
interest in life - with
people, whose families
send them here as the
cheapest mode of provi=
ding for them - And

Wellcome Ms 8995

of this genus eight=
twelfths of our patients
would be - but for
constant watchfulness-

In my old age I shall
(never desert the Anglo=
Saxon blood, out of
which I believe - in
the language of ancient
prophecy - salvation
shall come - but) go
to Australia to help
in the work of
civilization there -
where, unfettered by
a conventional & extinct
church, dead in believing

that which she says
she does not believe &
in not believing that
which she says she
does believe, a new
nation will spring up,
whether utterly waste
& ignorant, or educated
& civilized, let England
say

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/85 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: Harley St. 1853}

My dearest

Mrs. Clarke & I go
up to town on ~~W~~ *Thursday*
& I believe Aunt Mai
too.

I forget what you told
me about *my* bedding.
But I have written to Ly
Canning that it *will* be
provided for me, so, if
you have any fancies
about it, perhaps you
will be so very good
as to write to the man about it,
as I do not know what
has been done, but
rather fancy that you
said it had not yet
been ordered when I was with you - My bath
had better be sent in

on Friday - please tell
me the name of the man
that I may not reject
it-

ever thine

8994/86 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

a

My dearest, I am afraid
the £1,,1 subscription will
not do for me, as what I
want is not the quick
change of books, (which
will all probably, make the
round of the *whole* Hospl.,)
but a sufficiency of books
for 32 persons - Two vols
is very short commons
However with the London Library,
if I subscribed to *both*,
it would perhaps supply
enough. What is the Subn. to this?

I am afraid very dear.

I have no observations
to make on my "Burlington

Wellcome Ms 8995

Share", which I find very
reasonable. thank you.

Harding's bill ~~was~~ (for
merino mantle &c) & Miss

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

Edwards's for bonnet are not to go in_ because they were for last year_ It is true they were not till December_ But, as I was not paid my allowance for this year till Lady Day, as I had to live all that time at Paris &c on my own money, besides paying up the remnant of Umberlade last year out of my own money, so that it was all gone (what I had saved up for a special purpose) before I received my allowance, I do not

d

suppose that last year's December bills will be placed to my account.

Pray bring the vol of Zanoni to London - I have only one. But I hope the third will turn up_ otherwise it is of little use - they were all three there in the winter, I am sure - Also the 1st. Vol of Mrs. Poole's Englishwoman in Egypt

I hope will turn up - I have the second. also the other Vol. of Novalis.

I am sorry to say my S. François de Sales (1st. Vol) is come with my books. But I did not take it (either out of East

Wellcome Ms 8995

e

room or Nursery bedroom).
I saw it upon my books
in Nursery, & thought
you had put it there -
It must have been packed
up with them. I will send
it by post, if you tell me
to do so - I conclude the 2nd.
Vol is at Embley -

The workmen at Harley
St will be quiet at night,
I suppose, unless they are
Cluricaunes -

Pray let At. Evan's chair
come to me there -

Also, my little black cloak,
when is it to come? I have
been "schwitzend" under my
great merino in this hilly
district - I suppose it is
finished.

I think Mrs. Chisholm
quite able to bear publicity,
as her Group "meetings" have been
advertised for years in the Times.

a

I have been to see a Deaconess,
60 years of age, poor Miss Lucas,
who wants to come to me -
I hardly know - She is a capital
nurse - I will buy Boswell.

8994/87 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1853 Harley Street}

Dearest people

You will have heard of the
event at Bedford Sq - yesterday mornng.-
I was there the last 24 hours of
her life, (from Sunday mornng.)_ which
took away the leisure time I meant
to have written to you - We are getting
on very well here, but so busy,
having no help from any one - Mrs_

Wellcome Ms 8995

Clarke is an army in herself &
she has brought such a nice niece
also gratis - We are expecting a
patient in today.

Thanks for the cloaklet.

We have had two awful Committees,
wrangling, contradicting, deciding,
undeciding for 3 mortal hours_
Thank Luden! they were our last.
They actually wanted me to undertake

{continues at top of page, above salutation}
dunning the patients for their money -
But that I positively & peremptorily
refused - In no Insn. I am acquainted with
but it is forbidden
ever yours FN

8994/88 1f, pen, unsigned letter {arch: ?1853}

My dearest I will
write every thing at
length the moment
I have a bit of time_
The Committee were
spending the money
at such a rate, it
was high time I came
home - They have spent
all their money in the
funds -

I hope you take care
when you write to Mr.
Mohl, to *pre pay*
the letter *ten=pence*
He used to be frantic,
when he brought me
my letters, (which

cost me all together
40 fr.)

And oh! he was so
good to me - you cannot
say too much

Many thanks for
all the things, my
dearest -

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/89 2ff, pen, unsigned letter/draft/copy

The Superintendent chooses the Nurses & the
Matron -

The Board of Management has the right to give notice (3 months beforehand) that any Nurse is to be dismissed - alledging the reason - or that the contract with the Superintendent is dissolved - The Superintendent has the same right. But, in the former case, *she* has to provide another nurse at the end of the 3 months.

The Superintendent has the right of discharging a nurse *without notice* to the Board, when she is found no longer suitable for the situation, or when she is wanted elsewhere - But the Supt. must, in that case, immediately provide another suitable Nurse in her place, & pay her travelling expences, which are otherwise paid by the Board.

In the case of the illness of a nurse, the Supt. will provide another nurse, for whom the Board will pay ~~the~~ travelling expences & wages

The Supt. has the permission of taking young women to train under the Nurses, for whose board & lodging she will gladly

pay a fixed sum to the Board.

The Nurses have leave of absence every alternate year for some weeks-

The Board paying their travelling expences up to 30/

The Nurses are not to render any services to the male patients, which a respectable woman would not render to a brother.

The Board therefore provides a Porter to each male ward, chosen by the Supert., subordinate to the nurse in everything, whom the Supt. may also dismiss, after communicating with the Board. The porter performs other services in the wards, as the Nurses direct_

The Supt. is to call in the Clergy of the respective Confessions of the Patients, when desired by these - & prayers are to be daily read in the wards by the Supt. & Nurses, if not by the Chaplain.

The Supt. is to engage & dismiss the sub.nurses as well as the head nurses.

Wellcome Ms 8995

The Nurses are, under no conditions, to accept presents, not even from the Board.

Wellcome Ms 8995

The Supt, having in view the training of Nurses, will bring with her a Sister, who shall give the under= nurses & any young persons in training, lessons in reading, writing, arithmetic, needle=work, geography, & also Scriptural instruction from 10--12, AM, & from 8 -- 9 P.M. every day_ & it would be highly desirable if the Chaplain would, three or four times a week, give them religious instruction - It would greatly tend to making the devotions in each ward agreeable to the Patients, if the Nurses were also instructed in singing. The head- nurses of each ward are bound to spare the under=nurses as much as possible at the hours of these lessons-

The Supt., Nurses & Training Sisters are all to dine together_ excepting those who cannot be spared out of the wards.

The Supt pays for her own board & lodging & for that of the Sister & Matron {cut off} also pays the Matron's wages.

The House Surgeon gives instructions in small matters (of dressing wounds &c) to the Nurses=in=training & to the Porter, but separately.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/90 2ff, pen, unsigned letter/draft/copy {arch: Harley St.
1853} [12:78]

Rough sketch of agreement

That the Supt. is not responsible for any debts created by the Committee_or for rent, taxes & rates accruing

All orders & payments being made by the Committee__ & goods delivered in their name to the Establishment & not to the Supert. personally - & all agreements for wages being entered into Committee book, & the servants made aware on coming, that they are the servants of the Committee __ as also the Landlord -

excepting always that the Superintendent do order & pay for the articles required for the current expences of the House - the bills being made out for the Establishment - & that she be empowered to draw cheques on the Treasurer &c - not exceeding per month at two payments - such cheques being signed by one of the Committee & the Supert.

that the account be made up quarterly_
that the Committee receive the payments from the patients, & in case of omission either enforce payment or remit it, noting the same in the Book

that a regular Committee-book be kept by the Committee & a Journal by the Supert. &c &c

Wellcome Ms 8995

Dear Papa

Mr. Bracebridge's legal opinion is as follows

"that there can be no mode of escaping liability to the tradesmen

"if A orders a tradesman to furnish goods to B, *both* are responsible & attachable in the C. Court.

"if B. is agent to A, & orders tradesmen to furnish goods, both are responsible & attachable, the delivery of the goods being proved.

"therefore, I would as soon draw for the current expenses fortnightly on the Treasurer as not_ the Committee having booked an order with Treasurer & he to his Banker that the Supert. is allowed to draw for not exceeding --- per month in two cheques.

"But there is this advantage in arranging that the cheques shall be payable when signed by Supert. & one Committee=woman (which is agreeable to the practise of Railway=boards, who have two names & the Secretary) that the Committee cannot plead ignorance of what is drawn for_ The current account being so settled, you can only be liable for 14 days' expences

Wellcome Ms 8995

"As to the now current expences, I would have a lithographed form of Order

Mr _____ D _____

"Please to furnish to Hospl. for Sick Ladies No. 1 Upper Harley St _____

in this the Supert. does not give the Order & does not receive the goods ___ the agent for the Committee receives them, who *may* be the Supert., or the Servant at the door - & the Supert. is not responsible.

"There are two ways of hedging the Supert.'s responsibility

- 1 restricting the orders in amount
- 2 a legal agreement with the Committee which ought to be drawn by a lawyer

[end 12:78]

8994/91 4ff, pen, unsigned letter/draft/copy {arch: 1853}

I

Of the Patients during the last 6 months
4/12 have derived the greatest benefit
3/12 neither good nor harm
5/12 have manifestly deteriorated

II

A Hospital is good for the seriously ill only_ otherwise, it becomes a lodging-house where the nervous become more nervous the foolish more foolish the idle & selfish more selfish & idle

For the *want of occupation* & the *fixing the attention upon physical symptoms* are the essential elements of a Hospital

III There is not a trick in the whole legerdemain of Hysteria which has not been played off in this house.

IV On Sundays & Thursdays patients prepare themselves for the Ladies' Committee & the Medical Men, - exactly as people do in Roman Catholic countries for confession - by getting up a case. They cannot always

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say the same thing. Therefore, some patients leave off their flannels on Sunday, in order to make their coughs worse for Monday - I have known a patient, so hungry as to steal another patient's ~~bread~~ meal, yet leave her own meals untasted that it might be seen she had no appetite, & eat them in the night.

V The family tie, (which induces the best to keep their sick at home, unless there be something in the character of these sick which impels the family to try to get rid of the burden) is so strong as to make it a consequence natural & to be expected that, for many years at least, such an Institution as this will have, as Patients

- 1 those who have wearied out their families or been wearied out by them
- 2 those who have no families
- 3 married women or daughters who are so anxious to return to their families & to save them expence that they will suffer the (so-called) degradation of a Public Institution in order to be cured

In this Institution the families of 8/12 of the Patients have come here & said " You see we

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could not keep her at home - *now you know her.*" The conclusion to be drawn is that the Medical Certificate should be strictly enforced - in order to make this a Hospital for the Sick instead of a Hospital for ill-tempered & for diseased fancies.

VI *Gentility & eating & drinking* (drinking especially, wine or spirits) are the main subjects of interest here -

VII Where there is no higher interest in life, sickness naturally becomes an amusement & a luxury. If nothing interests a person more than her digestion & her dinner, her dinner & her digestion will become her sole object, & the luxury of being taken care of her sole solace- Unmitigated harm is done by visiting, where the visitor makes the comforts of the Patient the chief topic_ & the efforts of the Medical Man & attendants to turn her thoughts from herself during a whole month may be upset by a Visitor in one ¼ hour. Patients have died, poisoned by imagination, in whom no disease whatever could be detected, either before or after death, & who, at any time, *would be well, if they would.* Such cases are always aggravated by a Hospital.

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VIII To fit a patient *for life*, if they are to live, as well as for death, if they are to die, is, it is to be hoped, one of the objects of a Hospital. Here patients are often unfitted for life_ partly by the fallacy of allowing them to believe that what they pay covers their expences -

which dissatisfies them with all life afterwards - ("It is not like Harley St." "At Harley St I had such & such for my 10/6") partly by their being enervated rather than invigorated. What is to be done to prevent the Patients from being spoiled? The housekeeping expences cannot be further reduced - They are now barely more than 1/ a day per head - The attendance cannot be further reduced - There are now but two nurses to 17 patients, 6 of whom are heavy cases. The furniture is there & must be taken care of. The only thing which can now be done, it appears is to limit the cases to those of *real illness*_ Of the half= guinea Patients admitted during the last 6 months, two only have been such_ the rest have been, among those, actually the worse for being here - It is a curious fact that such Patients always take to their bed on the third day after they come here -

Wellcome Ms 8995

Darning & mending & turning sheets & pillow cases
towels
old kitchen cloths for dusters
darning quilts & blankets & basin cloths
pantry cloths into dusters
& old chintz pieces
3 divinity [?] bed furnitures
6 new blankets 1 new mat overcasting them
new covering the drawing room
chair covers out of the striped curtains
lining all the furniture
Mrs. Clark & Ann
finishing new sheets, pillow cases
& new ticking chair=covers

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1 doz ~~table~~
dessert
tea
small forks & knives
Electro plated
3 sieves
1 candle stick
6 broth-basins

--
taking off, washing & lining
sofa=covers
3 sofa covers making a lining
taken off 3 covers fastened with tacks & made
them up
two at least for each

{upside down on page, overlaps above writing}

13 16
2 28 came
1 10

5

2
15

27
11

27 came
11 went

1 has been cured of ~~filleg~~ self=mismanagement
3 are being cured of obstinate skin disease
2 greatly benefiting

Wellcome Ms 8995

Twenty seven patients

viz 12 guinea

15 half

16 still in house

11 left

--

1 cured ~~by the prospect of being discharged~~

Miss Y.

1 had nothing but idleness the matter

Miss W. with her

1 left from fear of a slight operation

Miss B

1 in the same state as on admission

physically - morally worse

1 cured as far as waywardness wd. allow

1 improved

1 do returned to her situation [ditto]

2 left for Torquay

of whom 1 in a hopeless state

1 greatly improved by being discharged

1 imbecile & not likely to ~~recover~~ have a return of sense

1 - - - - -

Of those now in the house
three cases which are waiting for death
of whom

1 has been here 14 mo

1 8

1 a few weeks

to these the house has been an incalculable
benefit - miracles of medical Science, they
have been still more benefited morally

IX

The main things, as far as I have had
experience in this matter, to be asked
of the Ladies' Committee are

(1) to entreat their help, when they are
kind enough to visit, to assist the
Medical Officers & attendants in turning
the attention of the patients *out of* themselves

(2) to select cases of serious illness

(3) to assist discharged patients in
finding occupation

Wellcome Ms 8995

3

We have[[cut off] covers, 2 night caps,
have repaired the hassocks,

We have preserved 30 pots Red Currant Jam
6 Jelly

at a cost of twopence per pot.

We have had but one nurse for some time,
the other nurse having been taken ill & sent into the country -

We have spent 7/6 in casual nursing
0 in night nursing
0 in charing
0 in needlework.

We have saved half the Assistant Medical
Officer's salary by dispensing at home-
which has also reduced our Account at
Savory & Moore's.

The Wages paid during this Quarter
have been £9 less than those paid
during the last.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/93 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [12:86-87]

1 Upper Harley St.

January 17 1854

My dear We are so extremely busy that I have had no time to write We have now 16 patients among them, two children, x. a greater number than we ever had. Miss Lee had an epileptic fit on Friday & has been lying in a most agonizing state from inflammation of the brain ever since, which will probably continue 3 weeks - On Sunday night at 11 o'clock

x sent in by Sir James Clark
(from Osborne)

Mr Garnier brought in an insane governess, over whom I have been holding watch & ward ever since - She escaped this morning, raised a mob in the street - We have recaptured her, but I am now making arrangements to send her to St. Luke's, as Dr. Bence Jones begins to think it necessary-

While keeping her quiet in my room, let us settle our accounts. As my account of the Furniture tallies exactly with yours, I do not understand why you

[end 12:87]

Wellcome Ms 8995

say that I have
abstracted the little
Chest of Drawers -
My account runs thus

6 Walnut Chairs	£4.1	
Walnut Table	4.10	
Shaped ds 6.6		
Easy Chair	2.15	
Dressing glass	2.8	
Washing Stand	3.18	
6 Red Cherry Chairs	2.5	
Toilette Table	16	
Small Chest of Drawers	3.4	
Couch	3.18	
Wardrobe	12.10	
Towel Horse		8.6

£46.19.6

Of this I paid out of
Michaelmas Quarter - - 25.8
out of Xmas Quarter 21.11.6

£ 46.19.6

I do not know what the
£ 10 Carpet is - I paid

Watson & Bell's Bill in Bond St.
£11.8.4 for two Carpets some time
ago - & wrote you word
of it, that Mama might
not have it sent in
again to her - If there
has been any other
carpet, it is not to my
knowledge -

With regard to Chintz,
I have paid 13/10, but
I think that was for
something extra, for
Aunt Evans's Chair?
& for lining,? & not part
of the £1.8.9, but
as you send me no
bill, I cannot tell-

Our accounts therefore
stand thus

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/94 1f, pen, unsigned letter

My love

I shall be very glad
to see Mrs. Noel, provided
she won't come on
Monday or Friday,
when everybody combines
against me.

We have 8 new patients
The mad one with us
still - but no longer
maniacal - sinking
into Dementia -

I believe Hilary took
away from here -
Edinbro'. Westminster &
Religious Census to send
them to you but, as I
did not see her again,
I am not sure about
Religious Census - *Sidonie*

is gone back to Rolandi,
& Hilary took De Balzac
back - Since then
has come Quarterly -
Shall I send him down
by himself with "Near
Home", or keep him for
Papa?

Poinsettia pulcherimna
was much admired -

Little Crossthwaite &
another patient I have
sent to an Institution
at Torquay - But they
are very discontent &
say it is not like this.

Mariette wants to
know whether the gown
body fits. I am sorry to
say it won't so much as
join across the chest_ & is not
padded as I begged.

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I must have it altered before I can
wear it. How could she make such a
mistake?

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/95 1f, pen, initialled letter

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1 Upper Harley St
25 January 1854

Dear Papa

I am so glad to
hear you stay in town
till Wednesday ___ I want
so very much to see
you - If you were to
come on Monday
morning, I am afraid
I could not see you
but for one moment_
I shall not have a
minute till Monday
night. I would come
& drink tea with
you on that night
at Aunt Mai's, or

b

see you here any time
you will appoint on
Tuesday, either morning
& evening, & come also
to Duke St on Tuesday
evening - But to see
you in the drive &
bustle of Monday
here would only be
misery.

We are getting very
full_ but our last
year's expences were
enormous -

I have a curious
story to tell you about
Palmerston

ever your loving child

FN

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/96 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: Feb 3 1854} [12:88]

1 Upper Harley St

3 February 1854

My dearest mother

Will you give Therese
Forster house & harbour.
age for a week?

She has been much
worn by attending
on Miss Lee & requires
rest before the new
attack which we
are daily expecting
& which will end
her days, we *hope*
Should such come,
Therese must return,
but I hope to give her

a week - I shall be
very much obliged
to you, if you will
meet her at the
Station, & will let you
know the hour -
Let her have a little
conversation every day with you_
Else she will tell
the servants all our
secrets - if she has no
other outlet. And let her go out_

I sent Religious Census
& Quarterly, Bibles &
Little Books by Papa_
Feats on Fiord & Crofton
Boys did not come

Wellcome Ms 8995

till *after* he went
Milman not published

Sir R. Inglis called
yesterday & said
that Mr Hallam was
much better - *I should*
be truly sorry to lose
him. Sir R. Inglis is
much altered

We have 17 patients
& are very busy &
shall be more -

The flowers were
received with rapture
Miss Lee has one
Camellia blooming
by her bedside &
Mrs. Perez another

They were beautiful
but the Hibiscus
was dead- I will
send some things by
Therese - Parthe offers
more books to go in_
my new book= case_
I should be very glad_
A dense fog this morn_
ever dear mother

your loving child

F.N.

Thanks for the hood -

[end 12:88]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/unnumbered 2ff, 96a pen, signed letter [12:88-89]

1 Upper Harley St
24 February 1854

Sir

Miss Fox has returned to me - her sister, at whose house she was, finding it impossible to prevent her from doing so -

I regret to find that both her Physicians, Dr Bence Jones & Sir James Clark, consider it now impossible to place her anywhere but in a Lunatic Asylum, & have each signed a certificate to the effect that she is of unsound mind -

Upon the strength of your kind offer, we have secured a vacancy, which happened to fall open, for her in the *Warneford Asylum*, Oxford, at a fee higher than that which her own unassisted resources could afford -

She has £20 per an - of her own_ The annual fee at the *Warneford Private Asylum* is £30_ besides what is necessary for clothing her, which

Wellcome Ms 8995

would not be less, I
fear, than £10 or £15
per an - You liberally
offered £30 per an. for
her. Her relations will
not do anything for her,
but persist in wishing
to place her in a Pauper
Asylum - If you would
pay from £20 to £25
per an. *quarterly* into
the hands of "the Treasurer
of the Warneford Asylum,
Oxford," you will save
her from a Pauper Asylum,
which would, in the opinion
of her Medical Men,
in all probability

confirm her in insanity.
This money must be
paid *quarterly*, or she
will be discharged -
She will probably go
from me on *Monday*-
to Warneford - We have
been obliged to take
immediate measures
to prevent the vacancy
from being filled up,
& to secure it for Miss Fox,
as it might be some
months before another
occurred - The £5, which you
kindly sent for Miss Fox, is
still in my hands, except a
small portion of it, spent for her.
I am, Sir, your obedt. servt.
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:89]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/97 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: end Feb. 1854}

Wednesday

My dear

I only got *both* your letters
at 10½ *this* morning_
so could not answer
them - I am delighted
& surprised to hear of
your being so near_ I
hope to see you tomorrow
night, but you do not
even mention where -
I suppose at the old
Burlington -

Many thanks for all
your offers of clothes. I
don't think I want any
at present - I am extremely

unlikely to go out in
the evening. I have
the white Barège tail with
flounces, you know, but
have no body to it. If
you have the body, but
I understood Mariette
not, that might as well
perhaps come up to join its
tail. The brown velvet
scarf shall make *you* a
polka - The scarf shawl
I think I should like
please - But I doubt this.
comes too late -

I have not my Greek
letters - I am almost
sure they are all together

Wellcome Ms 8995

in the black portfolio
with the Egyptian ones
in your possession. If
they are not there, at
least I know not where
they are. I ~~dont~~ am
pretty sure they are
in none of my receptacles

~~Another~~ of Miss Price
is dead & I have an
operation on ~~Monday~~.
Friday - I took poor
Miss Fox to Oxford
yesterday afternoon -

In greatest haste
au revoir

I had not seen Oxford
for 7 years & enjoyed it
much

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/98 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [3:362]

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1 Upper Harley St

1 April 1854

Dear Papa, I cannot agree with "the mystery of the government of the world God will not reveal to us" seeing that I think that *that* is the very purpose God placed us here for, viz to *discover* it_ Still less can I understand "& we had better not seek it"_ for, if we do not, we miss the very purpose of our existence. The common phrase of the "mystery of evil" appears to me downright nonsense - Had Copernicus or Sir Isaac

b

Newton, instead of applying their wits to the theory of gravitation, talked about the "mystery" of gravitation, we might have thought that too a mystery till the present day_ Depend upon it, Christ ~~made~~ was as great a discoverer as Newton when he said, that *all* that the Father had was his,- & we if, instead of quarrelling about his hypostasis, were really to follow his example as we have ceased to

Wellcome Ms 8995

c

follow it since we began
to call him God, we
should make great
discoveries too. Have we
made no progress since
Job, who lived at least
four thousand years ago?

The new Oxford University
Commission is appointed -
Lord Ellesmere at the head,
Bp of Ripon, Coleridge,
Johnson & somebody else,
I forget whom- two
Puseyites and a half,
the world says, of whom
Coleridge is the one, *Johnson*
the half, & the collective
mass I suppose the other.

d

L. Napoleon has been
trying the echo of Fontaine=
bleau, which answered
him thus-

L.N. - L'Autriche?

Echo Triche

L.N. La Prusse

Echo Russe

L.N. La Suède?

Echo aide

Lord Aberdeen has made
a humble apology to
Baines, who stops -

Your account of Hale
interested me extremely
the death more than
the life of the individual_
She was not of the stuff
that our old heroines of last
winter were made of - ever
dear Pa, your loving child

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/99 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [1:138-39]

a

1 Upper Harley St

12 April 1854

Dearest mother

Nothing that
you can say can
ever hurt me -
But indeed the
words you allude
to were, I thought
at the time, those
of the most perfect
kindness, & I have
never had any other

b

thought since. I
have always the
feeling of your
perfect love and
kindness towards
me - & if I am
ever hurt, it is
not by words of
yours but of my
poor Pop's_ I confess
she often pained me,
when in London,
but *never, never* you.

c

And therefore I am
sorry that she
should have put
it into your head
that I was so by you
I have the most
perfect & entire
trust & faith in
your love & sympathy
& remember men=
tioning this to her
in London - And

Wellcome Ms 8995

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I am sure the
time will come
when we shall
love & sympathize
more together instead
of less, my dearest
Mother - I dwell
upon the thought
of this love &
sympathy with you
as among my
pleasantest thoughts **[end 1:139]**

8994/100 2ff, pen, unsigned letter **[4:493-94]**

1 Upper Harley St

21 April 1854

My dear It is certainly
incorrect to say that
Hermes was *the* author
of the idea of the Trinity -
It appears to have sprung
up in all corners of the
earth - the trio of the
father, the mother & the
child being obviously the
origin of it in all
metaphysical countries
& that origin being as wide as the earth_ of course.
Many, however, differ
from M. Mohl, & believe
Egyptian civilization to have
been the *oldest*. Be that

Wellcome Ms 8995

as it may, Hermes Tris mé
was a very apocryphal
personage - though Dakkeh
is dedicated to him. I
have no books here of
reference & cannot recall
all things clearly to memory.
Champollion, I think, believes
most about him - And
~~he~~ Hermes is greatly quoted by
Iamblichus- if I mistake
not & is said to be the author of some of the Sacred Books. I
believe in the
human existence of
Hermes, of Osiris, of
Christ & in their divine
qualities, though I believe
in the miraculous births
& deaths & in the miracles
of none_ Indeed, if I did,
it would destroy all my love
& reverence.

You most certainly alter
the word "*invented* by Hermes"
(of the Trinity) I believe him
to have been a author -
perhaps the oldest author_
of it but the idea exists where
neither India nor Egypt
have ever reached & is certainly
coincident with the race itself. **[end 4:494]**

My dear, I remembered
your birth day - & writ a
letter to you which I had
not time to finish (to the
end that I was glad that
yellow furze existed - &
that it did God's work
in this world quite as well
as potatos)_ But, my dear,
your apologia is more
just than either you
or I intended- for, as far
as I am aware, potatos

Wellcome Ms 8995

never interfered with
yellow furze blossoming away
with all its might, but
encouraged it all it could
But yellow furze pricked
poor potatos with its
prickles all it could,
& said, Why do you grovel
under ground? Why don't
you blossom away like me?
And when potatos said,
It's not my nature -
furze said_ I shall be
hurt if it's not your nature.

Did you say to Bertha
that you meant to furnish
the Clough's drawing room?
I was thinking of getting
them a Chiffonier like
mine_ But, if you mean to
commit that magnificence of furnishing the whole drawing room I
am very glad
& shall do something else-
{left margin:}
Hookham
& Rolandi not yet
come -

8994/101 1f, pen, unsigned letter

1 Upper Harley St
12 May 1854

Dearest mother I have
been in all the agonies
of parting with house=
maid & nurse, but,
tho' I have suited
myself, I have not
found one for you_ I fear

I found this scrap
in answer to your dear
little note from Combe
written the day after
your departure from
London, which I had
never time to finish
& send.

Wellcome Ms 8995

I hope to come to you
on Whitsun Eve & stay [June 3]
till after B's marriage
i.e till the 14th.
unless any unforeseen
illness arises - I look
forward to this holiday
with great delight.

J.P. has called upon
me - quantum mutatus
abillo &c

8994/102 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

1 Upper Harley St
29 May 1854

Dear Papa

Should no
fresh cases or fresh
causes for anxiety
come in, I hope
to come down by
the 5 o'clock train
on Friday, if I
can get my business
over by that hour.
But it is a

Committee day & a
Doctors' day. If not,
I shall come down
by the first train
on Saturday - But
I do not expect
to be met -

If I can, I will
stay till Wednesday
week the 14th. but
if not, I shall
come up in the week

& go down again
for your marriage.

Things have been
very favourable for
my coming this
last day or two
& my soul longeth,
nay, thirsteth for
home & for the

Wellcome Ms 8995

country

ever dear Pa

your loving child

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/103 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [12:91]

1 Upper Harley St
31 May 1854

Dear Sir

There is another
of your dreadful
Patients wanting
to come in (the
very name of whom
gives a fatal shock
to my constitution)_
She is come all
the way from
Guernsey upon the

fame of your reputation,
from a Doctor there,
who is, I believe, a
friend of yours -

She is in lodgings
at Brompton - should
you be likely to
be coming our way
to morrow or Friday,
she should come
here to be looked at

by you - I told her
about 5 o'clock
on Friday was
likely to be your
usual time -

Arthur Farre Esq M.D.

[end 12:91]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/104 4ff, pen, unsigned letter

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1 Upper Harley St
26 June 1854

Dearest mother

I have been to
Marshall Thompson's
& they had not, alas!
one single room
empty, & next week
they will only have
one sitting-room.
Then I went to
Chapman's No. 4
Cavendish Sq. a
very nice house

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indeed - large old
fashioned stair-case,
tho' not so good
as the Burlington's_
open space at the
back, looking out
on the back of the
Polytechnic - very
green & quiet for
London - a particu=
larly nice landlady
first floor charming,
but all occupied -
the only 2 drawing rooms
were on the first floor.

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these like the Burln.
but much narrower
& lighter - about
the same length_
Groundfloor, one
drawing = room vacant,
same size as up = stairs
looking on the Square.
large long room -
back room (adjoining) a bed=
room opening by folding doors, large & very
quiet corresponding to back drawing room 1st floor smaller
bed=room *adjoining*
& dressing - room_

Wellcome Ms 8995

all looking out on

Wellcome Ms 8995

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the back - & dressing=
room can be entered
from the *garden*
(*so to call it*) upon
which it opens with
a garden door - so
as to admit Trades
people without
going thro' the bed
room -- You might
possibly make
this a dining room
for *two* - as the
servants can come
in from the garden_
It is *very small* however

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On the second floor,
nice cheerful
moderate = sized
drawing = room.
No second room - bed=
room back, large
& comfortable, opening
with folding doors
on sitting=room -
bed- room same
size, *but third*
floor above, looking
on Square, airy -
gentleman's dressing
room third floor
too.

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The ground floor
suite is £10.10 -
the second floor
£8.8_ the rooms
additional on third
floor £1.8 - so
there is £9.16 -
little difference in
price. & immense heights
to climb -
Don't let me
persuade you_ it
is nothing like

Wellcome Ms 8995

the Burlington -
but is clean,

Wellcome Ms 8995

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airy & cheerful.
& the hall &
stair = case large
& ~~airy~~ handsome- far, far
better than Marshall
Thompson's - and
the back rooms
are very quiet but rather hot.
If Papa does not
stay with you,
you might do in
the way I have
described - I
asked the very

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nice woman
whether she could
give you a *second*
room to dine in
for two hours a
day - she said
perhaps, she was
not sure _ (I said
there wd. be a man
& a maid_)
If you can let me
have the answer
tomorrow evening,
it would be desirable,
as the woman cannot

Wellcome Ms 8995

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keep the rooms, &
I have, of course
not taken them_
But if you can_
do better in
Berkeley Sq, do -
I am very sorry
I did not know
you were leaving
home so soon,-
~~as~~ I would gladly
have had some
books & clothes -
But you should

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have written Saturday_
Old clothes are
~~so~~ exceedingly
wanted by our
Patients - they
drain me_ I was
going to write for
my old cold. clothes
All books are
acceptable.
I didn't want Mrs.
Clarke back at all
ever, dearest mother,
your loving child

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/105 2ff, pen, unsigned letter, portion of envelope

1 Upper Harley St
27 June 1854

I have taken the
Ground Floor rooms
at 4 Cavendish Sq.
at £10.10 a week,
(actually over the
heads of my
competitors)_ board
for man or maid
£1.11.6 each-
for gentlefolk
breakfast 2/6
tea 1/6 dinner, order
as they please,

according to what
is ordered - quiet
respectable stables
in Brook St. I
was pleased with
the woman - she
said, if you did
not come in till
Thursday, she would
not charge - There
will be ~~a~~ rooms
for man & maid (additional of course)- *in* the house.
I have taken the
concern for a week.

Your note was just
in time_ It was
impossible for me
to leave the house,
as I had a dying
woman & three
Doctors in the house
at the time - but
I sent off a note
to stop the hostile
family - ~~& went~~ till I could go
there myself this
evening - which I
have just done
ever yr loving child

Wellcome Ms 8995

[on inside of envelope flap]

My dearest I am indeed
sighing to see my beloved river
again_ More beloved by me ten times than the Nile
& as soon as I possibly can get away, you may
be sure I *shall* come down for a
week to refresh among you all,
& those lovely hills. But I have
had a frightful
thing to do in
removing

8994/106 5ff, pen, signed letter [12:95]

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1 Upper Harley St
26 July 1854
My dear Miss Martin
In answer to your
question, I will
just give Mr.
Bowman's opinions,
which I believe
I know as well
as any one, having
seen him about
700 times in the
last twelvemonth
i.e. twice a day.

b

He considers the
absorption of a
Cataract, except by
operation, simply
impossible_ He is
not therefore
likely ever to
attempt what he
considers a vile
humbug_ When he
spoke to you about
absorption, he meant

Wellcome Ms 8995

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puncturing - i.e
breaking up the
Cataract with the
needle -

Dronet is a
quack_ so is every
man who talks
about absorbing
Cataracts by rubbing
& scrubbing &
blistering - That
part of the eye
is extra= vascular_

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it is like the nail
or the hair or any
other part without
bloodvessels - There
are no bloodvessels
which traverse it
which can absorb,
so as to make a cure
when it has, from
being transparent,
once become opaque_
It is true that, with
age, it *condenses*, some_

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[2]
times, & people,
from seeing nothing,
come to see large
letters in very
advantageous lights_
And if, with this
natural process of
condensation, is
conjoined some of
Dronet's prolepsis
of rubbing &
scrubbing, that

Wellcome Ms 8995

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or stay as it is -
Bowman I believe
to be the only man
in England who
knows anything
about the eye_
There are other
diseases of the eye
which have the
effect of making
its humours opaque,
which may be
absorbed. But a

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[3]
well. marked
Cataract - ~~it~~ is
a simple impossibility
The Aristocracy
& Clergy of England,
among whom are
the greatest number
of fools & of runners
after quacks &
who have the
most time to
promenade about
their Cataracts,

Wellcome Ms 8995

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while they are
getting impatient
for or frightened
at an operation,
go to Dronet & De
Loewe, & these
persuade them
by sheer assertion
that they are
getting better.
the favourite argu=
ment being that

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"nothing is impossible,
because of the Electric
Telegraph" _ Or else
Dronet & De Loewe
persuade people
they have cataract
& are being cured of it,
when they have
none

I am quite sure
that Bowman would
take no offence at
all at your going to Dronet,
& would see you

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with just the same
eyes afterwards-
This last is, alas!
but too certain -

I would have written
before but we are
full of cases of life &
death - & I have had
no time by day nor
by night. I am afraid
you will wish I had
not written now

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:95]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/107 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [12:96]

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1 Upper Harley St
26 July 1854

My dearest mother

I have another
dying German case
just like the first_
They Drs. had a consulta=
tion yesty., bringing
in all the first
men in London to
decide whether an
Operation, almost
always fatal, should

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be risked, & decided
not. So she is to die.
I have a house full,
a nurse ill & my
hands & head so
full that my doing
P's proofs is out of
the question. I have
not been able to
look at them. This
last week has been
the busiest I ever
had in my life.

c

I took in this poor
thing at a moment's
notice.

I have had a
proposal from King's
Coll. Hosp. to enter
into treaty with me
to undertake that.
This cannot be
treated of in a
hurry - They have
asked me to send
in my conditions -

Wellcome Ms 8995

d

This must, of course,
be mentioned to
no one

The evening you
went Mrs. Clarke
gave me warning
She "wanted to go
back to Sheffield."
I wait in earnest
but not anxious
expectation of the
turn things are to take
ever your loving child
dear Mum

[end 12:96]

8994/108 1f, pen, unsigned note on inside envelope flap
{postmarked 31 Jul 1854 and 1 Aug 1854}

Mrs. Nightingale
Lea Hurst
Matlock

If you *could* send us
some grapes? We have a poor
dying ~~creature~~ German who can eat nothing
else - & another, a Saint & pet of the
Committee's, who says,
I think I could
like some grapes
when grapes
are 5/ a
lb?

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/110 4ff, pen, unsigned letter [1:316-17]

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1 Upper Harley St
25 August 1854

~~Dear Madam~~

~~The bearer of this,
Mrs. Macey, waits upon you
for the chance of your~~

My dearest My notice to
quit is of course a secret -
I do not see that you are
"redevable" to any one of
"timely information" about my
intentions - except the
Bracebridges & the S.Ss &
these I have told, as you see
K.C. has expressly stipu=
lated for secrecy - & oh!
what a tragico = comico =
vaudeville I might write,

[12:98]

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(if I had but the time) of
the interviews I have had
with the Leading Men who
have come to look at me_
how frightened they are_
at what they have done -
how many compliments they
think it necessary to pay,
without in the least
understanding what I would
be at - & how I sit by like
Agrippa's broomstick - If I
don't turn up in one Hospital,
I shall in another -

[end 12:98]

I will send the books
directly - Rolandi has sent
no parcel - So I went to
him & he said he had
none to send. Yesterday I ~~have~~
just scampered thro' Bunsen
~~yesterday~~ & have marked
the passages which struck me

Wellcome Ms 8995

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particularly that we might
feel as if we were reading
it together - But please
rub out my marks -
I don't agree with all, but
I think it a great step -

Dear Mr Hallam
came here during his one
mornng. in town - I thought
him much broken - But I
do not agree with you
about old age - To me it
is a time to which I *look
forward*, when I shall be
very glad to lay down my
oars, & gather up the
fragments of all my
experience, & wind up
those most important
matters of reflection and
thought which a too
busy life prevents my

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speaking of [cut off] to myself & to
God, __ which a too practical
life prevents my speaking
of to others - But then I
shall be beyond the reach
of fear nor of favour & my practical life cannot then be spoiled
by it - &
I shall speak my thoughts
openly to the world, as
Bunsen, after forty years
of silence, has done at length.
So I, after forty, perhaps
fifty years, shall say to
the Church of England,
your religion is extinct,
your men are unbelieving,
your women are superstitious_
Your Litany makes us laugh,
your sermons make us cry_
You become every day more
impertinent to God - You pray

Wellcome Ms 8995

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against "plague, pestilence &
famine", when God has
been saying more loudly
every day this week that
those who live ten feet
above a pestilential river
will die, & those who
live forty feet will live_
And you want *him* to alter
~~this~~ *his* plans And you won't do
a thing to alter yours - You
pray against "battle, murder
& sudden death", when God
has said every year that,
if the present state of
education in Great Britain
continues, there *will* be
999 murders in Gt Britain
annually - And you won't
do a thing to educate the
people_ you will only pray_ i.e. You will only continue a
superstitious service, which excites con=

f {first line cut off}

I have only had time to
look over the enclosed this
mornng.- I very much
approve of all you have done
& have scratched two lines
thro' Heliopolis as directed.
But I have not had time
to do much to it_ nor to
put anything into ink.

I don't accede to your
theory of looking back &
be thankful_ I can look
forward & be thankful_
I can admire & sym=
pathize with God's grand
plan of Infinity &
Eternity & Perfect Good to
be worked out in both -
But if I am to be
thankful for this world,

Wellcome Ms 8995

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in which (could we for a moment realize the misery which takes place ~~in~~ to=day during one *half hour* in it - (in the Lunatic Asylums, the Gin Palaces, the Houses of Vice, the Hospitals, in war & slavery, &c &c &c) we should go mad, I must decline being thankful at all -

Have you read Hill on Crime, especially what he says about female employment in it_ which has long been a favourite idea of mine? printing, gilding, cabinet=making, *clerkships* &c &c to be done by women. prostitution is now the most lucrative female employment, ~~for women-~~ You demoralize

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women by shutting them out of all employments but governessing & needle work_ this is the most fruitful source of female crime - Needlewomen always help themselves out by prostitution - & don't blame the shop= masters. They ought to be praised, not blamed - for affording women occupation at all ___

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/111 1f, pen, some pencil, unsigned draft {arch: Aug 1854}

~~The At the expiration~~

The year having now expired for which I
undertook the office of Supt. of this Institution
the Comtee. will ~~of course~~ [illeg] expect that I should give some
notice to them

I would wish therefore express ~~to the Comtee.~~
of my views as to our success.
that I consider my work is now done,
& that the Institution ~~being in~~ havings been brought into as good
a state
as [illeg] its capabilities admit such an Institution is
susceptible
of

I have not effected ~~my~~ anything towds. the object of
training nurses_ my primary idea in
devoting my life to Hospital work -
for, owing to the small number of
applications, the Comtee. have not been
able to select, for the most part,
proper objects for Medical & Surgical
treatment - & ~~therefore~~ accordingly the result has
not been satisfactory to me

In every other respect, viz as to ~~economy~~ good order, good
nursing, moral influence & economy the result has been to me
~~entirely~~ most satisfactory.

I therefore wish at the close of the
year for which I promised my services
to intimate that having as I believe done the work as far as it
can be done it is probable that I
may retire, ~~for the follo~~ IF, in
pursuance of my design & the a{cut off}

Wellcome Ms 8995

{cut off}old to it, I meet with ~~that~~ a sphere which is greater{circled}? & more analogous to the formation of a nursing school. it being clear that this Institution is not large enough for ~~that~~ the purpose - while the *labor of mind* 1 & body is *even greater* 2 on that very account (as ~~may~~ can be proved)?
{from it circled}

I would wish to give a notice of three months, to be extended, if possible, to six months. feeling x. that I am in honor bound clearly to explain to the Comtee. ~~tho~~ at the end of the year, the conclusions to which I have come with regard to the Insn. in which we are all so much interested ?

I have made these explanations
feeling that &c

8994/112 2ff, pen, incomplete, unsigned letter {arch: summer 1854}

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My dear

I have sent Berkeley's Parallax as it was - One accustomed to the systems wd. understand it - & to another, the Egyptian mind itself cd. not explain it -

What is Ruskin's story?

With regard to the new proof you have just sent me, I don't know what to do with it - As I have altered my mind completely upon the two principal points in it, I ought to remodel it entirely - (which I have not time for)

Wellcome Ms 8995

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unless I were to do what
G. Sand impudently says
she did as to Lélia, viz leave
it as a monument of
her own mind, tho's she
had ceased to believe it
true - The two points
are, I do not believe
now that we *can* break
God's laws_ Moses
made the law, not God
"Thou shalt not kill",
& 999 murders are
committed every year
in England & Wales_
But *God's* law, If such
& such a state of
civilization exists, thou
shalt commit 999 murders

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Perfection, the result [3:173]
of experience &
suffering, must
always be higher
than the inexpe=
rienced, impassive
God we make of
Him - Without a
contradiction it
must be so, &
therefore I must
believe that god
Himself has suffered.

Wellcome Ms 8995

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& if thou committest
999 murders, such
& such consequences
shall follow, is
never broken -
There is such a
confusion on the subject of *what*
are God's laws.

the other point is
I believe now that
God himself has
suffered - has been
the suffering God [end 3:173]

8994/113 2ff, pen, not in FN's hand, unsigned dictated letter
{arch: 1854 Sept/Oct

From F's dictation,

My dear friend We are as much
accredited as we ever can be
i.e. we have an order from the
head of the Army Medical Board
Dr. Andrew Smith to the chief medical
officer at the Hospital at Scutari
to admit us to that Hospital, &
we have a letter from Lord Clarendon
to Lord Stratford - but our fate
lies entirely in the hands of Dr. Smith
He is exceedingly irritated at
the accounts in the Times, If we
go quietly & privately, his in-
fluence is all for us. but if we
went with a great body of nurses
to take possession of the Hospital
he would decidedly oppose us
His own proposition was, that a
few should go out at once & that
another detachment should follow
in 10 days. if found desirable
amputations, cases of hemorrhage
or gangrene, are well or dead in

[14:57-58]

Wellcome Ms 8995

3 weeks. His first expression was, "You are too late_ If Sebas. topol began on the 6th., it will be already 3 weeks before you get there as it is not supposed that the fighting will continue much after the fall of Sebastopol - One of his objections was, the troops may be moved from Scutari & you cannot follow the army about like sisters of Charity. Secondly, I did not think of going to give myself a position, but for the sake of common humanity If I wait 3 weeks, I do not see that I gain any thing, & the miserable creatures are dying all the while Thirdly_ they cannot find any body else, & if I don't go the whole thing falls to the ground. Money, I am sure will not fail There is a Kaiserswerth establish

ment at Constantinople, who have been written to to prepare rooms for us, I honour all the sisters, & am sure they will greatly smooth our way - I have written to the Sydney Herberts who are both at Wilton Lady Maria Forester (this is the lady whom I called Mrs Forester) would go with us or which is what I advise follow with the next detachment of nurses. To me it would be infinitely easier to pioneer the way with 3 or 4 women than to march in, (even supposing it possible) with a great batch of undisciplined women not knowing what places to assign them, in so new a position as a military hospital Mrs. Clarke has volunteered to go with me_ & I shall take either her or one of the Nurses from the place_

Wellcome Ms 8995

I will not ask you to re commend my undertaking to my Mother, because I know that you have not thought favourably of my going out on Tuesday, but I will ask you to explain what it is without unfavourable comment because I hope if I see you & her tomorrow, to do away with your objections. **[end 14:58]**

8994/114 1f, pen, signed note **[1:139]**

In the hope that I shall see my dearest mother & sister tomorrow, & that they will give me their blessing on our undertaking, I shall leave it to Mrs. Bracebridge to explain what that undertaking is.

F Nightingale

1 Upper Harley St
15 October 1854

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/115 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter [14:58-59]

Constantinople

November 4 1854

on board the Vectis

Dearest people

Anchored off the Seraglio
Point - waiting for our fate
from Skoutari, whether we can
disembark *our* Seraglio direct
into the Military Hospl which
is what with such a heterogeneous
mass ripe for disorganization
we should prefer.

At 6 o'clock yesterday
morning I staggered upon deck
to look at the plains of Troy,
the tomb of Achilles, the
mouths of the Scamander, the
little harbour of Tenedos, between
which & the Mainshore, our
Vectis, with stewards' cabins
& galley torn away blustering,
creaking, shrieking, storming,
rushed on her way -

Wellcome Ms 8995

It was [illeg] in a dense mist
that the ghosts of the Trojans
answered my cordial hail,
through which nevertheless
the old Gods still peered down
from the hill of Ida upon
their old plain. My enthusiasm
for the ~~old~~ heroes was undi=
minished by wind & wave. -
We made the castles of Europe
& Asia by 11 (Dardanelles)
but alas! we made Constan=
tinople this morning at 9
in a thick & heavy rain,
thro' which St. Sophia, Suleiman,
the Seven Towers, the Walls &
the Golden Horn looked like
a bad Daguerreotype washed
out - & Sta Sophia was
drowned in tears.

We have not yet heard
what the Embassy or the
Mily. Hospl. have done
for us, nor received our orders.

Bad news from Balaklava - tho' not so bad
as we heard on first anchoring - You will
hear the awful wreck of our poor cavalry -
in the masked battery 400 wounded arriving *at this moment* for us
to nurse_ the

bad conduct
of the Turkish commander cowardice in one_ the other to be shot
our two ships damaged -

Arethusa & Albion

But Lord Raglan says he shall take Sebastopol.

We have just built another Hospital at the
Dardanelles - It ~~seems~~ is quite true that a sortie
of 8000 Russians was repulsed by 1500 of ours.
One man killed 14 Russians with his own hand_

Do you want to know about our crew -

Wilson has turned out a swindler - She came
drunk, to the London Br. Station on Monday
mornng. was turned away by the Station Master
then went to you (the rest you know) joined us at Marseille,
travelling 1st. class all the way, has proclaimed
her intention publicly that *she* did not come
out for the paltry 10/ a week, but to nurse noblemen,
& means to desert the first opportunity. She has made [end 14:59]

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/116 1f, pen, signed copy of letter to FN arch: from Lord Raglan}

8994/117 4ff, pen, not in FN's hand, signed dictated letter/copy in bowmani used [14:61]

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"I came out, ma'am prepared to submit to every thing_ to be put upon in every way_ But there are some things ma'am one can't submit to__ There is caps, ma'am that suits one face, and some that suits another And if I had known, ma'am about the caps, great as was my desire to come out as nurse at Scutari, I would not have come, ma am."
Speech of

Mrs. Lawfield

Nov 5. Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Asiatic Side
Nov 14 1854

Dear Sir,

Time must be at a discount with the man who can adjust the balance of such an important question as the above. & I, for one, have none; as you will easily suppose when I tell you that on Thursday last we had

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1715 sick and wounded in this Hospital, (among whom 120 Cholera patients) and 650 severely wounded in the other building, called the Genl. Hospital, of wch. we also have charge, when a message came to me to prepare for 510 wounded on our side the Hospl. who were arriving from the dreadful affair of the 5th. of Novb. at Balaclava, where some 1763 wounded & 442 killed, besides 96 Officers wounded & 38 Killed. I always expected to end my days as Hospital Matron, but I never expected to be Barrack Mistress_ We had but ½ an hour's notice,

Wellcome Ms 8995

before they began landing the
wounded. Between one and
nine o'clock, we had the mattresses
stuffed, sewn up, and laid down,

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alas! only upon matting on the floor, the men washed and put to bed, & all their wounds dressed_I wish I had time or I would write you a letter dear to a surgeon's heart, I am as good as a "Medical Times." But oh! you, gentlemen of England who sit at home in all the well earned satisfaction of your successful cases, can have little idea, from reading the newspapers, of the horror & misery (of in a military Hospl.) of operating upon these dying exhausted men __A London Hospl. is a garden of flowers to it_We have had such a sea in the Bosphorus, and the Turks, the very men for whom we are fighting for carrying our wounded

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so cruelly, that they arrive in a state of agony__one amputated stump died two hours after we received him, one compound fracture just as we were getting him into bed, in all 24 cases on the day of landing_ We have now 4 miles of beds_& not 18 inches apart. We have our quarters in one Tower of the Barrack _& all this fresh influx has been laid down between us and the main guard in two corridors with a line of beds down each side, just room for one man to pass between, and four wards. Yet in the midst of this appalling horror, there is good _And I can truly say like St Peter "it is good for us to be here"_ tho' I doubt whether if St Peter had been here, he he would have said so_As I went my night=round among the newly wounded that first night there was not one murmur, not one groan the strictest discipline, the most

Wellcome Ms 8995

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absolute silence & quiet prevailed
only the step of the sentry & I heard
one man say "I was dreaming of my
friends at home," & another said
"and I was thinking of them_These
poor fellows bear pain & mutilation
with unshrinking heroism & die
without complaint__ Not so the officers,
but we have nothing to do with the
Officers. The wounded are now lying
up to our very door & we are landing
540 more from the "Andes." I take rank
in the army as Brigadier General,
because 40 British females, whom
I have with me, are more difficult
to manage than 4000 men. Let no
lady come out here, who is not used to
fatigue & privation-for the confessed [?]
sisters, who ought to know what
self_denial is, do nothing but com_
plain. Occasionally the roof is torn
off our quarters, or the windows
blown in & we are flooded & under
water for the night _We have all
the sick Cookery now to do_ & have
got in 4 men for the purpose,

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for the prophet Mahomet does not allow us a female. And we are now able to supply these poor fellows with something besides Govt. rations. I wish you wd. recall me to Dr. Bence Jones' remembrance, when you see him, and tell him I have had but too much occasion to ~~filleg~~ remember him in the constant use of his dreadful present. In all our corridor I think we have not an average of three limbs per man; and there are two ships more "loading" at the Crimea with wounded, this is our phraseology. All who can walk come in, to us for Tobacco -but I tell them we have not a bit to put into our own mouths - Not a sponge, not a rag of linen, not an anything have I left. Everything is gone to make ~~filleg strings?~~ lines & stump pillows & shirts_ These poor fellows had not had a

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clean shirt nor been washed for two months before they ~~filleg~~ came here & the state in wch. they arrive from the Transports is literally *crawling*. I hope in a few days we shall establish a little cleanliness _But we have not a basin, nor a towel, nor a bit of soap, nor a broom. I have ordered 300 scrubbing brushes, We are getting on nicely though in many ways. They were so glad to see us. The Senior Chaplain is a sensible man, wch. is a remarkable providence I have not been out of the Hospital walls yet, _But the most beautiful view in the world I believe lies outside.-If you ever see M Whitfield the House Apothecary of St. Thomas's will you tell him that the nurse he sent me, Mrs. Roberts, is worth her weight in gold. There was another engagement on the 8th. & more wounded, who are coming

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down to us. The text wch. heads
my letter ~~may~~ was expounded thus__
Mrs. Lawfield was recommended
to return home and set her
cap, vulgarly speaking, at some
one elsewhere than here, but
on begging for mercy, was allowed
to make another trial-Mrs. Drake
is a treasure __The four others are not
fit to take care of themselves nor
of others in a military Hospl.-
This is my first impression but
it may modify, if I can convince
them of the necessity of discipline
& propriety in a drunken garrison
Believe me dear Sir yours very
truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

This is only the beginning of things
We are still expecting the assault.

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/118 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [14:66]

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
20 Nov 1854

Dearest people

This is to certify that
we are all alive - though
business thickens - as you will
suppose when I tell you
that I am at this moment
buying flock & manufacturing
stump pillows to the tune
of 300 - I wrote a Surgical
Letter to Bowman which you
will see - Our Dysentery cases
keep on dying in spite of us_
But I have so much to write
of of ~~filleg~~ real importance
that I am afraid to begin

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{rest of letter written by Selina Bracebridge}

8994/119 2ff, pen, not in FN's hand, signed copy of FN letter to
Duke of Newcastle ADD Mss 43393 ff5-11 stated as being SH, not
duke of Newcastle, dont' use

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Barrack Hospital
British Sisters Quarters Scutari.
25th. November 1854.

Sir,

I have the honour to report to you that the
party of Sisters & Nurses under my charge
arrived safely at Constantinople in the "Vectis"
on the 4th Inst & were received into these Quarters
the same Evening.

We were received by the authorities of the
Embassy, of these Barracks, & of the Medical Staff,
with every attention.

we have received rations from the Purveyor_
& by the assistance of the Engineer have erected
a kitchen in which all that is ordered us an
Extra dietary for this Hospital by the Medical
Men is prepared.

The Medical Store-keeper & Purveyor have
issued such stores as were in their power to
supply.

We are satisfied with these Quarters - & the
Inspector General has assigned to us some
rooms in the other Hospital, which we are about

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to occupy, with a subsidiary kitchen.

The whole body of Sisters & Nurses (viz. 39. including myself) is efficient.

I have supplied the place of one whom I was obliged to send back to England, by a German Sister, who was offered to me by Pastor Fliedner's Kaiserswerth Institution of Deaconesses from their Colony stationed at Constantinople.

After consultation with Dr. Menzies and Dr. MacGregor, and after affording general assistance in receiving & dressing the wounded in two disembarkations, including more than 1000 men, I have distributed my party as follows, viz.

10 in the General Hospital which contains about 900 wounded.

28 in the Barrack Hospital which contains about 2300 sick & wounded -

The excess in proportion is accounted for by the necessity of keeping a number of nurses in

these Quarters for the preparation of Stump Pillows - Padded Splints - Slings - cut Garments - & other medical appliances - & for the giving out of such medical comforts & Extra Diets, upon the requisitions of the Medical Officers, as are arranged between them and me.

The Ambassador has been kind enough to put me in direct communication with him through Lady Stratford where visits & assiduous attention have much contributed ~~[illeg]~~ to facilitate the performance of our duties.

I have the honour to enclose an abstract of our accounts for the journey & as your Despatch has been received by the Purveyor General, I have no occasion for any additional credit with Sir John Kirkland.

I have the &c

Florence Nightingale
Supt. Brit. Nurses
to the Br. Ambassr
The Secy. at war

Wellcome Ms 8995

8994/120 1f, pen, initialled letter [14:70]

25 Nov.

Scutari

My dearest people

All alive [illeg]
but without one
moment

I have written a
Public & a Private
letter to S. Herbert - Send
to him for the Private
one -

We landed 180 Wounded
last night

Yours ever in heart
& mind FN

[end 14:70]

8994/121 1f, pen, unsigned note/draft

[14:66-67]

desirable

Barrack Hospital

Pins 25 Nov 1854

Thread & Cotton *Common*

Tape [illeg]

4 Skeins woollen for me

Portfolio for me

Good *thick* large sized *half* sheet white foreign
paper, which does not shew the ink through -

This is too thin -

Amusing Books

Bibles & Prayer books

36 yds black sarsenet ribbon for caps

this wide

Tin box Alumettes with little

Wax Candle for me

A set of caps for me_

all alike - plain - easily

washed - with close border

fitting close to the face

I must always wear the

same dress - black best

don't send out any more

cold. gowns - dressing gowns

useless 2 black [illeg]

[end 14:67]

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8994/122 2ff, pen, in another hand, unsigned copy {arch: 5.12.54}
original 43393 ff19-20

5 Dec

[14:72-73]

I enclose copies of 8 letters
I should state that the workmen for
repairing the dilapidated wards were
put on by Lady Stratford's order to
Mr Gordon the chief officer of
Engineers_ at which time she had
long conferences with the Commandant
& the Purveyor General, notebook
in hand; that she distinctly stated
to me & to others, that she was
the authorised intermediary between
the Ambassador & the authorities

of these Hospitals & that she
offered herself as my correspondent
in that capacity. Four or 5 days
subsequently, Lord Stratford himself
accompanied her here -

The enclosed copies explain what
followed; the employing 125 workmen,
their strike, & my putting on 200
workmen, (I may add that we
are daily expecting 6 or 700
wounded at least, in an already
overcrowded hospital, & that Lord

Raglan has written to say that we
may expect sick from the cold -
the dilapidated & now uninhabitable
wards are capable of holding 800
patients.

By Lord S's letter to me, & is a
interview between him & Mr Gordon,
Lord S initially denies knowledge
of Lady S' proceedings.

My own feeling is, that the Ambassador
would not have done what he is the
only person who has any power to do,

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& what is & matter of primary
importance as regards 800 wounded_
What I have done has been done with
the concurrence of Dr
Senior M Officer of the B Hospital
&, as I subsequently found, to the great
satisfaction of Mr Gordon who expected
to be blamed for that which he could
not help as far I can reason on this,
it appears to me certain that nothing
would have been done if I had not
acted in this way. Mr B will
tell you about the Jetty & Landing Place
& Washing which was exactly the same
story as the interior rebuilding of these wards,
one fourth of the whole Hospital [end 14:73]

8994/123 2ff, pen, initialled letter [14:71-72]

Dearest people

Could you but see
me, you would not
wonder that I have
no time to write -
when my heart yearns
to do so - Could any
one but know the
difficulties & heart=
sinkings of *command*,
the constant temptation
to throw it up, they

would not write to me,
as good Mr. Garnier does,
praying for grace
that I may bear the
praise lavished upon
me - I who have
never had time
to look at a Paper
since I came -
'Praise, good God.' He
knows what a situation
He has put upon me.
For His sake I bear
it willingly, but not

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for the sake of Praise.
The cup which my
Father hath given me,
shall I not drink
it? But how few
can sympathize with
such a position?
Most of all was I
surprised at dr. Aunt
Mai's sanguine &
gleeful view of it -
But do not suppose
that I shrink - Without

us, nothing would have
been done here - & I am
satisfied - All this
is, of course, PRIVATE
I subjoin a list of
small wants
Pray *date* your letters -
ever yours
FN

Scutari
5 December 1854
I should like to hear about
Harley St.

[end 14:72]

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8994/124 10ff, pen, not in FN's hand, signed dictated, original
43393 f22 [14:79-82]

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Barrack Hospital
PRIVATE Scutari
10 Dec 1854

Dear Mr Herbert

With regard to receiving & employing a greater number of Sisters & Nurses in these Hospitals. I went immediately (on reading Mrs Herbert's letter of the 23rd. addressed to Mrs Bracebridge) to consult Dr, Menzies, the principal Medical Officer under whose orders I am -

He considers that as large a number are now employed in these

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Hospitals as can be usefully appropriated, & as can be made consistent with morality & discipline_ And the discipline of 40 women collected together for the first time is no trifling matter under these new & strange circumstances -

She considers that if we were swamped with a number increased to 60 or 70, good order would become impossible_ And in all these views I so fully concur that I should resign my situation as impossible were

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such circumstances forced upon me_ For our quarters are already inadequate to preserving in health our number. More ~~quarters~~ rooms cannot be assigned to us, the sick are laid up to our door. We had even to give up a portion of those quarters which had been assigned us (at the General Hospital) to the wounded_ With regard to taking a house at Scutari, the medical officers considered it as simply impossible_ Regularity could not be preserved where the

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Sisters & Nurses were living from under our own eye. the difficulties of transport are what no one in England would believe. & the going to & fro between the two Hospitals is becoming daily less easy [That I should not accept a responsibility which I could not fulfil is equally the opinion of the Medical Officers & mine - If in the course of the winter we have out ten or 20 more & send back some of those we have, the medical officers are of opinion that that number will be sufficient. ie forty efficient

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ones being, picked out eventually for the two Hospitals averaging 3000 sick_ Lastly I have found from this last month's experience that, had we come out with 20 instead of 40 we should not only have been less hampered with difficulties but the work itself would have been actually better & more efficiently done - About ten of us have done *the whole work* - the others have only run between our feet & hindered us. & the difficulty of assigning to them something to do without superintendence has been enormous. It is the difference between

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the old plough with the greatest amount of power & the greatest loss in its application, & the Gee-ho plough with reins accomplishing twice the work with half the power & much more efficiently_ We were as alarmed at the general terms in which Mrs Herbert described the nurses as instantly to be sent off. that we held council & decided on writing the enclosed to the Ambassador as the only means of protecting them & ourselves. In other words we could neither house nor keep them.

Wellcome Ms 8995

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English people look upon Scutari as a place with inns & hackney coaches & houses to let furnished. It required yesterday (to land 25 casks of sugar) four oxen & 3 men for 6 hours, plus two passes two requisitions, Mr B. two interferences & one apology from a Quarter master for airing the Araba, received with a smile & a kind word, because he did his duty = For every araba is required on military or Commissariat duty_ There are no pack horses & no asses except those used by the peasantry

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to attend the market $\frac{1}{4}$ off. An Araba consists of loose poles & planks extended between 2 axle trees placed on 4 small wheels & drawn by a yoke of weak oxen - There is not a Turkish house which is not in a fragmentary state, roof & windows pervious in all directions, there is not a room in our quarters which does not let in the rain in showers, whenever the weather is bad. We can only buy food through the Commissary & are sometimes without wood or charcoal. For want of a carpenter & a man to put

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up a stove in the absence of all hands (the workmen available being all employed in repairing the sick wards, (the matter of first importance) we have been unable during the last week to effect the move of some of our nurses into the Gen' Hospital, or even to get in a few poor soldier's wives into our little Lying in Hospital, which the pressure of the misery of these poor women had compelled us to begin - All this will lend to explain the difficulty of having more women & especially ladies out here at present_

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Mr B has put down some men
as they occurred to him -
What we may be considered to have
effected is_

- 1) The kitchen for extra diets, now
in full action for this Hospital, with
regular extra diet tables sent in by
the ward surgeons -
- 2) a great deal more cleaning of
Wards - mops scrubbing brushes brooms
& combs given by ourselves where not
forced from the Purveyor -
- 3) 2000 shirts cotton & flannel given
out, & washing organised & already
carried on or not there for a week -

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- 4) Lying in Hospital begun
- 5) widows & soldiers wives relieved &
attended to -
- 6) a great amount of daily dressings
& attention to compound fractures by
the most competent of us_
- 7) the Supervision a stirring up of
the whole machinery generally, with
the full concurrence of the chief
medical authorities. & the practical
proof which our presence has given
that for were determined to know
all they could & do all they could_
- 8) the repairing of wards for 800_
wounded which would otherwise have

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been left uninhabitable - And this
I regard as the most important -

The Government could not do
otherwise than send a number of
Female assistants worthy of it, viz.
30 or 40. Of these at most 16 are
efficient, the personal qualities of
5 or 6 have effected, under God's
blessing, the results already obtained
I am willing to bear the evil of
governing (& preventing from doing
mischief) the non efficient or scheming
majority which is my great difficulty
& most wearing out labor, because I

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acknowledge the moral effect produced
which could not have been produced by
smaller numbers. But I am not
willing to encounter the crowding
greater numbers to exhaust our
power & make us useless & incapable
by wasting our time & nervous energy
in governing that which cannot be
governed -

Lastly at the moment we came out,
the Times correspondent & his [illeg] were
prepared immediately to go into
opposition, as they have actually done
at Balaclava, where the Times supplies
have been required, as well as admission

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to Mr Stafford, whereas here instead of opposition we have had support_ Nothing has been given here except through us & we have had abundant supplies, more than we asked for, from Mr Macdonald & Mr Osborne who have held daily consultations with us - Mr Stafford who was on the point of going into extreme opposition has shewn nothing but kindness & zeal_

The great fault has been in our geography. in our being on this side the water. Four days in the week we cannot communicate with Constantinople

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except by the other harbour, 1½ mile off, of Scutari proper, to which the road is almost impassable_ I add the pieces justificatives - The grand administrative will emanates from Home, in the existence of a number of departments here each with its centrifugal & independent action is counteracted by any centripetal attraction viz a central authority capable of supervising & compelling combined effort for each object at each particular time -

Excuse confusion

In great haste

ever yours F Nightingale

8994/125 2ff, pen, not in FN's hand, unsigned letter {arch: c. 28 Dec 1854, Scutari}, copy of 43396 ff20-221

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Dear Mrs H

In reply to your question as to what Her Majesty can do to testify her sense of the courage & endurance so abundantly shewn by her sick soldiers here & having seen Col Phipps letters to Mr H of Dec 11 & 14 & 15 to Mr Cumming, & the bountiful list of gifts including books, proposed it only remains for me to suggest what is at once exceedingly simple & individually applicable, & also

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something general which will come home to the feelings of every one as well of the military themselves as of their friends & relations -
The last suggestion which I would make will also do honor to the Xtian sympathy of our native land towards those who have fallen -
1st. the woollen comforters mentioned in my last for each man, to be given as he goes up for actual service -
2nd. that the Hospital stoppages against the daily pay of the *sick* soldier should be

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made equal to the H.S. against the *wounded* soldier provided the sickness be incurred while on duty before the enemy_
My third suggestion is that a Firman should be immediately demanded of the Sultan granting the Military Cemetery at Scutari to the British & that Her Majesty should send out orders to enclose it by a stone wall. There are already alas about a thousand lying in this Cemetery nine hundred were reported last week. We have buried 100 in the last 2 days only_
The spot is beautiful, overlooking the Sea of Marmora & occupies the space between the

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Gen' Hos wall & the edge of the sea cliff_
as to the H. stoppages, the [illeg] rule of the army, which embraces these Hospitals is that the sums deducted are per day
for sick nine pence
for wounded fourpence halfpenny
the privates' pay being 1 s per day. consequently the sick man has only 3d. a day left for all his expences. If he happen to be married he is the worse off because the wife being with him, drawing only half rations & lodging in barracks he has 2 expenditures instead of one - Believe me in haste ever yours F N_
I wish I had time to tell you all the expressions of thankfulness & tender loyalty which I hear from the soldier sick or wounded when he learns the interest of his Queen upon his behalf & that her thoughts are with him. I will in my next

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tell you some of these touching little speeches or rather words
for **[end]**

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the soldier never
makes speeches

These are just come back from
Windsor.
Please enclose them
to me
"What she asks
for has been done."
S.H. (?)

8994/126 1f, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1853-4}

is dying the most
awful of all deaths
from ulcerated sore throat
which she endures
with the constancy
of a martyr, & still
puts her poor violets into
water (which I
sometimes bring her
from Covent Gn)
with her poor left
hand tho' she has not spoken for nine days - God grant
that she may be
released this week.

We discharge
three patients this
week cured -

I reduced their bills
for their last week to

an average cost of each
person per day of 1/
even in these times
of scarcity & war prices.
a lower average than
any Institution in London.

It is necessary for the
wise & good &c

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8994/127 2ff, pen, unsigned letter {arch: 1854}

Thank you very much for
the frames, which look
beautiful - The Delphica
is come home, & I
have paid £1. 5 for
her_ which I meant
to have taken myself,
as you had given me
so many - But, as
you are so good as
to say you mean to
give them all, I will
put it down to our
next account - (All
this time our Insane
is making me swear
upon the Bible that
she is not going to be
hanged tonight)

I do not think £6
at all too much for
my gown - I should
certainly never have
bought another but
because I have in
black & white that
you *had* taken mine *not* were going to take it
& during Mrs. Parker's visit
& ~~w~~ begged me to do so
(in Mama's hand)

I have only a
Vol. of Balzac from
you - not *two* books
(for Rolandi)_ I will
send all the books
when they come to you.

I had a little Merino cape made some time ago (to replace
my crape hood on

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the merino cloak) ~~made~~
~~some time ago~~ - It is
not very pretty but
cost the "ridiculously
small sum of eighteenpence"

We have an "Heir of
Redcliffe", presented by Mrs. Herbert, thanks, & have
read 2 Guardians.

Book=case not yet
come - But I have
bought a common one.

Many thanks for
the game.

I was not aware
that the Milnes es had
lost the baby & am
very sorry to hear it_
At least I suppose you
allude to this coming
thing - when you say it

was to have been called
after Maurice - not
to the last -

What is the name
(the patients want to
know), of the plant
with the beautiful
red leaves which
look like petals &
the little red flowers
in the middle ? which
you sent us last

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8994/128 1f, pen, unsigned note/letter/draft {arch: 1853-54}
[12:92]

the two poor Mellers
who both became
dangerously insane to
Marylebone Workhouses
All my doctors gone
abroad & more
illness than ever I
remember__
 for the corners
 Σ copied an Eilethyia
 for the back
& Thonei for the binding
of the letters -
I kept the poor Mellers
on from day to day
feeling an unconquerable
terror of conscience to
confirming these poor

wretches in lunacy
by consigning them
to the Lunatic Wards
of a Workhouse -
But as an individual
the Drs who saw them
said that I could
take this responsibility
but not as the
head of a public
Institution - Since
I removed them
they have refused
food

[end 12:92]

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8994/129 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: 1854?} [12:92]

I was so sorry not to come
today. But my Drs are not
come back, which is really very
unkind_ & I dare not go
till I have lodged the
wretched Mellers safe in
Colney Hatch - Besides which,
I have a lady of less than
doubtful character, upon
whom an Operation was
performed yesterday, whom
I keep "au secret"_ I am
more than angry & vexed,
for I must be in town again
by the 2nd. I will come on
Monday or Tuesday, R.C.S.V.
meaning, the Royal College of Surgeons
volente.

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When I received your note this mornng., I had a great mind
to brave 'em
all & put
myself
into the
train there
& then

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8994/130 1f, pencil?, not in FN hand, unsigned note/copy

I wish You & your companions
all to know that the Queen
thinks of very little else but
of her dear & brave soldiers.
She wishes herself to make but for
them & really all her every
thought seem to be connected
with their trying [illeg]
kinds of food &c
I had a long & very interesting
conversation with HM & the
Prince they take the most
heartfelt interest in the
Mission please tell to all

Windsor Castle Dec 1

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8994/131 1f, pen, not in FN's hand, unsigned note/copy?

Lord Panmure is going to give us a Royal
Commission of Inquiry into all that concerns the
Health of the Army at home & abroad & I
have been commanded by the Queen & by
him to write a Précis for the Govt. 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, Ld 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
lately with two Taints the Scorbutic & the
Office Taint 7 the latter is the worse.
To Lady Canning
Calcutta

v [not FN hand]

The four guarantees demanded
of Russia
1 The liberty of the Blk Sea
2 _____ of the Danube
3 The annulling of the treaties
between Russia & the Porte
4 The joint protectorate of
the 5 powers of the non-

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Musselman subjects of the
Porte
_[HCV: Dec '54]

Wellcome (Claydon copies) Ms 8995

8995/2 incomplete letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1854}

Barbarous woman- there
is a black *lace* bonnet
& a black *silk* gown
come, & not My Bear's
Grease ! Which was to
have come in my box
per Imperatrice - Now,
if this savor of vanity,
let me tell you you
don't know what this
climate is - & as the
natives oil themselves,
so must I Bear's
Grease myself- I have
been obliged to Cold
Cream my hair. So let
me have my Bear's Grease
or I die - I left your Castor Oil Grease
behind on the mirror table like an honest woman

In re
Bear's Grease

8995/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 81-82, bundle 275

PRIVATE Scutari Hospitals

1 February 1855

Dearest Mother

One word to say
that we are all right
& that God is worth
working for - tho'
troubles ~~distress~~ perplex, but
not overwhelm, us on
every side, of which
not the least (to me)
is M. Stanley's inex=
plicable conduct,
but of this not a
word - She has intrigued
with the Embassy & set up
an opposition, (why opposition?)

Hospl. at Kullali, of which I remain
Nominal Head -

I will work for these
miserable Hospitals
as long as I have
power to do so -

I will fight for God
& the right, for they
are worth fighting for, but
not to be justly
represented by men
which they will never do.

We have no Cholera.
Your mind seems
sorely troubled about
Chloride of lime -
Can you suppose that

such a Scavenger
 as I am have not
 a sack of Chlor. of
 lime at the corner
 of every Corridor &
 do not myself see
 to the Fatigue Parties
 cleansing out the
 places which require
 it ? Alas ! I am
 Purveyor, Scavenger,
 every thing to these
 colossal calamities,
 as the Hospitals
 of Scutari will come

to be called in History
 I *do* read your letters.
 I *do not* read the
 "Times"-

ever yours, dearest
 people, which means
 a great deal, I assure
 you, in a place where
 envies & emulations
 & official jealousies
 interfere with the
 lives of men

F Nightingale
 S. Herbert has borne
 me out gallantly on
 Commissariat reforms

8995/4 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 86-87

Scutari- Feb 5/55
 Dearest Mother

[14:133]

Pray tell Aunt Mai
 that my "Education" is
 not wasted upon me
 that I often think of
 what we said together-
 of the great reformers
 who have died of dis-
 appointment - & I find
 our principles hold good
 in time of trial, the
 anchor is firm - I say
 "I expected this - I will

not die of disgust &

disappointment." I have often thought in early life (how little I then expected Scutari) that I should throw my body in the breach, that I should bridge the chasm to reform - that there must be an Originator, a Promulgator, an Executor to each Reformation, Christ said, I am the way *and* the truth *and* the life - in general, there is the way, (the

thinker) the truth, (the
speaker), the life, (the
actor), separate persons
to each great step-
the originator perishes
without credit & without
success, the promulgator
is ruined *peculiarly*,
in pocket, the third
succeeds - I remember
thinking, ~~of the Christians~~
So perish those who
pioneer the way for
Mankind - But they
May perish, but I
shall endure - I shall

not break my heart of
disappointment, though
even mine own familiar
friend turns against me.
No, dearest Mother,
I shall do nothing, ~~but~~
the originator never does,
but greater things than
these shall others do -
The Army shall be
reformed, the Army
Medical Board, the
Military Hospitals -
those three sinks of
jobbery & official vice-
& I have done all I hoped
by representing these things

[end]

8995/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen [see also 43396 f25 of same date but not same letter] Goldie says to Mary Stanley

Scutari -

Feb 26/55

Dearest

Will you recommend
Miss Clough to go home
or to volunteer for
Kulleli? Having no
knowledge of *her* I will
write in whichever sense
you recommend after
reading the enclosed-

Would you ~~recommend~~ like
Mrs. Bull to volunteer
for Kulleli? Or would
you accede to her wish
of going home ? see enclosed

Lady Erskine has
positively refused to
allow Harriet (who is
still at Lord Napier's)
to go to ~~Koulaie~~ Balaklava.

Sister Sarah Anne
has fever- & is in bed.

So is Mrs. Drake -

Mrs. Grundy is far
too giddy for Mother
Eldress's hand - under whom
she became quite wild.

Please return me
the enclosed.

What I feared is
now coming to pass-
viz that Kulleli will
be left without a head.
~~We~~ You consider none
of the party you brought
as capable of being
the head - The only one I
brought who could be
thought of in that
capacity I have appointed
to Balaklava - Miss
Tebbutt, wholly incapable
is appointed to the Genl
Hospl. You must
recommend to me the

one you consider least
incapable ~~fir~~ to govern Kulleli
till some one can be
had out from England
tho' where that one is
to come from I do not
know - I shall go to
Balaklava as soon as
the pressure here becomes
less awful - & we have
established some system-

Will you answer this
letter of Mrs. Hunt's in
~~due~~ my name, if you
wish her to come, which
I hope she will *before*
you go ? Ever dearest
yours in haste F. Nightingale

8995/6 initialled letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 4 March 1855}

None of my clothes (which I
asked for) from you have ever
come- What vessel did you send
them by ? I am falling to pieces
& my caps are in holes - I am obliged
always to wear *black* & *a cap* as I mentioned

My dearest people Do
not say that M. Stanley
is treacherous. I believe
that she has been over=
excited & literally, for
the time, insane. She
has done me and the
cause as much harm
as if she had been a
cold=hearted liar. But,
if you knew the comfort
it is to me now that
I can think (or believe
I can think) that she is
not deliberately false=
My health has improved
Since that moment-
I could not sleep at

night- & in the morning
I must start up as soon
as I was awake now to
dwell upon the thought
of her treachery - In the
midst of our colossal
national calamity, of
one great political game,
of our immense reforms to
be planned & urged forward
here in the East, her
little black part, not
little in ~~his~~ its consequences
to us, as she had with
her the Embassy & the
Commandant, by dint of
lying, was upon me
like a night mare - But
now I don't believe her
a responsible being - &
don't you treat her as such
coldly or unkindly

I hope we shall pull
through well - I shall go
to Kulleli, as soon as
she is gone, assume the
management there &
endeavour to organize
things - I shall also
go to Balaklava, if we
can but get some *pur=*
veying system introduced
here first; for this Barrack
Hospital is, after all, the
head-quarters of everything, of
every abuse, & every
difficulty, from its
overweening size, 2500
sick alone, its horrid
depot, 1500 more, its being
the centre of every iniquity

& therefore I must
make it my head quarters
as long as these things last.
But if we have wounded,
we shall organize a Hosp'l
at Balaklava for 800
(in huts) in order to save
their being brought down
such a long way here.
(Compound fractures &c)
& I shall go up to Bala-
klava to organize it -
For I fear our Sisters
there are going to the Devil
under the incompetence of Mother Eldress

Ever yours
dearest people
in heart & in faith
Scutari FN
March 4 I have been here
4 months today
It seems 4 years-

8995/7 handwritten copy of an initialed letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 102-03

Scutari March 5 1855

Dearest people

I saw Athena last night=
She came to see me. I was
walking home late from the
General Hosp'l round the
cliff, my favourite way, &
looking, I really believe for
the first time at the view.
the sea glassy calm & of the
purest sapphire blue. the
sky one dark deep blue. one
solitary bright star rising above
Constantinople. our whole fleet
standing with sails idly
spread to catch the breeze
which was none including
a large fleet of Sardinians

carrying up Sardinian troops.
the domes & minarets of
Constantinople sharply
standing out against the
bright gold of the sunset.
the transparent opal of the
distant hills (a color one
never sees but in the East)
which stretch below Olympus
always snowy, & on the other
side the Sea of Marmora
when Athenà came along
the cliff quite to my feet,
rose upon her tiptoes, bowed
several times, made her
long melancholy cry & fled
away - like the shade of Ajax
I assure you my tears followed her.

On Wedy Feb 28th we had the sharp shock of an earthquake It is indescribable. one does not feel the least frightened but I felt quite convinced our old tower must come down. 200 Patients jumped out of bed & ran into the Main Guard. 2 jumped out of window. some got out of bed who could not get in again. When next we looked across to the other side, two minarets of Constantinople had disappeared. half Brusa is in ruins, & the accounts of killed & wounded there, where statistics are none, vary from 3000 to 800. one man here with compound fracture seriously injured himself by scuttling out of bed. We have had several slight shocks since.

ever yours FN

[Bursa]

8995/8 initialled letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 102-03 bundle 275

Scutari

[14:158]

March 5 1855

Dearest people

I saw Athenà last
night- She came to see me.
I was walking home late
from the Genl Hospl round
the cliff, my favourite way,
& looking, I really believe
for the first time, at the
view - The sea glassy
calm & of the purest
sapphire blue - the sky
one dark deep blue,
one solitary bright star
rising above Constantinople.
our whole fleet standing

with sails idly spread
to catch the breeze which was
none - including a large
fleet of Sardinians carrying
up Sardinian troops-
the domes & minarets
of Constantinople sharply
standing out against the
bright gold of the sunset
the transparent opal of
the distant hills, (a color
one never sees but in the East)
which stretch below Olympus
always snowy & on the
other side the Sea of Marmora
when Athena came along
the cliff quite to my feet,

rose upon her tiptoes,
bowed several times, made
her long melancholy cry,
& fled away - like the
shade of Ajax - I assure you
my tears followed her-

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we had the sharp shock
of an earthquake - It is
indescribable - One does
not feel the least
frightened, but I felt
quite convinced our old
tower must come down.
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jumped out of bed & ran
into the Main Guard - two
jumped out of window -
some got out of bed who

cd not get in again - When
 next we looked across to
 the other side, two minarets
 of Constantinople had dis-
 appeared- Half Brusa
 is in ruins, & the accts=
 of killed & wounded there,
 where statistics are none,
 vary from 3000 to 800-
 One man here with
 compd fracture seriously
 injured himself by scuttling
 out of bed - We have had
 several slight shocks since.

[end]

Please pay £5 (which
 torment me) due to Harley St
 for board of self & Mrs.
 Clarke from Michaelmas till the day of our
 going, and my £5.5 Subn.
 for 1855. ever yours FN

8995/9 initialled letter, 4ff, pen {arch: 8 March 1855} Goldie 103-04

My dearest I hope you are
 doing something about the
 Monument - The people here
 want to have a Cross - they
 do not see that immediately
 will arise the question, Greek
 or Latin Cross - that we
 cannot have our own Cross
 in a country where all Xtians
 are Greeks - still less can
 we have the Greek Cross -
 besides the ill grace of ~~we~~ our
 setting up a Cross at all
 who are fighting for the
 Crescent. ~~Setting up a Cross~~
 But these people cannot be
 made to see this. I should
 like Trajan's column - or
 Themistocles' *broken* column,

only that nobody would see
the sentiment of it.

The whole of this gigantic
misfortune has been like a
Greek tragedy - it has been
like the fates pursuing us.
every thing that has been done
has been a failure & nobody
knows the reason why - the
Gods have punished with
blindness some past sin &
visited the innocent with
the consequences -for our God
is a jealous God &c how like
the Greek & the Jewish
mythology ! -

But this great tragedy
must now, one would think,
be near its close -

Please put yourself *at once* in
communication, dear Pop,
with the Chaplain-General,
Gleig, ~~for~~ to get us working drawings
for our Public Monument
& Private Chapel in ~~our~~ the British
burial ground now to be enclosed
on cliff looking over Sea
of Marmora - first
ascertaining from Herbert
whether Queen wishes to
interfere- If ~~not, let~~
she has no commands,
set to work at once-
I should like "Wingless
Victory" for Chapel- one
single solitary column

for monument ~~for~~ to greet
first our ships coming up the
Sea of Marmora - It is
such a position - high
o'er the cliffs we shall saved
in vain - I should
have liked the Temple
of Sunins - but a minia=
ture never does - & they
want a Cross-

I have told Herberts
& Chaplain General you
will put yourself in
communication with him.
Let us live at least in our dead..
Five thousand & odd brave
hearts sleep there -

three thousand, alas! dead in
Jan. & Feb. alone - here -

But what of that ? they
are not there - But, for
once, even I wish to keep
their remembrance on
earth - for we have been
the Thermopylae of this
desperate struggle, where
Raglan & cold & famine
have been ~~our own~~ the Persians,
our own destroyers - *We*
have endured in brave
~~heroic~~ Grecian silence.
Let the "Times" avenge
us - I do not care -
We have folded our Mantles

about our faces & died
in silence without complaining. No
one can say we have
complained -

And for myself, I have
done my duty - I have
identified my fate with
that of the heroic dead,
& whatever lies these
sordid exploiters of
human misery spread
about us these officials - there is a
right & a God to fight
for & our fight has
been worth fighting - I
do not despair - nor
complain - It has been
a great cause -

We cannot yet believe in the
death of the Emperor, telegraphed
from Bucharest yesterday -
though it is believed at the
Embassy - ~~If it is true~~, it
is so like the dénouement of
a Novel - too good to be
true - how rarely do the
fates of ~~the~~ Nations hang
upon the life of an individual
& how rarely does that
individual die in time
to be of any use -
ever thine

FN

Please date your letters -

Scutari
March 8/55

8995/10 initialled letter, 2ff, pen, bundle 275

Scutari Hl
April 12/55
Dearest Mother
If Papa knows
Mr. G. Alsop (who
writes to his brother
that Gessess is his
hapinss,) at Bakewell,
or any body at Spondon
to soften the blow to

these two unfortunate
people & to introduce
me to their notice.
I enclose these two
letters de faire part
to you for the chance.

But don't delay sending
them, otherwise they
will see the death in
the newspapers -

Mrs. Gailey has
misbehaved - i.e. been
out after hours - &
is alas ! to go home
in disgrace - I am
very sorry. I liked
her - But I cannot
depend upon their
behaviour in one of the
Hospitals not under
my own eye - Many
is the woman from Kulleli

[14:178]

has said to me, It
would never have
happened, if I had
been with you - And
poor Gailey, whom
I sent only to the
Genl Hospl, said the
same thing - If the
boy is at Wellow keep
him till she comes
home - If not, let
him alone - his
place must go
to the deserving sons
of more deserving
mothers -
One woman at Kulleli stopped
out all night.

All hands & all
wards here are
preparing for Wounded -
Never again will we
be taken unprepared-
The *report* this morning
was - bombardment
of Sevastopol begun
on Monday 9th - Garden
Battery & Round Tower
Silenced. Magazine
in Sevastopol exploded.
ever yours

FN

We had a severe shock
of an earthquake yesterday
11th.

[end]

8995/11 copy of letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand

Bh Hospl

[14:178]

Scutari

April 16/55

Dearest Aunt Mai

Do you remember
saying to me that Mrs. Clarke
was not to be trusted with
the morals of the servants-
that if any thing happened-
she would prove, either that
she knew it all the time
or that it was quite right
not to know it. Alas !
what you said was quite
true & Clarckey either gets
drunk herself, or connives

at the drunkenness of others
Fortunately she had wished
to go before- & therefore
without a quarrel of
any sort, she goes - She
was so utterly incapable
of controlling the Nurses.
that I am glad to part
But I never can forget what
we owe her- & therefore I
am equally glad to have
had no blow up - I believe
she will go home to Sheffield
She sails this morning with

others by the Gothenburg
If she should come to
Combe, pray receive her
as usual, & ask my
people to invite her, telling
them this little fact.
We are prospering, but
expecting some thing de
cisive every day before
Sebastopol - Many thanks
for your letters

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

8995/12 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 113-14

Scutari Hospital

[14:179-80]

April 22/55

My dearest people

When the Bracebridges
go away, it will be raison de
plus for me to stay - otherwise
this Hospital will become
the bear = garden which
Kulleli & Smyrna are
where the ladies come out
to get married - where the
nurses come out to get drunk.
Alas ! the only question with
me is not whether shall
I come away ? but shall
I be able to hold the reins
single-handed ? Hitherto,
amid severe disappointment,

it has remained a comfort
to me to be able to feel,
No woman's virtue has been
wrecked through me - on the
contrary, I have been able
to take back some drunkards
from other Hospitals and
reform them - At the Barrack
Hospital we have had
not one flirtation, not one
drinker - not one quarrel
And many a sinner has said to me, If I had been with
you, this would not have happened-

At the General Hospital,
where I do not live, though
it is under my superintendence,
all I can do is to watch-
& dismiss the miscreant - a
very unsatisfactory mode
of government-

At Balaklava where the
world thinks everything so
successful, I don't know
that anything could have
happened much worse - than
Miss Clough's absconding - than
the nurses' drunkenness, one
of whom I have had to take
back, since which she has
been always sober - than
the Mother Eldress losing her
money, her head & her health-
She actually lost the whole
of the money I gave her,
for the Hospital expenses-
save £1. She thinks it
possible Miss Clough stole it.
But do not say this, of course.

We are founding a new
Hospital on the heights
where the old Genoese fort is

outside of Balaklava - And
I am going up this week to
take & to settle nurses there.

Do you see how little
prospect there is of my
coming home at present,
alas ? Unless the W. Office
makes the whole thing so
repugnant to the spirit of it
(by sending out its forty to
Smyrna, who are a laughing
stock to the Officers, and
its hundred to Dr. Parker's
new Civil Hospital,) that I say,
No, it is more in consonance
with the spirit of the thing
for me to retire with the
children God has given me
than for me to stay

Thanks for the dear little box, just
arrived - But the umbrella I have
never had - Do send us this year's Nos

{continued in top margin at beginning of letter}
of Household Words - I want to read
"North & South"

It rests me -

No one sends

us any but such old Nos. You sent us up to
December - And I read them.

[end 14:180]

8995/13 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: Mrs. Gailey discharged April 20/55}

Do not send out anybody to companionize me **[14:179]**
till I write - "Anybody" would be dreadful- Think
if I had had Mary Stanley here ! The whole
thing would have gone to the dogs -

Many thanks for all you have done for
my Nurses - Mrs Gailey is going home in disgrace.
I am so sorry for that boy of hers Whom you have
been so kind to & put at Dowding's, that I should be

inclined to wait & see if he does any good - &
if he profits by it, keep him.

I send you a cheque for the £3 you sent by
P.O. order to Gailey. If you paid for it.

I sent you two cheques = £14.10 for Mrs. Noble.
None for Hawkins - I did not wish her to spend
her money till it was found. Foster wd do nothing-
Since that, I have sent you a cheque for poor Barnes-
I hope they came safe - **[end]**

8995/14 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
April 25/55

[14:183]

Dear Papa

I wrote to Glyn's
to pay you £100 for
the £200 refunded to
Lady M. Forester - In
the hurry of business,
I have no time to attend
to my own affairs -
And I find afterwards
that I ought to have
paid myself & not you for this
£100 was repaid out
of my own monies. So

that I have paid you
twice - You must
re-adjust this matter
for me, please -

Will you send 10
by P.O. order to
Grandmother Hedges,
(where the baby,
Leonard Hedges' brother,
is) from its aunt, my
Nurse, Mrs. Eliza Hawkins.
I will send you the
money with other
monies by a cheque
on Glyn's - The boy
will know his Grandmother's
address. Mama does not
send it me.

There seems no proba-
bility of an assault
now - but every
probability that our
Army will have to
winter again in the
Krimea, blockading
Sevastopol - unless
you make peace for
us at Vienna - The
feeling of discontent
in the army against
Lord Raglan passes
all bounds - It is
thought very desirable
that L. Napoleon should
come out.

The French are gaining the most incontestable hold upon Conc. Already they have an entrenched camp of 26,000 men, four miles from Pera (at Maslah) which is to be raised to 80,000 - It is said the French Govt. have offered to recall Canrobert, provided the English will recall Lord Raglan - Each general throws the blame on the others - a bad sign - It appears certain that, for 3 days, Sevastopol had but 6000 men in it, last week,

{written vertically in margin on first page}
& we might have given the assault & did
not know it
ever your
loving child
FN

[end]

8995/15 initialled letter, 4ff, pen Goldie 126-27 [1:140-42] SH/LM

Black Sea

May 5/55

Poor old Flo steaming up
the Bosphorus & across
the Black Sea with
four Nurses, two cooks
& a boy to Crim Tartary
(to overhaul the
Regimental Hospitals)
in the "Robert Lowe" or
Robert Slow- (for an
uncommon slow coach
she is) with taking back 420 of
her Patients, a draught
of convalescents returning
to their Regiments to
be shot at again. A "mother

in Israel", old Fliedner
called me - a mother
in the Coldstreams is
the more appropriate
appellation-

What suggestions do
the above ideas make
to you in Embley
drawing-room ? Stranger
ones perhaps than to
me - who, on the
5th May, ~~1855~~ year of
disgrace 1855, year of
my age 35, having
been at Scutari this
day six months, am,
in sympathy with God,
fulfilling the purpose I
came into the world for.

What the disappointments
of the conclusion of these
six months are, no one
can tell - But I am
not dead, but alive -
What the horrors of war
are, no one can imagine -
they are not wounds
& blood & fever, spotted
& low, & dysentery chronic & acute, cold
& heat & famine - They
are intoxication, *drunken*
brutality, demoralization
& ~~in~~ disorder on the
part of the inferior -
jealousies, meanness,
indifference, *selfish*
brutality on the part
of the superior- I believe
indeed & am told by
admirable officers in the

service, that our Depot
& Barrack at Scutari -
in which to live for six
months has been death
is a disgrace to the service-
& our Commandant the
worst officer in the service,
(had & solicited for by
Ld Stratford, because he
would have a man of rank).
But our Scutari staff,
military & medical,
content themselves with
saying that the English
soldier *must* be drunk-
& not one thing is done
to prevent him - Nothing
has been done but by us
We have established
a reading room for the
Convalescents, which is

well attended - And
the conduct of the soldiers
to us is uniformly good.
I believe that we have
been *the most efficient*
-perhaps the only-
means there of restoring
discipline - instead
of destroying it, as
I have been accused
of - They are much
more respectful to me
than they are to their
own officers- But it
makes me cry to think
that all these 6 months
we might have had
a trained schoolmaster
& that I was told it

was quite impossible-
That, in the Indian
army, effectual &
successful measures
are taken to prevent
intoxication & disor-
ganization & that here,
under Lord W. Paulet's
very windows, the
Convalescents are brought
in emphatically *dead*
drunk, for they die
of it & he looks on
with composure & says
to me "You are spoiling
those brutes." The men
are so glad to read,
so glad to give me
their money to keep or

to send home to their
mothers or wives. But
I am obliged to do this
in secret.

On the 1st May, by the
most extreme exertions,
our Washing house
opened, which might
just as well have
been ~~begun~~ done on the
1st November - six
months ago -

I am in hopes of
organizing some washing
& cooking for the
Regimental Hospitals -
& am going up with
Soyer, dollies & steaming
apparatus for this purpose
far more than for any

other. Mr. Bracebridge
 goes with us - Mrs B.
 keeps the bear=garden
 at Scutari- Four vessels
 of Sardinian troops go up
 with us- one vessel
 the Argo, with Artillery
 & horses, ditto - but
 went aground in the
 Bosphorus & could not
 get her off.

I have more & more
 reason to believe that
 this is the kingdom of
 hell- but I as much
 believe that it is to be
 made the kingdom of
 heaven -

Beware of Lady Stratford
 yours ever
 FN.

[end 1:142]

8995/16 unsigned letter or journal entry, 2ff, pen {arch: May 1855?}
 two documents 8995/16

I believe there is a good description
 of Cathcart's Hill in the "Times" of
 April 20. It is in front of the 4th
 Division - Gen'l Cathcart is buried
 there - We got off our horses there
 & walked to the advanced Mortar Battery.

[14:186-88]

Sevastopol looks
 like a fairy palace -
 so beautiful - so
 unscathed - so gorgeous
 in the Sun - & such
 a position

Sevastopol magnificent town - elevated ridge
 of gorgeous buildings - Dome Church - extreme
 left with pinnacled College looking building
 extreme right a gran Hospital - the
 whole glittering in the Sun - undamaged.

Fort Constantine opposite -

May 1855

7 Arrived in Balaklava Harbour -
landed with Dr. Anderson - Genl Hospl
with him & Castle Hospital Col. Tulloch went to Genoese Castle -
Visited

Dr. Lawson - gave him a Nurse - Genl Hospl
again - Back to "Robert Lowe" at 8 ½ - P.M.
found Dr. Sutherland - talked with him till 10

8 Genl Hospl 9 ½ to meet Drs. Anderson &
Sutherland - with former & Soyer to
Castle Hosp. to meet Engineer Officer - Capt. Keane - settled
kitchens - back to Genl Ho.

With Sany. Commn., Freeman, &c to Camp -
1-9 P.M. - 3 Hospitals of Heavy Cavalry -
Inniskillens, Sc. Greys, 1st Royals -(Dr. Macdonald),
Major Wardlaw, good officer -
Headquarters - to find Dr. Hall & Lord
Raglan - & start Soyer
39th & 55th- former Tent Hospl -first rate Regiment - Col Munro -
latter worst - 39th all hutted. 4th Division
turned out to give 3 times 3.
on to Cathcart's Heights - ruined tower
where Fr. & Eng. Pickets meet - dis=
mounted - because ground is shelled -
to Mortar Battery overlooking Sevastopol
harbour - fleets & bay. sunken ships -
shot & shells whistling right & left.
2 Serjeants of 97th with us - rode back by
Woronzow Road - through Zouave Chasseurs d'Afrique & Turkish
camps- our troops forming everywhere to go to
the trenches after dark for 24 hours - home by rail way

9 Sir John McNeill &
Col. Tulloch came to me
before breakfast,
"General" Filder, who
was previously
supposed by every
one who found him
here to be a non =
existent personage,
a myth, Mr. Rawlinson
& ~~Col~~ Dr. Sutherland came
packed up things to send to
the Regimental Hospl
Rowed across the har-
bour with Sany. Commrs.
& Soyer to Cossack Bay
to the Marine Hospl.
(Dr. Grant & Capt.
Hamilton) far the
best huts perfect - 3
ventilation a model -
twelve wounded - to hold 10
"Nurses" relieved in
watches - 8 watches -
including 4 "dog"=watches of 2 hours
in 24 hours - 3 Men
to the 24 hours - each
8 hours -
Senior Chaplain Wright
came to me - Went up to
Castle Hol with Sanitary
Commn & Nurses - settled
Matters with Dr. Hadley
& Mrs. Stewart. Genl Hosp till 8 P.M.

10 Rain
Dr. Anderson came
about hut & drinking
Admiral Boxer came

[end 14:188]

8995/16 {second} unsigned letter & envelope, 4ff, pen postmarked May 10/55 Goldie 130-31, and excerpts copied in RA VIC/G 30/25

My dearest/ My days at Balaklava
have been so busy as you may suppose-
I have made a tour of inspection of
Regimental Hospl in camp - besides re=organizing the
two Hospitals under our care, which
were terribly "seedy"- Nurses all in confusion-

[14:185-86]

The Camp is very striking - more
so than any one can imagine or
describe - Between 150,000 - 200,000
men in a space of 20 square miles
all obeying one impulse, engaged in
one work- it is very affecting - But to
me the most affecting sight was to
see them mustering & forming at
sun=down for the trenches - Where
they will be for 24 hours without
returning - From those trenches 30
will never return - Yet they volunteer
- press forward for the trenches - When
I consider what the work has been
this winter, what the hardships, I
am surprised - not that the army
has suffered so much but - that
there is any army left at all, not

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that we have had so many through our hands at Scutari but that we have not had all as Sir John McNeill says. Fancy working 5 nights out of 7 in the trenches - fancy being 36 hours in them at a stretch - as they were, all December - lying down or half lying down - ~~in them~~ - often 48 hours without food but raw salt pork sprinkled with sugar - & their rum & biscuit - nothing hot because the *exhausted* soldier *could not* collect his own fuel, as he was expected, to cook his own ration - And fancy, thro' all this, the army preserving their courage & patience - as they have done - & being now eager, the old ones more than the young ones, to be led even into the trenches - There was something sublime in the spectacle - The brave 39th whose Regimental Hospitals are the best I have ever seen, turned out & gave Florence Nightingale three times three, as I rode away - There

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was nothing empty in that cheer
nor in the heart which received
it - I ~~felt~~ took it as a true expression
of true sympathy - the sweetest
I have ever had - I ~~felt~~ took it as a
full reward of all I have gone
through - I promised my God that
I would not die of disgust or
disappointment, if he would let
me go through this - In all that
has been said against & for me,
no one soul has appreciated what
I was really doing - none but the honest
cheer of the brave 39th

Nothing which the "Times" has
said has been exaggerated of hardship.

Sir John Macneill is the man
I like the best of all who have
come out - He has dragged Commissary
General out of the mud - He has done
wonders - Every body now has their
fresh ~~rations~~ meat 3 times a week,
their fresh bread from Constantinople
about as often -

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It was a wonderful sight looking
 down upon Sevastopol - the shell
 whizzing right & left - I send you
 a Miniè bullet I picked up on the
 ground which was ploughed with shot
 & shell - & some little flowers.
 For this is the most flowery place
 you can imagine - a beautiful little
 red ~~Formentilla~~ which I don't know.
 yellow Jessamine & every kind of low
 flowering shrub - A Serjt of the 97th
 picked me a nosegay - \ominus I once
 saved Serjt 's life by finding [blanked out]
 him at 12 o'clock at night lying -
 wounds undressed - in one Hospl with
 a bullet in his eye & a fractured
 skull - And I pulled a stray
 Surgeon out of bed to take the
 bullet out - But you must not
 tell this story - For I gave evidence
 against the missing Surgeon - & have never been forgiven-
 Sir John Mcneill whom you must
 not quote, it was who told me that it was

{written on envelope flap}

There is some *Cholera*
 in Camp, but not much -

I want very much to hear how Blanch is. I was very much
 disappointed that Aunt Mai did not write. I heard it through a common
 newspaper, till I had a note from Mama [end 14:186]

{address on front of envelope}

Miss Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

Hampshire

{arch: FN

Balaclava

11 May}

8995/17 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari

June 18, 1855

[14:194]

This comes, dearest people,
to inform you that I think
much & often of you, which
is not necessary & that you
are too anxious, which is
necessary.

The "baptism of fire" what
words those are! must
baptize all those who
would be "Saviours" of man=
kind, whether from intel=
lectual, physical, but most of
all from moral error.

We are daily expecting
the wind - up of our affairs
in the Crimea, so long
promised us, now it seems

actually impending

You may fancy what it
cost me to leave Balaklava
at such a time - But
the Drs were peremptory,
& E came to fetch me -
I think seeing her did
me more good than all
their blisters -

I am gaining strength
every day but suffering
from a compound fracture
of the intellect -

I think my handwriting
does the Drs credit
yours ever, in sickness
as in health

F Nightingale

I wish you would write
your thanks to Mrs. Roberts,
who nursed me to her own

[end]

injury as if I had been her only child

Alas & yet not alas that
I should not see Aunt
Hannah again

8995/18 handwritten copy of unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari

June 21st 1855

I will answer your questions about Kaiserswerth as you have placed them -- I think six months at Kaiserswerth quite enough to give a good training to a person who does not want to be a surgical nurse. I am quite sure that Pastor Fliedner would receive you into the Institution if there be room & I do not think that you could take lodgings in the village which is very poor- The want of German is certainly a serious drawback, as the sisters are all of the middle & lower class & it will be quite an accident if

you find any one there speaking French or Italian, except the Fliedner family themselves- This is especially a drawback in speaking to the Patients and orphans with whom you are expected to read & pray- The charge for a *temporary* Sister used to be 10/6 per week (3 thalers) which included board lodging & washing! But as the Institution is very poor, you will probably think it right, if God gives you means to make some additional present - The winters are severe & the situation very damp even in summer & subject besides to overflowings of the Rhine out of which in the March of this year entirely flooded the Hospital & Lunatic Asylum - Ague is the prevalent disease----

I do not think a boarder would be taken
who did not mean to become a
temporary or permanent sister-
I will only add that I should recom-
mend you to persevere in going
in spite of all these difficulties, as
I know of no education equal to
that at Kaiserswerth for the purpose
you mention-

The German Hospital at
Dalston is served by sisters from
Kaiserswerth- The matron
S. Christiane speaks English-
Would you not see *her & it*
before you decide ? _____

8995/19 handwritten copy of signed letter, 1f, pen {arch: June 55}

I am sure you will excuse
my writing more when I tell
you that this is the first time I
have written at all after having
the Crimean fever which has
nearly put an end to my earthly
life & work together & that I
am still unable even to feel myself
Believe me

Your truly

Florence Nightingale

8995/21 initialled letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 132

Scutari July 5/55

[14:197-98]

Dearest people You are too good - Your letters have given me so much pleasure & helped to cure me more than any thing -

I have been sent to Therapia for a few days- where Mrs. Roberts & I had a ward in the Naval Hospital to ourselves with the most glorious view in the world & I am come back much stronger.

Many thanks for what you have done for the little boys, which glads our hearts to hear - i.e. Mine & Hawkins's-

I enclose you a dismal note

of poor Ann Clark's - I wish you could take her as a servant or find her a place - She is discreet above her years, active, obliging, clean, has a good notion of linen & needlework - & did for me as much as two servants- She is a good scholar, stupid & affectionate - Many a time she has stood between me & her Aunt's indiscretions - never repeating anything- & always contented - I wish I could do something for her - She wd make a good housemaid.

Lord Raglan's death thunderstruck us - (1) There is but one voice among the

soldiery - "Now we shall take Sevastopol" - (2) It was impossible not to love him for his kind & gentle courtesy - I did. But I shd think his death an equal gain to himself & ~~the~~ w us - to himself, because a good man has been taken from ye evil to come - to us, because few perhaps could have done worse for us than he has done - If I might tell the real history of the 18th.!

A private letter was read to me about his illness - from a medical man in camp - The Diarrhoea was slight - but he was so depressed by our defeat of Waterloo Day, the more

by reason of his apparent equanimity, which never failed, that he sank rapidly without sufficient physical reason - It was not Cholera - Peace be with him & with ~~the~~ his hecatomb of twenty thousand men -

With regard to my returning ~~to~~ home, the idea is too pleasant - it is too good for me - How can I ? If Miss N. goes to England, says my troop, she will never come back - & all my best, Revd Mother & her crew, Roberts, Polidori, Hawkins & several nurses, Robbins &c have announced their intention of not staying if I go - This is not so selfish as it at first appears. With so many jarring elements, without a central authority, they wd not be able to do any good here.

{next paragraph written vertically in top margin first page}
 yours till Doomsday
 i'th afternoon,

FN.

With what
 longing, love
 I think of
 our hill top
 where you
 now are
 you cannot
 think.

[end 14:198]

8995/22 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 133

Scutari

July 9/55

Dearest I cannot tell
 you how the record of
 Athenà's little life &
 death affected us all -
 It is worth while to have
 died to be so remembered
 Curious instinct! A little
 terrier rat-catcher, sent
 us by Mr. Herbert, the
 most engaging of all
 animals, except Athenà,
 was so aware that we
 were reading about
 something we loved more
 than it, that it never
 ceased whining & howling & caressing
 & fidgetting while the
 book of Athenà's exploits was being read -

[14:198-99]

My own effigy & praises
were less welcome - I do
not affect indifference
towards *real* sympathy -
but I have felt painfully,
the more painfully since
I have had time to
hear of it, the *éclat* which
has been given to this
adventure - The small
still beginning -the simple ~~the~~ hardship -
the silent & *gradual* struggle upwards -
these are the climate
in which an enterprise
really thrives & grows -
time has not altered our
Saviour's ~~judgement~~ lesson on that
point - which has been
learnt successively by

all reformers, down to
Fliedner, from *their own*
experience - The vanity
& frivolity which the
éclat thrown upon this
affair has called forth -
which seemed to animate
all Miss Stanley's party,
of whom now scarce a
wreck remains, (~~besides~~ except
that good old mad Shaw
Stewart, who escaped it
all,) has done us
unmitigated harm, &
brought ruin to (perhaps)
the most promising,
enterprise that ever
set sail from England.
Our own old party which
began its work in hardship,
toil,

struggle, poverty & obscurity
has done better than
any other, & I, like a
Tory, am now trying to
get back to all my first
regulations -

Dr. Sutherland has given
it as his opinion that
"to go to England is neither
necessary nor advantageous
for" me. He says that it
would be too great a strain
upon me - He says that
Switzerland would be best
& Therapia next best -
Balaclava not for two months.

I believe I am going
to Prinkip , the capital
of Princes' Islands for a
couple of days with Σ &
then must decide what I
really ought to do - feeling
that, if I go, all this will fall
to pieces - yours ever, whatever betides

[end 14:199]

8995/23 handwritten copy of initialed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari July 18. 1855

Dearest Aunt Mai

If you can come, you
only know what a support it will be
to me - But all I shall see of you, will
be for 2 or 3 hours a day at
my little house at Scutari where
you would live - You must judge
whether it is worthwhile for you to
have the long journey for this. I
can hardly think it so - You are
very good to think of it - But
it would be no comfort to me
you well know if you were
to give up the time to me, when
wanted at home -- If

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we were less far off, there
is no one gives me strength
& courage & keeps me up
like you - You raise me
up to God.

We think it quite out
of the question to have dear
Bertha here. It is not a
place for her indeed - Thank
her for me -

Yrs ever Gratefully

FN

[end]

8995/24 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Scutari

July 26/55

[14:201]

Dearest people

It is almost worth
while to be ill to have
such letters from you -
I am getting on famously
& I fear I shall have no
excuse for going home -
turn away my thoughts
~~for it~~ from it, because
it would not do to let
the picture of home get
possession of my ~~thoughts~~ mind
I am quite sure that
it would not be right
to peril this work by
going away - Yours ever FN
Mrs. Bracebridge has written to
Nurses to say that it would damage
the Hospitals for me to go home

[end]

8995/25 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

July 28/55

My dearest people

I send you by Σ [1:318]
a bridal scarf for
Parthe - the meaning of
which is that the *new*
"me" she has wedded
which is really the old
original "me" now 35
years old, acknowledges

the eternal union with
a wedding garment -

Also, a jug & basin
wherein Rose Water is
here poured over the
hands, of which festivities
we do not know much. [end 1:318]

But Σ has taken the
bread out of my mouth
& chooses to give you
this themselves -

Aunt Hannah weighs [14:201-02]
much upon my heart.

I wish I could have
seen her again -

I am excessively
sorry that Mr. Milnes
has taken up in Parlt.,
if it is true, the death
of Mr. Stowe - *Of course*
the "Times" likes a grie=
vance. The fact being
that Mr. Stowe was
nursed day & night

by a Nurse & a Supt
of mine, two women,
a thing I never did
before, by a Chaplain,
who was like a brother
to him & by two Doctors -
He did *not* die from
neglect & had every
advantage but air - If
I had died, they might
just as well have said
it was from neglect -
Add that Mr. Stowe's
resolute & exciteable temper
was a peculiarly difficult one
to manage - for his good.

July 28. Saturday night -
Mr & Mrs. Bracebridge just
sailed per Canadian for Marseille
for nine months she has been
the moving power by which
these Hospitals were made to
go at all - & no one can tell

what she has been to me -
more than my Egeria - almost
my Holy Ghost - I have kept
them two months after their time,
which I shall never cease to
regret - though regret be unphi=
losophical - & more, impertinent -

With Mr. Bracebridge goes the
only man of sense & feeling
& the only man but one of
business in
these miserable
Hospitals - We have long
put aside the humbug of
charity towards them among
ourselves -

{written on the top of the first page}

My wig is come off - send me a
bottle (or the Prescription) of the
Eau de Cologne mixture - I have
worn him à la Titus these nine
months but now it is à la
Julius Caesar - ever yours FN

[end]

8995/26 initialled letter, 26ff, pen Goldie 138-39

Scutari

August 7/55

[14:204-12]

My dearest friends

I have so much to write to you about that is really important & no time to write it in -

I ~~feel~~ am like one in a ~~Grand~~ Greek tragedy, where all is *fated* to ruin & struggle is useless - I think this tragedy greater far than any of Aeschylus - & I feel like Prometheus bound to the rock, against which every thing is

going to wreck - the rock of ignorance, in= competency & ill = will - For McGregor is incompe= tent, Lord Wm is ignorant, & Robertson is drunk- Everybody deteriorates in this ~~Tragic~~ place - & deterioration is the most tragic of all dénouement - & Robertson, whom I looked to as our plank of salvation came to me the other day in a state which I thought was the pangs of despised love or of drink - And I afterwards found

from private information
it was brandy. He has
only been three hours in
the place during the
whole of the past week,
the rest being spent at
Koulale - I have sent
for him twice a day
for seven days upon
very particular business
concerning his own Linen
Stores & he has never
been to be found - Now
he has the Cholera which
is better - & I am going
to him - Lord Wm goes
to England next week -

If I could have condes=
cended to make these men
in love with me, it wd
have been better - But
that I could not do -
I (*Caffé*) By dint of Pincoffs &
~~my~~ my & the incessant exertion of money,
the Coffee=house was opened
yesterday - I advanced
other £150 - & sent them
hams, butter, brandy,
tea=urn, tent, prints,
a band, newspapers &c
for the opening day when
every thing was gratis -
I went, though I could
hardly stand, because
I did not choose the

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Nurses to go without
me - I was cheered, of
course, & my health
drunk when my
Uncle answered, to my
great humiliation - there
was some good speaking,
but the best was from
a common Sergeant,
who proposed the health
of the Chaplains -
Protestant & Catholic -
I brought the Nurses
of both Hospitals away in twenty minutes,
which nothing but my
going myself could
have done - The Sympathy
of these honest fellows

is like the Chorus in the
Greek tragedy - always
the best part -

I am sorry to say that
Pincoffs hurts Valerio's
proud feelings so much
that that worthy professes
he only stays for love of
me, & I am afraid he
will go at last - I am
always adjusting quarrels -
They settled the list of
prices without consulting
him, the most absurd
prices - I made a new
list, which was accepted
by the Committee, or I think
they never could have sold

anything - Shore & Pincoffs
are the only men who
take the least interest,
& Shore knows nothing
of business,--& Pincoffs is
too worrying - I wish you
could have staid over
the opening of the Caffè,
I am afraid we shall
have more trouble -
II (*Huts*) But to business -
I dislike writing this next
excessively - because it
is not my business - &
one does not like
reminding & teasing the
Government to do that
which it may have done
already -

But the existence of the
army next winter depends
upon it - And so please
to consider that you
must never change your
shirt till this is done -
The Isabelle linen will
be the consequence -

I understand, from
all the officers who
come down & from Lord
William himself that
there is not a single
Regiment hutted - that,
if they are not hutted
before winter, the same
misfortunes will befall
us which befell us last -
winter

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I understand that the Officers sometimes ask for huts for themselves, & are told that there they are at Balaclava, which is true, if they can bring them up to camp - which they cannot, because they are too heavy -x

The only Regt which was hutted was the 39th, you know, & those huts have been converted into a General Hospl

I hear there are seven miles of huts coming - one for the HORSES - But even this is doubtful

Secondly, all competent authorities suppose that we shall be before Sevastopol another winter

x It takes 40 horses to bring one up to camp - & the Railroad won't or can't be used, because it is more than pre occupied with carrying Commissariat stores -

3 (Trenches) If so, & if ~~these~~ these trenches' works still goes on, as they seem to suppose ~~they~~ it will unless we have a trenches' dress, we shall have a repetition of what you only who saw our last winter's work, of taking off frost bitten feet, can imagine - There must be a trenches' dress -

I would propose a light flexible material of Gutter Percha or some= thing of the kind to draw over the feet & fasten with a strap in front so as to accommodate

all feet - & to ~~come~~ draw up
to the thigh - fastening
round the waist. Gloves
or gauntlets lined with
fur, to prevent frostbitten
hands - & ears, to fall
down over the ears -
Any one accustomed to
the business could invent
a dress better than I -
but there must be a
dress, with waterproof
coat, (*that matters little*
how it is made) - It was
not the excessive cold,
but the wet, the evapo=
ration which cut off
our men's hands & feet

last winter - And the
sights I saw then only the
Surgeons can tell who will
not tell - The men ought
to march down to the trenches
in their usual boots mits &
dress, carrying the light
trenches' dress with them,
put it on not over,
but *instead of* their
usual dress, & put on
their own dry dress again
when they come out -
The trenches' dress should
be solid enough to rush
out of the trenches in,
if necessary - I do not
understand these things
but that a dress should
be invented & sent out

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by those who do, is
absolutely necessary to
save life -

Pray see to this -
I will never cease
bothering about it -

It may have been
done already - but, if
not, the health of the army is at stake -

Bakewell, the Surgeon
in the front who wrote
the letter in the Times
about the Regimental Hospital, ~~in~~
~~the front~~, has been
dismissed the Service -
discharged for his letter-
I have not seen the

man, because I thought
him a wrong headed
mortal when he was
at ye Genl Hospl here, 6
months ago, & I have
enemies enough without
Quixotizing - But I believe
his letter was correct -
IV (Hospitals in *front*) I will tell you why-
Last Week came down
the "Wm. Jackson" from
Balaclava with wounded
Invalids for England -
Her crew deserted &
she has been detained
here now a week in
consequence & is still
here, with 3 wounded
officers & 98 wounded

Privates all on board -
Most of them amputation
cases - Shoulder= joints
& high up in the thigh -
Three who were dying
were brought in here -
two of these are since dead -
I was horrified &
scandalized by the
condition of these - One
with a broken jaw (by
a shell) had a wound
in the back of the head,
another in the breast -
& the whole of the back
of the neck excoriated
(not from the enemy's shell but)
from the matters coming from
the wound in the face

having been allowed
to run down & accumulate
till the flesh was eaten
away & the bone laid
bare - They were brought
in here after 9 o'clock
at night. Mrs. Roberts
dressed the wound in
my presence & was
two hours cleaning away
the accumulated filth -
The man said "Thank
you" when he could
hardly speak - After=
wards he became
delirious & died in
three days - They were
all too far gone to

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gather from them
clearly where they
came from - But I
think the Jaw=man
came from the Hospital
in the front -

There was no fault
here - Dr. Summers was
upon the spot imme =
diately - so were
restoratives - & I was
allowed to send in
Isinglass flavored with & Wine from us -
for the dying - And if
the Dressers were not
forthcoming, so much
the better -

The whole story is to me incomprehensible - & had I not seen it, I would not have believed it - how they were sent home at all - in such a state (the death of one, I can have no doubt, was occasioned by moving him - it was a wound in the leg, nearly healed, with inflammation of the absorbents) & how they were so neglected - The Jaw case must have been the result

of the neglect of ~~one~~ two or three weeks, not of that merely of the voyage, - which was remarkably short. I have written to Mrs. Stewart to learn whether any came from her Hospital - Oh that they would send us to the Hospital in the front - But while a drunken isolated Miss Clough receives not only toleration but sanction, I should be considered mad if I were to offer

to undertake the General Hospl in the front with a regular body of women - V (*Nuns*) Now for the Nuns at the Genl Hospl. I have at last compelled them to send in the List of Names of those whom they "instruct" - This is their own word, though the W.O. despatch says expressly they are not to instruct - I think I told you that they are appointed as *Nurses* to three out of the six Divisions of the Hospital-

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The other three Divisions they have distributed among themselves to - "instruct" - When I wrote to them, they simply sent me the names of these three Divisions, making up thus the whole Hospital under R. Catholic care - I answered that I ~~could~~ "was sure they would allow me to smile" at such a way of informing me what they were doing, & ended by saying, which was suggested to me by my Revd Mother, that I took for granted they only went to Patients

in an advanced state
of disease (i.e. in Corridors
not their own) & that
they sent the Convalescents
to the priests to instruct.
I knew well that they
were principally seen
in the two Convalescent
Corridors - & that the
gossip of the *lay* Sisters
with Orderlies & Conva=
lescents in the Corridors
was the talk of the
whole Hospital -

I suppose they found
themselves in the wrong,
for the next day came

the long requested List-
One Sister had in the
one Division (& that *not* her own
except religiously), which
Division is one sixth of
the Hospital, FORTY=NINE
names!! I thought this
peculiar - & wrote to them
to come at last & see
me - The Revd Brickbat
had never thought fit
to come near me since
I was ill, tho' I sent
her the £5 to do so -
They came - & I asked
them what the proportion
of R.C.s among the
Patients was - They said

at once, one fourth. How then, said I, can there can be forty-nine R.Cs for you to instruct in one sixth of a Hospital, which has not contained for four months above 400 patients, generally With more than 300 ? (I forgot to tell you that I had made enquiry - & found that, in one Sister's list, in the whole Division, there were only two in bed - in another only six - & these, it seems to me obvious, are the only ones to whom women should go

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Oh! said the Sister directly, I "instruct" the Orderlies & *that* makes up so large a number, together with the Convallescents -

I asked her whether she did not think such should go to the Priest & that we women were for the Sick -

No, she said, it was no use "instructing" the sick - it was only the well that it was any use to go to -

Now I thoroughly believe in the conscientiousness of these women -

though they never cease
to bother me - they have
been intriguing again
with Robertson about
their Room & their Door
& about building & knocking
down & partitioning for
them - till I have been
obliged to speak to the
latter - Sister Elizabeth
having actually told me
that I need not trouble
myself - for that the
females at Koulale &
Robertson would settle
it all-

Still I believe Sister

Elizabeth & her nuns to
be thoroughly conscientious -
(the Lay Sister is nothing
but a gossip - & I have
been obliged to remove
her from her wards)
I believe that they don't
like forcing their "instruc=
tions" upon Orderlies, but
that they are ordered to
do it -

The question with me
is not at all that of
R. Catholicism v.
Protestantism - not at
all a religious question-
It is that every body
laughs at them, excepting

those who cry - my Revd
Mother cannot bear
their doing it - Says that
she never remembers
its being allowed, even
in Ireland, in Convents,
that she would feel it
most awkward to ~~be~~
have to do it - The
question with me is,
--we are sent out to
Nurse in a Military Hospl
Is it desirable, is it
not calculated to bring
ridicule upon the whole
thing, for women & young
women, be they veiled
or be they not, to stand

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about Corridors talking
to knots of Orderlies or Convalescents
upon religious subjects
or any others ? - I would
have dismissed any
Nurse who talked as
their Lay Sister does -

I must premise
that S. Elizabeth & I are
on the most friendly
terms - & that all this
passes in the guise of
mere question & answer -
Also, with Robertson I
get on admirably when
I see him -

I have complaints
innumerable from the
Gen. Hosp - when they

are always quarrelling -
Some are trivial - Three,
I think, are authenticated-

A poor dying R. Catholic
had fallen asleep after
many days & nights of
utter sleeplessness - The
nun came in, & the
Nurse said, He is asleep-
She passed on without
taking any notice &
woke him - This was
in a ward where the
Nun was not nursing -

A controversial Periodical,
called the "Lamp", which
puts the Ch. of England
in a very ridiculous

point of view, is distributed
(NB. I believe the Protestants
have religiously adhered
to their promise *not* to
distribute any controversy)
And is read aloud by
a R.C. Orderly in a
Corridor not his own to
a knot of laughing Orderlies,
~~in-mat~~ when the Protestant
Sister comes by.

In one case a boy
was persuaded not to
eat after he had been
confessed & communica=
ted- The boy was not
dying & ultimately lived
some time, after he had
been compelled to eat.

Fathers Molony & Syas
are at their tricks again-
& I believe that both
Lawfield & Sansom are
only waiting to take
places in Scutari for
their new masters to
promise that they will
frank them home when
they like to go which
they cannot obtain -

[end]

I am glad you are
gone - The weather here
has been atrocious - Heat
like a steam-bath-
Tropical thunder & lightning-
& tropical rains - If we
could but catch it - But
the poor washermen come

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to me with the cry of
"No water" & Gordon does
nothing - Meanwhile the Hospital
is flooded & our quarters too-

I hope you have not
forgotten "Times" &
"Illustrated News" for
Caffè, which I supply at
present, but cannot go on.

I have anticipated
the operations of Nature
by shaving my head,
& I find it a great
comfort in this weather
to be able to wash my
head twice a day.

The letters from "heart=
broken friends at home"
have begun again - friends
who want to know whether

a man who died in Febry
(a time when we were
never in from the wards
till near twelve o'clock)
"appeared to have any
desire to be saved &
left a Savings Bank
Book for £20" I am
desired to give the
minutest particulars
of what he thought &
did not think at 6
months' distance of time
to a "praying Mother &
a father who has feared
God many years."
Curiously enough, I
remember this man-
tho' at that time we
were losing from fifty
to seventy a day.

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Some publishers write
to me to ask to publish
My Crimean experience -
VI (*Sending money home*)

Some sharp men here
when they bring their
money to send home
say that you allowed
them 1 to £1- & when
they gave you £5.5,
their wives received
£5.10 - *They want to*
know whether I shall
do the same - Pray tell
me what I am to do,
if this is the case now -

The Allobroges are
dreadful & come round
poor Revd Mother, but

they don't inspire me
at all with their
howls - There was one
Allobrog came to me
howling for mourning
for her husband just
dead of the Cholera
& I found Ly Alicia
had given her mourning
complete a week ago -

The work in the Linen
Stores has grown tremen=
dously - I have been
obliged to put on four
Nurses & two nuns and
a half besides two Order=
lies, for it was really

wearing Revd Mother &
the women out this
weather.

VII (*Nurses*) I have been making
great reforms - changed
all the Nurses' wards
all round to break off
acquaintances which
I accidentally found out
were coming to bad -
One or two had already
gone a long way - &
Mrs Tainton fell sick
in consequence - We
have been much more
respectable since -

Sansom is a dreadful
mischief maker, I have
found out. So much for

St. John's House- It has worked me nothing but mischief, excepting poor Drake - Lawfield behaves perfectly well - But I expect every day to hear of her going-

Hawkins has been sober two whole days - the results of my having locked up the Brandy in our sitting= room in the closet in the kitchen & keeping the key. But she never wants now to clean the Sitting room, nor even offers to do anything - tho' she protested the very day after you went away she was always ready to clean. I have changed her wards & broken off her acquaintances

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Howse, I am afraid, is getting drunk - Clark & Tainton, the two most troublesome ones, are luckily in bed -

Do pray try & make Koulale into an Officers' Hospl - They want Nurses Now the ladies there have learnt to nurse a little & have learnt to flirt a little, both requisites for doing the business to the Officers' satisfaction- It seems to me Koulale is the very place for an Officers' Hospl, instead of plaguing me for Nurses - We have, by this Morning's

VIII (*Officers Nurses*)
 state, 101 Officers sick,
 of whom *not one* in bed,
 & every one has a servant.
 Do you think I will give
 them Nurses ? Hang me
 if I do! They are sick,
 qy. of the Krimea ?

Ly Canning's Nurses
 under Mrs Willoughby Moore are ~~not just yet arrived~~ arriving -
 Ld Wm. says -

M Vido has never shown
 since he was paid his
 wages - the coolest thing
 he has done yet -

Antonio reigns triumphant
 Can any good thing
 come out of the Embassy ?

The greatest compliment
 I have had paid to me
 was by the Vice=Consul
 at Missolonghi who said

that Lord Raglan was dead
 which was bad - but that
 Miss Nightingale was going
 to be married, which
 was worse -

Now, please remember
 that I say this about
 the *Hutting & Trenches'*
clothing in every letter,
 though I never write again-

We are filling the
 Corridors again - Our
 numbers are increasing.
 They are emptying the
 Hospitals in the front,
 which looks like business
 & on the Genoese heights-
 Soyer & Dumont are gone
 up - The patients here
 don't like Soyer's cookery,

in whom I believe, nearly
 so well as ours, & I hear
 nothing but complaints -
 But I will not reopen
 our kitchens yet - Robertson
 is falling into the same
 habits of indecision as
 Wreford - Lemon, vinegars,
 lime=juice, he will not
 make up his mind to buy.
 So I have bought a cargo
 of Lemons from Messina
 & Messrs. Barton's Vinegar,
 or the Hospitals would
 have come off minus -
 I think this is the Hospital
 & the Grave Yard of all the
 Virtues, which do all fall
 sick here - Also, they have
 left off purveying the Sheds

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with Stationery & say
 they have none - so I have
 begun again -

Pray do not forget a
 print of Inkermann, of
 the Queen &c &c & a map
 of the Krimea &c for the
 Caffè -

Pray don't forget us,
 FN.

The thing I should like
 best if you would send me would be a good
 Novel - not fashionable -
 like Mrs. Gaskell's
 "North & South", which
 /also you might send us in
 its whole Edition - (I
 have read it in Household
 Words) - for the Reading Room

When I lie down which
I never do, I think of all
the things to be done & they
start me up again. If
I had a good Novel, perhaps
I should not think of them-

Mr. Sabin is ill & gone
home - He is no loss to me,
tho' he was the best of
the Chaplains - I like
Dr Blackwood however, if
he would not come & read
the Times in my room -
Only think of that
Lawless being our Senior
Chaplain - I don't think
the Greek tragedy ever
turned out a character
like him

Every body is going home
to England but the
Bashi - Bazouks & me-
A child in England,
hearing we wanted
reinforcements, has
sent me his wooden
soldier without an arm -

Will somebody kindly
write to Sir James Clark
& to Mr. Bowman &
say that I wish to
thank them very much
for their kind advice,
which, so far from
annoying me, touched
& pleased me very
much that they should

think of me - but that
my Medical adviser,
Dr. Sutherland, thought
it best that I should
not return to England
Should come back, I
will make a little tour
to Brusa in November

I enclose letters from
two very different men,
the flowery Purveyor of
Balaclava & the surly
P.M.O of Scutari, in answer
to two questions of Mr.
Bracebridge's -

We have had several
horses killed & several men
struck down but not killed
by the lightning- Every one
says they never remember such -

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The joke here is that
Genl Simpson does not
speak French & cannot
write English. There is
no good news from the Krimea-

I have just heard that
Mrs. Willoughby Moore,
widow of the Europa, is
~~en~~ on her way out with
the officers' Nurses - I don't
know whom she is to nurse-
But she is a very proper
age for it -

I have had a disagree-
able business with Tainton-
She made love to a man,
an Orderly, who turned
out to be a married
man - I first said that
she & a nun were to be

together in the wards - she rebelled, hoping that I would take off the unwelcome restraint - & I then removed her altogether off her wards, which she expected so little & was vexed at so much that she fell sick - I have not told her that I know it - But, as all the Nurses know, I fear she must go back to England -

I do not wish to discuss those trivial instances of R.C. empiètement which I have told you with R.C. Bishop's who always get the best of it - But the great question as to whether the Nuns are to wander about "instructing" Convalescents & Orderlies strikes at the very root- **[end 14:212]**

9th

Lothian Nicholson came **[1:464]** yesterday & goes to the Krimea- to day. He looks well & in good spirits tho' his face is blistered with heat- I was so very glad to see him- He gave me an account of dear Aunt Hannah's suffering- If she still lives, ask her to send a message, tell her how I have thought of her & loved her & how I shall miss her being on earth - I should have liked to have seen her again - The old are so much better than the young - If she is still **[end 1:464]** living, tell her why I have not written - If not, it does not signify -She will understand-

If Aunt Mai does come out, what a pity she did not come with Lothian - I really think it is doubtful now whether she had better take the trouble - I may be gone to B'clava before she is well here now - It is worth her making the exertion ? I shall go up at the end of this month probably to the Krim -

Oh if you had seen the flooding! The water pouring into our Quarters like a spout - the Corridor between our Quarters ~~impassable~~ to & the Main Guard impassable - (the rain continued 24 hours) I, catching sight of a Hospital Orderly, making telegraphic signs to him to go to Dr. McGregor & get an Order for a fatigue party & tubs for us - The Depot thoroughly flooded out - I had sent our Orderlies to "Rag and Famish" to rescue our stores - But my telegraph succeeded -

I have got another Athena - shall I keep him ?

8995/27 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen, not FN's hand. {arch: copy of extract of much longer letter}

Joint letter to us Scutari
the Bracebridges - August 7/55
By dint of Pincoffs & me &
the incessant exertion of money
the Coffee - house was opened
yesterday - I advanced other
£150 & sent them hams, butter
brandy, tea-urn, tent, prints,
a band, newspapers &c for
the opening day when every thing
was gratis. I went, though I
could hardly stand, because I
did not choose the nurses to go
without me. I was cheered & my
health drunk, there was some good speaking
the best was from a common
sergeant who proposed the health
of the chaplains Protestant &
Catholic. I brought the nurses of
both Hospitals away in 20 minutes
which nothing but going myself

could have done.
The sympathy of these honest fellows is like the Chorus in the Greek tragedy, always the best part. Last week came down the "William Jackson" from Balaklava with wounded invalids for England. Her crew deserted & she has been detained here now a week in consequence & is still here with 3 wounded officers & 98 wounded Privates, all on board. Most of them amputation cases, shoulder joints & high up in the thigh. Three who were dying were brought in here, two of the 3 are since dead. I was horrified ~~mesmerized~~ by the condition of these. One with a broken jaw (by a shell) had a wound in the back of the neck, another in the breast, & the whole of the back of the neck excoriated, (not from the enemy's shell but) from the matter coming from

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the wound in the face having
been allowed to run &
accumulate till the flesh
was eaten away & the bone
laid bare. They were brought
in here after 9 o'clock at
night. Mrs Roberts dressed
the wound in my presence
& was two hours cleaning
away the accumulated filth -
The man said "Thank you"
when he could hardly speak -
Afterwards he became delirious
& died in three days -
The weather here has been atrocious
Heat like a steam bath.
Tropical thunder & lighting &
tropical rains - If we could but

catch it ! But the poor
washermen come to me with the
cry of no water. Meanwhile the
hospital is flooded & our quarters
too. The letters from "heart-broken
friends at home" have begun
again-friends who want to know
whether a man who died in Feby
(a time when we were never in
from the wards till near twelve
o'clock) "appeared to have any
desire to be saved & left a Saving
-Bank Book for £20. I am
desired to give the minutest particulars
of what he thought & did not
think at 6 months distance of
time to a "praying Mother & a
father who has feared God many
years." Curiously enough I remember
this man, tho' at that time we
were losing from fifty to seventy
a day.

& the Corridor impassable. (this rain continued for 24 hours.)

"The letters from heartbroken friends at home have begun again - friends who want to know whether a man who died in Feb' (a time when we were never in from the wards till near 12 o'clock) "appeared to have any desire to be saved & left a Savings Bank book for 20 ." I am desired to give the minutest particulars of what he thought & did not think at 6 months distance of time, to a "praying Mother & a father who has feared God many years-" Curiously enough I do

remember this poor fellow, tho' at that time we were losing from 50 to 70 a day.

The Allobroges x are dreadful - & come round ----- but they don't inspire me at all with their howls- There was one who came to me howling for mourning for her husband - & I found Lady Alicia had just given it complete -

We are filling the Corridors again our numbers are increasing- They are emptying the Hospitals in front

Allobroges a people of Gaul whose wives & children encouraged them in battle by following after howling & crying (note de l'éditeur)

& on the Genoese Heights, which looks as if something were expected. I have been obliged to buy a cargo of Lemons from Messina, & Messr's Bartons' vinegar, or the Hospitals would have come off minus - I think this is the Hospital & Grave Yard of all the Virtues, which do all fall sick here - Also they have left off purveying the Hospital Reading room with Stationary, or say they have none, so I have begun again. Pray do not forget to send us - print of the Queen

another of Inkermann a Map of the Crimea &c for the new Caffé
A child in England hearing that we wanted reinforcements has sent me his wooden soldier without an arm -

We are hoping soon for General Stork's arrival- the account of him is excellent-

~~Then was~~

8995/28 handwritten copy of a signed letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari Hospital

[14:212-13]

August 12/55

Sir,

I have been a long time acknowledging your kind & generous present.

Your son's books are now read in all the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava under my care, It is extremely difficult to find any book but a novel which the soldier will read. The life of soldiers is necessarily confined to strict discipline & to imagination - And they consequently confine themselves to their Prayer books or a Romance.

The soldier reads his Prayer book as he goes to Parade Service

as a part of his "duty", put
in "General Orders", by his
spiritual Commanding Officer.
His Comrade in the next bed
does not laugh at him for
reading it when he is sick
(as patients in the London Civil
Hospitals laugh at each other
for doing so) any more than
he laughs at him for being
marched to service when
he is well. But to make him
read any other religious book
is another question- and
religious books seem written
now only for Bishops, women
& tract societies.

Your son's books have filled
this blank - and except
the Pilgrim Progress, I
never remember any works
so popular. Tracts are -
I think deservedly - unattractive.

[end 14:213]

Believe me Sir
your obliged
Florence Nightingale

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8995/30 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari

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August 19

"Oh that I had wings like
a Dove & could look at
your Western skies for a
night" I may well re=echo,
father dear - Our Eastern
skies, diversified as they
are by the red glare of a
fire at Constantinople
bringing painfully before
one's imagination the fiery
glare of our destroying war
which lights up our
political night - & the
too real fire of a night
at near Sevastopol - our

Eastern skies are far less
beautiful physically &
morally -

If my name & my
having done what I could
for God & mankind has
given my dearest father
pleasure, that is real
pleasure to me - The
reputation, (fashionableness
I should call it) which
has unexpectedly followed me has not
been a boon to me in
my work - But if he
has been pleased, that
is enough, I shall love
my foolish name now-

& shall feel it to be my
 best reward that he
 can have satisfaction
 in hearing the name of
 the child he has educated
 repeated by others, drawing,
 I do believe, often
 sympathies together - If
 my work does that,
 I am sure he will feel
that some return for
 what he has done for
 me -

If ever I live to see
 England again, the
 Western breezes of my
 hill=top home will be

my first longing, though
 Olympus, with its snowy
 cap, looks fair over our
 blue Eastern sea - Who
 could believe less than
 I that I have been
 living for nine months
 within sight of it ?

Pray tell all my
 friends in Lea & Holloway
 who remember me that
 I often remember them
 amid the bustle & strife,
 less wearing *that* of landing
 500 sick, as we did yesterday
 than of fighting, conciliating,
 persuading Purveyors &
 Commandants - Oh Gladstone & Herbert!

{written vertically in the margin of the first page}
 I have had a very kind letter from Lord Panmure

FN -

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Scutari {arch: '55}

Aug 19

Dear Uncle Nicholson

I feel I must find time to write one word, though that is unworthy of the subject, to tell you what great happiness it gave me (after my nine months exile) to see Lothian again, looking so well so manly so full of zeal & energy - He is gone up to see what I think every young man ought to see - The most wonderful page I suspect

of the history of the 19th Century, not excluding Waterloo which was *successful*, whereas we are *unsuccessful* & the *why* is the most curious & instructive peep a young man can have under the surface of our brilliant British prosperity. I could scarcely regret his going up to add his still pure & loyal & uncorrupted hand to the few others who redeem the general lukewarmness corruption or complaining of the Authorities out there

stiffened & warped by education & by weariness - The moral deterioration is quicker than the physical - I was much pleased to hear the way in which Capt Gordon (Engineer) the best man we have here, spoke of Lothian - The earnest prayer of us all must be that he do not have to pay for his experience. But there is such a thing, as patriotism still I suppose in England - And who can regret

that Lothian should do something
for God & mankind, for which I
assure you there is room out here -

I cannot tell you how much I
have longed for one twenty four
hours in England to see again my
dear Aunt Hannah - Perhaps before
this she is where one would not
presume to wish her back from -

With love to all ever my dear

Uncle your affet niece

Florence Nightingale

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not FN hand

Col Storks is not come, nor coming **[14:283]**

I hear. For all the Brigades are
filled up & Lord W. cannot get one
but stays here till he does - Lord
Panmure ordering him up & Genl.
Simpson keeping him down -

My cousin Lothian N a clever
young Captain of the Engineers is gone
up & he writes me the most desolating
letters of the mismanagement up there -
but all of course in the strictest confidence.
Our chiefs still asserting that we shall
be in Sevastopol in a week, & no
preparations for the winter are therefore
necessary. Indeed many think that we shall

suffer as much this winter as last -
McGregor Cumming & Lord W are
as efficient & satisfactory as usual
so is Robertson. And I fight my
battles as usual -

I gave your commentary upon the
Quarter Master's store of free gifts to
Robertson. It was not the best way
of doing the business, but at least he
& Robertson are enemies as everybody
is here. I assure you I cannot
undertake a war with the Q. Master.
Poor "Boots" is quite worn out
She has been ~~packing~~/2 selecting /1 stores

& packing eleven boxes for the Sardinian Hospl. at Balaclava which is utterly destitute. four for the Castle Hospital one for the Naval, two for the new Monastery Hospital one for the Engineers & some for the Officers besides doing Miss Salisbury's work. Chaplain Hadow has been & proposed to Miss Tebbutt & been refused - They both behaved perfectly well about it both came to tell me

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The man said "Thank you" when he could hardly speak, but he afterwards became delirious & died in 3 days - I am glad the B's are gone, the weather has been dreadful: heat like a steam bath, tropical thunder & lightning, & tropical rain - If we could but catch it! But the poor washermen come to me with the cry of no water. Meanwhile the Hospital is flooded, the water pouring into our quarters like a spout & the Corridors impassable. The letters from heartbroken friends at home have begun again - poor people

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who want to know whether a man who died on Feb 4 (a time when we were never in from the wards till near twelve o'clock) "appeared to have any desire to be saved & left a Savings Bank Book for 20g." Curiously enough I do remember this poor fellow, ~~the~~ ~~[illeg]~~ tho' at that time we were losing from 50 to 70 a day -

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with Stationary, so I have begun again with our store. Pray do not forget to send us a print of the Queen another of Inkermann, & a map of the Crimea &c for the new Caffé.

I am very tired tonight with selecting & packing 16 boxes of stores for the Crimea, 4 for Castle Hospital 2 for new monastery Hl. &c &c some for the Sardinians who were quite destitute. Preparations for work -

A child in England hearing we wanted reinforcements, has sent me his wooden soldier without an arm -

The account of General Storcks is excellent. we are expecting him ~~daily~~——

8995/34 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

I think it was an error of judgment - (with submission to say it) to give the ~~disgraced~~ well-paid Nurses any part of the "Free Gift" stores - *especially* the disgraced nurses - MORE *especially* the disgraced Nurses from Koulale - I say this merely as a principle - For I don't suppose the whole value of what the Nurses had all together out of the "Free Gift" stores was £5. But I think it is bad for THEM they have frequently quoted *that about the disgraced men & they OUGHT to buy their own under clothing* - They are enormously paid - & well out=fitted - I would therefore ~~propose~~ submit that you send out the value of what was given them in Old Linen, either here, or to the London Hospital of the P.R.C.S. (who complains in

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the "Times" that *his* Hospital has been plundered, if you *could* find out which it is) & announce that you gave this linen *in case of emergency* to Nurses, that you intended to replace it, that here it is, that no more *was*, or was *intended to be*, given - (For I have insisted upon every Nurse paying for everything but her stated outfit ~~since~~ ever since you went). *Don't* say anything about having re=considered & thought it wrong the giving away to Nurses - ~~I will~~ if you should do anything of this kind - (I will gladly be at the expence) -

The Russians will not move out so easily as you think. They are making themselves very strong on the *N-side Sevastopol* [end]

8995/35 signed letter, 2ff, pen, dictated by FN

Scutari Hospital

[14:219-20]

Sept. 4. 1855

Mrs. Pratt I am most sincerely grieved to be obliged to send you sad news of your husband - He came into this Hospital 4 days ago - He then appear'd much extenuated & exhausted from long continued Diarrhoea - My head nurse & myself saw him immediately that he was brought in - He appear'd very glad to get here - He said to me, "Now I shall get well" - For a couple of days he went on very well - He took much food to keep up his strength, which was given to him, as often as he could take it - He liked our Tea, & broth & pudding, & appear'd to take all with pleasure, but yesterday

he appear'd to get worse. He took his Tea however from the Nurse, at 5 o'clock as usual, but at 7 I grieve to say he sunk while the Nurse & ward Master were standing by his bed - His death was at last rather sudden - I hope it may be some comfort to you, that he had all the Care possible here - the Doctor who attended him was very attentive, as was the Nurse who attended in his ward & I saw him myself every day, as did also my head Nurse - He had also the attendance of the Chaplain. He asked me to write to you, tho' at that time he did not appear to anticipate that he should not recover. He ask'd me to send you £2.10.0, which will

reach you by Post office order.
The last time I saw him, he could
not speak very distinctly & I
was not sure, what he said, but
I think he desired to be remember'd
to your Father & Mother. He was
most grateful & patient & quite
resigned - I am truly griev'd for
the sorrow this letter must give
you - I hope you may find
comfort in your sad loss in
thinking that his earthly trial
is over, & in the hope of a
happy meeting in a better world.

I remain

Yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Frances N

[end]

8995/36 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen

Sept 14/55 [1] [14:227-30]

If you will promise not to let this letter go into anyone's hands but my own people's I will give you "a true account of the last Dying Thunder of the Malakoff - But I trust to *nobody*, since Miss Stanley let S. Herbert's letter to me get into the "Daily News". And what I am going to tell you from the lips of eye-witnesses is just what the "Times" likes to have.

General Markham commanded the Reserve in the trenches. Punctual at the stroke of 12, the French streamed in a dense column from the head of their advanced *sass.*' into the ditch of the Malakoff (they had about 20 yards of open to cross) up the parapet and in. Before ten minutes, the place was taken, the Russians trooping over the parapet, the French Tricolour waving on the Malakoff & the white Ensign on the Mamelon, *our* signal to go in - The whole thing was most brilliant. at the given signal, *our* ladder party, preceded by Rifle skirmishers, went out in good style, crossed the open, (about 150 yards) & established the ladders in the ditch, led by Ranken R.E. who, miraculously, was not hit. The storming party then went on in gallant style - charged up the parapet of the Redan but -

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when there instead of charging on & carrying every thing before them, which they might easily have done, as there were no interior entrenchments, & not 500 Russians in the place, they stopped & began to fire, & the thing from that moment was a failure, fresh troops came up, although not in sufficient numbers, (in fact, the management of the supports was very bad) but the troops in front never got up a charge in mass into the place, individual Officers & small parties went in, but not being supported, could do nothing, & for an hour & a half the troops were clustered like bees on the exterior slope & ditch, exposed to a heavy flanking fire, which they would have avoided had they gone in, at last strong Russian reinforcements came up & we retired. the French had an awful fight at the "Little Redan" - which lasted until night, & it is doubtful whether they ever really took it. Next day the sight then was ghastly - My informant saw 900 French laid out in rows, like game after a abattue, Zouaves, Imperial Guard, Line, all separated. He believes the French were completely beaten on the left at the "Bastion du centre" - In fact, curiously enough, the Malakoff, the key of the position, was the only one easily & completely won - We cannot

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help thinking the French owed this to what, if he is right, is one of the most magnificent ruses on record - They constructed immense batteries on the Mamelon & between it & the Malakoff, & never, he believes, fired a shot from them - so that the Russians considered themselves safe from assault until these batteries had opened fire for 2 or 3 hours, & were consequently taken by surprise.

The Russians have not risen in our estimation as Engineers since we have seen the Redan & Malakof - They chose good positions - but from the nature of the ground, that was easy. they owed their protracted resistance *entirely* to their powerful Artillery-fire & indomitable energy. The Redan has no ditch to stop determined men, in fact, scaling ladders were scarcely necessary, & no interior entrenchments. The Bastion du Mal is a strong work, with an escarp 14 feet high, rivetted with timber & Cassoniers (that's not the word nor anything like it) in the Ditch. Had it stood where the Malakoff stood the French would have been puzzled. The Russians sunk all their ships except 7 steamers, we began a Battery to batter them, but they saved us the trouble by burning them. What the next move is, no one knows, we think we shall do nothing. The Russian Hospital in the Town is a diabolical sight - crammed with dead & dying

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some of our men & officers among them (I must go up) they are still burying them & the stench is horrible - Our loss is, we believe, 2300 men killed & wounded - the French upwards of 10,000 - Major Chapman is badly wounded

In the Right Attack, the storming party were all mustered in the advanced trench, the reserves in the third Parallel - It was probably owing to the Reserves being so far in the rear (about 500 yards from the Redan) that our attack failed. But we could not help this, as our advance trenches do not afford cover for more than 3000 men - Even these were not properly under cover, & a great part of our loss was in the trenches. The French on the right however, by taking advantage of the quarries in the side of the hill, which slopes upwards, as you remember, to the Malakhoff, & by getting good cover in their trenches, had concealed a vast mass of men. It is said that, including their reserves, they had not less than 30,000 men engaged in the Attack. In the morning, the French sprung 2 mines in front of their advanced trench which brought them within 30 yards of the counter scarp of the Malakhoff. The French succeeded most perfectly in throwing the enemy off their guard. viz. by the enormous batteries I mentioned at the base of the Mamelon, so

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that they had two tiers of guns which seemed capable of crushing the Malakoff. Yet they never opened one of these guns before the assault, by which the enemy was entirely deceived, & the Malakhoff carried by this coup de main, the Colonel being found at his dinner. The French carried it at the first rush & poured in their troops as fast as they could come up. They met with scarcely any obstacle, & took the citadel of the Russian works with a loss of only 25 men - The Russians seem to depend almost entirely on their Infantry & Artillery for the defence of their works. The ditches both of the Malakoff & of the Redan were such as might easily be scrambled over. There was only a revêtement of loose stones, in many parts broken down. At the Flagstaff & Central Bastions there is a palisaded escarp which is much more difficult to surmount & at the latter the French were repulsed with great loss -

Once inside the Malakhoff, they swept it from one end to the other, meeting with no retrenchments. The interior is, like the Mamelon, full of immense traverses & parades which were used for magazines or casemates. At the little Redan on the proper left of the Malakoff, the French met with a desperate resistance & tho' they succeeded in entering & spiking the guns, they were driven out & never, we believe, retook it.

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The Russians tried *for five hours* to retake the Malakoff without success & retired with enormous loss - As soon as we saw the Tricolour in the Malakoff, our storming party ran over the parapet & advanced in very good courage at the Redan - The working party, not being wanted, never went out - Our men did not behave well. They were principally raw recruits of the Light Division - Arrived at the salient which being a sort of "Pan=coupé" afforded some cover, they halted & collected like a flock of sheep, & in spite of the example of their Officers & some of their comrades, would not advance into the open gorge of the Redan = Finally they ran back again.

I am afraid I have told you every thing twice over. But that is Homeric - And you will excuse - Besides I have no time to make it any shorter - And it smells of the soldier which I am - I have seen the list of the Killed & Wounded - But so, of course, have you. My wretch of a cousin kept me for two mails in a state of suspence, which now I repent having wasted upon him - He was well all the time, the villain! Capt. Hibbert & Major Cure both severely This is for my people - Major Sillery is now Lt. Col. by the death of his - Sevastopol is, they say a ruin - The Arsenal & Dock yard are
to be razed

[end 14:230] -

8995/37 copy, of letter, 1f, pen, not FN hand

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

[14:231]

Sept 16/55

My dear Miss Polidore

I was most surely glad to hear of your safe arrival & thankful for your improving health. I hope it will be quite restored.

Alas! you will have heard of our poor friend Walford's death after a few hours from Cholera - She is a great loss to us. I felt almost overwhelmed at losing both you and her & Mrs Bracebridge all together. It seems as if it pleased God

to remove from the work its most useful supporters, but never to let it drop - I am still hopeful for the approaching winter than we shall carry it well on.

I am sure you will excuse the pressure of ill health & business which prevent me from doing more than thanking you in the name of all who care for this work, for your most kind invaluable services & begging you to believe me ever yours most truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

[end 14:231]

8995/38 signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari Barrack Hosp. [14:233]
September 23/55

Sir

I deeply regret the sad intelligence which I have to announce to you -

Henry A. Wright, Eng. of the 6th Dragoon Guards died this morning in Scutari Hospital

When you have broken this painful news to his mother she may perhaps find comfort in reading the enclosed. ~~which~~

[end]

I remain Sir

Your obedt. servt

Florence Nightingale

8995/39 signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari Bk Hospl. [14:232-33]
Sept 22/55

Sir

The enclosed small parcels are watches & trinkets belonging to dead men, whose last words were that I should "send them to their friends." Will you kindly take charge of them? But, should you find inconvenience in sending them to their respective destinations, will you simply stamp them,, register them, & send them per post? I enclose 2/6 for the requisite P.O. Stamps. & expence of Registration.

I remain, Sir

Yr obedt. servt

Florence Nightingale

8995/40 copy of a signed letter, 3ff, pen, also in RP 988 [salisbury]

Miss N - to Genl. S.

No 1

Miss N. to Br /Genl. van S.
Scutari Barracks
30 Sept 1855

Dear Sir

I have a very painful duty to perform in giving you some information concerning Miss Salisbury, which is tomorrow to be made the subject of a Dispatch from the Genl. Officer [illeg Comp hen] to Lord Panmure. I think it incumbent upon me to write to you in consequence of a letter of a very extraordinary character, written by Miss S. to Mrs. van Straubenzee having been found in Miss S's correspondence, which was seized by order of the commandant of this place, which letter will be forwarded to you when a copy has been taken - Miss S.

Miss N - Gl. S -
undertook in this Hospital the charge of the Free Gifts Store upon a written understanding that nothing was to be given out of that store except by a written order from me - I considered it my duty & it has been my constant practice to keep an acct. of every article given wh. acct. could at any time be made known to the Public, my responsibility being to the people of England. These accts. have already been printed in the Blue Book up to Febry 1855 - Circumstances occurred wh. made me believe that property from the free Gifts Store was withdrawn by Miss Salisbury unknown to me & this suspicion became so much strengthened that I mentioned it to the Commandant, who thinking that I had grounds for it advised me to dismiss her -

3 *Miss N. - to Gl. S -*

I did so, paying her her salary, offering her her passage home either to Patras or England & supplying her with money besides - she refused to go, & offered her services to Mrs. Moore, Superintendent of the Officers' Nurses here - Further evidence against her honesty having come to light, the Genl. Commandant sent men to search my house in Scutari, in which Miss Salisbury slept. Property was found there which I may safely assert was of above £100 value, concealed partly in her boxes, partly in the room of a Maltese couple brought here by the recommendation of Miss Salisbury. I must leave it to others to interpret this circumstance for themselves, Miss Salisbury says that it was her intention to give away this property, & acknowledges that she has given away much from

Miss N - to Gl. S -
the Free Gift Stores unknown to me:
The excuse she offers is, that
the Stores were rotting & eaten
by rats - & that Mrs. Bracebridge
had given her & the Nurses leave
to take or give away anything
when she was here - It is
my wish to leave the latter
assertion to be answered
by Mrs. Bracebridge - that rats
abound in the whole of this
Hospital is an unlucky fact
but I never heard that the
Purveyor or Commissariat
gave away their stores in
consequence.
Be that as it may Miss S. has
broken the agreement which
she made in disposing of the
Free Gift Stores at her own plea-
sure without record or respon-
sibility, & the people of England
are not to be at the mercy
of Miss Salisbury - To this I must

Miss N - to Gl. S -
 add with the greatest pain
 that articles of my own wearing
 apparel, which I had missed,
 have been found in her boxes,
 It is undeniable that the cir=
 cumstances are such as would
 in any other case be considered
 a felony - Five men are now in
 custody, two of whom she brought
 to Scutari, in whose possession
 have been found goods given over
 to them by her - believe me dr. Sir

Yours truly

(signed) Florence Nightingale
 P.S.

I must tell you in order
 to make you laugh that the
 letter from Miss S. to Mrs. Van Strau=
 benzee is no less than an accusation
 of murder - I am accused by her
 of murdering poor Miss Clough
 of whom ~~you~~ perhaps you have

never heard, who died on her
 passage down here from the Crimea
 The body was brought to my house -
 I laid it out attended the Funeral
 here the next day: Miss S. writes to
 Mrs. Van S. that "I smuggled her
 into her into the grave" in order to conceal
 the circumstances of the Death -
 Is it insanity? -

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Miss Salisbury to Mrs. V. Straubenzee
 Scutari 28 Sept. 1855

8995/41 handwritten copy of signed letter, 3ff, pen, copy Boston 1/11(1975) [salisbury] 6930 also?

No. 1

Copy of Letter from Miss Nightingale to Miss Wyse
Scutari Barrack Hospital
September 30, 1855.

My dear Miss Wyse,

I have a very painful duty to perform in giving you some information concerning Miss Salisbury, which is tomorrow to be made the subject of a dispatch from the General Officer commanding here to Lord Panmure - I think it incumbent upon me to write to you, in consequence of a number of your Letters, having been found in Miss Salisbury's Correspondence which was seized by order of the Commandant, and these I now return to you - Miss Salisbury undertook in this Hospital, the charge of the "Free Gifts" Store, Upon a written understanding that nothing was to be given out of that Store, except by a written order from me, I considered it my duty and it has been my constant practice to keep an account of every article given, which account could be at any time made known to the public - my responsibility being to the people of England. These accounts have already been printed in the Blue Book up to the 15th. of Februry. 1855 - circumstances occurred which made me believe that property from the "Free Gifts" Stores was withdrawn by Miss Salisbury unknown to me - and this suspicion became so much strengthened that I mentioned it to the Commandant, who thinking that I had grounds for it, at once advised me to dismiss her - I did so paying her, her Salary offering her a passage home either to Patras or England and supplying her with money beside out of my own pocket - She refused to go and offered her Services to Mrs. Moore Superintendent of the Officers' nurses - Further evidence against her coming to light, the General Commandant sent men to search my house in Scutari, in which she Miss Salisbury slept - property was found there which I may safely assert was of above £100 value concealed in the room of a Maltese couple who were brought here, by the recommendation of Miss Salisbury, and were in my employment.

I must leave it to others to interpret this circumstance for themselves - Miss Salisbury says that it was

her intention to give away this property and acknowledges that she has given away much from the "Free Gifts" Stores unknown to me.

The excuse she offers is that the Stores were rotting and eaten by rats - and that Mrs. Bracebridge had given her and the Nurses leave to take or give away anything while she was there; It is my wish to leave the latter assertion to be answered by Mrs. Bracebridge That rats abound in the whole of this Hospital is a melancholy fact but I have never heard that the Purveyor gave away his Stores indiscriminately on that account - Be that as it may - Miss Salisbury has broken the agreement which she made in dispensing of the "Free Gifts" Stores at her own pleasure without record or responsibility or the consent or knowledge of the Superintendent, and the people of England are not to be left at the mercy of Miss Salisbury. To this I must add with the greatest pain that articles of my own wearing apparel which I had missed have been found in her boxes; it is undeniable that the circumstances are such as would in any other case be considered a felony - Five men are now in custody, two of them she brought to Scutari, in whose possession have been found goods given over to them by her.

I am informed by the Commandant that you desire information with respect to the manner in which the Queen's and other "Free Gifts" have been disposed of - Miss Salisbury has never requested information of me on this point for you or I could have afforded it instantly the "Free Gifts" distributed in the Barrack and General Hospitals of Scutari are published in the Blue Book as above mentioned up to February 15th. 1855. An exact account is ready for publication of the Free Gifts distributed up to May 1st. 1855 in the same Hospitals. Also of those sent to Kulali and the Krimea and the Naval Hospital at Therapia during the whole time from Novr. 4/54 to May 1/55 - At that time and for 3 months after = wards, I was prevented by illness.. from taking any part in the distribution of the "Free Gifts" which was undertaken by Mrs. Bracebridge who will answer any questions concerning the distribution which took place at that time - From July 28/55 to the present date, I

have an account of every article distributed in two Hospitals in Scutari, 3 of Balaclava, 1 in the front and 2 Sardinian Hospitals - I shall subjoin the account of that which is regularly given to each man on leaving the Hospital either invalided for England or convalescent for the Krimea. The Queens Gifts dated December/54 and Jan./55 the only gifts which came to my address from the Queen have been long since divided among the Hospitals, according to a proportion of which I have the record.

I have also had a part in the distribution of Her Majesty's other gifts of which I shall give an account to the Commandant of this place or to any person who desires to know.

Believe me dear Miss Wyse

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

The principle on which I have conducted the distribution of the "Free Gifts" appears in the Blue Books and will appear again in print.

8995/42 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen (arch: ?1855}

I feel as if that wretched Salisbury was a night mare, (too real in its effect though), ~~of~~ which I was doomed never to get rid of -

Here is a letter from Corpl. Michael Murphy, late Asste Wardman in A. for her - couched in the most familiar terms - *asking her to write to him about the Nurses thanking her for her presents* - in the most off-handed manner & the most intimate referring to change among the Nurses & Wardmasters & to her & his opinion about them & signing himself "your affecte. friend" - I don't think so much of this last - for that poor *leg* of the 30th. sent me his "love" in a letter to Mrs. Roberts - But I should like to see a man, be he Private, be he Officer, daring to write to Mrs. Roberts or to any of us about the Nurses -

Do you know, this comes home to me as the most certain evidence of all that she is one of the lowest creatures that walks the earth - that the woman, who was always for taking such great care of the Nurses, who undertook their charge on the written understanding that they were to have none but the necessary intercourse with Patients or Orderlies, should be on terms of correspondence with ~~as~~ a Corporal about them, seems to me something so low that I really should be surprised at nothing that I could learn of her now? I mean, that she had connived at that Cameron business - or anything else -

The want of perception in good

& honest people is so extraordinary
Everybody seems now to have
known of her doings - & none
to have thought there was any
thing out of the way in them.
As Miss Tebbutt did not perceive
that her saying to her that Mrs.
Bracebridge had stolen a
camp-lamp revealed a whole
world of iniquity in her which
that single word wd have
put me upon the track of -
so General v. Straubenzee told
me that she had sent him
in her own name tea, segars,
Eau de Cologne, warm clothing
to a very large amount, so
large that he had written
to Mrs. v. Straubenzee to put
an end to it, as, he justly
said, it was almost an insult
to a General Officer, (except
the warm clothing, which he
distributed among his men)



And yet it never occurred to him that there was something more wrong in a poor Governess sending personal presents to a General officer than an insult. But this was really Miss Wyse's doing - If we condemn the wretched Governess, without principle, without religion, without feeling, without any thing, even position in life, to restrain her, what must we say to the British Minister's niece & the Bishop's daughter tempting ~~this~~ like Satans, this miserable Eve to her destruction.

General v. Straubenzee who is really a sensible man in spite of his stupidity in this, strongly reprobates, in the name of the Officers themselves, the Officers' Nurses plan.

8995/44 copy of a signed letter, 2ff, pen; query do we have original?
[Stratford] (LMA1) H1/ST/NC/55/5

My Lord

I have the honor to submit to
your Excellency an extract from
188656 Dispatch which I received from
193 the War Office dated Sept 10 1855.
also copies of two letters from
Wm Hall Inspector General of
Hospitals in the Crimea, & a copy
of a letter from Mrs. Bridgeman,
Superior of the R. Catholic Nuns
at Koulali Hospitals.
May I beg to draw your Excellency's
attention to the difficulty of my
position in this matter.

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By my original Instruction from

the War Office, the "distribution"
"Selection" "power of discharge
or dismissal" of all those who
came out addressed to me " to
serve in the Hospitals of the East
was placed solely under my
control" -

The Extract of Dispatch 155656

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places a farther responsibility
upon me -

But the Sisters who had engaged
themselves personally to me for
the work of the Hospitals under
my direct charge are offered

accepted & ordered elsewhere,
with only an ex post facto
communication to me that they are
going, when the arrangements
that they shall depart in less
than a week are made -

Your Excellency will see
1st) that it is impossible for me
to obey the instructions of the War
Office under these circumstances.
2nd) That it would be impossible
to conduct any Institution whatever
with such conditions.

I await your Excellency's commands as to the course I should pursue - If Mrs. Bridgeman has a separate commission from the War Office it has not been communicated to me - I have delayed answering her communication till I receive your Excellency's direction.

It appears as though the most satisfactory proceeding would be that your Excellency should communicate the instructions under which I act to Dr. Hall & to Mrs. Bridgeman.

My departure for the Crimea has been delayed by these surprising communications. I am compelled to go there this week - I postpone it only till I receive your Excellency's directions. (signed) Florence Nightingale

8995/45 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

You know that Dr. Hall **[14:152]** has palmed Miss Wear on me by appointing her to the Monastery - then writes me word that neither is her hut ready there nor likely to be ~~now~~ & that all the sick are gone - & that she had better not stay at the General Hospl. Really, Dr. Hall is so clever, it is almost a pleasure to contemplate such cleverness, even at one's own expence - But was there ever such a fix? I don't choose to give up the Monastery now, because it may be another trap to put the Brickbat's Nuns in there - & therefore

I must have Wear
squabbling there with Mrs. Stewart
here till I can send her
to the Monastery.

I have no one to send
with her - For all my
soldiers' wives have failed
me - And I have no
intention of entrusting
her with more Nurses.

And yet she must
have two women with
her, in order to prevent
her from Clough-ing it
or Nun-ning it.

P.S. Do not say *to any*
one that any of the
Nurses were concerned
in Salisbury's robbery -
I have been sifting the
evidence & *I really*
can find none - not even
against Wheatstone -

[end 14:152]

8995/46 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

[14:247]

October 19/55

The Bearers of this are Elizabeth Whitehead, Nurse & Marianne Preston - Cook - they are to embark today by the "Bahiana" for Scutari. The latter is to proceed to England by the "Bahiana" for which I have engaged her passage - I have discharged her every claim, for which I have her Receipt, therefore she has no claim upon you for *anything* farther than that, if she likes to stay in my house *till* the "Bahiana", *if delayed*, proceeds to England, I have no objection. I do not consider her strictly honest, therefore I am particularly

anxious to assure you that her every expence has been defrayed -

The former, Elizabeth Whitehead, has broken her leg & been three months laid up - She is an dangerous woman but an excellent nurse - I do not wish her to be received into our Quarters at Scutari till I return as I perceive she has contracted habits in the relaxed discipline here which would do essential mischief in our untrustworthy but disciplined set, I should like Dr. Holton or Dr. McGregor to visit her on board the "Bahiana" & to recommend that she

should go straight home
to England by the same
vessel, where there would
be the advantage of the
attendance of Preston, an
active tho' not honest woman
~~Miss~~ & I would assure
her two months', at least,
wages, on her arrival in
England, when she will be
(probably) able to work -
If, however, it is judged
adviseable by the Medical
Men that she should remain
at Scutari, she must
remain at my house in
the room where Mrs. Roberts
used to sleep, which will
give her fewest stairs -
She must be carried up
from the beach - & she
must go, *into our Garden only,*

for air - I do not wish her
to go airing herself in the
street - She may be employed
with needlework.

Will you kindly pay
Mary Walker, wife of John
Walker, of the 7th Royal Fusiliers,
in the Women's Hospital,
£4, & tell her that it
is from her husband, who
is rapidly recovering his
wound in this Hospital,
is looking well, & to whom
I delivered her letter? Mrs.
Keatley will tell you all
about them - ~~She~~ who presides
over the Women's Hospital.

You know where to find
money if you want it -

Whitehead has been liberally
paid up to October 27 - &
will receive nothing more
till she arrives in England or
till I return to Scutari
ever yours F Nightingale

[end]

8995/48 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen [1:805]

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
23/10/55

The enclosed is from an old patient of mine at Harley St poor Madame Piccozzi - I liked her as well as I pitied her more than any of that terrible lot - I used to lend her money & sometimes afterward used to go & see her & her sister - in a nasty lodging which never smelt, as did not they, poor creatures, of any thing but gin - The nephew supported them, as none but a French boy will do - I never saw the worthy boy, & could not recommend him here, where one man's untrustworthiness if he should turn out so

perils the lives of hundreds. But if you could do anything for him in London as a clerk? I have not told her that I have applied to you - so she will not bother you if you can't.

[end 1:805]

I have a terrible fact to tell you, which I think ought to be communicated to Manning -

One of the lay Sisters, Winifred, from the Genl. Hospl. at Scutari, died at the Genl. Hospl. here on Saturday after a few hours' Cholera. Every thing was done for her that could be done - She had 2 R. Cath. Doctors, 3 Priests, for whom I telegraphed ~~for~~ from Head Quarters. I never left her till after her death - We buried her (like a goat) on the top of a crag high above the hut in a spot, *selected by themselves*, as they would not have her in our Cemetery & I have promised to put up a cross for them - at my own expence

I cannot exactly tell how the Revd Brickbat takes it - some of the Nuns speak of it ~~her~~ as a martyrdom some say that "it was *the hut*" - at all events they moved out of it directly -

That Dr. Hall has outwitted me & that the Revd Bridgeman has outwitted him, (by bringing thirteen where he expected four) there can be no doubt.

That the folly of bringing thirteen - where there was room & occupation for barely four - to a place, like Balaclava, where accommodation is not to be had in a day nor in a month makes the death of this poor Winifred appear an useless sacrifice, there can be as little doubt it having been done against the authority & all advice but that of one priest.

The whole is a curious episode - & the dissensions of these R.C.s among themselves

a painful one.

Mr. Unsworth, the R.C. priest at B'clava, told me himself that all the priests in the Crimea were against the nuns coming, - against the priest, Mr. Wollett, who negotiated it - & that each had now written to his Bishop ~~now~~ against their having been thus palmed upon them. I telegraphed twice to Head Quarters for Mr. Wollett while the poor thing was dying - & Mr. Unsworth intercepted & took away my messages - a third time I was more successful - & brought him just in time to see her die - Oh! is it not a curious history? & a weary sad one?

The nuns, now twelve in number, ate yesterday 27 lbs Meat, & 12 lbs Potatos to their dinner alone - besides 8 bottles Brandy (but some of this Brandy must have gone to the wards - for *they* drink Port). They consumed, besides, 15 ½ lbs Sugar in a week - i.e. 1 lb each - BESIDES what they had for the use of the wards.

{FN's handwritten letter is not concluded but a copy of this letter continues}

Did we not still draw Requisitions for them, till we are finally moved out of the General Hospital I could not have believed this.

Am I not right to insist that our account should be kept separate, They were always complaining, at the Genl. Hosp. Scutari, that they were half-starved, And as I find that each woman consumes here 2 ¼ lbs Meat & 1 lb Potatoes to her dinner, they must indeed I can well believe have been more than half starved, tho' I never stinted them in anything. I shall keep my requisitions for this fortnight separate, as it is a physiological curiosity.

Will you send the three enclosed to the poor if you approve? I am pestered to death by the Quack Doctors & would almost put that letter in answer to them into the Times were I not so afraid of the Times

8995/49 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Oct 23/55

Dearest Aunt Mai

Will you explain to Mrs. Howse that I have heard from Miss Skene, dated October 1 - that she says that she has received the whole of my £10.8.0, being 6 months' at 8/per week for Mrs. Howse's family, up to this very day - & that it has all been applied in the way Mrs. Howse intended - that I cannot therefore understand her daughter's

{arch's note: more than one p. missing}

will soon be put an end to
by the weather - In the meantime,
if it take place once a week
it is quite often enough. I
have no idea of making this
a boarding -house like Koulale.

Many thanks for the
things, which I am told
have arrived per Iura
~~but~~ not per Harbinjees

I like the washing plan
very much - also your
distribution of Free Gifts - &
should only wish to be
applied to, if an unusually
large Requisition came or one
from an unusual quarter -

I have written for more
Gelatine from England - mean=
while, if you want any, Mr.
Black will get it you from
Stamboul - There is not occasion
for me to *buy gelatine any more for the*

8995/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 167 [1:142-43]

Castle hospital
Balaclava

Oct 24/55

Here have I been three
weeks, my dearest Mother,
& I wish you could see
me in the most poetic
spot in the world.,
looking out upon the
old Genoese castle upon
peak upon peak in the
cold moonlight or in
the red glow of the autumn=
al sunset - for the
nights are hard frost -
& listening to the ever
lasting roll of the sea
at the foot of the steep
cliff, some 490 ft high,
upon which our hut is

perched - & thinking of
the everlasting patience
of God, (as typified by
that eternal *roll*) which
endures for tens of
thousands of years, that
we may "work out our
own salvation", which
is the only way He
sees by which we can
become like Him, while
my patience is wearied
at the end of one
twelvemonth, (which is
now completed) by the
ill=will, incompetence,
ignorance & bigotry, with
which I have to keep
up one slow, weary, melancholy

round of opposition varied
only with occasional flashes
of more vehement hatred &
actual ill-doing -

Alas! who has not
betrayed us in our cause
but Revd. Mother, Mrs. Shaw
Stewart & Mrs. Roberts?

Yet my name is dear
to me - it has won the
good will of the humble
hardworking part of my
country men - ~~{one whole
sentence scribbled out}~~

But oh! what a tale
I should have to tell -
of selfishness, conventionalism
& malice -

Well! I am too busy
to attack or to defend - &
am in the midst of extra

{top of page cut off, probably Diet kitchens}
baths, linen - stores, sheets,
reading-rooms, stoves, boring
for water, fitting huts for
winter &c &c &c

What this winter shall
bring forth who can tell? **[end 1:143]**

The name of the
Chersonese sounds musical
in British ears & sweet
in sound to mine from
that of Howard which
it commemorates -

Ever yours

FN.

8995/51 handwritten copy of a signed letter, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital

[14:251]

Balaclava

October 25/55

Gentlemen

Will you forward to me immediately
(40) forty stoves
of a kind which I have now had
for eight months (of yours) in our
General Hospital at Balaclava
consisting of a
semi circular grating in front

4 round stew-pan holes on top
one oven with double doors
one at each side
height 2 feet
length 2 feet
width 1 ½ feet
narrow plate to put the wood or coal
through

a little ornamental iron plate
on which is written J Little & Co
Glasgow.

Ashpot also made of iron
folding doors in front.

I mean to present one of these
little stoves which are the best I
have seen, to each Regimental
& General Kitchen in camp -

The whole should be sent out
immediately, addressed to me
at Balaclava by means of Messrs
Hayter & Howell London.

I remain gentlemen
Your obedt. sert.

Florence Nightingale

I gave £2.15.0 for the one
now at Balaclava which came
out by the "Anne Maclean"

[end]

8995/52 signed letter, 1f, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

October 25/55

Gentlemen

Will you forward to me
immediately

forty (40) stoves
of a kind which I have
now had, for eight months
(of yours) in our General Hospl
at Balaclava,
on which is written J. Little & co.
Glasgow -

I mean to present one of these
little stoves which are the
best I have seen, to each
Regimental & General kitchen
in camp -

I remain Gentlemen
Your obedt. servt.
Florence Nightingale

8995/53 copy of letter 50, unsigned, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital [14:250-51]
Balaclava

Oct 24/55

Here have I been three weeks
dearest Mother, & I wish you could
see me in the most poetic spot in
the world, looking out upon the
old Genoese castle upon peak
upon peak in the cold moonlight,
or in the red glow of the autumnal
sunset, for the nights are hard frost,
& listening to the everlasting
roll of the sea at the foot
of the steep cliff, some 490 ft high,
upon which our hut is perched
& thinking of the everlasting patience
of God, (as typified by that eternal
roll) which endures for tens of
thousands of years, "that we may

"work out our own salvation", which
is the only way he sees by which
we can become like Him, while
my patience is wearied at the
end of one twelvemonth (which is
now completed) by the ill will,
incompetence, ignorance & bigotry
with which I have to keep up one
slow, weary, melancholy round of
opposition (varied only with occasional
flashes of more vehement hatred
& active ill-doing -
Yet my name is dear to me -
it has won the good will of
the humble hardworking part
of my countrymen -
but oh! what a tale should I
have to tell - of selfishness, conven-
tionalism & malice -

Well! I am too busy to attack or
to defend - & am in the midst
of extra Diet kitchens, baths,
linen stores, shirts, reading-rooms,
stoves, boring for
water, fitting huts for
winter &c &c &c
The name of the Chersonese
sounds musical in British
ears & sweet in sound to mine
from that of Howard which it
commemorates

8995/54 draft of Letter 50, 2 ff, pen

{in top margin written diagonally}
strictly

private
excepting
first page &

half of the 2nd Balaclava Oct 24
Castle Hospital /55

[14:250-51]

Here have I been 3 weeks
dearest Mother, & I wish you
could see me in the most
poetic spot in the world,
looking out upon the old
Genoese castle upon peak
upon peak in the cold
moonlight, or in the red glow
of the autumnal scarlet,
for the nights are hard frost,
& listening to the everlasting
roll of the sea at the foot
of the steep cliff, some 490
feet high, upon which our
hut is perched & thinking
of the everlasting patience
of God, ~~illeg scribble~~

(as typified by that eternal *roll*) which endures
 for tens of thousands of years,
 "that we may work out our own
 salvation", which is the only
 way He sees by which we can
 become like Him, while my
 patience is wearying at
 the end of one twelvemonth,
 which is now completed
 by the ill-will, incompetence,
~~ignorance & bigotry~~, with
 which I have to keep up
 one slow, weary, melancholy
 round of opposition (~~varied~~
~~only with occasional flashes~~
~~of more vehement hatred~~
~~& active ill-doing~~
~~—Alas! who has not betrayed~~
~~me in our cause but Reverend.~~

~~Mother, Mrs. Shaw Stewart~~
~~& Mrs. Roberts?~~ yet my
 name is dear to me - it has
 won the good will
 of the humble hardworking
 part of my Country men -
 but oh! what a tale I
 should have to tell - of
 selfishness, conventionalism
 & malice -
 Well! I am too busy to
 attack or to defend - &
 am in the midst of extra
 Diet kitchens, Baths, linen
 stores, schools, reading-
 rooms, stoves, boring for
 water, fitting huts for
 winter &c what this
 winter shall bring forth

who can tell? the name
of the Chersonese sounds
musical in British ears
& sweet in sound to
mine from that of
Howard which it
commemorates ever your

FN.

Will you see that the Diagrams
Books &c are sent out to us
expeditiously (things sometimes
take months.)

A great many of the books &c
you can get without troubling
Mr. Dawes

[end 14:251]

8995/55 initialed letter, 1f, pen [14:251]

Castle Hospital
To Mrs. S Smith Balaclava
Oct 28

55

Will you please read the enclosed
to Mr. Bracebridge - & (if you
think it desirable & if you have
time) take a copy of it - I mean
that, if you should think it
necessary that the facts should
be in possession of *some one*
in case this odious intrigue is
pursued, Mr. B. is so liable to
mislay papers. Send the letter
to him on Monday - Add or
alter anything you think fit
or ~~don't~~ ~~ser~~ retrench anything.
Keep a copy, at all events, of
that Miss Wyse's letter - It is
curious - That woman was my friend

I have heard (since I have
been here) a very curious fact -viz
that Miss Stanley, *on her voyage*
out, said that "she had never
been intimate with me", that
"she only knew me *on matters*
of business". Alas! how this last year
has lowered my estimate of characters -

Miss Stanley also accused me of
love of power, of a tendency to
R. Catholicism!!!! tho' she said
she knew me little, of want
of religious principle &c &c &c
to her companions before she
ever arrived at Constantinople -
Oh! woman! woman!

I think you had better,
please, also read my letter
to Genl. Storcks - If you think
it impudent keep it back
Otherwise ~~{illeg scribble}~~ send it
him - Do not tell him that
you have read it -

God bless you

Thank you

F.N.

[end]

8995/56 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 170 [1:719-20]

Castle Hospital

Balaclava

Oct 28 —

55

I have declined being godmother to the child of my ~~dear~~ best friends, the Sidney Herberts, (who were so good as to ask me) - *because of* not making a solemn promise where one has neither the power nor the right to perform it - It is a well meant farce which one ought not to play in - So I cannot be the godmother now - tho' I am pleased & more than pleased to be remembered (out in Crim Tartary) at my dear own home - If they like to name the child after one who has struggled thro'

& suffered disappointment & disgust such as I am fain to think falls to the lot of few, (*can* fall, I should hope, to very few,) I shall be pleased - It will not make the poor child be like me - And I would not augur it such a fate -

Don't think I regret - Never for one moment during this whole twelvemonth - I have always thanked God that He sent me out -

I cannot tell you *how* much to distrust Miss Stanley - I have never known it till now - She is false to the very back=bone - Her treachery began *before* she ever saw *me* at Scutari -

before she arrived at Constantinople - I have always defended her,

pitied her, allowed for
her *till lately* - Now I
tell you, distrust her,
you will find out some
day why, there is not a
villain in a French play
more false than she -
I can hardly believe it
with the proof of it in
black & white before my
eyes. What can have
made the daughter of
that upright sterling
truthful woman, - the
sister of that silly, scrupulous,
conscientious simple man,
such an clever reckless intriguer? ~~tor~~
Is it the Jesuits?

I cannot tell you, at
the same time, how *good*
& sterling Mrs. Stewart
is - Unwise, provoking,
& mad as she is, it is
such a relief to come to
something which is above,
entirely above, all that
is mean & petty & selfish
& frivolous & low into a
higher & purer atmosphere,
into truth & generosity
that she is like my
bright tossing sea &
stormy Castle top - here -
compared with the funereal
Eastern beauties of Scutari -
where lie the whitening
bones & rotting carcasses
of thousands under the
opal skies & trim
cypresses of that luxuriant
climate

8995/57 copy of a signed letter, 1f, pen

Castle Hospital **[14:252]**
Balaclava
Oct 28

{arch: '55}

Sir

Allow me to thank you most
sincerely for your letter of July 30, &
your specific against Cholera, which
followed me to this place - At the
same time permit me to observe
"that it is as much out of my
province to interfere in the
professional practice of medicine
in these Hospitals, as in that of
military Tactics in the campaign.

I am neither a medical man nor a military officer, but a Superintendent of nurses & provider of Hospital comforts.

It is with great regret that I am compelled to disappoint your benevolent views - [end]

I beg to remain sir

Your obed

Florence Nightingale

James Loveday Esq MD.

8995/58 incomplete copy of a letter, 6ff, pen, similar to letter prob to SH in LDFNM 0858 (which is better), overlap

Is it not unadvisable for us to attack the subject of Medical Treatment - as regards the foreign system having been wilfully neglected - 1st

because it is not our business & I have expressly denied being a Medical Officer & rejected all applications both of Medical men & quacks to have their systems examined -

2nd because it justifies all the attacks made against us for unwarrantable interference & criticism
3rd because I believe it to be utterly unfair.

The French have lost more than we have (even proportionately) by Dysentery &c by their own shewing as elicited by me at French Head Quarters the other day where I visited the chief Ambulance in company of Dr. Lyons Dr. Mouatt PMO of the General Hospital in the front Dr. Hadley & others - the first being a Civilian half & Frenchman & an undoubted x Pathologist -(In amputations the French by their own statement have not saved one death while we have saved one fourth - but I am now

speaking of Dysenteric affections -
The French Inspector General was there
I was immensely struck by him -
thought him superior even to Levi
to any of our men - And his behaviour
to & moral influence over his patients
was not to be mentioned in the same
day with anything we are able to
exercise

But now mark -
PM examinations have amply proved
that what our troops have suffered
from has been a form of scurvy
brought on by salt rations want of

vegetables cold & wet &c &c
There has scarcely been a case of acute
Dysentery in the whole campaign
Scorbutic Dysentery involving extensive
ulceration is what has killed our
men -

Bryan was allowed a fair & ample trial
at Koulali where he let his patients
die & finally adopted the English
system of nursing - I do not underate
Cumming who & still more Dr. Hall
have entirely neglected all control
over the medical treatment practised
by their subordinates. Indeed I am
told that Dr. Hall is no medical man
at all - But I do believe that to

say that the practitioners of the country ought to have been consulted as to the treatment of our troops, supposing [~~illeg~~] they were familiar with the disease & we were not, is to say that the Minister of War ought to have been left to take Sebastopol by himself -
- The disease was the accident of War & entirely new to *them*. And had our scorbutic skeletons been left to the tender mercies of linseed meal [~~illeg~~] & rice water for food none would have escaped the burial ground of Scutari - The whole of their treatment was written down for me

fairly & honourably I must say) by the Constantinopolitan practitioners Are we not lessening our influence & putting ourselves into the irresponsibility of opposition - like the Times by supporting their well meant but empirical pretensions -

Captain Keane the most agreeable gentleman & the worst man of business I ever had to do with - He has literally done nothing for this Hospital now the most considerable & the only General Hospital of the Crimea we are never under 550 patients but shoot woodcocks for the sick officers
General Simpson is I believe against us I dont know why - Dr. Hall is dead against us I do know why -
I understand that he continues to say tho' the fox denies it to me that I have
no right

in the Crimea & that all the females here are ipso facto emancipated from me -

It is odd but Gen. Airey has taken the same view with regard to the nuns at Gen - Hosl. Balaclava. I am glad to be quit of *them* & *it* & would not take either back on any account. This is not sour grapes - I am not fond of using strong language, but Mother Brickbat's conduct has been neither that of a Xtian a gentlewoman nor even of a woman - I have had a strong lesson against *Irish R. Catholics*
{upside down} ~~believed~~
& never will I have dealings with them

again - For "*they can lie & I cannot*". If you see well to tell this to Manning, accompanying it with the strongest tribute in my power to give to our Revd. Mother of Bermondsey I have no objections. At the same time, I am the best personal friends with the Revd. Brickbat & have even offered to put up a X to poor Winifred, to which she has deigned no reply - But anything to avoid a woman's quarrel, which can be done or submitted to on my part *shall* be done & submitted to

Only I will not have my accounts
mixed up with theirs for their
extravagance is what you never
could believe nor any one -

21 eggs & ham for breakfast daily
for 12 women
27 lbs meat

for dinner daily
12 " potatoes

4 lbs Tea
per week

15 ½ Sugar

8 bottles Brandy in 24 hours
besides Port wine -

This I have supplied as I still
draw the Requisition - what becomes
of it I know as little as you do - But

*it does not go into the wards, as
I suspected at Scutari for all
the extra diets were drawn extra
also at their own estimate excepting
the Brandy How that could go among
160 patients with very few bad
cases & all receiving their Diet
Roll allowance I cannot conceive
But these Irish nuns beat me -*

8995/59 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

Oct 29/55

Will you have the goodness
to have the enclosed landed
by Mr. Brackett, Wharfinger,
as soon as the "Imperatrice"
arrives? will you give
No 868 to Mr. Hadow
with my compliments,
unless Mr. Sabin has
arrived, when *he* must
have it, as Senior Chaplain
-will you give No. 871
to Revd. Mother, asking her
if it is for her? &
forward Nos. 864 & 865
to me here?

Could you delicately say
to Miss Clarke that the

Newspapers have not, in any one single instance, come right? If she has distributed the others in the same way, there must have been grievous dis=appointments - Sometimes there comes one old one & one new one - sometimes the newest one not at all, but two duplicates of the old &c &c - As soon as the Papers arrive, she must, (or you will be so good, please, as to,) make up the sets to go, & never mix them afterwards. There is nothing but his rum, alas! that a soldier cares about so much as his newspaper -

All the things are come
by ins.." - many thanks

I have found out Sayer,
Millard & Akers here &
written. Could you find
the enclosed Ward &

Morris

at Scutari & send ~~them~~ their histories
to me?

I cannot help doubting
the necessity of Robbins's
returning - Because I think
it is Salisbury's delinquency,
& the cloud it has cast
over *her*, which is the
cause of her supposed illness -
Sansom, I am afraid,
must go - & if she likes it
I will arrange that she
go with Davis, who is
going home from here with

broken health too - & is a
good old soul - Sansom came out with her - Robbins
must wait till I come
back - How is Sister Gonzaga?

Do not regret sending
things to Therapia - I always
do -

The tomb is not for John
Herring - but *John Herring Whitwell*
If Lepri has made this
mistake - he must correct
it - Herring is a Xtian name -

If he comes again to ask,
& his bill is not more
than £11.10.0, & you
please to pay him, do -
It ought not to be more
than £11. But I don't
like to beat down such a
miserable creature. Please
to ask him if his child
has been taken at the
Convent.

I am very anxious to hear of Miss
Morton -

8995/60 copy of a signed letter, 2 ff, pen, original 5484/35

Castle Hospital, Balaclava

[14:253]

Oct 29/55

My dear Mrs. Pratt

Your letter to Miss Salisbury was forwarded to me here, where I have been call'd by my Hospital duties - I think you are entitled to assistance from the "Patriotic Fund" You must apply to the Secretary -
16a Great George St
Westminster

& you must state as follows -

Ellen Pratt

28 Tenton Row, Hyson Green

Nottinghamshire

Widow

Here state your age & your Parish widow of Edward Pratt

No.1717 Land Transport Corps - serving in the same when he fell sick died Sepr 26/55 of Diarrhoea at Scutari Barrack Hospital -

Sickness contracted while in discharge of his duty, (enclose *my* certificate, state when & where you were married - shew your marriage certificate to the Person who signs your application -

Three boys

aged 8 years

4 years

1 year

{state if they are all actually dependent on you & then state if you have other relief & *what*, also your means of obtaining a livelihood, & *how much*, & if you or your children have any infirmity - get a surgeon to certify it - Have the statement

sign'd by a Magistrate or
Minister, & sent to the above
direction I will apply to
the Land Transport Corps here
for your late husband's arrears of
pay to be transmitted to you, if any.
I sent you all the money he had
by him at his own desire - He had
no watch His clothing will be sold
& the proceeds transmitted to you

I remain with true sympathy
for you great loss, yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 14:253]

8995/61 copy of an initialed list, 1f, pen

10

one box containing
gelatine
given to Castle Hospital
Balaclava
two boxes containing *one*
stove from Glasgow given to
Mr. Soyer to place in
Crimea

13 Boxes in all received
Florence Nightingale

All the contents of these 13 Boxes
were used to the last crumb &
all valuable to the last crumb -

FN.

8995/62 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

I have written to Mr. Hawes [14:279-80]
the whole account of the
"Papal Aggression" at the
General Hospital, Balaclava,
swamping only Miss Wear's
misdemeanors, which were
the original cause of my
wishing to withdraw her -
I have gained nothing by my
move, except the greater
privacy of her follies at the
Monastery - She is half mad -
untruthful & vain - I shd.
be glad for you to see my
letter to Hawes - I have
sent a copy to Genl. Simpson,
& 1 to Dr. Hall - & cannot
make another - I have kept
one for myself - We shall never
hear the last of it - The nuns
have just carried out, by

tampering with Dr. Hall's
unworthy jealousy of me
what they have been trying
at all along -

I hear with sorrow that
Gibson has been acquitted -
I have no remaining doubt
that Salisbury took the 17 pr
Goloshes - & probably was
in the same boat with Gibson -

I greatly regret that
any things out of the Free Gift Stores
have ever been given to
well=paid Nurses - tho' no
one knows so well as I the
difficulty of disposing of
them. But it is very difficult
to stop now - And it gives
a color to that miserable
Salisbury's guilt - it covers
the guilty & involves the innocent

Please to send us
Gelatine from England -
Who paid for the side=saddle
& chests of drawers at
Malta? Tell me whom
to pay -
Salisbury is gone home
by the "Earl of Aberdeen" -

[end]

8995/63 incomplete note, 1f, pen

I have seen Mr. Hardman
of the "Times" several times -
And he is here now - I gave
him in my Account
which is £200 (not £150)
advanced to Caffè
difference of exchange on
£250 (not £200)
Serjeant £4
& the Stamps now are much
nearer £200 than £100
but I have told Mr. Hardman
that Mr. Stowe never engaged
to pay more than £100 worth

8995/64 copy of an incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, original
45793

I am in the midst of reading Rooms,
boring for water, fitting hut for
the winter, binding down roofs
with strong iron against the wind,
& building Extra Diet kitchens -
Soyer is still here -

I have not the least expectation
of returning home. I am quite
determined, Deo volente & the
War Office, to remain with our
Army as long as that army is
carrying on war. & as long
consequently as it has General Hospitals

All here expect what they call 'a good rattling Campaign' next summer - whether here or on the Danube who can tell?

In the latter case the General Hospital would be at Varna, as long as there is work to do, I shall stay & do it if I can.

What can I do better in England? as General Airey said to me the Civilians do not understand what we are about. It would take five months to move this army if peace were made today.

This winter it is true we shall have no trenches. but we shall have a very sickly winter in all probability. ~~{illeg scribble}~~ in England ~~{illeg}~~ I might have as many hundred Patients, as here I shall have thousands. Every where under WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES we have to organise kitchens, baths, linen, stores, washing - to leave a work which one has undertaken in order to try something else which sounds better is a dangerous experiment at best. But

I should leave that which is succeeding to fly to something I know not what. There is not a hut nor a stove nor a provision for winter arrives ~~out~~ yet.

I have been appointed a twelvemonth today, what a twelvemonth it has been of experience. Who has ever had a sadder experience

Dr. Hall is dead against me, justly provoked, but not by me. he descends to every weakness to make my position more difficult - Generals Airey & Barnard are very kind to me -

8995/65 initialed letter, 4 ff, pen Goldie 171-72

C.H. B'clava
Nov 3/55

Would you, please, find out about the enclosed man, J. Ward, 93rd, Highd whose fate seems very mysterious & let me have back the enclosed Memm. at all events.

Nurse Grundy, who will come to you by the "Cleopatra", leaves me with no cause of dissatisfaction on my part - & to my great regret - She is to be allowed to see Mrs. Parker. But her going home, with passage paid by me, is to be *no* precedent for the others - as I consider going home because they are tired of the place, a thoughtless breach of duty to the country & the W. Office who pays for them. And I shall never sanction it by paying their passage home - Grundy goes home because she has heard from her brother *here* bad news of her children - Please let Miss Tebbutt tell Parker this -

X {arch: FN ? 55}
I don't think you could have
done otherwise than let *Mrs. Edgar* go.
For the utmost we could have
obliged her to do would have been
to give us a month's warning.
But the arguments are worth nothing.
I have not more to do with
Mrs. Fairbrough's having a drunken
servant or no servant at all
than with the Emperor of Oude
having drunken servants - Mrs. F.
is only out here upon sufferance -
In no army in the world, excepting
ours, is it even *suffered* - Whereas
we are out with a distinct
commission from the Queen - And
~~we~~ I have the right to provide
ourselves first with servants
& no one else - When I first
came out, I used to be expected
to find the officers' wives with
Nurses, Monthly Nurses, Quarters

& servants. But I soon put a stop to that - Koulali & Miss Wear have gone on doing it. And great has been the kudos & great the damage they have gained by it - I wish the officers' wives were at Astrachan - For *they* have no business here - & they take their husbands off *their* business

Ever yrs FN

I am VERY sorry about the Barrack Hspl. Please tell me which Corridor we keep for the Hspl

X I have no scruple at having [not FN hand here] agreed to Mrs Edgar's going to be servant with Mrs. Fairbrough. Mrs. E. was servant at Genl. Hospital but Miss Tebbutt told me she was really not wanted & that they had so few sick so little to do

{written vertically}
that Tattersall, the housekeeper said she was ashamed to take her wages, & was glad to do without this servant -
{the following not FN's hand]

12th Dr. (I forget his name Chief Dr. at Smyrna) just been here. S. Hospital quite given up to troops 9 ladies 18 nurses to be disposed of or return to England He says our army now 57,000 strong besides foreigners, will want such Hospital provision he thinks *this* should remain more or less Hospital plus the Genl. Hospital sees no chance of such speedy ousting of the Muscovy from Crimea as Mrs

B talked of, but fears France [not FN hand]

& Russia both have [illeg] in fi
gances] inclined to peace -
you'll be glad to hear a
stove putting up today in
Flo's room & double windows
will make it safe before
her return. It is very cold
here now, continual wind & rain
2 days & nights - a fortnight ago
so hot Miss Morton was sleeping
with windows & doors open
at Flo's house -

8995/66 list not in FN hand

8995/67 copy of an initialed letter, 2ff, pen {three versions of the same letter, with minor variations}

Castle Hospital Balaclava

Nov 5/55

In answer to Mrs. Bracebridge saying that she never told of herself -

"I am in bed with a severe attack of Sciatica which minus the pain which is very great does not seem to have damaged me much - I tell you this that you may not cry out how shocked you are, if you hear of my illness anyhow, which really hurts my feelings.

I have now had all that this climate can give, Crimean fever Dysentery,

Rheumatism, & believe myself thoroughly acclimatised & ready to stand out the War with any one -

I wish I could say the same of noble brave Mrs. S. Stewart, who I fear is breaking up - But, faithfulness is so eminently *her*, that I hear her Master saying Thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many -

War brings one back to the Judaic times, & quite out of the civilised conventional Anglicisms of the 19th Century - War makes Deborahs -

Today is the anniversary of Inkermann yesterday of our landing at Scutari But harder battles than Alma or Inkermann have been fought here & greater has been the ruin of reputation than of life."

F N

{lines scribbled out} Shaw Stewart recovered after this I am happy to say

{second version}

In answer to Mr. B saying that
she never spoke of herself

"I am in bed with a severe attack
of Sciatica which minus the pain
which is very great does not seem
to have damaged me much -

I tell you this that you may not cry
out if you see my convalescence in
the Times how shocked you are,
which really hurt my feelings.

I have now had all that this
climate can give, Crimean fever
Diarrhoea Rheumatism, & believe
myself thoroughly acclimatised &
ready to stand out the War with

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I wish I could say the same of
noble brave Mrs. Stewart, who I fear
is breaking up - But, faithfulness is
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faithful over a few things I will make
thee ruler over many -

War brings one back to the Judaic
times, & quite out of the civilised
conventional Anglicisms of the 19th
Century - War makes Deborahs &
Absaloms & Achitophels. & when if
ever the Magnificat has been true

has it been more so than now
every word of it -

My soul doth magnify the Lord
& my spirit hath rejoiced in God
my Saviour, for he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden
&c &c

Today is the anniversary of
Inkermann - *yesterday of our landing
at Scutari* -

But harder battles than Alma or
Inkermann have been fought here
& greater has been the ruin of
reputation than life."

{third version }

To the Bracebridges complaining of her
never mentioning
herself she says

Castle Hospital

Balacclava

Nov 5/55

I am in bed with a severe attack of Sciatica, which minus the pain which is very great, does not seem to have damaged me much. I tell you this, that you may not cry out, if you hear of my convalescence, how shocked

you are, which really hurts my feelings -

I have now had all that this climate can give, Crimean fever Dysentery, Rheumatism, & believe myself thoroughly acclimatised & ready to stand out the War with any man -

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than Alma or Inkermann have been fought here & greater has been the ruin of reputation than life.

F N

8995/68 signed letter, 4 ff, pen

C.H. Balaclava Nov 6/55

[14:260-61]

Miss Ecuyer had better be under Revd. Mother to learn her trade till Miss Morton comes back - especially as D & C stores are done away with - It is possible that one new Linen Store may be found enough in the other half C. - (in which case Miss Morton might go to the Genl. Hospl. when recovered, & Miss Ecuyer come up here, if efficient, But that must wait till I come back) - At present, Revd. Mother must take all the Linen Stores, with Miss Ecuyer under her - For Revd. Mother does the business for the best - Miss Ecuyer must

look after the Sempstresses When Miss Morton recovers, she must take C Store, if a new one is fixed upon there, till I come back - And Miss Ecuyer then go to the General Hospital - after a few days with Miss Morton too - if Mr. Robertson wishes her to begin before I go back -

I do not see that there is any body else to settle for but Robbins C Howes & Clark D. - Howes & Sister you say are settled, without saying where - Clark has still 2 & 4 - & Robbins may toddle about in 12 & 15 (Now part of Hawkins's wards) with Dr. Robertson's permission, who must be consulted, till I come back - Hawkins {written vertically along the left side of the page} keeping her other wards on A & E & giving 12 & 15 to Robins keeping her other wards in & in E & giving 12 & 15 to Robbins

I am very sorry to have been away during these changes - but I cannot come back (just for a day or two) in order to return here - having more important business here - add to which I am in bed -

Please read & forward all my letters, if approved of by you

I have written to Dr. Parker for four Nurses - But they will not arrive till I come back.

Please ask Mrs. Black to buy at Stamboul for me 4/10 yds pearl white silk to cover a Tabernacle for the Sardinian sisters - & consult Revd. Mother as to what it should be - Perhaps 10 yds may be too much -

Also, please send the roll
of check for Nurses' aprons
which you will find in the
store over No. 3 in or on a box
at the further end from the stairs.

I am deeply impressed
from long & sad experience
of the fatal mistake of
putting a Depot & Hospital
under the same roof - (We
have not been rid of the
Depot five months) - But
what would you have me
do! I have learnt during
the sad twelvemonth I have
been out here, at least this,
not to give a single moment
to regret for what cannot
be helped -

God bless you

Thank you

F Nightingale

I opened the enclosed by mistake, not
recognizing dear old Clough's handwriting -
& wondering whether s.c. meant Star Chamber -

[end 14:261]

8995/69 unsigned letter, 7 ff, pen [1] {arch: 13}

Mrs. Brownlow thinks as much of her mangle as she does of her baby -

The copying machine I hope to use when I get back to Scutari -

The games were all divided immediately between the Caffè & Convalescent Reading Room -

There was some black lace among Salisbury's things - I cannot say whether it was Maltese - But, as I could not identify it, I am sadly afraid it was given up to her & that she has got it after all -

I believe I must have paid her many things twice which she said you had not paid her. On one occasion, I gave her £5 for different things she said she had advanced to you -

But, of course, poor Devil,
every word she said will
now be suspected -

Wheatstone goes home
to-morrow, I am sorry to say.
She is a great loss to me.
But one night when she
was drunk, she let out,
in the presence of all the
Nurses & of Mrs. Stewart &
me things which made
all the Nurses suspect, as
they said, "that she knew
more of Miss Salisbury than she
should do" & she also
asserted, being quite drunk,
that poor Walford did not
die of Cholera & that none
of the Nurses believed she did.
This made me think,
knowing of Salisbury's letter
about poor Clough & my
"smuggling her into the grave"

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that Salisbury might have
spread some horrid report
about something unfair
in poor Walford's death.

However, Wheatstone
was forgiven - the offence
being principally against
me - & when she got
sober, she denied all she
had said - But yesterday
she was drunk again &
go she must

I have sent home
since I have been here

Davis	}	
Sansom		invalided
Whitehead		
Cook)	Preston	by her own desire
Grundy		to her sick children
Wheatstone		drunk
Washerwn.	Sheridan	gone to Scutari
		with husband

I am particularly sorry, for
owing to the Papal Aggression
at Balaklava - owing too to
Dr.

Hall's now ~~longer~~ unconcealed
desire to persecute me by
petty pricks out of the
Crimea, I would rather have
increased than diminished
my staff here. And some
of these were valuable women
And Pan: won't replace
them. We now remain only

Mrs Stewart

Tandy drunk

Logan

Sinclair who is

often drunk

self & Roberts

& Miss Wear

to fight against the Pope & Dr.
Hall in the Crimea - You
never will make a gentleman
out of ~~Hall~~ "John Hall", as
they call him here - he will stoop
to any petty annoyance which
he can give - but "que chacun
prenne son plaisir où il le trouve -"

[2]

He knows as well as I do that it is not the way to give orders to the cook & not to speak to the person who is in charge of the cook. But he comes in here to my Extra Diet kitchen which I only finished on the 4th, tries to reprimand Dumont who does not or will not understand, reprimands Dumont's orderly, because I would not bake the Officers' toast, & goes away without seeing Mrs. Stewart or me -

Shall I deny him so reasonable a gratification?

Compared with Dr. Hall however, Cumming was a gentleman & would as soon, I think, have sneaked into our Extra Diet kitchens to intrigue with our cooks as of knocking me down or sending me to England by mistake

Would you, please, send
the following P.O. Order?

From Rebecca Lawfield
To Thomas Lawfield
West Bromwich
Staffordshire

£2.0.0

{in another hand: **sent**}

All the wine left by
Mr. Stowe was given by
Mr. Hardman to me -

But it had been so
cruelly dealt with
that I put four Casks
in to one & so on till
I had finished the lot.

There was nothing else
in Mr. Stowe's store but

1 keg Molasses
1 bale Old Linen
2 cases Chocolate
1 " ArrowRoot
1 " Cocoa

all of which I had (from
Mr. Hardman)

I mentioned that I had
sent in my bill to him
Advanced to Caffè £200
(not £150)

Difference of exchange
on £250 I forget now
Times Reports £4
Stamps \$100
&c &c

I have not got it here - nor
have I heard anything more

Miss Wear has behaved
so curiously about the
things entrusted to her
charge, tho' indeed I
believe it to be only
want of habits of business,
that I have sometimes
thought whether I would
not write to Messrs Tower
& Egerton & suggest to
them to ask her for a
rough account of what

|| she did with the "Crimean
Fund" things - Remember
{in the margin in another hand **done**}
I feel quite certain that
she is nothing like
Salisbury - & I should
feel something like Wyse
& Stanley, were I not
responsible for her
after a sort - And even
so, I would not do this
nor ask you to do this
if you are not thoroughly
convinced that it is right.
If you are, would you
see Tower & Egerton -
{in another hand **done**}
carefully guarding them
from any suspicion of
her honesty which would
be totally unjust -
But (this being the
principal Hospital of
the Crimea) she has not
only not given it any of

the large stores confided to her by the "Crimean Fund", especially of Soda Water & Limonade Gazeuze, when they were sinking with fever & thirst, but has actually refused Dr. Matthew, the P.M.O. here, by that strongest of all forces, the force of passive resistance -

Also, she has never let Mrs. Stewart have any of the large Stores I have sent her - & has even, we strongly suspect, retained some directed to Mrs. Stewart -

Also, could you make out from Lord Ward whether he left with Miss Wear the Eau de Cologne he told me he had sent to Mrs. Stewart. for the latter has never had it

The last Cheque for £188.0.0
(dispatched on October 8) was
written at the bottom of the
1st sheet of the P.O. Orders List itself
The P.O. Orders were for £187.16.0
therefore only 4/ was allowed
for the price of the orders - X
The reason of both was that
I was just sailing for Crimea,
that I had not a moment
to write another Cheque - & two
£1 P.O. Orders came in at the
last moment which I could not
refuse. The only Cheque
that I have not sent *with*
the P.O. Orders was that of
the day of Walford's death -

The woman's journey to
Corfu was £6.11.0, not £4.11.0

X You will have to charge the
price of the P.O. Orders to me
& I write on the other side a
Cheque for £188.0.0 - *in case*
you tore up by mistake the one written *on* the P.O. Orders
sent

8995/70 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

Nov 11/55

Mr. Sabin was to sail on the
20th October with three household
servants for me -

When he arrives, you or Dr.
Blackwood will settle with him
this Evening Prayers business - which
Mr. Wright, the Principal Chaplain,
wishes to be performed in our
Quarters by him or Dr. Blackwood.
That ecclesiastical Brickbat,
Mr. Hadow, seems likely to knock
somebody down - Is he sober? x

Also, Mr. Sabin must be
asked to take up his abode in
my house till he can find one of
his own - which is due to him -

Of my three household servants.
the *laundress* must come & take
Angela's place - when the Greeks
may be dispensed with -

Of the two others, will you
x I have had a series of letters from him
which from their violence would make
me think him drunk or insane.

select the one whom you think
fittest for the Crimea, representing
to her the inclemency, solitude
& hardships of the place, &
telling her that I will farther
expound to her her duties up
here - & send her up *immediately*
before I go from hence *with* the following
woman -

There was a Mrs. Little, who
wished to come up here - the
same who ironed for me
two days a week - If now,
she wishes to come & will
sign her name to a statement,
that she comes, not to go up
to camp, but to remain with
me, under penalty of forfeiting
a sum, not exceeding three
months' wages - ~~& General Storke~~
~~will consent~~ she may come
up - or if any other woman,
whom Lady Alicia Blackwood
can *recommend* & who wishes
to be near her husband though

not *with* him, chooses to come, let
ther & the household servant come
together. I give the soldier's wife
10/ per week. They are for Miss Wear
at the Monastery!!! Because I will not give her Nurses.

The poney has 1/ *per day* for
himself - & the man 13/ *per month*
for himself - & both were paid
up to Sept. 30/55

I had a dreadful fright about
poor Miss Morton - A precious
clergyman actually came up here
on purpose to tell me that your
Revd. Mr. Bowden had come
from Scutari, saying "that he
knew one of the Nurses to be
dead, *he did not know which*,
but that he had seen Miss Morton,
(he did not know her name,
but described her so exactly
I could not doubt) carried out
on a stretcher, dead or dying,
he did not know which, so
he supposed it was her." I was
crazy & sent all over the Camp
to catch the Revd. Mr. Bowden &
actually believed it till your letter came,
for which I was most thankful -

I have written to the Purveyor about Miss Morton's future store & about Miss Ecuyer -

Would you kindly read the note, & shew it to Revd. Mother, & to Miss Tebbutt & to Miss Ecuyer before you give it to Mr.

Robertson - as sundry pieces of it concern each of them - & apologize to them that I have neither time nor strength to write to each about the part which concerns her - Also soften off to each the rudeness of it - Miss Tebbutt must be the person to appoint Jones or Parker to help Miss Ecuyer - I have already spoken to her about it - & Miss Ecuyer is not going to be sent up here without her will - But I understand that she volunteered for Balaclava -

The remaining household servant may do the work at the General Hospital, in lieu Mrs. Edgar, till I come back - God bless you - Thank you

FN.

8995/71 incomplete initialed letter, 2ff, pen ver

the other sheet is for the Dss of Kent.

Lothian is just returned from **[1:465-66]**
Kinburn & the Expedition to the
Bug - & was to sail yesterday -
in command of the troops on board
of the "Indian" - with the Expedition
to Kaffa which, if taken, we
shall occupy for the winter.

He has had Dysentery for a
month & looks ill but in high
spirits - He rode up to see me
from Kamiesch Bay. He was the
director of the mines for blowing up ~~of~~ the
Dockyards at Sevastopol - will
soon be a Major & on the highroad
to a Colonelcy -

I glory in his being here - &
such earnest young blood is
the only thing to regenerate us -

He, like myself, is worn out
with the official conversation,
which is entirely limited to two
words, (as the old Barrel Organ was
to two tunes), viz "Promotion" & "Gazette" -
General Simpson sailed today

leaving not a regret behind -

Sir W. Codrington & Gen. Wyndham
are very popular appointments -
excepting with Sir Colin Campbell
who heroically took himself
off in consequence -

Sir Richard Airey is going home,
which I am sorry for, as one
did get some business out of him.

& Gen. Barnard goes to the
Second Division, instead of being
Chief of Staff, which I am
sorry for.

It was a great thing to be well
with the great men - to keep down
the insolence of the vulgar
underlings - There is nothing that
these will not do to annoy you
& prick you out of the Crimea -
in which they won't succeed -
Deo volente -

Nicholaïeff will probably be
the seat of next year's operations -
But we must still hold this
place - Ever yours dearest people
FN.

8995/72 copy of an initialed letter, 5ff, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

[14:265-67]

Nov. 11/55

My dearest -

In this terrible war,
the sympathy of England with
the brave men (who have
suffered for her & for the
liberty of Europe -) has been
one main source of the
singular capacity of endu-
rance they have shown
in their suffering. And
among the sympathies
so kindly expressed, that
of the Queen for her troops,

& of the Duchess of Kent
has been received with
the more gratitude, of course
and true heartfelt loyalty,
because they know that the
Queen & the Duchess of Kent
have taken pains to inform
themselves of the real state
of those who are so devoted
to their Sovereign. I have
never doubted that the
Duchess of Kent as well as
the Queen has also felt an
interest in all those who
have done their best to serve

the British soldier in his
hour of need -

Should H.R.H. condescend
to wish to know that which
will most benefit the British
soldier *now* - it is every kind
of interest & amusement
which will tend to draw
them away from their
besetting sin - drunkenness.
The Army will not move till
March - we are told - At all
events, we have three terrible
months of idleness before us
when - as soon as the road ma-
king is finished, the Army
will have nothing to do but

drink - The establishment
of Reading-Huts, the fur-
nishing them

(1) With games - Chess, Back-
-gammon, Dominoes,
Draughts, (a Foot-Ball
outside) such as H.R.H.

has already so kindly sent
for the Sick & Wounded -

(2) with Reading Class-Books -
Such as "Chambers' Educ-
-tional Series" for the schools.

(3) with Diagrams - for
Lectures - is what we are
all striving after.

Boards of General Officers
have sat. But they came
to the conclusion that, by

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the time the necessary articles
were sent out - the Army
would be moving. The same
delay, however, is not
necessary in private enter-
prise - The Diagrams

shd. illustrate the Elements
of Astronomy & the Orrery -

Natural History -

Mechanical Powers

Elements of Physiology

Stratification of the Earth, etc.

The simplest Chance such
as Ld. Mornington's - wd. be
very welcome & very useful
(In a miserable ~~illeg~~ heap of
stones, called a hut, open
on two sides, close to Balaclava

they have little Psalm-meetings
of their own every evening -
wh. remind one of the days
of the Covenanters)

The books shd. be such as
the Pilgrim's Progress, the
"Penny Post" - all Chambers'
Books & Miscellanies -

(for the Dss of Kent)

Lothian is just returned
from ~~the Crimea~~ Kinburn
& the expedition to the Bug.
& was to sail yesterday - in
command of the troops on
board the "Indian" - with
the Expedition to Kaffa wh.
if taken, we shall occupy
for the winter. He has had

Dysentery for a month
& looks ill but in high spirits.
He rode up to see me from
Kamiesch Bay. He was the
Director of the Mines for blowing
up the Dockyards at Sevas-
topol - will soon be a Major
& on the high road to a Colonelcy -

I glory in his being here - &
such earnest young blood is
the only thing to regenerate
us - He like myself, is
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conversation, wh. is entirely
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old Barrel Organ was to two tunes),
viz "Promotion" & "Gazette" -
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 popular appointments - excepting
 Sir Colin Campbell - who
 has heroically taken himself
 off in consequence - Sir R.
 Airey is going home, wh. I am
 sorry for, as one can get some
 business out of him. & Gen. Bar-
 nard goes to the 2nd Division
 instead of being Chief of the Staff -
 which I am sorry for.
 It was a great thing to be
 well with the great men to
 keep down the insolence of the
 underlings - There is nothing
 that these will not do to annoy

you & prick you out of the
 Crimea - in wh. they won't
 succeed - Deo volente -

Nicholaïeff will probably
 be the seat of next year's
 operations - But we must
 still hold this place -

[end 14:267]

FN

8995/73 unsigned note, 1f, pen {arch: 7}

Castle Hospital

Balaclava

November 12/55

Thomas Parr

~~The~~ late Private of the 28th Regiment
 well remembered by Lt. & Adj.

H.C. Worthington - both recruits
 at drill together at Newcastle

on Tyne in 1853. He was a good
 soldier to his country & it may

be said to his Saviour also

Please tell this to his family -

I announced his attested death
 to you in my last -

8995/74 initialed letter, 5ff, pen Goldie 172-73 [1:466]

C.H. B'clava

14/11/55

The expedition to Kaffa is counter=
manded - & Lothian remains
here for the winter - I saw him
today, looking & calling himself
much better - & in ten days
he blows up the famous Dock=
yards of Sevastopol, to replace
all which city, with its fleet,
as they were, would cost
the Russians £300,000,000 -
three hundred millions, for fear
you should not be able to
count my noughts - Yet what
is ~~that~~is to have done? after all.
Far better have made
Sevastopol a free port under
our protection - Lothian is
probably Major by this time
& is much disappointed not
to have Kaffa & a Colonelcy - [end 1:466]
The Camp gossip here is that

the Codrington appointment is only a warming-pan - & that Genl. Wyndham, Chief of the Staff, is to have the honour of next year's campaign, ~~of~~ at Nicholaieff, & with the Command= in = Chief. Though the whole camp is as cautious as Ladies of the Bedchamber, none scruple now to say, ~~now~~ ~~that~~ Genl Simpson being gone, that the whole failure of the Redan rests with him - that, had the

Highland Brigade, with the Third Division to support them, led the attack, we could not have failed, with the loss indeed of *three times the men* to have carried the Redan & all before us, taken the little Redan & the Russian army in flank & all but annihilated it -

Sir John Hall is going back to his rupees in India with a K.C.B ship. It is like the lifting off of a great incubus - & every body seems to breath more freely - Now I think something may be done in the Crimea - I feel as if my hands were untied

Dr. Hall's *probable* departure makes my stay here as long as the War much more certain. I do not think he would ever have made me desert my post - nor by rendering what I could do little, make me give up the little I could do. But, though I hope experience has long since caused me to cease either to ~~rejoice~~ hope or to fear, but simply to act & to trust, I do, though I may be most excessively mistaken, expect great reforms from the absence of this incubus.

The dirt he has walked thro' in opposing & thinking to sting me is wonderful - for he really is an able & efficient officer - with a head square like Napoleon's & as vain - as inclined to dirty tricks as that great ruffian - Dr. Hall has actually stooped, as I know from authority that cannot be doubted, to tell the Nurses I have sent to the Crimea that they may take off their Badges, that they may cease to consider themselves as under my authority & that he will provide - If they will desert me, he will pay them - It is fact,

that poor Miss Clough deserted upon this fiction, engaged a Man & his wife whom she always called her "servants" with this understanding. & after her death, left them, (Dr. Hall's tender mercies having failed ~~him~~ & her refusing to send in their claim for wages) to me & General Cameron to pay out of our own pockets as it was impossible for me to send in such a claim to Government.

I should like to have, please, a Cuckoo Clock sent out for this Hospital as a present for Mrs. Stewart - Please send it to me at Scutari - *It must make a noise* - not a little silvery voice like mine. yours for ever
FN.

*PRIVATE***[1:240-41]**

Lord Raglan, in his last visit to me, asked me "if my father liked my coming out." I said with pride "my father is not as other men are - he thinks that daughters should serve their country as well as sons he brought me up to think so - he has no sons - & therefore he has sacrificed me to my country - & told me to come home with my shield or upon it - He does not think, (as I once heard a father & a very good & clever father say,) "The girls are all I could wish - very happy, very attentive to me, & very amusing" - He thinks that God sent women, as well as men, into the world to be something more than "happy", "attentive" & "amusing". "Happy & *dull*" *religion* is said to make us - "happy & *amusing*" *social life* is supposed to make us - but my father's religious & social ethics make us strive to be the pioneers of the human race & let "happiness" & "amusement" take care of themselves. **[end 1:241]**

8995/75 initialed letter, 8ff, pen Goldie 174-75

C.H.B'clava

Mrs. Brownlow 16/11/55

Please read the enclosed to Mrs.

Brownlow & let her come up

with one of the Household

Servants as soon as possible -

the Laundress & other Household

Servant remaining now at the

House to fill Mrs. Brownlow's

& Greeks' place with Laxton

as Chef -acknowledged -

If Mrs. Little or any one else

be already engaged, ~~they~~she

may still come up - Mrs. Little

will probably come on her own hook - in spite of me

Mrs. B. & the Household Servt.

are for the Monastery -

Officers

Nursing

About the Officers, I must have

misexpressed myself - for the

facts of the Officers' Nursing

are not at all as you think

them

I have never declined to nurse any Officer - I have declined uniformly to send them Nurses - to take away a woman from nursing 100 men to sit or lie the 24 hours in an officer's room, as *they* wished - But, IN the Hospitals Barrack & General *wherever* we were sent for, whether to Military, Medical or Ecclesiastical Officers, Mrs. Roberts & I have always gone. I have farther found every thing that was necessary - And few have died without me or Mrs. Roberts - & few have recovered without acknowledging us - For I have not at all confined myself to the dying cases - But I have always nursed an Officer like a Private - that is visiting

him at necessary times - If he did not choose to be nursed in that way, he was not nursed at all -

Farther, I kept an organized corps of Soldiers' wives (respectable women) all of whom, but one, are now gone home (& are indeed no longer wanted), to nurse the Officers, Military, Medical & Ecclesiastical, *out of* the Hospitals Barrack & General at my own expence These were inspected & visited by me - Also I once took a *sick* Officer into my own house & many times into the Barrack Hospl.

At these two Hospitals of *B'clava*, we have, farther, done the whole cooking for the sick & wounded Officers, Mily. Medl. & Ecclesl., ever since we have been established, & nursed them with *Nurses* in=doors & out, the same as I have done at Scutari with myself, Roberts & soldiers' wives

It has not answered, as I will at some time expose, but so it is -

Farther, there is not an egg, nor a piece of butter, nor of jelly, nor ~~of~~ Eau de Cologne, which has not been provided at Mrs. Stewart's or my private expence at this Hospital for the sick & wounded Officers ever since its Establishment - & we have, as stated, done their whole cooking & nursing -

Farther, I have, in individual severe cases, given a Nurse, both here & at Scutari, *to sit up* -

Here we have so spoilt the sick & wounded Officers that they complained ~~of me~~ to the Commander in Chief, (because I would not bake their toast for twenty four hours) of my "*ill=treatment*".

It cannot therefore be said that I do not nurse officers - God knows I have enemies enough - Please therefore find some other excuse for me with Mrs. Shrubb, who has however, put "my nursing" already in the Times Advertisement of Deaths -

BRACEBRIDGE

I do not think Mr. Bracebridge intends to return & (to tell you the truth) *he could not*, (after his Lecture as reported in the "Times") without greatly injuring the work. He is too clever a man to have said that (I cannot enter into it at length) had he *intended* to return - It has set all the medical Staff in the Crimea in a blaze - & besides being utterly untrue, it was not our business to say it - And, if you read my letter to him you will see that I have told him

so. Did I, by the bye, send you that letter of mine to him?

But, in short, his coming back now would be a hindrance instead of a help. ~~And~~

I cannot bear to cut off my own right=hand by signifying anything of this kind to him - & thereby to kill myself with my own hand - But I leave the fact with you to make use or not of it as you like -

Dr. Hall, my Chief, burrows & burrows away the ground from under me - The whole of the Wear, *Clough* & Bridgeman rebellions were *his* organizing - You little know the man when you tried to interpret his conduct in the *Clough* affair. He has done *much* worse things -

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HOUSE RENT

If the Turk landlord comes again, tell him that he knows perfectly well that I have his Receipt for the rent of his house which I paid up to January - & also that I have the refusal of the house after that - & that I mean to keep it for another three months

Don't be daunted by him - He comes about every 6 weeks, I say this & he goes away again -

But as for giving him 2500 piastres a month, I won't give him 1000 pi. which is what I gave before.

Many thanks for all you say & do -

I do not quite understand the distribution of the Nurses There is one Nurse & three half=Nurses in C. And why should Mrs. Clarke & Mrs. Hawkins the two suspicious ones, be in C at all?

It does not do to have different Nurses working in the same ward - Please confine those two, at least, to A. & I. ~~Because Mrs. Hawkins was not nursing before~~
The system of Nurses *following* their patients is one fraught with mischief

yours for ever

F.N.

8995/76 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen {arch: 4 Salisbury, Furlong £2.00

Castle Hospital
Balaclava

November 16/55

John Furlong ~~to~~ (whom gave me
on September 8/55, £2.0.0
for his mother Catharine
Furlong, at Wexford) complains
that on October 23, she
had not got it - & sends
me her letter, certifying this.
Will you see this righted?
It was to go by P.O. Order.

I am *not at all* surprised
at Miss Stanley upholding
the Salisbury - Or Miss Wyse
either - They must both
of them be very uneasy
at the disclosures which
will come out - viz. that
they have kept her with me

as a spy - & that Miss Stanley
~~actually~~ wrote to her through
Miss Wyse, to "*hold out*"
which letter you have in
your possession by this time,
The discovery of ~~you~~my own
wearing apparel, which was
(not lying about but) in
my box at the house, in
her boxes was a most
fortunate occurrence if any
thing can be called fortunate
in this most wretched
business, for, though the position
of my house was
geographically a denial to
Miss Salisbury's statement
that she carried things *from*
the Women's Hospital, *from* the

Barrack Hospital thither
to give to the soldiers *in* the
B.H., yet that might not
be a *proof* in a Court of
Justice - But She did not
take my cap to give it to a
soldier - nor my *silk wove spencer*.

Manning is the only person
who has any influence over
Miss Stanley - If Mrs.
Bracebridge thought it
worth while to see im
& ask him whether it
is with his approbation
that Miss Stanley acts the
part of Patroness to the
discarded villains of Scutari
& tell him the *whole* story - it
might be as well - but you
cannot think how indifferent

I am about it - or how little
I wish to press any step -
I suppose you would not
think of seeing *Mrs.* or *Mr.*
Stanley, & asking *them*,
whether Miss Stanley's conduct
is with their knowledge or
sanction.

I see "the Earl of Aberdeen"s"
& "Charlotte Salisbury's" "arrival
at Spithead on October 23" -

I do not at all regret
having offered to pay his
passage to Australia - Any
body who could be base enough
to pervert this offer into a
bad intention on my part, would lay hold
of *anything*, as Stanley & Wyse
have done - and I could not,
when I saw the creature
actually prostrate & groaning & groveling
on the floor with humiliation
but try to give her some hope
in this world - Of the next she
never thought -

8995/77 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: to Aunt Mai} 17/11/55

Your letters just arrived.
I enclose one from Miss
Piper - I am afraid of
people who write about
sacrifices - & it seems
a curious beginning ~~when~~
~~she~~ to stipulate the *she*
must make a sacrifice
& have a bed room to
herself & friend -

I enclose you my answer.
Do not send it if you
think, ~~better not~~ (from your knowledge of Miss
Piper) that she would be a Gain to us.

I wish I could see
Dr. Meyer - Could you do

so & ask him to
recommend me four
of his best nurses &
one of his best ladies -
by no means *pledging*
me to *take* them. He
can have no reason
now for not ~~taking~~ giving me
the best.

Also, will you say
to Miss Tebbutt (& be
careful, for you do not
know how false from
weakness she can be)
"You do not like being

supt., now is your time,
I am sure my niece
does not want to turn
you out, on the contrary,
but I am sure, if you
sincerely wish to give
up your supcy., as you
tell me, if it ~~was~~ were
forced upon you
against your will, as
you say, my niece
would select a lady
from Smyrna, make
her Supt., *in time*,
only, of course, after

having tried her."

If I were to write
this to her, she might
very likely take offence:

Will you say to Miss
Ecuyer that I wish her
to be so good as to pay
particular attention
to the way Revd. Mother
keeps the books, if the
latter would let her
keep them for a while
as she will have to do it
afterwards.

& will you tell Mr.
Robertson that I will
next mail

{on the top of the first page}
answer his letter, only just
arrived - FN God bless you

8995/78 signed memorandum, 7ff, pen, also in LMA H1/ST/NC8/4

List of Nurses & Sisters [14:290-91]
 who have ceased to be employed
 in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaklava
 November 30, 1855

Names of dismissal Pay Weeks or retirement	Cause of	Rate	When appointed	When discharged	No of
Mrs. Wilson Intoxication		10/	Oct 21/54	Immediately	-
" Williams 9	"	"	"	Dec 21/54	"
" Jones "	"	"	"	"	"
" Falkner "	"	"	"	"	"
	Buying & Selling for Patients in Hospital				
" Coyle 12	" Incompetency	"	"	Jan 15/55	
" Burnett "	"	"	"	"	
" Fagg "	"	"	"	"	
" Higgins "	"	"	"	"	
" Blake 22	" Invalided	"	"	March 23/55	
	Gratuity £5				
" Williams "	"	"	"	"	
	Gratuity £5				
" Barnes 24	" Dead	"	"	April 4/55	
	Gratuity £3				
" Clarke 26	" £35 Invalided pr ann.	"	"	" 16/55	
	Gratuity £8				
" Smith "	" 10/	"	"	"	
	Gratuity £10				
" Drake 18/	" 10/	"	April 21/55	August 9/55	42
	Dead Gratuity £5				
" Grundy 57	" Urgent business 18/ at home	10/	Oct 21/55	April 21/55	
	Gratuity £5			Nov 23.55	
	<u>15</u>				
Ch. Of England Sisters					
Sister Etheldreda Invalided			Oct 21/54	immediately	-

	Elisabeth	"	Dec 21/54
8	Private reason	"	"
	Clara	"	"
	accompanied		
	the above		
	Emma	"	April 27/55
27	Invalided	"	"
	Harnet	"	"
	accompanied		
	the above		
	Sarah Ann	"	April 9/55
25	Invalided		
	{vertically beside the sisters' names} unpaid		
	<u>6</u>		
R. Catholic			
	Nuns	Oct 21/54	Dec 21/54
8	Unfitness	"	"
	Miss Forbes Leith	"	"
	"	"	"
& four Sisters	"	"	"
	"	"	"
	{vertically besides the names} unpaid		
	<u>5</u>		
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List of Nurses & Sisters
who have ceased to be employed
in the Hospitals of Scutari, Balaklava & Koulali
November 30 1855

Cause of Dismissal	Rate	Date	Date	No
Names	of	of	of	of
or retirement	Pay	Appointment	Discharge	Weeks
Mrs. Bessant	-	Dec 1/54	immediately	
Old Age				
" Anderson	-		"	"
" Intoxication				
" Hefferman	-		"	"
" "				
" Newton		4 6/	"	13
Employed in private			March 1/55	
nursing at Pera				
" Harding		10/	"	23/55
Invalided				
Gratuity £6.10.0				
" Bull		10/	"	April 9/55
19 Incompetency				
" Hunt		10/	"	March 23/55
Intoxication				
Gratuity £2				
" Gailey		10/	"	April 20/55
" "				
Gratuity £4				
" McPhee		10/	"	" 27/55
21 Incompetency				
" Keatley		Paid by Miss E. Anderson		
Invalided				
" Gibson		18/	Dec 1/54	June 1/55
20 Intoxication & theft				
" Disney		14/	"	" 15/55
28 Intoxication				

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" Woodward	14/	"	"	28
went home with Patient Gratuity £2.2				
" Sandhouse	14/	"	July 13/55	32
Incompetency				
" Tuffill	18/	"	"	"
" Invalided		"	"	"
" Noble	18/	"	"	"
" Lyas	£35	"	" 5/55	
30 Roman Catholic employed per ann. by Priest for purpose of				
conversion				
" Thorne	18/	"	went to Koulali & since	
sent home				
" Whitehead	18/	"	Oct 27/55	47
Invalided				
" Davis	10/	"	April 21/55	
"	18/		Nov 24/55	57
Gratuity £5				
" Sansom	10/	"	April 21/55	
"	18/		Nov 24/55	57
Gratuity £5				
" Anderson	-	March 9/55	Immediately	
intoxication				
" Thompson	-	"	"	
"				
" Davidson	18/	"	June 1/55	
14 impropriety of conduct				
" Brooke	16/	"	23/55 Sept 21/55	26
"				
" Wheatstone	18/	April 5/55	Nov 9/55	31
intoxication				
Nurses	====			
	==== 26			

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Lists of Sisters
who have ceased to be employed
in the Hospitals of Scutari, Balaklava & Koulali
November 30/55

Names	Rate Pay	of of	Date Appointment	Cause of Retirement
<i>Paid Ladies</i>				
Mrs. Walford Aug 30/55	£35		May 24/55	Died of Cholera
Miss Salisbury Sept 29/55	18/ per week		May 15/55	Felony
<i>Ladies</i>				
Miss E. Anderson {written vertically beside names} unpaid		2	Dec. 1/54	Invalided
" Kate Koulali				" went home from
" Innis				" Invalided
" Polidori				" "
" Smythe				dead
" Clough Heights of Balaclava				withdrawn to the Highland & since died Sept 23/55 went home from Koulali
" Taylor{arch: Eastern Hospts?}	7			
<i>R. Catholic Nuns</i>				
{written vertically beside names} unpaid				
Sister M. Bernard				Invalided
" Clare				accompanied above
" Winifred				Died Oct 20/55
	3			
	12			
Of 108 who have come out from England to these Stations				
64 have gone home				
24 from sickness, including				
6 dead				
18 invalided				
24				
12 intoxication				
12 incompetency				
4 accompanied Patients home				
4 impropriety of conduct				
including				
1 theft				
4 went home from Koulali				
4 various reasons at home				
64				
32 still remain in these Hospitals				
12 R. Catholic Nuns seceded to Genl. Hospl.				
Balaclava				
<u>108</u>				

It will be seen by the above Report, which takes in a period of thirteen months, that, of the

		<i>Appointed</i>		
1st Party	- - - - -	-Oct 21/54	- - - - -	which came out with me
consisting of	88			12 remain
2nd Party	-Dec 1/54-	-	-	came out with Miss Stanley
consisting of	46			3 remain *
3rd Party	- - - - -	March 9/55	- - - - -	came out with Miss Wear
consisting of	6			5
remain				
4th Party	- - - - -	"	23/55	- - - - - 6 remain
consisting of	7			
5th Party				
consisting of	4	- April 5/55	- - - - -	3 remain
came singly	5			3
"				
	<u>108</u>			<u>32</u>

It will also be shewn that the mortality in the Female Staff has been, during the above Period, rather less than 6 per cent, - the total loss from sickness & death rather less than one fourth.

Comparing this with the mortality and invaliding among the Medical Officers, Chaplains, &c of the Army in the East, the proportion will appear to be comparatively small - altho' the exposure to infection & to the influences of disease is, obviously, greater among Nurses - This comparative immunity may, probably, be attributed to the simplicity & regularity of habits enforced among them.

* this very small proportion arises from the too great haste in the selection, {arch: (but it should be added that the 12 Nurses at Balaclava were part of the 46 as well as 3 at Kulalie.) [Koulali]

It will be seen that the proportion of those sent home (from every cause) is 64 - 108

It may therefore be inferred that the Female Staff will require renewing about every two years for the following reasons.

1. on account of the climate & other causes of disease
2. because intoxication, tacitly admitted as unavoidable among Nurses in London Hospitals, must, in Military Hospitals, be sternly checked, by dismissal at the first offence in order to carry on the work at all -
3. because, with every care exercised in the selection (which unfortunately has not always been the case) a certain proportion of incompetents or adventurers, tempted by high pay, by vanity or curiosity, or because they cannot live at home, will always be amongst those sent out.
4. because women, as well as men, will fall home-sick at the end of one or two years, & are then of little use to the Queen's service.

But, taking all these draw=backs into consider=ration which apply (not more but perhaps) less to the female than to any other branch of the service, it is obvious that the experiment of sending Nurses to the East has been eminently successful - & that the supplying trained instruments to the hands of the Medical Officers has saved much ~~life~~ valuable life & remedied many deficiencies

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Of the 108 sent out, there were

		Gone home	Seceded	Remain	
R. Catholic Nuns	25		8		12
5					
Anglican Sisters	8		6		
2					
St. John's Nurses	8		7		
1					
Ladies		13		8	
5					
Hospital Nurses	54		35		
19					
	<u>108</u>	<u>64</u>	<u></u>	<u>12</u>	<u>32</u>

With these, of whom no more than 50 have ever been at work at the same time,
 2 Hospitals at Scutari during 13 months
 2 " Balaclava " 10 "
 2 " Koulali " 3 "

have been served

With 32
 2 Hospitals at Scutari
 2 " Balaclava

are served at this present time -

No Nurses have been sent out to the above Hospitals from England since April, 1855. i.e. for the last seven months.

And, should the War Office consider it, at present, undesirable to send out any more, these four Hospitals may still continue to be served with that Number, by which twice the work at half the expences may be done of that which would be, were other Nurses drafted in among these from other Hospitals in the East, where a different system & possibly less simplicity of life, have been observed, under which they were founded -

Florence Nightingale

Duplicate

Female establishments under Miss Nightingale - 30 11/55
 155,656/319 in W.O.

This the original in Miss Nightingale's own hand

There is a copy in W.O.

JHL

8995/79 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pen

Female Staff
 Employed in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava
November 30

Names	Rate	Date	No	Rank
Castle Hospital of Balaclava				
	Pay	Appointment	Weeks	
Mrs. Shaw Stewart	none	Dec 1/54	53	Superintendent
" Sinclair	18/ 550		Mar 9/55	38 Nurse
" Tandy	18/		"	"
" Logan	18/		Ap 5/55	34
" McPherson	16/			Cook
&c	<u>5</u>			
Monastery Hospital St. George's Crimea				
Miss Wear	none	Mar 9/55	38	Superintendent
Mrs. Nisbett	12/	Oct 25/55		Nurse
" Evans	16/ 200	Nov 30/55		Cook
" Brownlow	10/			
Laundress	<u>4</u>			
General Hospital x				
Mrs. Bridgeman {written vertically:}	none	Dec. 1/54		[end 14:292]
R. Catholic Nuns and 11 Sisters	Balaclava			
"	250			
"	<u>12</u>			

x of the charge of this latter
 Hospital I have prayed the War Office
 to be relieved - because

1. it is contrary to my Instructions to serve any one Hospital with R. Catholic Ladies only {in another hand: who are bound by their conscience to convert}
2. it is contrary to my experience to think 12 women necessary to serve from 160 - 250 Patients. for which nos. four {in another hand to live} would be enough
3. their expenditure is such as I am

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not justified in sanctioning

Female Staff
employed at this time, November 30/55
in the Hospitals of Scutari & Balaclava -

Names of Barrack Hospital Scutari	Rate of Pay	Date	Appointment	No of Weeks	Rank
Miss Morton Matron	none	Sept. 5/55		13	
Revd. Mother Catholic Nuns			Oct 21/54	58	R.
Sister George " De Chantal " Anastasia " Stanislas	{vertically}	none	"	"	
Mrs. Roberts Head Nurse	25/		"	"	
Miss Clark Housekeeper	18/		Aug 28/55	14	
Mrs. Davey 18/ Gratuity £5	10/	Ap 21/55	Oct 21/54	58	Nurse
" Hawkins 18/ Gratuity £5	10/	Ap 21/55	Oct 21/54	58	
" Lawfield 18/ Gratuity £5	10/	Ap 21/55	Oct 21/55	58	
" Robbins	18/		Dec 1/54	52	
" Holmes	18/		Mar 9/55	38	
" Clarke	16/		" 23/55		36
" Howes	16/		"		"
" Orton	16/		"		"
" Sullivan <u>17</u>	18/		Ap 5/55	34	

General Hospital

Scutari

Miss Tebbutt {written vertically} unpaid Dec 1/54 52

{arch's note} Supplement to Miss Nightingale's analysis of Nursing Estt. 15 12/56

8995/80 handwritten copy of unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Will you ride or write to Thomas Kernish Anfield near Hursley & tell him that George Kernish his brother 23d Reg. was brought in here with a severe shell wound in the hip which burrowed up & out into the back, that he gradually sank, that finding I was a Hampshire woman he told me all about his family, said that he had a great deal to say to them if he could see them, but he could not write it, begged me to write,

was very patient & good & most carefully attended by Doctors Nurse & myself & finally died last night

8995/81 handwritten copy of unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
November/55

x x x

Poor _____ was brought in here with a severe shell wound in the hip which burrowed up & out into the back - He gradually sank from that time - He told me all [~~illeg~~] about his family, said he had a great deal to say to them if he could see them, but he could not write it then - He asked me to write - He was

very patient & good, & most carefully attended by the Doctors a nurse & myself, but died last night -

He was a good soldier to his country & it may be said to his Saviour also

8995/82 handwritten copy of unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {arch: ?1855}

I send by Mr. Cooper Steward of Indiana

1 box with the vines in it from our vineyard at the Castle Hospital (I am told that the way they are cut tho' not your way is the only way that would do

1 Russian sword cartridge, as my portion of Sevastopol spoil to be sent to my warlike father -

1 Russian cap Robert's to be sent to his mother Mary Robinson

care of Mr. J. Stewart

12 Cullingtree St.

Belfast

as his portion of Russian spoil

1 wallet for Mrs. Armstrong
Caithness

Would you desire all these things to be called for & distribute them accordingly. Robert is going to send you a sword all to yourself.

I was brought back suddenly from

Balaccla by the cholera here
MacGregor is dead & 4 other
surgeons whom you dont know
deaths just under half the op
cases - subsiding now rapidly
German legion moved out of this
Hospital in consequence

two money orders wrong amounts
people writing back from Scutari
& Sebastopol to say so ". (Mr. B's
mistake).

"Please see to this it gets me
into such scrapes -"

Dr. Linton has feeling & humanity
& every sense but "common sense"
Dr. Sutherland is mistaken there
Any quantity of books which
can be sent out is acceptable
Remember we are 50.000 -

please send out 6 pair of
angora stocking from Miss Wear
Times

200 £ advanced to Caffé
Stamps are much nearer £200
than £100 but I have told our
Wardman that Mr. Stowe never
engaged to pay more than £100
worth

8995/83 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

If Lepri should return before I do,
I should be glad to go to the expence
of having *my* Monuments, he
knows which, made firm by stone
foundations.

Could you ask Mr. Black why
poor Arthur Wight's is not put up
yet?

The mother has written to me
asking me - She has ascertained
from other sources it is not.

8995/84 unsigned letter, 3ff, pen {arch: ?1856}

No 1

Will you read this enclosed & if you can just get an inkling of its contents, without troubling yourself to read the whole, (it is probably some petition) decline it - It must be some madmen -

If Miss Morton goes up to my house, Sullivan will come to sleep in our quarters -

No 2

Please read also these Verses & do what you will with Mr. Budge -

What *am I to do* with this Inscription; No 3, which Mrs. Shrubbs wishes to be placed on that poor Wight's grave? You will, please, look at poor Walford's monument - If you approve, order another thro' Mr. Black of the same man, but of a little finer workmanship - Then do with

the Inscription what you think best - But you must re=write it, please, in the exact position in which the words & letters are to be placed, or *print it*, otherwise these Italian sculptors will, like the Chinese, imitate every mistake. and put the *lines* as they ought to be - when you have decided what to put in & if we can leave out anything - I have forwarded the letter to the servant, Wild, whom I saw & started to England with his master's things - & I have written to the unlucky Shrubbs telling her he will bring them to her -

No 4.

I have no Nurses of the name of *Saunders* or *Saunderson*, nor ever have had - But, if they could tell you this, they could tell you in what Ward & Hospital he dies - Could it be Mrs. *Sansom*? Will you ask her? If it was at Koulale or Smyrna he died, would you write & ask particulars? I enclose their questions - By knowing the Ward in which he died, you would find out the Nurse.

8995/85 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

shall have another opportunity
by Marseille - & should this
be important, pray let
Laxton go - Miss Morton
will then kindly preside
in the house till I return.
I am glad she can go out
I hope Sullivan will keep
straight, with Miss Morton
to take care of - She had better
staff with her at the house -
Cholera {written diagonally in margin}
I am very uneasy about
the cholera & if you tell me
it continues, shall come back
Queen {written diagonally in margin}
Do please write me
an answer to Queen's
letter & send it me to copy.
I will put it in the Etiquette -
Stove {written diagonally in margin}
I think you must
have the other China Stove

8995/86 incomplete note, 1f pen

If you can keep
Laxton to go home
with her to take care
of her, pray do. If
I think Laxton too
proud a woman to be
very guilty -

8995/87 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

put up in the sitting room
in my house - because, if
you stay there the winter,
you will find it uninhabitable.
I fear the stove in my
sitting=room will be of
no use - we never could
light one last winter at all.
Please make them very
careful with the pans
of Charcoal - These should
never be brought into
the room till quite *alive*
& always put out of
the room an hour before
it is shut up for the
night. the stove=man may
wait to be paid till I
come back.

8995/88 incomplete letter, 1f, pen

I am very glad Vickary lays
such violent hands to save
my wood & Charcoal &
coppers in D Division - It is
very faithful & proper
I am afraid we must let the
cook go - Does not Vickary
think he can do without him?
Vickary does quite right to
sleep in ~~the~~ our house -
If you feel or fear that
there is anything going on
which really requires my
presence, you will be sure
to tell me, & I would come
back directly.
Having done with this I send
it, What it not sent is entirely
business I have entirely encouraged
her to stay to finish her work
which I am sure must be better
than returning to Balaclava

8995/89 incomplete copy of initialed letter, 5ff, pen {arch: in Aunt Mai's hand}

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

Decber 1 {arch: 55}

Madam

That your Majesty's
sympathy is given to every man
of your troops, none knows better
than myself who have seen the
tears which the expression of that
gracious sympathy has called
forth in these brave fellows who
have never had one tear to shed
for their own sufferings
That the feeling is unanimous &
constant in these men, not an
enthusiastic madness but a
deep unfailing purpose & deter
mination to see your Majesty's
wrong righted & the offence against
the liberties of Europe put down
I can assure your Majesty, who
have but just returned from the
Crimea where all hearts are
steady & all wills staunch - We
would stand ten years of war

from those in the very heart
of it the evils & difficulties
which beset & almost threaten
to disorganize your Majesty's
brave Army.

For the re=action of bravery
& overstrained endurance is de-
pression & love of drink in un-
educated minds, And this is the
real pestilence with which
this winter we have to struggle
in an army idle & rich

Such is our experience & con-
viction of your M's deep interest
in the welfare of yr Army that
I will venture, even without
apology to speak to yr M. of
some impressions left on me by
what I saw passing in the C.

The reasons for the increase
of this vice of intoxication are
two

1. plenty of money to drink
- 2 time undisposed of trench
work & road making being I
thank God at an end

The remedies are

1. To give the men every facility for remitting money home They complain that there are delays in the remittances that they cannot trust *themselves* to keep their own money till the day of remitting it comes, that they do not wish their comrades to know of these remittances otherwise the money wd be borrowed.

That these are not mere excuses is proved by the fact that I rarely remit home a smaller sum than £200 per week for the men in petty sums of 21/ or 30/ shewing that they will avail themselves of an easy opportunity.

2) employment & amusement to dispose of their unoccupied time
useful & amusing books
a warm & lighted Hut for each
Regt to read them in which
might be used also as a

church a schoolroom with
reading & copy books & even
as a theatre

practical lectures with
plain illustrations Diagrams &c
2 or 3 evenings in the week
I understand that yr Majesty's
Govt. is already about to act
in this direction sending out
lecturers, diagrams &c

Every thing which tends
to soften & cheer the soldiers
imagination tends to diminish
the vice of intoxication the
games & books & newspapers
which yr M has sent, the
prints of your M. & their R
Highnesses, the Princes which
I have hung on the walls of the
Reading Huts which already
existg (so deep & true is always
the feeling of duty towards
your Majesty in these hearts)
the illustrated Shakespeares

& the [illeg] combined with the more comfortable pleasure of a good plate of bread & English cheese & cup of coffee all these things have tended visibly & materially to lessen the curse of our army

But still, in the Crimea even [~~illeg~~] our patients in ~~the~~ in Hospital are nightly taken to the Guard Room drunk

Yet the soldier is not degraded he is only idle & uncultivated

Employment, facility for sending his money home, difficulty in obtaining spirits, certain & immediate punishment for drunkenness the cordial cooperation of the officers may do much to discourage the besetting sin

These latter matters do not indeed strictly belong to my business, yet that business, when carried on at B. in presence as it were of yr M's army forces them on my observation, which I hope may be my excuse when I trust to obtaining yr M's gracious permission to allow me to mention what I believe will have interest for our Sovereign

(1) the necessity of strict military surveillance over the Canteens & Canteen hours by depriving them of their licence if the police regulations be infringed. a Committee of Officers over them

if possible

[not FN hard to read]

(2) a Correspondence between the Chief of the Staff in the British. Army on the means of preventing international [?] [illeg] with the same officer in the French & Sardinian camps It is chiefly in these camps that our men obtain spirits & often sell their clothing for drink

(3) The men are rich they boast that they will spend their field & work allowances "on their bodies" Had these allowances been laid up for them at home there wd not have been so much money to spend in spirits it might appear perhaps almost a pity that the soldier

should have been paid for what is as much part of his trade as going on ~~{faind}~~ Guard.

I do not know whether these remedies be practicable tho I have ventured to speak as one who has seen & lived among these things & has seen too the interest of our Mistress in our welfare, WE obey our sovereign with love & devotion, the Muscovies theirs with superstition & fear I can assure yr M that yr brave troops are sound at heart they want only care I do not know

the etiquette with which
subjects write to their
Sovereign & must crave
pardon for blunders
But I know the feeling
with which I am I am
Madam
your Majesty's dutiful
most grateful & devoted
subject FN

8995/90 signed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 374402

Barrack Hospital [14:273]
Scutari

2 December 1/55

A.213}

Madam

In answer to your note
of Nov 19, I deeply
regret to have to inform
you that I fear there
must be some mistake
in the mother's belief
that she heard from
her son in Scutari
Hospital on June 30 -
For

Corporal John Boxall
1st Royals No 3051,
admitted with Fever
on February 4/55, died [see 5482/6 same]

in this very Hospital
from which I now write,
on February 13/55, nine
days only from the time
of his admission, & has
been struck off the
strength of the Regt.
from that date -

I trust that the
mother will find
comfort in the thought
that he did his duty
& was not neglected.

During that fatal
month, our Deaths in

Hospitals averaged from
70 to 80 per day -
On the very day of
poor Corporal Boxall's
decease, they reached
their heighth, being
that day 84 - And in
that month we lost
1700 men in these
Hospitals. The poor
Mother therefore must
not be surprised, if
few particulars about
individuals can be
gleaned or remembered.

With sincere sympathy

for his loss,

I remain Madam

yr obedt. servt.

Florence Nightingale

[end]

8995/91 handwritten copy of unsigned letter, 4ff, pen, not FN, similar to 5484 f33, but other top part missing [14:284-85]

Scutari

Dec 10/55

While somewhat unwilling to increase my responsibilities I feel so deeply the kindness with which you put your proposal, that I will endeavour to carry out your Lordship's intentions to the best of my power, should I be doing so by distributing the admirable articles of comfort which the liberality of the committee has placed under my charge, upon the same plan which I have found desirable to adopt in the distribution of the Free Gifts & Funds already

entrusted to me -

As I have been sometimes blamed by the authorities here for being hasty & profuse in the application of articles to the soldiers' use, while at home I have been charged with hoarding these stores, I will venture to explain to your Lordship the principle upon which I have administered them, & my reasons for so doing - in order that I may not undertake a charge in a manner which perhaps you may not sanction

In Scutari I have made it my practice

to answer every Requisition of a Medical Officer when countersigned by a First Class Surgeon or by a Purveyor, if it were ascertained that such articles did not exist in the Purveyors, Quarter Master's or Barrack Master's stores -

This applies of course to the three Hospitals of Scutari. As regards its Depôt I have answered every Requisition of a Commanding Officer -

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from the Dardanelles including Abydos & Kadikoi, from Smyrna from the Osmanli Artillery & Cavalry & also from the Hospitals of our allies the Sardinians at Jeni Kai} & Balaclava I have answered every Requisition whether from Medical Officer Superintendent of Nurses Chaplain or Commanding Officer -

I have kept an exact record of every article thus sent or given by me -

The accounts of Articles thus distributed in the Hospitals of Scutari up to Feb 15/55 have been printed in the Blue Book entitled "Report on the state of the

Hospitals of BA in the Crimea & Scutari. a small set of warm clothing & of articles of comfort such as soap brush & comb housewives needles thread buttons &c to repair his own clothing with scissors &c is given to each soldier besides on leaving Hospital whether invalided for home or convalescent for his Regiment.

The difficulties which exist in the distribution of the Gifts of our generous friends at home are perhaps hardly appreciable, excepting by those who have been in the Crimea, but ~~these~~ they will be at once recognized by the excellent agents of your Association

They are

(1) that the Authorities here justly object to an indiscriminate generosity as the Soldier would frequently exchange *superfluity* for drink -

(2) That the Soldier is necessarily limited as to baggage & cannot carry with him more than a *certain* quantity -

(3) that were I to send articles *unasked for* & which the Quarter Master or Barrack Master's stores already possess, this would be to ensure the waste of the valuable property so liberally contributed & committed to my

charge on which account I have made the rule above mentioned -

When I however state that in the three months ending Feb.15.55 upwards of 17,000 shirts, cotton & flannel had been distributed by me in answer to official requisitions in the Hospitals of Scutari *alone*, it will not appear that the generosity of our country has been wasted -

I beg leave only to add my conviction that the whole of the property of the Crimea Fund Association may be usefully applied before this war

is over.

My report of the distribution of all the stores entrusted to my charge will be printed in order that they may be thus accounted for -

I should not have troubled you at so much length but that I feel it to be my duty to make some explanation before undertaking a charge of the manner in which it would be discharged.

8995/92 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen

Decber 10

My Lord

I beg to acknowledge & to thank you for your letter of the 15th ult.

It should have been earlier acknowledged had it not followed me to the Crimea, where I then was

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According to Lord Panmure's instructions, every soldier is to be provided with

- 2 woollen shirts
- 2 prs drawers
- 2 - stockings
- 1 fur lined coat
- 1 warm cap
- 1 pr long boots

I have answered this letter in order to show what were the intentions of her Majesty's Govt.

8995/93 signed letter, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE Barrack Hospital
 Scutari
 Dec 15/55

Dear Sir

It appears to me, on consideration, that you are the voice of the War Office delivering its commission to send home half the Nuns at the General Hospital, Balaclava - that there are, therefore, two objections to my expressing the opinion, which you desired, on the verdict of the War Office.

1. it would give greater unpopularity to your

commission by making it appear, as if the War Office acted at my instigation.

2. it would be really an impertinent interference for me, the servant, to express my opinion in favor of the decision of my Masters.

The matter stands, at present, that the War Office has expressed its disapprobation to me of the conduct of Mrs. Bridgeman, Superior of the R. Catholic Nuns now at Balaclava. She naturally replies, "The War Office has said nothing to me -

of course I do not act upon what has been said to you." Now comes the sentence to *her*, which must appear to her very natural, after having heard the disapprobation of her measure expressed by the War Office to me -

An opinion given by me under these circumstances appears to me as not merely unnecessary but as spoiling a good case -

Nevertheless, I think your judgment so much

less likely to err in this
matter than mine
that I subjoin the
opinion you desired,
in case you think it
desirable to use it.

With many thanks
for your kind support
& sympathy in a very
difficult life,
believe me, dear Sir,
yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Lt. Colonel Lefroy
R.A.

8995/94 handwritten copy of signed letter, 1f, pen {arch. also 5479/2
Scutari - Barrack Hospital [14:286-87]
December 15/55

Sir

I understand from you
that the War Department considers
that the number of twelve ladies,
now employed at the General
Hospital, Balaclava, is greater
than the average number of
patients in that hospital
requires - & that Lord
Panmure has desired my
opinion on this question.
I beg to state that I concur

with Lord Panmure in
that opinion that the
number of the ladies is
greater than the size &
circumstances of that
Hospital warrant.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant
Florence Nightingale
Lt. Col Lefroy RA
& &c

8995/95 signed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 5482/7

Sir

I have been desired
to transfer the order
for the "Clyde" to the
"Cambria", if you have
room - & accommodation
I therefore take the
liberty of sending the
Nurse on board for
the chance - & will
send the proper Orders
before the vessel sails

I remain Sir
Dec 21/55 yr obedt. servt.

Florence Nightingale

8995/96 signed letter, 1f, pen

Dec 18/55

Dear Sir

Might I trouble you
to look in this morning
at one of my Nurses
who has not much
the matter with her,
but who thinks herself
much in need of the
"Doctor"?

I shall be very
much obliged if you
will.

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 8995

550

8995/97 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? '55}

Please to ~~en~~ direct the
enclosed to

Mr. Serjeant Adams
9 Hyde Park St
London

or in whatever way you
address those great men,
Serjeants of law - *I* don't
know how to write to them,
MY Serjeants being only
~~called~~ able to write by
courtesy -

Our Hospls. are filling
again, I am sorry to say.

Wellcome Ms 8996

Wellcome (Claydon copies) Ms 8996, microfilm

8996/1 {arch: Index of letters Jan 6 - May 30} 1f

8996/3 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}, typed copy 43393 f209

Scutari Jan 6 1846 {arch: 6.1.1856} **[12:117-19]**

Private

My dear Mr. Herbert

I have written a letter as you desired, in order to relieve you from trouble & responsibility which are a bad reward for all your kindness & confidence in this matter.

But I would far rather leave the naming of the Council in your hands, & should you see anything injudicious in what I have said, I shall be grateful to you to make any alterations, which I sanction beforehand -

I confess that I do not see what a Council has to do till I *return die*

break up (so as to leave a conviction of my never being able to act) or else begin to act in London - It seems rather a case for Trustees now as I see specified by you - & I hope that you will take the trouble, always great but not ungrateful of acting as my Trustee -

Believe me to be ever most
gratefully yours F N -
PS- the confidence which you & the Subscribers to this Fund have shewn in me, has been so generous & extraordinary

that it is perhaps hardly necessary for me to allude to a very natural letter which I am told has appeared in the "Times" to the effect that I must furnish a Prospectus of what I am going to do before I can expect to have money subscribed to do it - I think this is perfectly reasonable if I originally had asked for the money, which of course I did not - But to furnish a cut & dried Prospectus of my Plans, when I cannot look forward a month, much less a year, is what I would not if I could, & I could not

if I would. I would not if I could, because everything which succeeds is not the production of a Scheme of Rules & Regulations made beforehand, but of a mind observing & adapting itself to wants & events. I could not if I would, because it is simply impossible to find time in the midst of one overpowering work to digest & concoct another - & if it could be done, it would be simply bad & to be hereafter altered or destroyed - St Vincent de Paul, who I am told is quoted in this letter, began with one Lady & four Peasant girls & no scheme at all - *That* was made afterwards - F N -

8996/4 signed copy of letter, 4ff, pen, not FN hand {arch: 56 1 14}
same as 5482/

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

[14:314-15]

Jany 14th '56

Mrs Byers,

It is with the most sincere sympathy that I am obliged to send you sad news of your Husband. He was for some time ill in this Hospital, during which every thing that was possible was done for his

recovery, but I grieve to say that he died on the 7th of January last of Dysentery -

It may be a comfort to you, though a sad one, to know that in his last days he talked much of his wife & children, He seemed extremely anxious about you, & spoke of you with the greatest

tenderness & affection. He desired that you might be written to; & was so anxious to remind us of writing to you, & of your direction, that during the last hour of his life, after he was unable to say more, he often repeated No. 5, No. 5.

I hope it will be a comfort to you to hear that every

thing that was possible was done here for the relief of his sufferings, & to support him in death. I saw him myself daily up to the day of his death. My head nurse was with him when he died - & he had the constant attendance of the Doctors of the Hospital, & of the Nurse belonging to his ward, The clergyman

attended regularly in his Ward, reading to him, & praying with him. He had all the nourishment he could take, & if he had a fancy for any particular thing it was taken to him.

I have sent today to your direction, his Purse, containing £1. 3. 6, & some copper, & his Medals which I hope will reach you safely. I wish to add

that in case you should be in distress in providing for your family now you have lost your Husband, you can apply to the "*Patriotic Fund*", & if you write to me, I will mention you to the Directors of that Fund.

You may direct to me

Miss Nightingale
Barrack Hospital
Scutari

[end 14:315]

[FN hand here:]

With sincere sympathy
for your great loss,
believe me,

dear Mrs. Byers,

Yours truly
Florence Nightingale

8996/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen [14:318]

Scutari

Jan 24/56

My dears I think
Miss Spottiswoode's letter
so beautiful, by which I
mean that she so thoroughly
comprehends the work
before her, (which is the
only true beauty) that I
deeply regret I have no
work at present for her,
& I hope that, if the war
is prolonged & our work
is prolonged, we shall
be able to offer her some -
Oh! if I had had her,
instead of that Miss Salisbury,

et id genus omne, Miss Wear,
Miss Tebbutt et id genus
omne, a life's bitterness
of re=mending false work,
might have been saved -

Besides this, she seems
to understand that the
work of the Ladies here lies with
the Nurses more than
with the men - which
scarcely any one has done

[end]

Believe me ever your
F Nightingale

Florence Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St

London
to Mrs S.S.

8996/6 signed letter, 7ff, pen use 5479/4 or Kew PRO? [14:323-25]

Scutari (in another hand 67281
rec'd 56 7 Barrack Hospl
action Feb 1013} Jan 28/56
My dear Sir

As I am somewhat
bruised & battered with
a fifteen months' war
with enemies who "strike
below the knee" - as, like
the gentlemen in Chevy Chase,
I am now fighting upon
my "stumps", I have
ventured so far as to
presume upon your
kindness in writing you
a private, though *not*
a "confidential" letter,
upon matters, on which
we have conversed together
& on which I really require some
support -

I this day enclosed you officially a statement of my Supt., Mrs. Shaw Stewart, at the Castle Hosp Balaclava, which forms an important Commentary up on the Purveyor's "confidential statement", which, you will find, is by no means "Confidential" in the Crimea -

I should have wished to have made to you many statements, though not at all "confidential" ones -when you were here But My Rule of Conduct has been Let us not

give them out by feeble dribblets. Let us hope a time may come, when I shall speak them myself, & as a whole - not as complaints against individuals, but against a System -

I think it not true, & even, *could* I truly represent what is wrong, I think it injudicious to pitch upon or "pitch into" individuals, who cannot do better, instead of the System which places them where they are - To complain of that system now would be

simply to displace myself -
Let me modify & alleviate
by my presence the wits
of that system, live thro'
& know them by experience,
& then a time may come
when I may represent
them as they are -

Two or three *trifling*
instances I must however
trouble you with, not at
all as matters of complaint
but of information - to
give a sense to what I have
said - & because it appeared
to me that those were under
peculiar difficulties in
obtaining *real* information
in the Crimea - where it is
almost impossible to do so - who
~~without~~ have not begun living in the midst of it.

[2]

1. In April, I undertook the Castle Hospital. Balaclava, a few days after it was opened - & from that time to this we have cooked *all* the Extra Diets for 500 - 600 Patients, (which was the number up to the middle of December) & the *whole* Diets for all the Wounded Officers - These were cooked by a Nurse in a shed - Because the cooking in the General Kitchen was so bad - And this was done at the request of the P.M.O. In May, I was promised that an Extra Diet Kitchen should

be built, while I was there
In July I sent up a French
man to cook, to whom
I give £100 pr ann; also
at the request of the
P.M.O. In the beginning
of October, I went up
again myself, & found no
Extra Diet Kitchen built
I then had it done -
During the whole of this time
all the eggs, butter, jelly
(all the Eau de Cologne,
of course), supplied to the
Sick Officers was supplied
by Mrs. Shaw Stewart or
myself privately. On Nov.
I opened my Extra Diet Kit
But, for 24 hours, (or it

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might be, 26 hours, I did
not bake the Officers' toast
in this kitchen, because it
interfered with the Extra
Diets for 550 Patients.
In those 24 hours, the
Officers made a complaint
to *Head-Quarters!* of our
ill-treatment - "in re" toast.
And Dr. Hall, with the
P.M.O. of Balaclava,
came down in their wrath
& reprimanded the _____
Cook's Orderly! Mrs Shaw
Stewart wrote, with my
consent, a short Official
request to Dr. Hall "that
his orders & reprimands
might be given to *her*,

in order that she who had the responsibility might see that his orders were obeyed." Dr. Hall then published to his inferior Officers that the ladies at the Castle Hospl. meant "to throw off all subordination to the Medical Officers". & that this was the reason he had brought the Nuns to the General Hospital, Balaclava - To Mrs. Stewart he wrote that "it was his duty to care for the Officers as well as the men" - his paternal care for their toast & them having begun on Nov 7/55, while

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he had never enquired how they had been provided for at all since April 23/55 So that the Wounded have perhaps profited more by Mrs. Stewart's & my "Maternal cares" than by Dr. Hall's paternal ones - which never could be persuaded to issue eggs, or any other comfort, till the Purveyor - in - Chief went up to the Crimea in the latter end of September /55.

2. My two Superintendents, Mrs. Shaw Stewart & Miss Wear at the Castle & General Hospitals, Crimea,

were informed that Dr. Hall had sent in a provision of Eau de Cologne if they would make Requisition for it for the Sick - Mrs. Stewart was too sharp, & did not fall into the trap, but simply said that she had enough of her own, & would never think of imposing on the Queen for such luxury for the Sick - Miss Wear fell into the trap & made Requisition, which was refused - In the next "Times I was shewn a paragraph "We learn from Dr. Hall that Requisitions are now

made for the Hospitals for such Articles as Eau de Cologne, Apple Jelly, & Rose Water" Poor Lord Raglan also informed Mrs. Stewart that Dr. Hall had complained to him that we "had actually made Requisitions for the above Articles."!

3. The P.M.O., ~~inform~~ then in being, of one of the General Hospitals in the Crimea, informed Lord Raglan in our presence that the men had on clean shirts regularly twice a week - the fact being that they had not then had clean shirts

for 28 days & those were
of my giving.

4. During six months,
the Castle Hospital, always
the principal Hospital in
the Crimea, which has
generally had more than
double the number of Patients
of any other Crimean Hospital,
had scarcely any thing
done for it in the way of
all the Engineering necessities
of a Hospital. This is the
statement of its own
Principal Surgeon - But
Dr. Hall, as he ~~stated~~ told me himself
"burked" his "Reports" -
And that it "would interfere
with his Promotion, were
this known"

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Again, I repeat, I say
these things to you not to
complain of Dr. Hall, who
is an able & efficient
Officer in many ways, &
who, I think, has been
justly provoked in many
ways - Dr. Hall is
indefatigable in *detailed*
work, & wants only a
governing system to work
under - But he is wholly
incapable of originating
one - And we have no
System, for *General* Hospitals,
in time of war -

[end 14:325]

Believe me, dear Sir

Yours very truly

Florence Nightingale

8996/7 copy of signed letter, 3ff pen, not FN hand, original is RAMC 271/20 also in Bowman and pub "From Miss Nightingales Mail Bag" 47

Scutari

[12:118-20]

Barrack Hospital

Jan 31/56

My dear Mr. Bracebridge

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

1. The people of England say to me by this subscription "We trust you - we wish you to do us a service -" No love or confidence can be shown

to a human being greater than this, and as such I accept gratefully & hopefully - I hope I shall never decline any work God and the people of England offer me -

But 2. I have no plan at all - I am not new to these things I am not without experience - and no fear presents itself more strongly to my mind, as certainty of failure more complete, than accompany the idea of beginning any thing of the nature proposed to me - with a great demonstration a vast preparation - a great man perhaps coming down to the Hospital to give the

first "cup of cold water" -
People's expectations are
highly wrought - they think
some great thing will be
accomplished in six months -
altho' experience shows it is
essentially the labour of centuries -
They will be disappointed to
see no apparent great change,
and at the end of a twelve-
month will feel as flat about
it, at three o'clock, after
the wedding breakfast is
over - But, worse than this -
the fellow workers who wd
join me in a work which
began with excitement, demon-
stration, public popularity,
would be those whom vanity,

frivolity, or the loss of
excitement would bring -
and these would, least of
all, bring about the wonderful
results which the public
would be expecting - or rather
the results would be
very "wonderful" the other way -
These are not theories, but
experience -
And, if I have a plan in
me, which is not battered
out by the perpetual "wear
& tear" of mind & body, I
am now undergoing - it wd
be simply this -
To take the poorest & least
organized Hospital in London
and putting myself in

there - see what I could do -
not touching the Fund "perhaps
for years". not till Experience
had shown how the Fund
might best be available -
This is not detracting from the
value & importance of the Fund
to the work - It will be *invaluable*
as occasion arises -
I have hardly time to write
this letter - much less to give
the experience which wd prove
the deductions to be true -
But I would only appeal to
two recent instances -
1. My strength here lay in
coming to Hospitals miserably
disorganized - or rather *un*

organized altogether and in organizing
them. had I come to an
Institution cut & dry what
could I have done to alter it?
2. the greater proportion of
valuable fellow workers here,
came out with the first
party, notwithstanding the
hurry of selection - when the
work was obscure, & laborious,
& laughed at - and the hard=
ships great, and *not*, with
a few priceless exceptions -
with the subsequent parties -
where the excitement and
popularity were great & love
of glory - of gain - & curiosity -
all on the alert - I have
no objection to what I say

in private to you - being repeated
~~filled~~ to those
who have so kindly interested
themselves in the "Nightingale
Fund" & sympathize in the
work -

The first fruits of a long series
(as I expect) of the brick & mortar
plans of needy or philanthropic
adventurers, who wish to get
hold of the "Nightingale Fund"
have already come in upon
me - But I hope our inexorable
Common Sense will not be
taken in - one more instance
and I have done -
Compare the gradual but
complete success of Fliedner's
at Kaiserswerth, with that of

the magnificent & pompous
'Bethanien' at Berlin - whose
excellent & simpleminded foundress
was appalled by the "greatness
thrust upon her - & which marred
her work -

I therefore must decline making
any plan whatever, even were
I not overwhelmed at present,
not with plans but work -
At the same time - would
I could say - which I cannot -
how much I feel the love
& confidence of the people
of England, in whose service
as I have lived, so I shall
die -

I am, dear Mr. Bracebridge
most truly yours
(signed) Florence Nightingale

8996/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Scutari

Barrack Hospital

[14:327-28]

Feb 4/56

My dear Lord Cranworth

I think that you, at least, will desire a Peace which will recal me from Scutari - since, notwithstanding my professed reluctance to trouble you with the "Salisbury Case", I now send this additional load of paper for your perusal.

But, seriously, I would feel much indebted to your kindness

to consider it

You will see that it is in the shape of a letter from me to Col. Lefroy, (Lord Panmure's Confidential Agent,) who laid before me officially Dr. Hall's letter & non-officially the "Purveyor's" statement, referred to by Dr. Hall. I chose, however, to consider both as proper documents for me to comment upon & to forward my Comment to the War Office.

I was prevented from having a copy of the Non=Official document & therefore cannot send you one - But you will sufficiently gather its nature from the enclosed -

To me this case appears evidently to be a branch of a design, secretly carried on, to injure me & my Nursing System. This "Purveyor" I will observe, is a Roman Catholic - & the parties who are handling Miss Salisbury are also Roman Catholic.

I learn that it is intended to prosecute me for libel, & I have evidence that a process of "fishing" for witnesses is going on with this view.

The grounds for a charge of libel do not seem to be laid upon my Despatch to the War Office, which you have read, but on some letters to private parties, which are said to contain similar expressions concerning Miss Salisbury's habits &c, to those used by me.

in communicating with
the War Office.

I understand that
some letters of mine
are lithographed &
appended to a lithographic
Statement of Miss
Salisbury's case, &
circulated by her &
her friends every where
both here & in England.
Would it not, therefore,
be best at once to
have these Papers
moved for in the House
of Commons & so bring
the whole case out
before the British

public, instead of
having partial and
garbled statements
thus circulated?

I mean in my
question to include
both the Salisbury case
& this one of Dr. Hall
& the "Purveyor" - For this
too I learn is also
privately circulated.

And the whole being
brought out would, I
think, shew to the
Public the sort of
conspiracy against
which I have to be
protected.

I have, unfortunately,
not yet received the
letter which your
kindness has, as I
learn from Lady
Cranworth, addressed
to me in answer to
mine about the
"Salisbury" -

[end 14:328]

I am ever,
dear Lord Cranworth,
most truly & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

8996/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen

[14:329-30]

Scutari
Barrack Hospital
Feb 7/56

My dearest

I wish **H.R.H. the**
Duchess of Kent could
know how greatly the
books were valued
which she was so
graciously pleased to
send for the Army
in the East.

The whole of the
Box of Books sent
by Her Royal Highness
(with the name of
"Bickers & Bush" on

the lid) was distributed
in the Crimea, on
account of the excellence
of the Selection - &
the dearth of good
& valuable Books
there-

For, altho' the name
of the Books in circu=
lation is *Legion*, yet
the majority of those
sent out from England
has been either
above the soldier,
or I regret to say,
far oftener, *beneath*
him -

We have now a
Reading Hut for every
Regiment in the Crimea
& a Central Library
besides - The greater
part of H.R.H the
Duchess of Kent's
books went, (as in
duty bound we were
so to arrange), to the
Library of the Queen's
Guards - who are
also, in general,
the best educated
men in the Army.

Those which
came from Her Royal

Highness in your boxes
have been given to
the Scutari Hospitals.

Five sets Chessmen
& Boards have this
morning arrived from,
I presume, Mrs. Charles
Buxton - They have
been eagerly asked for -

The whole of your
Boxes of Books, Copy=
Books, Maps, Prints,
Magic Lanthorns, Charts,
Stereoscopes, Games &c &c were
instantly distributed
in the Crimea & at
Scutari - Ever yours
F Nightingale

8996/10 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, not FN hand

Feb 10/56

I am thus particular in stating
every detail, / because having
learnt that it is intended to prosecute
me if possible for libel in the case
of a person dismissed by me Miss
Salisbury, I find that witnesses
among the nurses who return
home are sought for this purpose -
The evidence of that Mrs. Sansom
& Mrs. Wheatstone has been separately
taken with this view by the gentleman
who has undertaken Miss Salisbury's case

Mrs Wheatstone having been dismissed for drunkenness acknowledged by herself in writing. I think it not unlikely that Mrs. Sinclair's evidence will now be added to the number - As a measure of necessary police in this hard & painful but most interesting work I believe it to be my duty however not to shrink from giving true characters of those whom I discharge, not only to the 'grand & distant' War Office (which little affects the matter)

but to the last employer of the person discharged, the more so as so many of these nurses being heartily sick of the Crimea & the East & wishing themselves at home again their return is *in itself* most welcome. I have therefore always made & shall continue to make it my practice at my own risk to give the true cause of discharge. It is but just to warn them against what I have "suffered from myself. And this I will never evade, altho'

I find that 3 of the four letters I thus considered it my duty to write concerning Miss Salisbury have been made use of against me (the fourth being to Lady Canning) The grounds of a charge of libel seem to be laid upon these. one of which has been published in a lithographed statement which I have not seen but which I learn is extensively circulated both here & in England

As however there may be sixty four charges of libel laid against me I await the result with composure & shall continue "to do likewise" in a hardened manner.

8996/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 11 Feb 56} Goldie 208

Dearest mother

I send you by that
kind Capt. Wright,
whom it always
does me good to see,
the life's work of a
poor Turkish widow.
I hope you will
wear it for my sake.
It will just suit you,
& it is all *good Turkish*.
As I never can go over
to the Bazars & as it
was a mere chance
her offering me this

for sale, I snatched
at it, thinking it
a fitting garment for
you - Mind you
wear it - It is not
at all too fine by
candlelight. And you
have the only one in
the world - if that is
a recommendation.

The ~~prints~~ drawings in the
box are, I think, Mr.
Bracebridge's, but if
they are mine, they
are yours - I don't think
they are of much account,

Mind you make
 much of my good
 Capt Wright
 dearest mother
 Yours ever
 F Nightingale
 Scutari B.H.
 Feb 11/56
 They call me the
 Sultana of the Bosphorus
 &, if I am I think I
 have a right to insist
 upon the mother of
 the Sultana wearing a
 very fine gown.

8996/12 handwritten copy of 8996/11 with another letter added, 2ff,
 pen

Scutari BH
 Feb 11/56 -
 Dearest Mother
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 Capt. Wright, whom it always does
 me good to see, the life's work of
 a poor Turkish widow - I hope
 you will wear it for my sake -
 It will just suit you, & it is all
good Turkish - As I never can
 go over to the Bazaars & as it
 was a mere chance her offering
 me this for sale, I snatched at it,
 thinking it a fitting garment for
 you - Mind you wear it - It is not
 at all too fine by candlelight. And
 you have the only one in the world
 if that is a recommendation -
 The drawings in the box are, I think,
 Mr. Bracebridge's, but if they are
 mine, they are yours - I don't think
 they are of much account,
 Mind you make much of my good
 Capt Wright

Dearest mother
Yours ever

**They call me the Sultana of the
Bosphorus, &, if I am I think I
have a right to insist upon the
mother of the Sultana wearing a
very fine gown.**

Dearest mother [Goldie 208]

I have never had time to tell
you that your gold robe is a Chapter
of the Koran, the last I believe
repeated plus these words -
God be with you
God protect you
May you live long in happiness

altho you are in joy remember the
words of the prophet
This occurs several times -
When the people of England rise as
they did about the Corn=Laws about
these late Promotions I shall believe
in them. But now what can we
expect other than more Sir John Halls
more Sir Richard Aireys more Lord
Cardigans. We are just where we were -
Those are rewarded for having *done*
what the D. of Newcastle was turned
{written upside down:}
~~My dearest mother~~
~~I send you a gold worked~~
out for having merely suffered to be
done. Put not thy trust in peoples -
Ever your loving child -

8996/13 handwritten copy of signed reply to a letter, 3ff, pen

Reply of Miss Nightingale
to General Stranbourne [Straubenzee]
Scutari Barrack Hospital
Feb 12 - 1856

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Jan 31 informing me that you had without previously asking my consent, given a copy of my private letter to you into the hands of some one, of a party who are endeavouring to get up a case of prosecution for libel against me - The lithographed statement you mention I have never seen, but I have heard that it is in

circulation & I presume my private letter to you will now be added to it. I do not suppose that your having thus unwarily assisted in a conspiracy against me will be of much consequence to me, but I must express my belief that you will on reflection not think that you were justified in doing so without previously asking my permission instead of informing me after of the fact -

On the dismissal of Miss Salisbury I considered it my duty to write to four persons to guard them against that from which I had myself suffered

so much. Two of these were Miss Wyse & yourself, & I felt particularly bound to give you this warning, knowing that evidence was laid before the General Commandant here, of Miss Salisbury's having sent to you without my knowledge or consent, several articles belonging to me or entrusted to my charge, including a camp lamp - Of these private letters three have now been made use of against me, & though I have nothing to apprehend from such a proceeding I am made to feel that I have been too lenient towards an unhappy woman & too considerate of yourself & others who I

thought were likely to be unpleasantly involved - Your letters to me confirmed me in my opinion that my warning had been necessary & proper, expressing as you did your "grief" & "annoyance" at what had already occurred & your opinion of Miss S. & her acts & especially your strong feeling about "so unworthy a purpose as seeking for evidence to defame me" - I must however now obtain that full publicity for this whole affair, which is now my only protection against the secret slander systematically carried on against me &

I share your regret that your name should be mixed up in so disagreeable a subject. I forward a copy of your note & this reply to the War Office -

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

8996/13 copy of FN to General Straubenzee

8996/14 signed note, 1f, pen {arch: 67545}

Please to deliver to the Revd. Mr. Boudier
4 cases for Mrs. Shaw Stewart

1 " for Major Cox
embarked today on board the "Ottawa"
Florence Nightingale
Scutari February 14/56

8996/15 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {not FN's hand {arch: 1856} seems to
be to Bence Jones

My dear Sir

Thank you for your letter
of Feb. 17. The state of the
workhouse sick which you describe
I am but too well acquainted
with. But I have no time at
present to make plans, nor to
write at length upon any future
work.

By taking the liberty of placing your

name upon my Council as I did
I hope to enlist your advice & support
& to give you the power of "interfering"
as you call it if I come home or
if I don't.

But one thing I can safely say
if it please God to give me life &
health (which seems very doubtful
at present) I shall certainly devote
that life & health to the one object
which we have talked about - & I
shall certainly *not* spend any portion

of that life in "training Nurses
for *rich* families" except by
parenthesis

8996/16 initialed letter, 4ff, pen Goldie 209

Scutari B.H.

[14:334-35]

Feb 18/56

My dearest

In answer to Mrs. Robert Holland's enquiry about Evening Schools, she must understand that we have none other here because, of course, *all* our Schools are for Adults - with the exception of one very small one for children - but, as all our children are born here, of course, I think they must be to teach them the bottle.

We have now five first rate Schools here - one for the Cavalry - one for the Victoria Barracks - one for the Garrison School, in a magnificent hut, built on purpose, where we have two school masters, lectures (entertaining) twice a week, Magic Lanthorn, very good singing classes, & *crowded* every night - The fourth School is for the Mounted Sappers the fifth for the Artillery at Galata Serai Everything which has been sent by you has come in handy for these *Everything* has been snapped up -

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And I have been obliged to *insist* on a proper share for the Crimea - for which Govt. has done nothing.

However we have Lectures there, a Theatre where they are acting my or your Plays, a Reading Hut for each Regiment, &c And I have sent them the Lion's share of the Diagrams, &c especially the Astronomical Diagrams & SLIDES - Mr. Somerville is thankful

Two boxes from Mrs. Robert Holland have just come in, per *Clyde* - the whole of which were instantly distributed among the Schools here & in the Crimea. [end 14:330]

I sent up a large portion to the latter.

H.B.C.'s box also arrived "per *Edecia*" yesterday of Foot=Balls &c - all distributed almost within the hour Galata Serai had just broken its only Football & Officers & Men were [cut off] king over the wall in blank dismay. But, when informed that Miss Nightingale kept every thing & among other things FootBalls. a roar of laughter & three Cheers for

Miss N. followed - "And do you think she keeps any quoits?" Oh! you can make those out of horse - -{edge of paper cut off "But will she send Draughts & Dominos?" Yes, boys, y[es]

Everything has been used to the last bo[x?]

PRIVATE Pray do not think that I suppose Harry has done all the work - I know you worked yourselves off your legs - I only commended him for his great goodness in putting a List of Contents inside each box which does save such a world of trouble & waste Please thank him for his last box, which was most acceptable, marked HBC & tell him about the FootBalls (Even the Senior Chaplain began to play & please thank Mrs. Robt Holland for her most useful Box.

I have also received a Box *very good* dated January 4.

(I know not how or whence) containing Stationery - Household Words - in weekly unbound Nos. - Diamond Testaments - & Prayer Books - Wafers - Seals &c - Have you any knowledge of this? We cannot identify Boxes especially if they come out of the Custom Ho - when we do not even

know by what vessel they came. And very few people condescend to give us any distinctive mark - let every one put (inside) a List of Contents & from whom they came - *besides* sending Bill of Lading Mrs. R. Holland's box was perfect in these respects - But it did not come "per Severn" People often seem to think that their own identity is so strongly & mesmerically marked on their Box that I can tell whom Stationary bought at a shop & looking precisely like any other Stationary bought at a shop comes from. Schools have two hours after[noons] two hours eveni[ng]

{& the men rush in -

God bless you, my well beloved
Your "Seggiola" came in Mrs. R. Holland'[s] boxes - beautiful - But I saw no Chess or Games - There were plenty in H.B.C's box however. We have besides a Mutual Improvement Socy. for workmen - Is this what Mrs. Holland means? which I have furnished *entirely* (with things from home) as Govt. does nothing for them. And they did it for themselves, brave fellows.

I got the bonnet - very nice Thank you
God bless you again & again - Ever yours

[end 14:335]

FN

8996/17 signed, incomplete letter, 3ff, pen, and 5482/17

Barrack Hospital
Scutari

Febr 28/56 [14:341-42]

Mrs. Byers

In answer to your letter, I can give you the fullest assurance that your poor husband was dead at the time he was buried - he was so extremely weak, that we had been expecting

his death for some days - I saw him a few hours before his death, & was quite aware that he was dying, & my Head Nurse was with him *when* he died, Moreover, all the bodies of those who died in Hospital, are ordered to be seen by a medical officer before they are buried,

in order that it may be certain that death has really taken place.

With respect to the state of the soul of your poor husband, I have spoken both to Dr. Blackwood, a clergyman of the Church of England, & to Mr. McRae, the Presbyterian

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dealt with, & the hope
of meeting again, when
the trials of this world
are over.

I remain, dear Mrs. Byers,
with sincere sympathy
for your great loss

Yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Should you not be in
the receipt of the allowance
granted by the "Patriotic
Fund" to widows & that
granted to orphans for your
children, you may write

to Lt. Col Lefroy
Royal Artillery
Secretary to the
"Patriotic Fund"
16A Great George St. Westminster
London

stating full particulars as
to yourself & children &
asking for this allowance -
A printed paper will then
be forwarded to you for
you to fill up - by the
Office of the "Patriotic Fund"
& you will receive this
proper allowance.

[end 14:342]

8996/18 copy of an incomplete, unsigned letter, 1f, pen 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.

[12:121]

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

1 that unless the Treasurers
of Bartholomew's & St. Thomas'
(in those their strongholds of
Papistry) are converted from
their wicked ways of calling
the head nurse of each ward
Sister, & 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.

[end 12:121]

Scutari
1/3/56

8996/19 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen {not FN's hand}

Barrack Hospital [14:343-45]
Scutari
March 3rd/56

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for
your letter & its enclosure, just received.
It will be of immense service to
my work to have it officially reco-
nised by the War Department - offi-
cially noticed to Sir W. Codrington -
This ought to have been done long
ago, I have now the responsibility
of *refusing* Nurses to Medical Officers,
to Commanding Officers, to Chaplains
who assure me that they are want-
ed, that they have a Hut ready for
them, that they are waiting for them
because - Dr. Hall says that I
have no official status - This has been
the case with both Wings of the Land

I was past cross, as regards their Hospitals, which have been & still are the worst in ~~their~~ the camp -

But private griefs are now as nothing - What are a few hospitals in comparison with the whole Army?

By Sir John McNeil's cold, correct & dispassionate Report, I feel that what I have to say is not worth giving - I gave my evidence when I was required - & having been here & in the Crimea almost since the beginning, it had some value on that account.

What are the "Scribes & Phari sees" compared to what is doing now? The Scribes & P.s, we are told "devoured widows' houses" & put the noise & cummin" into their own pockets. But we have *made* the widows, & put a great deal more than anise

& cummin into the pockets of those who have been the principal agents of the manslaughter. Sir Michael Airey, Col. Gordon, Lord Lucan, Lord Cardigan, Sir John Hall, Mr. Fitzgerald - can a K.C.B. ship or a promotion from the Horse Guards or the War Department ever be any thing else than a title of disgrace from this time forth?

If you have friends among these, so have I. But I would give up my own father in such a cause -

England has never realized the six thousand graves at Scutari, the many, many more in the Crimea -

But I, who have seen the men come down through that long, long, dreadful winter,

(four thousand we received in
seventeen days) between Dec 17/54
& Jan 3/55 - without other covering
than a dirty blanket & a pair
of old Regimental trousers, when
the stores were teeming with
every kind of warm clothing,
living skeletons, devoured with
vermin, ulcerated, hopeless, &
helpless, & die without ever
lifting up their heads 70 - 80 per
diem on the Bosphorus alone
up to the 13th Feb/55 when we
reached our maximum of mortality.
can I hear of the promotion of
the men who have caused this
colossal calamity, without
thinking that the next thing
we shall hear of is, the Decline &
Fall of the British Empire?

In the list of the Medical CB's
I see but one name of those many
deserving Medical Officers, who
boldly at the risk of their own
promotion, which they have thereby
lost, withstood Red Tape, official
routine & Dr. Hall, & determined to
have, by one means or another, the
means of saving life for their men
All the other Medical CB's, without
one exception, that I see, are men
of fourth or fifth rate capacity,
who have licked the dust off
Dr. Hall's shoes, by truckling to
formalities & thereby won their
little day -

Would that the men could
speak who lay, dying of Cholera,
& died in the puddles of Kalamita
Bay, & their zealous & active
Medical Officers could not get a
grain of medicine out of Dr. Hall,
without a Requisition which they

could not write! The men who told this to Dr. Hall openly to his face & remonstrated, I look for in vain in the list of CB's.

But the man who let the sick come down to Balaclava without giving notice of them, & lie there in Arabas for three hours together, in the winter, there being not boats to get them off, he is a CB.

After all we have done & all we have suffered, this is the glorious conclusion - we leave off at the end of two years having rewarded the authors of the greatest calamity that has ever visited us - & encouraged them to do the same next time -
And Lord Panmure gets up in the House of Lords &

with bated breath & whispering
humbleness, hopes that the Cavalry
Lords will not be offended.

I feel ashamed to deal in
invective, with such a model
of cool conscientious truth as
Sir John MacNeil's report before
we - But he did not SEE these
things - I did and nobody, I believe,
to this day realizes them -
I know personally & feelingly,
that several of these culprits,
thus rewarded, are men of
honor, conscience & ability -
But what of that? I say
with the Litany, "Good Lord
deliver us."

I do not like to put forward
grievances which may seem to

be personal in a matter where
I am fortunately so out of the
pale of promotion that I cannot
be supposed to have preference
or prerogative -

But compare only - a man
of the name of Bakewell, for merely
putting forward a statement
(which was true) in the "Times" is
deprived of this Commission as
Asst. Surgeon, & expelled his Profession
for inditing "slander"
And Fitzgerald, who secretly
indites & causes to be laid "confi
dentially" before the War Office
a malicious *libel* against a
whole Department of H.Mys. Servants
is promoted -

{different hand

I enclose a Treasury Bill for 500£
I have another in my pocket but
which I think better to keep for
an emergency.

By writing a most impertinent letter
to the Purveyor in Chief to be
manumitted to the examiner of
accounts in London which is the
only way I find at last to treat
these people, I got by return of
mail, 1100£ of the £1500 which
has been accumulating as due to me
since June/55 - The quibble upon
which it was withheld I have not time
to tell.

I will not submit to the impertinence
of these War Office Clerks of whom
one John Milton is the chief - If
these cringing officials out here would
keep as steady a tone, they would
not be *made* to cringe as *they are*.
But how am I reminded of South
American Slavery in my official
life - Could you but be one half hour
behind the medical Scenes as I am
In the list of Medical CB's I see
not one name of those who nobly
humanely & stedfastly withstood
the prince of Red tape & inhuman

routine Sir John Hall. With that one exception all those who have been thus rewarded have been Sambos & Quimbos to Legree -

I cannot think that if you know the things that I know, have seen with these eyes & heard with these ears you would think these words too strong - What honest man can ever care for official honours again - Life is so hopeless in official trammels - I doubt the Decline & Fall of the British Empire is at hand -

I am so tired of that Talbot of Peterboro' who has written to Mr. Herbert Mr. Bracebridge I believe to you & to me about the £'s which the son never gave me -

[end 14:345]

8996/20 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {not FN's hand} {arch: ?55}
another version 43401 ff159-62

I have just seen Sir John Mc **[14:409]**
Neills & Colonel Tulloch's correct
cool dispassionate report -

England has never realized the
six thousand graves at Scutari, the
many, many more in the Crimea -

But I ~~who~~ have seen the men
come down through that long, long
dreadful winter (four thousand
we received in seventeen days between
Dec 17/54 & Jan 3/55 - without
other covering than a dirty blanket
& a pair of old Regimental trousers
when the stores were teeming with
every kind of warm clothing, living
skeletons, devoured with vermin
ulcerated, hopeless, & helpless, & die
without ever lifting up their heads
70 - 80 per diem on the Bosphorus
alone up to the 13th Feb when we
reached our maximum of mortality.-

x x x

The report is a model of cool
conscientious truth, but Sir John
McNeil & Colonel Tulloch did
not see these things. I did, &
nobody I believe who has not,
to this day realises them -

[end]

8996/21 initialed letter, 1f, pen {original of 8996/12?} [4:494]

Dearest mother

I have never had time to tell
you that your gold robe is a
Chap. of the Koran, the last I
believe - repeated

plus these words -

God be with you

God protect you

May you live long in happiness

Altho' you are in joy, remember
the words of the Prophet -

This occurs several times -

When the people of England rise, as
they did about the Corn=Laws, about
these late Promotions, I shall believe
in them. But now, what can we
expect other than more Sir John
Halls, more Sir Richard Aireys,
more Lord Cardigans. We are just where we were -Those are re
warded for having *done* what the
D. of Newcastle was turned out for
having merely suffered to be done. Put not
thy faith in peoples - Ever your loving child -

5/3/56

FN

8996/22 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {copy of 8996/12, 8996/21}

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Duke of Newcastle was
turned out for merely
having suffered to be done.
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Ever your loving child -

5/3/56

FN

I am sending you home
by the first opportunity
7 Photographs
3 Sevastopols
2 Balaclava
1 Cathcarts
Burial Ground in Camp
1 Barrack Hospital
Scutari taken from
Kadikoi

These join on
to each other
from the two
ends of the
harbour

8996/23 signed letter, 4ff, pen {not FN's hand} {arch: copy}
[use date 5/3/56]

5/9/56 [probably 5/3/56] [14:348]
The extraordinary difference of system
observed by Govt in administering
to the wants of Civil & Military
Hospitals, the lavish & spoiling
expensiveness of Renkioi, & the
niggardly economy of the Crimea -
(Renkioi having already cost £900 000,
whereas the Castle Hospital at
Balaclava, with the same number
of patients always, & generally a
larger number, has cost about the
tenth part), these things make
me fancy that there is some mysterious
distinction, unintelligible to the

Military Mind to be consulted.

Lady Stratford has not yet sent
me the Officers' nurses Winter
Clothing - but has promised it me for
store. I am not at all in want of it,
having clothed those ladies out of my
own stores immediately after poor
Mrs. Moore's death -
None of these had received any wages
since Sept 18/55, one month having
been advanced to them up to that date.
I have paid up the living ones. But
to poor Marks, who died, is due
(as I have only now been informed)

from Sept 18 to Oct 8, the date of her death. This period of 3 weeks at 18" a week should be paid to her next of kin, whose direction I have not, but which is probably in your books

I have put up a stone to poor *Mary Marks*, whose resting place had been left unnoticed -

Caps net & others

Many many thanks for all your kind sympathy & support, which is felt by me more than I have said or can say -

I can hardly rejoice in peace - But the sufferings of the French are so frightful that I suppose we *must* have it. They are suffering more than we were last year - They have now 16,000 sick, 1 in 8; 10,000 down here - Typhus alone kills 50 -60 per diem in these Hospitals only - The Medical men are dying 3 in one day - so are the Sisters - They themselves tell the same story that

we did last year - that want of food & clothing sends down the Patients in a typhoid state, which is propagated by the overcrowded-state of the Hospitals - After a 'deal' of negociation we made them a official offer of help, to buy or to accept as they preferred medical men, (for each of theirs has no less than 200 patients) Port wine arrowroot, Beds & Blankets, Preserved Meats, Sugar - These were the things named by *themselves* as *necessities* - Mr. Thouvenel General Larchey &

Mr. Baudens, the Medical Inspector, accepted officially - and now the "Intendance" has stepped in & declined - Their system is worse than ours. I am in a kind of chronic rage one piece of selfish meanness follows another so fast, (like the nigger who said, "same drink Major, same drink.") They are actually starving - This we know officially - The only thing to be done was to step in privately, which I did very humbly, & was told that privately things would be accepted.

I accordingly borrowed the Govt steamer, & sent everything we could spare, there being plenty of time to replace it, if war is to be -

Blankets	Sugar
Port wine	Arrowroot
Bordeaux	Coffee & Cocoa
Preserved Meats	Preserves
Warm Clothing	&c &c -

Of Doctors I had none, & perhaps that is the smallest want

I am very anxious that the whole of this story should keep out of the newspapers, as the French openly said that their reason for declining was the above fear -

How little magnanimous they are -
We accepted ~~every~~any thing from them
in our calamity this time last
year - But if it were known that
I had helped them they might refuse
any more help - I am not at all
repenting of what I have done, which
was done with the full sanction
of the General Commanding -
But if there is any fault found
I will replace the articles -
Yours ever faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

8996/24 signed letter, 1f, pen

Scutari
Barrack Hospital [14:351-52]
8/3/56

Dear Sir

Hearing that the Russian
prisoners are in some want of
clothing & the weather being
cold, I have taken the liberty
of addressing to you

7 Bales containing
200 shirts
150 Jerseys
300 prs Turkish socks &
some Old Clothes

thinking that you would kindly
take the pains of ascertaining where
they were wanted & distributing
them or giving them to the
proper person to distribute -

I should have come over myself
had it not been for the want of
health & weather
Yours very truly
Florence Nightingale

[end]

8996/25 Return showing the number of Artillery horses that died 54-56,
1f

8996/26 letter, 3ff, pen {not FN's hand}

Scutari

Barrack Hospital

March 15/56

Dear Mr. Bracebridge

I must entirely decline
doing what you propose -
(que facit per alicini facit per se)
and I will have neither act nor
part in sending a garbled &
wretched answer, or any answer
at all to Miss Salisbury's statement
about -

For 1. This is no answer at all.

2. You do not know the party
as I do, nor the advantage they
will take of me,

For I. Dr. Blackwood's answer, he
who knew nothing & could conse-
quently give no evidence at all as
to Salisbury's robbery, & the W. Office
answer to Salisbury, which rounds
the corner nicely about her desk

(which has nothing to do with the question at all) are no answer to her "statement" They prove nothing but that Genl Storcks & I were right in sending her home, which no one, I believe, really doubted. What is all this galimatias about her "desk" in the W. Office answer? I answered the question that I had not touched her desk because I was asked it. But feeling all the while that it was beside the works - If the General conceived it his duty to search her papers at all, it was equally his duty to search her desk & boxes. This answer is mere equivocating, the two cases must stand or fall together. Are our respected friends in Marlboro' St (or are they not,) justified when Bill Sykes or his wife are had up before them for theft, to seize their papers

if they have any? The General was undoubtedly her judge - & it is a mean shift on the part of the WO to say that he (or I, who was his officer) did not open her "desk"

2. If this comes before the House, as it probably will do, my enemies ~~will~~ must not be able to say as they surely will, that Miss Nightingale (either by herself or by any one connected with her) imitated the example of Miss Salisbury in circulating privately statements (& garbled statements) in her defence - I must be able to say that all I have had to do with the case, has been direct between me & the War Office

Genl Storks & I are not to be made either directly or indirectly, to circulate a defence of ourselves *he*, being the judge, & *I* the prosecutrix, & neither of us the criminal - If the W.O. wish their verdict to be known in the Crimea or elsewhere, they have hundreds of clerks & hundreds of ways of doing it. And it is just as easy to do it from England as from here - Indeed neither my Aunt, nor any one in direct conversation with me, shall do it with my knowledge or consent.

Genl Storkes & Dr. Blackwood are eagerly of my opinion & neither will consent to have act or fact in the matter

I consider it indeed (but this is only by the bye) but half an answer - Dr. Blackwood's letter not entering (as indeed he was no witness to the robbery but only to the lie) into the main point.

& the W. Office's answer being quite beside the mark as to the "desk" Why I did not open the desk was simply a foolish little chivalrous womanly feeling on my part, & that I knew there was money in it.

The wretched woman was then so utterly degraded & humiliated & (literally) groveling on the earth before us, begging not to be prosecuted & to be sent home *immediately* when shall I go? Are you sure I shall go tomorrow? that no one could feel any thing but compassion

Dear Mr. Bracebridge
ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale
Turn over

Was it matter of police or was it not? If it were, we were right, if not, we were wrong. Would not with any other convicted thief, the papers have been examined?

Don't therefore make me a party to throwing dust into people's eyes about "opening" or "not opening the desk."

8996/27 unsigned letter, 4ff, pen {not FN hand}

Scutari [14:357-59]
Lt Col Lefroy Barrack Hospital
March 16/56

My dear Sir

Though I am just starting for the Crimea, and should have been there by this time, had it not been for the gale of wind which has caused our transports to put back - I must thank you for your kind letter of March 3rd & for the act of justice to our work - which I am sure I owe you -

My revered friend & patron John Hall - K.C.B. has consented to my undertaking the two dirty & neglected L.T.C. Hospitals - at the earnest request of the first A. Staff Surgeon in Charge - & I was on my way thither - To find me in G.O. up there, will be a great satisfaction to my numerous friends & patrons there - and (now I am serious) will greatly facilitate the work—of which

the W.O. has given me to be done -
& will prevent an exhausting & ever
recurring struggle -
With regard to Dr. Hall's false report,
if it is his, to the W.O., that I had
"renounced all responsibility for Crimean
Hospitals -" I am perpetually reminded
by him of O'Connell's aphorism - 'It is
a good lie, if it lasts four & twenty
hour' But if the W.O. would *think, this*
could not last 24 minutes -
The W.O. have at this moment, before
them - Mrs. Shaw Stewart's letter to me -
She is my Superintendant at the most
considerable Hospital in the Crimea,
the Castle Hospital, & she does not
write to me as if I had nothing to do
with them - But the "Budget" is the
grand thing, as we are told in the
discussion between Horse Guards,
War Department, & House of Commons,
And the W.O. will have in my "Bill"
at Lady Day - for two Hospitals in

the Crimea - which I have had since the beginning, & now for four - leaving out the Genl Hospital at Balaclava - So that question is at rest -

I cannot too much thank you for your kind interest in our work, nor express how much I feel this benefit, that you are good enough to give me your advice; but in the Matter of the R.C. nuns, it is entirely in accordance with my own opinion - & constant line of conduct throughout

I receive the R.C. assistance here with open arms - Head Mother here is one of my very best helpers - the W.O. sent out at my request more nuns to be under her - The Bridgemans at Balaclava it is true are the tools of an Irish faction - They have been always called here the 'Brickbats' - It is wise in the English govt - to forward

as much as possible the respectable & worthy R.C. work here - the French have greatly increased their influence by doing so - By strengthening the Irish R.C.s here - the Govt raise up enemies to themselves - the Irish R.C.s hating the English Governmt - as they do - But in fear of the Irish Brigade, the Govt pass over Fitzgerald's slanders, & Mrs. Bridgeman's insurrection - I have always said that a R.C. can do anything - which we cannot do - lie, steal, murder, slander - because we are afraid of the RCs - What an advantage it must be - the incessant un= speakably laborious struggle which I have had for 17 months - will now be greatly saved me by the G.O. in question -

And you need not be afraid

that I shall molest the 'Brickbats'
Above all, I am afraid of their
resigning & making martyrs of
themselves - which is their grand object -
I shall interfere in no way - whatsoever -
That there should be none but R.C.s
in any one Hospital is entirely contrary
to my original instructions from the
W.O., & to common principle - But in
this instance common prudence & feeling
leave but one course open to me -
For as a Superintendant of women
I cannot expose any woman directly
under my charge to the slanders of a
scoundrel like Fitzgerald (I really
have looked in the Dicy for another
synonmye for Fitzgerald & have not
been able to find one - being unwilling
to use so hard a word) & therefore
while he remains in Office of B'clava,
only I, and the Brickbats, whom he has
taken under his aegis - shall have

anything to do with his Hospital
proper -.

Also as a practical woman, I think
it is a pity to give Mr. F. the pleasure
of refusing my requisitions - or of
falsifying them to the W.O. I shall
therefore take up everything with me
which my Hospital will want -
leaving it to the Purveyor to supply such
things only as bread, meat, &c which
I cannot make -

Had this man been one of our
persuasion, he would have been
brought to a Court Martial - But it
is enough to be a RC **for the Govt**
to say "Oh, do pray be quiet,' don't tell
of his lies - or you will bring down
the Irish Brigade upon us' -
Very well - I am content - I had
at all events much rather that
Mr. F should speak ill of me, than

that he should speak well -
I must say one thing more - we
have heard with the greatest
astonishment in these Hospitals of
Mr. F. Peel's speech in the House of
Commons concerning the state of Health
in the Crimea - & Dr. Hall's exposition
of it, which tallies exactly with his
letter to you - of which you were kind
enough to give me a copy - asserting
that none but Convalescents were
sent down to Scutari -
Upon my mentioning this to the
Principal Medical Officer of this
Hospital - he exclaimed with genuine
feeling "What a devil of a Story!"
The facts of the case are exactly
the reverse - The Army in the Crimea
is healthy - because all the bad cases
are sent down here - an acute
case - may now & then slip thro' their
fingers - but if a case does not recover

quickly - immediately, or as soon
as possible it is sent down to Scutari.
I do not know whether men with
condensed lungs & ulcerated bowels
who come down here to die - are
called by Sir John Hall 'Convalescents'
But nearly all - the cases who do
die here are from the Crimea -
and if it were not for these, Scutari
would not have a death in a
fortnight -

[end 14:359]

8996/28 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari

[14:360-61]

March 17/56

My dearest

Do not be taken in
by Miss Stanley. I say
this with a heavy heart -
You know what her
defection has been to
me - it has nearly
broken mine. But
she is not a "weak
fool" - ~~An~~ She is
practising upon "weak
fools". I have proofs
of her duplicity at
this very moment
which would stagger

you-

The matter is become
one of absolute indifference
to me except for the
sake of the work, because
I have convinced my self
that there *never has*
been a Mary Stanley,
& I mourn her
depravity only as I do
that of Lord Cardigan
or such men - But
at this moment she
injures our work - She
has got hold of the
mind of a "weak fool",
Miss Tebbutt, here, who,
(in her equal weakness
either way,) sometimes
lies to conceal Miss
Stanley's letters &
sometimes shews them
to me - And I have a
specimen of a letter
seeking to injure me
in the Salisbury
business, & ~~openly~~ covertly
accusing Mrs. Brace=
bridge & me of false=
hood & theft, which
would be absolutely

incredible for its ~~folly~~ silly wickedness,
did it not appear that
she had exactly gauged
Miss T.'s mind * - The harm
done to our work has
been incalculable -

If you tell me to
be amazed at Mr.
Stanley & Mrs. Stanley for
being "weak fools", I
should agree - What have
they to do with Salisbury?

[end 14:362]

Ever yours

FN

*And this while she, Miss
Stanley, writes to me to
offer to come back - & pro=
claims her "admiration" of me in England!!

8996/29 copy of 8996/28

8996/30 2 addressed envelopes, 1f, pen
Miss Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
London

8996/31 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Scutari B.H.

[14:362]

20/3/56

My dearest

Do not think that
I have ever been "angry"
with Miss Stanley or
that I require to
for swear "anger" - I
never have I think
that she has lived
in a maze of duplicity
till she does not know
at this moment (not
whether she speaks the
Truth but) whether it
is right to speak the

truth -

I know by proof
that she is at this
moment betraying me
& the cause with which
I have identified
myself & leading
another to betray it,
while asserting the
contrary in England.

But I have no
anger against her.
no more than I have
against that toothless

old dog, Sanson, who
after I have caressed
It & nursed it & kept
it ~~on~~ *because of* its
old age & infirmities,
turns against me & hangs on,
tho' it cannot bite,
by its toothless old jaws.

Just so, Miss Stanley
is what she is, & I
have never felt an
emotion of anger, nor
have I any occasion
to forgive either her
or myself for any
thing that has passed

between us - *

Ever yours

FN

Many thanks for the
books -

*How truly can I say,
"they know not what
they do."

[end]

Hilary writes about
this man - 11th Hussars -
He only came into
Hospital (the General
Hospital) for a
bleeding nose - & was
discharged ~~almost~~ soon
~~immediately~~ to duty
quite well - on Feb 23

8996/32 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand} copy 43397 f100-01

March 20 [14:361-02]

I write in great haste (being every moment in expectation of the vessel sailing for the Crimea by which I am going to take up nurses for two new Hospitals belonging to the Land Transport Corps - Caps Aprons badges parcels &c most welcome, & have given universal satisfaction & all are very grateful for the trouble you have taken The sprigged muslin was particularly

pleasing

I received the Macaulay, Siege of Kars & roll of prints by your kindness through a Queen's Messenger Major Hall - When you hear that I have taken to drinking, & think of me as enjoying my pipe & gin & water you will know that it is in accordance with your kind suggestion I should have written to the Chancellor

to thank him for his very kind letter & shall do so But I know that he can have no time for me & therefore I will ask you merely to present my grateful duty till I write myself to him -

The cold here is intense snow on the ground & N wind blowing across the Steppes so I think winter clothing will still be acceptable at *Renkioi*

only kept 7 nurses

2 ladies

from Koulalee

[end 14:362]

{upside down}

The sprigged muslin was particularly
pleasing

8996/33 List of Officers & men died since April, 1854, 1f

8996/34 initialed letter, 1f, pen, not FN hand

Balaclava

March 25/56 **[14:363]**

First & foremost how is Revd
Mother?

2 Will you tell Dr. Blackwood,
who prayed for us, that I have
extended what Mrs. Stewart
calls my sad but noble domain
or servitude, it little matters
which, to the two L.T.C. miser-
able Hospitals

3 The Commander in Chief came
to see me immediately upon my
arrival

4. We had a most tiresome voyage,
& were for 24 hours off Kamiesch
Bay before we could get in - having
lost our ammunition boats in tow
four times - & four times been lying

to or beating about for two hours
till we could hook them on
again.

5. I have had a curious breeze
with Mrs. Bridgeman, which for
abominable hypocrisy & astute-
ness on the part of that woman
beats the world

6 Mr. Fitzgerald & I met like
the oldest friends. But he knows
I know "it". We are obliged to have
hourly business together in his
office & he will shoot me if he
can

God bless you. ever yours **[end]**

FN

The other letter accompanying that to
Rev M. is mere directions, & refers me to
her letter to Rev M for news of them

8996/35 letter from General Storks to Lord Stratford, 2ff 27 March
1856

8996/36 printed copy of General Orders 28th March, 1856, 1f

8996/37 incomplete, unsigned draft or copy of letter, 3ff, pen {not FN's hand, MSS?} original Mercy Bermondsey

Balaclava

March 28/56

Dearest Revd Mother

It is the greatest consolation I could have to hear that you are better. I beseech you to take all the means which are recommended for the recovery of your health & to remember how valuable your life is to this poor world I do not say this because I think that that life can be very valuable to you in it but because we cannot spare you yet - Have you changes your room?

I want my Cardinal very much. But I do not mean to have her till you are quite well - The Sisters are all, thank God

for it, quite well & quite cheerful. They have made their hut look so tidy, & they put up with all their cold & inconveniences with the ut most self abnegation. Every thin, even to huts, freezes in our huts every night.

I have been very various since I have been her, But I am sure you will pray for us - And God has really prospered our hands - All yesterday I was in Balaclava with the Doctors & Purveyors & could not see our Sisters. But I was able to send up to them from our Stores or the Purveyors' every thing that they wanted - & to settle

with the Doctors, which was the main thing, that we should be allowed to do the needful for the sick, give all the Extras (& cook them) all the Medicines & the Wine & brandy - & see to the Cleanliness of the Patients These four things, the Extras, medicines, stimulants & cleanliness were the chief points - Sir J. Hall made a great difficulty about the Extras but by conceding to him the drawing of the Requisitions he has conceded that we should do the cooking, & serving Where there are no kitchens but ours for the sick which can be called such - I have no fear now but that the sick

will be benefitted while the health & comfort of our Sisters will be secured - We have been allowed to draw our Matrons like Medical Staff orderlies which was the only way I could feed us while I have taken care that such comforts should be supplied *privately* to the Sisters as they must require & orderlies cannot be supposed to want.

I have been with the Sisters today till dark, have gone round the Hospital with them & each has got her ward & her arrangement with the Dr as to serving Extras &

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at the same time telling me
that she will submit to any
"sacrifice" & to any "humiliation"
I do not know what are the
humiliations & "sacrifices" which
I call upon her to "submit to"
But I hope she will maturely
consider before she brings such
a scandal upon the work
as resigning because she is re-
placed where she was before
meanwhile I assure you
Rev Mother that for your
sake I have taken up my
cross with her & for the sake
of the work
I entreat you to take care
of yourself who are our chief
anxiety & our chief support
& to believe me ever your
faithfully & gratefully

8996/38 copy of signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN's hand}/ 2 dates

29/3/58 [date wrong but that's it]

[space]

Please read the inclosed to
dear Revd Mother - which
will tell you our news -
or some or it - & please send
us some sheets of Paste board
for Eye shades with the
Brandy - There is paste board
in C. Store - But if not,
Purveyor will have it -

Please tell Miss Tebbutt

Sisters arrived quite safe
No prospect of Hospitals
breaking up here

Ever yrs FN

(signed)

Mrs. Shore Smith 1/4/56

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only read yet that which
concerned Revd Mother - Please
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work or our own -
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tell the history of this last
week, its crimes and its
foul injustice -
The weather is tremendous -
Please send the things

on the inclosed list as
soon as possible to us -
We are doing good up
here - which is the main thing

(signed) F Nightingale

Mrs. Shore Smith ¼/56

{original of the foregoing letter?}

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8996/39 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand} {arch: copy}, 43401
ff171-72

Scutari March/56

[14:342]

I have never been able to join
in the popular cry about the
recklessness sensuality helplessness
of the soldier - On the contrary
I should say (& perhaps few women
have ever seen more of the
manufacturing & agricultural
classes of England than it have
before I came out here) that I have
never seen so teachable & helpfull a

class as the army generally -
give them opportunity promptly
& securely to send money home
& they will use it
Give them schools & lectures &
they will come to them -
Give them book & games & amusements
& they will leave off drinking.
Give them suffering & they will bear it.
Give them work & they will do it.
I had rather have to do with the
Army generally than with any

other class I have ever attempted
to serve -
and when I compare them with
the Medical Staff corps the Land
Transport Corps, the Army wards
corps I am struck with the
soldier's superiority as a moral
& even an intellectual being
Florence Nightingale

[end]

8996/40 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Dearest Aunt Mai
I understand from Mrs.
Roberts that she gave you
some night ~~gowns~~ shirts out of the
Free Gifts Stores to convert into
night gowns for me - I have
told her that I shall write
to you directly to stop it -
And would you, please, order
~~some~~ six for me from England?
I remonstrated with her
at the time & had no idea
that she had persisted -
I think it was one of the
very few but not the least
serious of the mistakes
which Mrs. Bracebridge ever
made - ~~that~~ viz taking ANY
thing whatever from the Free
Gifts Stores for well paid
Nurses - or for ourselves -

It has covered the guilty
& involved the innocent -
I understand that
wretched Gibson has been
acquitted on this account -
& Salisbury will certainly
make & has certainly made it
her ground of appeal - So
fat as this I think Dr.
Blackwood has justice in
what he said -

No Spottiswoode or
Kingstone - the latter is
just such another as
Tebbutt - & one is enough -

~~We~~ You need not take the
envelopes off the letters
you send to me - as there
is no postage here - & two
letters to my dear Brother

which you forward to me -
I do not know to whom
they are - I suppose
they came in an envelope
to Miss Salisbury

Many thanks for your
letters.

Yours for ever

FN

8996/41 unsigned copy of letter, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

Balaclava

[14:367]

April 1 - 1856

Dearest Revd Mother

Your precious health
is the chief of my care - I beseech
you to go to Malta with sisters
Gonzaga or Anastasia, or both -
if it were only for 2 or 3 weeks,
when Dr. Cruikshanks recommends
it - Please do not neglect his
advice or I shall be obliged
to come back & tyrannise over
you -
Your Sisters here are perfectly
well - very efficient & very
cheerful - After mature consideration
owing to my unwillingness to
trouble you - I have concluded
to consult you about 2 things.

1. The letter of Revd Mr. Duffy -
(RC Priest of Mrs. Bridgeman) to
the Sisters which will be enclosed
to you by this post -
with their own account of the
transaction - which will be
enclosed to you --I will not therefore
enter further into it - They are
not in the least depressed in
spirits about it - Mr. Cuffe -
(R.C Pt of the Scutari Sisters) was
very kind.

2. Mrs. Bridgeman appears
determined to leave & next
Saturday - I have done every
thing which in me lay to keep
her - but in vain - For every
reason - I think it best - (indeed
essential) to replace her with
our Sisters - replacing them

again at Scutari - with new Sisters from Bermondsey - if you can grant them - I have no time to enter into the details of this singular business - But the best course at present appears to me to be for you to come up here yourself - (AFTER you have been to Malta IF then quite recovered & IF it is sanctioned by your Medical Officer) & *meanwhile could you trust me* with your other three sisters up here? I will stay with them till you come - I will not leave the Crimea till then - and they shall have Mrs. Roberts & two of the steadiest nurses with them - There are

only 200 Patients in Mrs. Bridgeman's Hospital - & this pomp of attendance upon 200 men - where so many Hospitals are suffering - is to me inexplicable - but we are surrounded with spies. & I cannot tell you how essential I think it to our work, to do this Hospital well - Miss Morton will replace you in the Linen Stores at Scutari pro temp - with some nurses - Can you have three more from Bermondsey?

[end]

8996/42 copy of unsigned letter, 3ff, pen, original 43393 224-33

Crimea 3/4/56

Dear Mr. Herbert

I received your letter of March 6 yesterday
It is written from Belgrave Square - I write from
a Crimean Hut the point of sight is different
I arrived here March 24 with Nurses for two
Land Transport Hospitals required by Dr. Hall
in writing on March 10 but owing to the severe
gales of wind, the Transport could not get up
the Bosphorus & our arrival was therefore
delayed tho' announced by return of Mail -
We have now been ten days without rations
Lord Cardigan was surprised to find his horses
die out at the end of a fortnight because they were
without rations & said that "they chose to do it
"obstinate brutes". The Inspector Genl's Purveyor
wish to see whether women can live as long
as horses without rations. I thank God that
my charge has felt neither cold or hunger
& is in efficient working order - having cooked
& administered in both Hospitals the whole of
the Extras for 260 bad cases ever since the
first day of their arrival. I have however,
felt both. I do not wish to make a martyr
of myself within sight of the graves of the
Crimean Army of last winter (too soon forgotten

in England) it would be difficult to do so. I am glad to have had the experience for cold & hunger wonderfully sharpen the wits. But I believe that it is difficult to those who never by any possibility can have imagined either (except by the side of a good fire & a good dinner which they will have every day of their lives) to imagine what is the anxiety of being responsible for the lives, & health **& the efficiency (for the sake of the lives)** of those we are come to nurse) for of those placed under one's charge when the means to feed & warm them have all to be obtained by irregular & private channels. During these ten days I have fed & warmed these women at my own private expence by my own private cautions. I have never been off my horse till 9 or 10 at night, except when it was too dark to walk him over these crags even with a Lantern when I have gone on foot during the greater part of the day I have been without food necessarily except a little brandy & water (you see I am taking to drinking like my comrades of the Army) the snow is deep on the ground but the object of my coming has been attained & my women have neither starved or suffered I might have written to the Commander of the Force

who came to see me the day after my arrival. but this would only have marred our work by making a quarrel. I might have accepted presents which were poured in upon us, for all Military Medical Clerical in the Land Transport are our sworn friends. but this would be against a rule which I have been obliged to make so strict that nothing but this necessity would induce me to break it - I might have drawn upon the Extras of the Patients. but then the whole would have gone into the account of *Nurses Expenditure* as their extravagance - I believed it best on the whole for our work to do as I have done notwithstanding the urgent pressure upon me from others to adopt one of these courses, but I do not think that that work can be said pursued thus, to have been pursued in a "vehement or irritable spirit" I received your letter at 10 oclo P.M. on my return to my own hut upon a pitch dark snowy night after having been 15 hours on foot or on horseback & almost without food - I confess *it cost* me a sleepless night, thinking over within myself " *Have I injured the work by showing vehemence or irritation*" by not bearing persecution moral & physical rather than not complain except when the very *existence of* the work itself was perilled? I thought & considered & I determined I had not.

I think I can prove my assertion about this matter of the Rations forseen to a certain extent by me so that I had brought up with me from Scutari, every article for cooking furnishing warming the huts, even stoves & every article of food that would keep. every formality not only of routine but of nobleness had been observed by me. within 24 hours of my arrival the rations had been settled by me in person (after having been "required" in writing from Scutari) with the PMO of the Land Transport in the office of the Deputy Purveyor in Chief Fitzgerald had received the approval of Inspector Genl of Hospitals & by a curious coincidence of the Commander of the forces from his calling upon me while in the Purveyors Office. Every form was observed there & then. Both the Purveyor Clerks both the Medical Officers in charge at the two Land Transport Hospitals were visited by me distant some miles from Balaclava & not together in company with Dr. Taylor the PMO. Every form was there strictly observed. the rations were to begin from the day before. every day since I have ridden some miles or walked & in the severest weather with driving storms of sleet & snow to see the Purveyor in his Office, on these businesses. I have never brought him a yard out of his Office on my business. I have never "prevaloir'd "myself even on my quality of woman to avoid hardship or fatigue. or allow him to say that I had entailed extra on him. Never by word or look can he have detected that I knew how he had slandered us.

Why do I give you this long detail you will ask which can be of no use. It is not because I ask you to do any thing. it is merely because I wish to leave on record some instances of that which nobody in England will believe or can even imagine. but we in the Crimea know it. & we know & knew at the time *what* filled the Crimean graves last winter. KCB I believe now means "Knight of the Crimean Burying Grounds As I stood yesterday on the Heights of Balaclava & saw our ships in harbour so gaily dressed with flags, while we fired the salute in honour of peace (it was a beautiful sight) I said to myself. More Aireys, more Filders more Cardigans more Halls we are in for them all now - & no hope of reform

8996/43 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen {arch: to Aunt M - copied in her hand}

Crimea 4/4/56 [14:373-74]

1. I do not believe that Revd Mother will go to Malta. I should not, in her place - But I have written to her, urging her to go.
2. I trust she will send me two Nuns *immediately* or three, accordingly as she keeps one or two with her.
3. The 11 Brickbats *have* resigned & sail tomorrow. I must fill their places directly & am going today

to take there two or three of the three who came up with me, according to Sister Helen's interpretation of Revd Mother's wishes.

4. I cannot describe to you what it is to me to trouble her now, as I know this will trouble her.

5. Miss Morton must please to take the three Divisional Linen stores, with the two Macleods from the General Hospital under her, whom she must teach -

6 Miss Morton in N. Store herself. Miss Macleod in A Store, Mrs. Macleod in D. Store.

7 Mrs. Mills to take our own C Store, & all our private Stores (NB. as Revd Mother certainly does *not* go to Malta, this arrangement does not take place. MS)

All these arrangements to be but temporary till I return.

The Nurses to remain the Divisional Stores to which they are now attached -

8. Miss Ecuyer to get what additional help she needs in needle work by hiring among the M.S.C. wives.

9. The wards vacated by the "Sisters" must be distributed among the Nurses adjacent

10. And you will please to exercise a double watch

11 If the Army stays here four months more, I shall ask for more Nuns from Bermondsey, as I have already said to Revd Mother.

12 You must please to communicate with Drs. Linton Lawson. Revd Mother, Miss Tebbutt - doing it civilly

[end]

8996/44 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN's hand}, original Mercy Bermondsey use original **[14:377-78]**

Balaclava

April 8/56

Dearest Revd Mother

I was so glad & thankful to see your own dear hand again - & I trust that God will preserve you yet some time to us to this work -

Our Sisters are quite well & cheerful & most efficient & useful. Dr. Taylor expressed to me yesterday in the strongest words, his feeling of the reform they had worked in his L.T.C. Hospital - They do more than

medicine he said -
All our Hospitals are
going on well, thank God -
Our crosses have been many,
and very sad ones, as you
may perhaps know, but
God prospers the work -
I must now urge you,
dear Revd Mother, to send
me *two* or *three* Sisters
without delay - if they have
not already sailed - I cannot
tell you how it grieves me
to break up your nice
arrangements at the Barrack

Hospital - But it will not
be for long - Hospitals will
soon contract & we shall
then be replaced at Scutari -
It is now, however, of
the utmost importance to keep
up the General Hospital at
Balaclava, owing to its being
the nearest point of embarkation.
And Sister Helen will tell
you how (as soon as Mrs.
Bridgeman is gone - which
will be probably tomorrow)
we thought it wd be more
according to your wish
for Sisters Stanislaus & Martha

to *accompany* her there with
Mrs. Roberts, Logan & two
washerwomen - & Sister Helen
to remain at the L.T.C. Hospital
till reinforced by you - The
Sisters whom you send will
go to whichever Hospital you
direct - either giving back S.
Helen her own Sisters, or
replacing them -

Believe me ever my dearest
Revd Mother's grateful & loving
Signed F. Nightingale

8996/46 unsigned copy of letter, 1f, pen {not FN hand}

General Hospital **[14:379-80]**
12/4/56

We moved in here yesterday,
my birds having flown
yesterday & (for the furtherance
of the comforts ~~of the comforts~~
of the patients) *without giving*
any notice - accordingly
there was no time to lose, &
Sister Stanislaus, Mrs. Roberts,
Mrs. Logan & I came in
within ½ an hour - into
such a pigstye. I *never* came,
though it has been my lot
to make many *foundations*
and all my letters must be

left unwritten, because
besides Hospital Duty, we
must whitewash, scrub, scour,
to prevent fever -
The three Sisters quite well -
Sister M. Martha has had a
slight feverish cold - but is
well again - The patients here
are in the most disgraceful
state of dirt & filth & bed
sores - They might have been
taken out of the Streets of
London Alas!

[end]

8996/47 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not FN's hand}, original Mercy Bermondsey

General Hospital
Balaclava

[14:381-82]

April 15 - 1856

My dearest Revd Mother

I had the comfort of receiving our Sisters quite well & safe on Sunday afternoon as they will tell you. And we have arranged all this - Sister Mary Joseph went yesterday to join Sister M. Helen at the L.T.C. Hospital Sisters Stanislaus, M de Chantal, & M. Anastasia stay here doing work. Sister M. Martha is, I am sorry to say, at present laid up here with feverish cold. As soon as she is able, she will join Sister M. Helen. I am not sorry that her illness. (or rather unwellness) should be here, as we have greater facilities of nursing her - And the Dr. is such a very clever one. I am afraid that you would rather have mixed the two parties of Sisters, so that the recent ones should not be all together at one Hospital -

[2]

I see the objection, but my reason was this - Every thing we do at Karani is right - every thing we do here is wrong. Sister Stanislaus is very brave, & has already charge of the Extra Diets. here, which are very disorderly, & which you will manage so beautifully if you come Sister Anastasia is such a very steady quiet worker - She has seven sick Huts - & Sister de Chantal is commanding & courageous & not easily daunted. Of course whatever we do will be blamed. I do not mean that the recent Sisters would be less likely to go on with their duty steadily, with a single eye to God - altho' evil eyes are upon all around them - But it requires very good spirits to bear being always mis construed without being a little depressed And these old Sisters are very cheerful & used to be "abused"!

[3]

Mrs. Roberts & I & Mrs. Logan & Mrs Skinner
are also here - We sleep in one half a Hut
& our sick Sister in the other half. The
three other Sisters in the next Hut - We have
hardly had time to make any arrangements
yet for ~~them~~ ourselves -

I hope that you will not think of coming
up here for 3 weeks at least. Thank
God you are better! Perhaps it will do you
good. But there will be time to talk
of that -

[end 14:382]

ever my dearest Revd Mother's
grateful & affecate
F. Nightingale

8996/48 initialed letters, 2ff, pen {not FN hand}

Balaclava April 17/56

[14:383-84]

General Hospital

Dear Uncle Sam

I enclose the 2nd half of the Treasury
Bill, endorsed by me -

I am very sorry you should have had so much
trouble about it. The former Treasury Bills which
I sent were indorsed by Genl Storcks - & when I had
leave to draw Treasury Bills on my own account, I
said to the Commissariat Officer," - I suppose I
must indorse it". No, he said, there is no
occasion - I was sure he was wrong. But we are
not allowed in the Army to know better than our
Officers, be they Military, Medical, or Commissariat.
And therefore I can only hope that you have not
very much trouble extra, & that you will not
think the worse of my habits of business.

Thank you very much for your letters. I have

not time now to reply at length. Suffice it to say that now, at the eleventh hour, peace concluded, flags flying, army supposed to be next door to perfection - I have had a 3 weeks bout in the Crimea, worse than anything we have had since Nov./54 -

On our first arrival here last month, we were 10 days without rations - by Mr. Fitzgerald's malice - When I moved in here, the day of Mrs. Bridgeman's departure, Sir J. Hall gave the nurses' huts over my head to Purveyors' Clerks. I sat down before the door, it being then dark, & said quietly that I should stay there till the keys were brought. In about 2 hours they were produced. Every day for the last week it has been a repetition of the same thing. A Contest for the Stores = for the patients,

for food, lodging, "leave to toil" for ourselves.

Your pigstye is cleaner than our quarters or than the wards of the Hospital, as left by Mrs. Bridgeman. The patients were grimed with dirt, infested with vermin, with bedsores, like Lazarus. (Mrs. Bridgeman I suppose thought it holy). I have never seen but one similar scene to it. Mrs. Roberts & the Scutari nuns whom I brought with me, were horrified. After two days' hard white-washing & cleaning, after three days' washing & dressing the patients, one of whom takes Mrs. Roberts 6 hours daily - being one mass of bed-sores - Sir J. Hall visited the Hospital & - wrote an angry letter, saying that he was "disgusted with the state of the Hospital" & ordered it all to be put back into the "admirable

order it was in previously." instructing
 the P.M.O. of the Hospital, who showed
 me the letter, "not to interfere with the Purveyor
 Mr. Fitzgerald's arrangements."

This is the man on whom the lives & healths
 of the Army, in a great measure, depend. (for he
 is clever, & this is all temper) [end 14:384]

Ever yours faithfully & gratefully
 FN

{in FN's hand} Goldie 255-56 [1:318-19]

General Hospital
 Balaclava

April 19/56

My dearest - As I sit in my den
 opposite the Surgery Door, watching the
 Extra Diets from my window, and
 the thick forest of masts over the
 Extra Diet Kitchen's felted & whitewashed
 roof in Balaclava Harbour, with a
 beautiful tuft of primroses on my table
 gathered for me by a man of the 39th,
 I think of thee on this thy birth=day
 & think how likely it is that the
 birth=day may soon come which
 will see both of us pursuing the
 work of God in another of His worlds, -
 some natural tears I drop, but
 there is nothing to me melancholy in
 the thought - I think of all the
 real love there has been between us
 which is eternal - & how curiously
 your aspirations for me have been
 realized, even to the roc's egg -

The last tug of war has been
 the worst, the last ~~three~~ four weeks in

the Crimea - But we have now *five**
 Hospitals under our care in this Crim
 Tartary in beautiful order - And if
 I could think that the tug of war
 would continue, that would be the best
 hearing for me, for that alone would bring
 reform -

ever yours faithfully
 in war, & in peace
 in the Active & the Passive

F.N.

* Castle Hospital	under	Sister Berthe
Monastery "	"	Miss Wear
Two Land Transports	"	Mrs. Shaw Stewart
" " Karanyi "	"	Sister Helen R.C.
General Hospital	"	me

B'clava

Is it not curious that we should begin to be
 acknowledged now at the eleventh hour, so
 that now they cannot form a new or a
 miserable Hospital without sending for us,
 & extending what Mrs. Shaw Stewart calls
 My "sad but noble domain" or servitude, it matters

not which, all at once so much, For this was
 before the General Order -

8996/49 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

General Hospital

[14:386-87]

Balaclava April 19/56

I wish I could express to Madame Goldschmidt what an honor I feel it to have for our work the sympathy of that good & true heart, whose love for mankind is limited by no country or race - I recals me to the feeling of the goodness & truth of our cause, which is sometimes lost among the petty intrigues, the Eastern mysteries of Crimean management *sometimes* but not for long - I know no sympathy which, after that of the men for whom we have worked, has so ennobled the work in my eyes as that of the Queen & of Jenny Lind both, I believe, good & true - both in singular, exalted & isolated positions - both more fortunate than I have been in carrying on great works with few enemies & much success - both

wise & prudent as well as loving -
but, while these two have known
the inspiring stimulus of a great stage to act
their drama upon, I have known
in all its bitterness, more perhaps
than ~~any actress~~ either of them, the mean jealousies,
the vile intrigues, the sham & tinsel
& false glare of the stage, which
deadens the pure ideal in one's
mind - In this I feel that I can
sympathize with Jenny Lind more
perhaps than she can sympathize
with me, because she could give
up the stage & I cannot - For my
work is on it - And perhaps, oh!
perhaps, she was as wrong to give
it up as I should be - At all events,
the liberties of Europe, the inspiration
& love of progress & civilization have been the
soul of all of us three women

But I look upon progress & civilization
as at an end in the East - Mahometanism
it is true, is extinct - Turkey ~~will soon~~ has ceased to exist.
~~be~~ except as a Christian country - Palestine will,
I suppose, be bought up by the Jews.
But the Greek fanaticism is essentially
an aggressive fanaticism - And who
can say what the next *thirty* years
will see? To any one who will live
to see them I prophesy a greater change
in the world than the last *thousand* years have brought.
For 1. The Russian fanaticism, (as shewn
in the confiscations & banishment in
Lithuania,) against the Protestants - (as
shewn in Minsk) against the R. Catholics
is essentially aggressive & of the worst
kind of barbarism -
2. Christianity has always been
propagated by the sword & not by
preaching - witness the history of
Charlemagne in the West - How was Xtianity
planted there?
Perhaps, in the next thirty years,
we shall see Christianity carried all
over the East by a Russian Charlemagne
"Alas! poor ghost!" or ghosts! viz. the
ghost of Xtianity, the ghost of the East - [end 14:387]

8996/50 initialed letter, 1f, pen Goldie 260-61

Crimea

[14:393-94]

22/4/56

Would not you like to see me
hunting rats like a
terrier=dog? Me!

Scene in a Crimean Hut

Time midnight

Dramatis Personae -

sick Nun in fever

perfectly deaf

me the only other

occupant of the hut

except

rat sitting on rafter

over sick Nun's head

& rats scrambling about

Enter me, with a lantern

in one hand & a

broom=stick in the other -

(in the Crimea, terrier=dogs

hunt with lanterns in

one paw & broom=sticks)

Me, commonly called "Pope"

by the nuns, makes a furious

Balaclava charge - i.e.

the light cavalry come
on & I am the Russian
gun -

Light cavalry ensconces
itself among my beloved
boots & squeak - Desperate
Papal Aggression -

Broom=stick descends
enemy dead - "Pope"
executes savage war dance
in triumph, to the
unspeakable terror
of Nun, (& of himself

Slain cast out of
hut - unburied.

[end]

Fan is a fool to me.

F.N.

If there is anything I
"abaw", it is a Rooshan
& a rat.

[resumes]

[end 14:394]

8996/51 initialed note, 1f, pen {arch: ?1856} check Bermondsey?

Letter from N came in 26th dated 22d

Beginning arrangements of Sisters you won't care for

The weather here is so very trying, very cold
very hot, very damp, that I hope you will
not come up dear Revd Mother till it is
really thought that the change will do
you *good* I am sure it is cruel (& I feel it)
to make the Sisters stay here without you.

But you must not risk a relapse The
Sisters are perfectly well & cheerful all but
Sr. M. M. who is better. God bless you dearest
Revd M. & reward you ever yr grateful & affecate

F.N.

8996/52 signed letter, 7ff, pen and in 5479/5

General Hospital **[14:388-92]**

Balaclava

April 22/56

My dear Sir

In reply to your kind letter of April 1 I ~~should~~ have many things to say but not time to say them in -

I must, however, make time to say something about the fact which you state viz. that the average consumption of the main articles of diet in the Crimean hospitals in the quarter ending 31 Dec. exceeds 3 lbs per man per day.

I am very sorry that you did not examine me on this important point, because I think that there is perhaps no one now here, who could have given you more information - both because I am now the oldest inhabitant in the largest Hospitals in the world, because it is already 18 months since I established My first Extra Diet Kitchen, which system has been gradually extended to every one of the 7 Hospitals now under my charge & because diets are peculiarly the province of a Nurse.

I have now no Returns before me nothing to refer to - But I should be most happy to make any cooking experiments, or supply any tables for the information of the War Department -

In explanation of the fact which excites your surprise, I should like to make 5 observations, which I would support by any evidence which may be of use to you

1. In England, when bone, offal the useless parts of meat are removed, {the edge of the paper from here on is cut off} it loses about from 1/6 to 1/5 of its weigh{t?}

In the Crimea & Scutari, when the bone, offal & useless parts of the mea{t?} are removed, & the meat cooked, (ow{ing?} to the small ~~proportion~~ quantity of moisture in it & other causes which I cannot now sto{p?} to enumerate), the meat loses from 4/5 to {?} of its weight - so that your Patient even were he ordered 3 lbs Meat fo{r?} his 3 lbs. solid food, might receive about ½ lb. This is the experience of all my kitchens & this the *main* cause {of?} the fact which surprises you.

2. All acute cases & generally all cases which, as a Nurse well kno{ws?}

can seldom touch bread, are put upon a Spoon-Diet - Spoon Diet includes 8 oz Bread - This does not appear much; And there are Convalescent Cases, who are put upon Spoon Diet for the sake of the Extras, for whom Extra Bread -is drawn - But, generally, Spoon Diet having been constructed for the sake of appending Extras to it, Spoon Diet patients do not eat bread -

At the time of our great pressure at Scutari, I will calculate the Spoon Diets at 1000, all Dysenteric & Frost-bitten cases - & the average of their consumption of bread at 2 oz. which I consider to be an outside calculation - There were therefore 6000 oz bread wasted daily, at a time that we were told the Purveyor could not take upon himself to incur any expence whatever for the Hospital & that all our stores were at Varna - This bread which I consider to be an outside calculation, was given, when stale, to the Patients who could eat it, but more frequently to the Turks about the place, a whole population of whom we thus fed - It may have been a very good thing to feed the poor Turks, but it should not be set down as consumed by Patients -

Of all the features of the Hospitals of /54 most conspicuous, at the time of our greatest penury, was our waste -

The above things were obvious to the meanest capacity - and our 1st Class Staff Surgeons are men of no mean capacity at all - But when a man is obliged to walk about his wards, looking not at his Patients, but at "Regulations for the Management of Army Hospitals, at home & abroad, & for the rendering of Hospital Accounts, with an Appendix of Forms, &c", the result is obvious -

Let no one suppose that I undervalue that invaluable work. I went into Dr. Sutherland's hut the other day & found him reading "Troilus & Cressida" - As, for 18 months, I was unaware that British literature embraced any other work than "Regulations for the Management - &c & for the rendering &c, also, instructions to &c with an appendix &c" (& I can truly say that without that work, I should have ceased to read or to spell,) I can ~~not~~ scarcely be said to undervalue it.

[2]

3. a Spoon Diet is generally put
down for 1 pint ArrowRoot A.M.
1 " " P.M.

which pint, whether of Arrow Root or of
Sago, is constructed by the "Regulations"
Book of 2 oz. of the same -

Now 1 oz. Arrow Root makes, by
experiment, 1 pt thick Arrow Root
as daily exemplified in all my Kitchens
where I allow no more - 2 oz. Arrow Root
in the General Kitchens make 1 pint
thin Arrow Root - so thin that the
men will not drink it - Parts of this
is attributable to certain conundrums
which regard boiling water - but not
all Where that Arrow Root goes is a
conundrum which has never yet been
guessed by me -

In the same way, 2 oz. Rice are
saved upon every 4 puddings with us
as to Sugar, tapioca, barley, sago, &c &c
From all these, there is the same pro=
portionate saving. Each day in our
Kitchens, the overplus is put up in a
covered vessel. Savings returned into
Purveyor's Stores end of Month - Thus,

Diet=Rolls are paramount & yet
the Queen not robbed -

But is the Queen not robbed?
We can prevent the excess of Arrow Root
&c being wasted - But we cannot
prevent the Purveyor from issuing the
last month's savings for the next month
as a *fresh* issue - And little item{s?}
of this kind will go far to swell
out your "3 lbs" -

We have tried to obviate this in
3 ways -

(1) by drawing in bulk for the
materials to answer Diet Rolls - this
system the 1st Class Staff Surgeons prefer
But we were obliged to discontinue
it for two reasons - one that we
were ordered to draw *according to*
"Regulations" Book by our supreme mas{ter?}
the other that, to punish us for not
having done so, that which had been
so drawn in bulk - by order of Medical
Officer in charge for his Diet Rolls - was set down to our
own consumption -

(2) we have followed the System

above explained, of drawing the
'quantity prescribed in "Regulations" Book
& returning the overplus - But this is
then charged as two issues for this
month & the next - for the accounts
must tally with the "Regulations" Book

Certainly this "Regulations" Book
was written by a very clever man,
but he was no cook.

(3) a most laborious plan, but
which I am now pursuing here - I make
the 1st Class Staff Surgeon draw in bulk
for my Extra Diet Kitchen - I throw
all my own private Stores into the same -
And I account each night to the
Purveyor for whatever I have thus
drawn, out of both the two above sources,
to answer the Diet Roll

4. A large amount of waste is
incurred by the Extra Diet being ordered
for the next day, as they are in some
but not in all the Army Hospitals -

a patient dies, is discharged, or under=
goes one of the manifold changes of acute
disease which entirely alters his
mode of treatment - But still his Extras

are to be drawn - when once on the Diet Roll - or, even if not drawn, they are set down - At the rate at which we died & discharged, the Extras thus drawn but not eaten must have gone far to swell your "3 lbs".

5. Waste there must essentially be in every sick-room - The Patient tastes his chicken-broth to-day, to-morrow he takes his pint - But the waste in a Military Hospital can scarcely be calculated - And here it is that we might be so useful, where permitted - **A** ought to have a table-spoonful of Beef Tea or Arrow Root & Wine every half hour. But his mess of two pints or perhaps the whole of his Extras is put down at his bed-head at once - & the whole is consequently wasted or stolen -

I do not make any comment or suggestion upon the above five heads, which it must be left to Medical Officers to do - But, I think they will throw some light upon your curious fact, which, as you say, is staggering -

[3]

At the Castle Hospital, you say there were 70 bottles of malt liquor per day to each 100 diets - But this is hardly 1 pint per diet - Those bottles holding hardly 1 ½ pts - (one of those bottles is the allowance per diem to a woman) the men prefer their Malt Liquor, to their Wine & it is better for them -

One thing more; - I believe, if the spoon Diets were allowed 4 oz Bread & ¼ oz Butter with it, that actually more bread would go down the man's throat than with his 8 oz. This, however, is a point for Medical Officers & not for me to decide - But no one ever saw acute disease eating dry bread yet at least, of the kinds we have had here -

Now, if we subtract

6 oz bread		from 8 oz
2 oz Arrow Root	"	4 "
12 oz Mutton	"	16
<hr/> 20 oz	<hr/>	from 28 oz

is a large subtraction, being what the man does not eat or what the cooking takes away.

"Nineteenthly" - the Diets & Medicines are prescribed, not by the heads of the profession who have no time to do what they are there for, being wholly taken up by Returns, but by the youngest & most inexperienced members of the profession - The head of the most important Hospital in the world told me himself that he did not know his way about his own Hospital -

I infer from this that the Extras are often heterogeneous excessive & capricious I could give instances, of a composition of Extras of which a trusty old Nurse (not a "Gamp") would not incur the risk of administering -

But, generally, I repeat that it may be deduced from the above facts that, though 3 lbs may have been upon the Diet Rolls, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb was more nearly what actually went down a man's throat - & that the fault did not lie in the Doctors -

I have much more to say - & I would willingly take the trouble to furnish information & make experiments to prove what I say - I do not know

whether I have hit upon the main points of what has struck you as unaccountable ~~But~~—I should be glad to answer any questions - I am able -

C.J. Fox said, "No, don't read me history. for that I *know* is false" -

I have learnt to say, No, don't shew me Returns - for those I know (are not false - but) give a false impression

Believe me to be dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

If it should be said, Yes, but supposing it be true what you say about Fresh Meat losing weight, there remain the Preserved Meat to account for - I would answer that it has often happened to us to find a 3 lb. tin of Preserved Meats to count exactly 1 ½ lbs in weight, & to make up the difference, so as to answer Diet Roll from our own Stores - But

this would, of course, only be done in our own Kitchens - And I mention it only to shew how deceptive returns may be - And many a Surgeon I have known reprimanded for extravagance in Extras, who has chosen to do his Patients justice in spite of it, or who, horror of horrors!, has drawn the difference privately out of our private stores - But this would bring him into trouble -

I have lately been shewn some returns, placing the daily expence of each Patient at the Civil Hospitals, Renkioi & Smyrna, (including Doctoring &c) at 4/ & a fraction - that of each Patient at some of our Military Hospitals here at 1/. Regimental Hospitals, if the stoppage were placed at /9, as self=Supporting - Is this so?

F.N.

[4]

allow me to observe that, in re "Troilus & Cressida", I was not reflecting on Dr. Sutherland. He had been 7 hours on horseback about the Camp that day, & he turned up "Troilus & Cressida" for a very curious purpose, viz. to find the passage in which Thersites mentions boils as being common at the siege of Troy, our own men suffering very much from the same affection. For Shakspeare, as an acute observer, had no doubt met with the allusion in some book he had read -

I was only reflecting on the power of reading surviving a Crimean imbroglio. But Dr. Sutherland has not had 18 months of it as I have -

NB I have had a second & even a third Edition of Mr. Fitzgerald & his "Confidential" proceedings since I have been up here this time - But sad experience makes me "up to" these things now - You do not do me justice **[end 14:392]**

8996/53 initialed letter, 1f, pen

Genl. Hospl

B'clava,

May 10/56

Dear Uncle Sam

Might I trouble you to go with the enclosed yourself to Sir B. Hawes & act so that corresponding orders shall come out to me.

Every mail 2 or 3 letters come to me. How are you to come home -?

The question practically is a very simple one Empty your Hospitals of Nurses as you empty them of patients - neither are emptied or maybe -

In haste ever yrs

F.N.

8996/53 {written in the top margin:} Just now we have a great deal to do here.

8996/54 initialed letter, 2ff, pen, prob not FN hand

Genl Hospital. Balaclava
May 10/56

My dear Sir

I have been waiting for your orders as to the genl disposal of H.M. nurses before I made any particular suggestions to you with regard to the manner of sending them hence - Not having recd. any orders from you, I conclude that you are kind enough to expect me to suggest & therefore venture now to do so. I think that I shd be directed to send home the Nurses in proportion as their work decreases - not "en masse" for any day an outbreak of Fever or Cholera might make them again wanted - but according as the Army goes home so shd their Nurses. I have already directed 7 to be sent home from Scutari - in exercise of the discretionary power intrusted to me - & I am sending home 2 from here - I shd prefer that "discretionary power" to remain with me till the last of our troops have left the Crimea & Scutari.

The W.O. will I know trust me for 2 things -
1. That I have no ambition to be the foundress of a Tartar convent at Govt. expense - or to train nurses in the Convent
2. That I will not put our Govt to the expense of a single ill Nurse. who according to my best judgment is not likely to find work here again -

There are now in

Crimea	Nurses	Superintendents
Genl Hospl- - - - -	10	1
Castle - - - - -	2	- - - - -
1		
Monastery - - - - -	2	--1
Land Transport - - - - -	-2	- - - - - 1
Do Right Wing-----	2	1

Scutari	Nurses	Superinten d
Barrack H.	15	1
Genl " _____	11	1
44		7`

The column of No of Patients I have not given because it varies from day to day. as much as the Crimean Thermometer rising or falling by 60° - 100° - owing to the Draughts of invalids going home - or to the emptying of Regimental Hospitals upon us - the above no. of women includes the Nuns - Because for the economy of time & material - I nurse the Sick Nurses for each Hospital Female Staff & wash for all, as much as circumstances will permit, at one Hospital.

I wd wish therefore - if I may be allowed to wish

1. To see the gradual plan of sending home the Nurses adopted - myself remaining to the end to bring up the rear - when I see no prospect of usefulness left behind us -
2. To apply if it shd be found practicable for some of the Draughts of Nurses to go home via Marseilles at the cost of French soldiers on the R. Roads - But as this

wd necessitate probably a vessel to Marseilles with invalids of our own - it might not be thought practicable

Believe me Dear Sir B

Yrs very truly obliged

F.N.

8996/55 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen Goldie 266-68

General Hospital Balaclava

[14:401-02]

May 10/56

I so seldom see the Newspapers - & for the last two months I have not even seen the outside of one - I have regretted this, because I wished to read the Chelsea Inquiry. But I have taken care to keep myself au courant of it.

Tell Colonel Tulloch that if I could, I would have come home merely for the pleasure of hearing his evidence - We have not even a Cassandra here - And soon we shall be a Troy. Tell him that so true is all his evidence, so desperately true, that if tomorrow we were set down at Batoum, we should have had the whole scene of 1854 all over again. Some say this is a reason why we should have peace I say it is a reason why we should have war -

Tell Colonel Tulloch that I have the deepest sympathy with him - And we look to him to maintain our cause - For there is none, no, not one, to do it here.

To me it is a melancholy sign of England's decay that a report, such as Colonel Tulloch's & Sir John McNeil's, a model report, as it was acknowledged by all, should have failed in accomplishing the only object of those two noble & honest men.

If they can do nothing, who can?

Our case is desperate.

I am so badgered & bullied by the great rat, the Inspector-General, & the little rat who lives in the corner of this yard, the Deputy Purveyor in Chief, - two men whose impunity & promotion has only done less mischief because their crimes were less apparent that I can well sympathize with Colonel Tulloch

But he will see that the world will do him justice - for his efforts for the truth & justice of our cause

Pray tell the Dean of Hereford that, of the Mr. Taylor he enquires about, is Dr. George Taylor, Principal Medical Officer of the Land Transport Corps - he is my present master & a very admirable exception to the general run of my masters. He is strict, but not at all stricter than I like - upright, honest, independent - with the good of his men at heart, for which he has labored without praise & without reward. He will never be promoted for the melancholy joke that promotion is in proportion to demerit is here an axiom or a truism - He is a man of very considerable talent - And his Hospitals, late the worst, are now the best managed of the Crimea - He is indefatigable, efficient, able But he serves a Master, who non=pluses every effort - So do I. But

[end 14:402]

8996/56 unsigned, incomplete letter, 1f, pen

A propos to Mr. Bracebridge's letter to you, **[14:402]**
forwarded to me May 12/56

Every body worries, worries, worries
about our coming home, excepting
my poor people, I must do them
that justice -

Is it not curious that the only
practical solution of the difficulty
occurs to no one, viz. that as the
Army comes home *by degrees*, so
must their Nurses - & that I must
come home last of all?

I believe every one expects
to see me arrive next week, via
Marseille, heading a triumphal
procession of Nurses en masse - So likely
that we should leave behind the
ever recurring possibility of Fever
& Cholera here - & that I should
send the Nurses home all in a lump,
when we are only as yet diminished
by 6 Regiments here - The Nurses must go home;
as they were distributed "pro re nata"

[end]

8996/57 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

General Hospital
Balaclava

[14:403]

May 14/56

Let Dawson & Jones
go home -

Jones to be removed from
the Stores *immediately* -
her honesty under
suspicion - and to
remain at my house
till she can go home.

Dawson, if she can
do as stated, can do
worse things - Its being
with an Officer makes

it worse than with a
Patient.

Dawson to be settled
with from Jan 1/56
(to the day of her departure
only) at 18/ per week

Jones to be settled
with from March 30/56
(to the day of her departure
only) at 16/ per week
deducting £1.4.0

(viz 3 weeks from March 30
to April 20 at 8/ per week
already paid into the Oxford
Savings' Bank for her)
I cannot consent to pay

either of these to the
day of her arrival at
home - as I consider
that both have been
leniently dealt with -
Dawson, because I know
that she had been
accustomed to much
liberty at the Palace
Hospital, Jones, because
Miss Tebbutt had a
high opinion of her -

It is useless, I think, to
tell either Jones or Miss
Tebbutt the suspicions
of the former's dishonesty

[end]

8996/59 signed letter, 4ff, pen {arch: ?1856}

I have written, as strongly as I could
express them, three letters of business
1. to Lady Stratford 2. to General Storks,
3. to the War Office, to enforce the rule
that Nurses, this service over, must all
return home - If they abscond, well
& good - we cannot shoot them -
But, at least, I think it will
prevent Ambassadors from
negotiating with them - Please consult
Genl Storks, & ask him to shew
you my letter to him. It has the disad=
vantage of being a law without a
its penalty - for its infringement -
But only imagine a war in America
& all the Nurses going out there to settle
themselves with planters - Some of
our Nurses, one Disney, among others,
openly said that they came out here
to open Canteens - & were much surprised
to find themselves sent home - a
decent service it would have been.

[14:397-98]

If Lady Stratford considers that Cator & Dawson came out under different conditions from the other Nurses, & expressly "to get situations" out here, I cannot gainsay her & I must submit. It is only another of the many inconveniences of taking Nurses from other people.

But when I brought out my party, Mr. Herbert, in addressing us all Oct 21 54, made it distinctly understood that "when the work was finished, we were to come home", & without this condition, I would not have accepted an impossible trust - It may have been neglected or slurred over with subsequent parties - But I shall stick by the understanding I made till I am defeated

This is the substance of my view about the Nurses obtaining situations - Please shew it to Miss Tebbutt -

It would be impossible for me to carry on the service with which I am entrusted - if the Nurses sent out, as they are, by H.My's Govt for this particular service, are allowed to obtain situations, in many cases, less laborious & more lucrative, than they would obtain either in England or in this service - It is necessary that they should all return to England or that we should run the risk of having the service filled with *adventuresses*.

I think you will perceive upon reflection that this rule is neither harsh nor captious. - but essential to a difficult & trying service, the efficiency of which

depends so much on its respectability

If, in the event of any future war, Government should require the services of Nurses, many women would engage themselves as Nurses for the sole purpose of obtaining good situations at the stations to which they might be appointed to the destruction of the respectability & efficiency of the service.

[end]

No II

Rule I

Government sent out Nurses to nurse the soldiers & not to marry them - I have made some exceptions to this rule where the persons have come forward so openly & honorably that I have even consented to apply for leave for them to marry - but in all these instances I have had full confidence in the persons that they would not seek for clandestine appointments -

Rule II
Government has
paid the passages of
Nurses out in order
to serve in these Hospitals,
not to take other service,
(this duty have ceased)
out in the East.

Government will
therefore bring back to
England all those
thus sent out - But
it has no desire to
furnish the East with
servants - Though, if
any one chooses to take

service here, it is not
a punishable offence -
But I shall neither
recommend them, nor shall I re=engage them
for any future
Hospital service -

F. Nightingale

8996/60 signed letter, 4ff, pen {not FN's hand} prob to Sainte-Colombe

Hôpital Général
Balaclava
Crimea

24 Mai 1856

Chère mère Nous avons, chez nous, un proverbe qui dit, "La pauvreté et non la volonté y consent" - c'est-à-dire, que (non la pauvreté mais) la nudité, où je me trouvais, quant au temps nécessaire pour écrire, pendant les trois années, qui viennent de s'écouler, vous prouvera que ce n'est pas le manque d'amour, mais une impossibilité absolue, qui m'a empêché de vous écrire - Avant cela, je vous assure que je vous

ai écrit - et non seulement cela, mais je vous ai envoyé divers petits objets, et je ne sais comment mes lettres ne vous sont pas parvenues - Je n'ai jamais cessé de vous appeler "ma chère Mère" - Mais vous pouvez bien vous figurer la position où j'étais - depuis mon arrivée à Scutari il y a 19 mois.

Ce ne sont pas les blessures, ni la Mort, ni le Cholera, ni le Typhus, ni les boulets, ni le canon, dont nous avons eu une surabondante moisson comme vous le savez, qui ont constitué les difficultés, je dirai plus l'horreur de

ma position - trop heureuse si j'eusse pu mourir par la guerre! Mais figurez-vous ce qu'a du être une Supérieure Générale, qui réunit dans sa communauté Soeurs de Charité Catholiques, Soeurs de Charité Protestantes, Dames prises dans la Société, Gardes=Malades prises dans les Hôpitaux et dans les différents Sociétés de Bienfaisance en Angleterre J'ai sept Hôpitaux sous ma direction. Le plus grand a eu jusqu'à 2700 Malades - Le gouvernement Anglais m'a dit simplement, Prenez tous ces éléments hétérogènes - faites-en une amalgamation" - empêchez toute dispute religieuse

exigez une obéissance entière aux Médecins - Avec ces quatres instructions, je me suis mise à l'oeuvre - (je n'avais jamais vu qu'une seule de mon *Assemblée Constituante* auparavant.) Vous pensez bien que je ne me suis jamais arrogée la moindre autorité spirituelle - Au contraire, la Supérieure (la vrai Supérieure) des Soeurs de Charité Catholiques en Angleterre, qui, par l'avis de ses Supérieurs, est venue elle-même avec ses Soeurs, a été ma plus fidèle aide et amie - Mais Dieu seul m'a soutenue - Et c'est à Lui de vous dire, et non à moi, comment nous sommes venus si heureusement à bout de

notre entreprise. L'état pitoyable
des Hôpitaux et des Ambulances
quand nous sommes arrivées,
où tout manquait excepté
le pain, la viande et une
misérable aventure - l'opposition
acharnée officielle, qui considérait
notre Mission comme une insulte
du Gouvernement, les pièges
que cette opposition officielle
nous a tendus, - tout vous
donnera une idée, chère Mère,
de ce qui a été cette Oeuvre -
Je l'ai fait - ou plutôt Dieu
l'a fait - Mais je n'en ferai
plus - Dans toute nouvelle
oeuvre l'entrepreneur, dont
Dieu se sert pour instrument,
a le coeur et le corps brisés

perçu, comme je l'ai dit,
et le corps se brise avant le
coeur -
Adieu, très bonne et chère Mère,
J'ai fait la connaissance des
Soeurs de Charité pour les Am-
bulances Sardes ici en Crimée -
J'ai été assez heureuse de
pouvoir les servir en quelque
chose - Luelles [?] âmes d'élite -
Soeur Cordera, Soeur Angélique,
Soeur de la Haye [?]

Florence Nightingale

Veillez, chère Mère, regarder
cette lettre comme une confession
Vous êtes la première à qui
j'en ai faite. Nos difficultés

doivent être cachées -
 En passant par Paris, il y a
 19 mois, j'ai consulté la Soeur
 Supérieure d'une Miséricorde,
 chez qui j'ai été pensionnaire
 il y a quatre ans - Elle m'a
 dit. Il n'y a qu'à être Supérieure
 pour se connaître soi-même -
 Je l'ai bien prouvé -
 Votre médaille ne m'est pas
 parvenue. Je vous en remercie
 toutefois, chère Mère.
 Vous ne me dites rien de
 vos Pauvres, de votre Ecole.

8996/61 signed letter, 4ff, pen {not FN's hand}

General Hospital

[14:406-07]

Balaclava

May 30/56

I have no intention of bringing home
 the Nurses otherwise than as the
 Hospitals go home gradually. I
 have sent twelve home already, the
 least efficient of course first -
 We have now only 23 Crimea
 17 Scutari
 40 including
 washerwomen & shall soon be
 fewer. I shall of course remain to
 the last nurse - We have only 17
 Regiments off yet. It is said we shall be out
 of this

by middle August out of Scutari by
end ditto - Of course we send home
sick as fast as we can - But of
course also the regiments as they move
empty the sick they cannot move upon
the General Hospital here & Fever
& Cholera you cannot move. We have
some of the former, not yet of the latter
But we shall -

I do not think it would do to sell
any of the Free Gifts. At least I should
shrink from doing so - What I incline
to would be to write to the Commandants
of our now over crowded depots in Malta

Corfu & Gibraltar where in consequence
of the *hutting*, the over crowding &
the heat there is certain to be much
sickness, & from our strengthening
our posts there so much one would
surmise war ultimately, & deposit
with them proportionate share of all
that is left which except wine &
shirts does not amount to much.

Lord Ellesmere I shall ask as to the
Crimean Fund stores - Revd Mother's
departure without my seeing her has
multiplied all my difficulties as
there is not one at Scutari now who

has been there since the beginning or can tell what is what, & it is impossible for me to return yet to Scutari - The Crimean Fund stores were of course unavoidably mixed with our own. Tell me if you see any objection to any of these things.

As for me I have no plans. If I live to return what I should like to do after a short visit at home would be to go to some foreign Hospital where my name has never been heard of & discharging myself of all responsibility anxiety writing & administration work there as a Nurse for a year -

Every other position seems to me impossible. At home I should go distraught with admiring friends & detracting enemies, with answering attacks like poor Col Tulloch - at a foreign watering place I should go mad with inaction - My health is too much broken for a position of responsibility & power. With the story I have to tell I never would enter the world again, not on account of the sickness & suffering, but of the corruption & incapacity I have ~~seen~~ to tell of My last two months (most dreadful of all) experience would make me

wish to live to fight the battle of
the Medical Officers against their
Inspector General - disgusting &
disgraceful as it is - but the fate of
Sir J. McNeil's report which report
I could never equal in its completeness
makes me feel such work hopeless
Were my Grandmother or Aunt alive
I would go to them - But how deep
the meaning of those words "Foxes
have holes & birds of the air have
nests, but the Son of Man hath not
where to lay *his* head.

I say nothing about yourselves for
you tell me nothing but God
bless you

F. Nightingale

I shall buy a revolver & shoot the
next person who asks me questions
in private, (excepting the Queen
Lord Panmure & Sir B. Hawes) -
In public I shall decline answering
all questions excepting in a report
as to what I have done with Private
Fund & Free Gifts, ie as to accounts-

[end 14:407]

Depend upon it the "tug of war"
is to come - May I NOT be there
to see!

8996/62 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pen

<i>Wages to be paid</i>		<i>Per Week</i>		
	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Rate</i>	
Miss Clarke	March 25 -	till arrival at home say 3 weeks after departure	pr wk	£1.0.0
Hawkins	March 30	do, do	18/	
Clarke	March 29	do, do	8/	
Howes	"	"	"	"
(For these latter two, 8/ per week had been already paid by me up to April 20 to Miss Skene, making up their 16/ pr week; & more recently, 8/ per week up to June 1 inclusive - being 6 weeks more in advance - for each				
Parker	March 29	till arrival at home i.e. 3 weeks after departure	18/	
Howell	Dec 27/55	do do	16/	
Stevens	Dec 27/55	do do	16/	
(deduct for 1 pr Boots 6/6)				
This, I think, should be the first party to go home -				

8996/63 initialed letter, 6ff, pen Goldie 268-71

General Hospital [14:409-12]

Balaclava

June 2/56

My dearest

1. All my invalid ~~children~~ sons are gone home - & it would be only out of these that could be found a man that would do for the Marseilles purpose - And alas! of those "gone home it is impossible for me to remember names. I could mention names of some still out here - but who being still in the Service would not, of course, leave it for such a position -

But amongst the multitude of discharged men in England, there must be some who would do -

General Sir Howard Douglas or
Lt General Sir W. Herries
would either of them be the man to ask -

2. *Mrs. Beste*, alias Sister Mary Martha, a girl of 23, is now with me here. She has been at death's door with Typhus Fever - Do you remember a scene with a Rat which I portrayed to you in the night? That happened when I was sitting up with *her*. I love her the most of all the Sisters - She is a gentle, anxious, depressed, single-hearted, single-eyed conscientious girl, not energetic, but a worker & no talker - I am very fond of her - And she is honest & true - She is very interesting, almost too patient & diffident. And she has been rescued from Death's door. She is heavy & stupid - trustworthy & noble

3. I know nothing of the Honble Mr. Hardinge's prologue -

4. Dr. Manning writes to me "I need not say that the justification of the employment of the Sisters of Mercy under you ~~wo~~ in the Papers was written by me" - As I observe that no one has ever realized the 8000 graves at Scutari, so I observe that every one pictures me with a cup of tea at my elbow reading the Public Prints, especially those parts which concern ourselves - As I have not seen a paper for 10 weeks, as I have never read any thing in them but what pertained to Sir J. McNeill's Commission, not from contempt (for I think it an inspiring thing to be writing, not to a party as the Record, the Standard, the Daily News, the

Guardian do, but to the world as the Times does - & if I had not such a ~~contempt for~~ misgiving about the persons, I could almost wish to be a newspaper writer myself) not from contempt therefore but from sheer lack of time day or night have I never read the papers.

I should therefore, as I have always entreated that any *piece* of a paper which it is important for me to ~~know~~ read should be cut out & sent to me (with the name of the paper whence it comes) so I should be glad to know *what* Dr. Manning has said & *where* - & *when* -

With regard to him, I neither trust him nor distrust him. But the Roman Church has never been accused of incapacity & as the whole of Mrs. Bridgeman's conduct evidences

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either a want of capacity or of faith on the part of her rulers, Let each man draw his own conclusion -

Revd Mother Moore & Revd Mother Bridgeman told me directly opposite stories - I have never had occasion to doubt the former (in a long experience) -

I have written no explanation to Dr. Manning & shall not - The thing is spoiled & can't be unspoiled But who suffers? Not *I* not the work - But the R.C. Church in whom there is now a direct split. She is quarrelling within herself - & publicly, which is not her wont. All the priests here have taken sides - And one has been recalled - Those priests who hated me are now my firm friends

Depend upon it, there never was an age *where the principles of abstract justice were so surely & immediately the "best policy"*, nor *where they have been so disregarded* - & the disregard surely & immediately ~~so~~ punished

For 5. Look at the whole political history of these last 3 years. Who has been the gainer? France - What has she advocated? The principle of *abstract justice* This has never been done before, Louis Napoleon is the deepest politician of the world - He advocates the principle of justice as the most successful policy England, Sardinia, Sweden, all these nations have sympathy with abstract justice - all have sided with France & gained more or less.

Austria, America &, of course, most of all, Russia have *no sympathy* with abstract justice - See ~~how they have suffered~~ what a pickle they are in

Russia will never forgive - I judge of this more by their undervaluing everything we have done than by their suffering - It appears certain that she has been drained of every man she can afford - It is thought that the estimate of 500,000 loss is not at all too large - She was losing 3000 men per day at the time of the bombardment - I have seen Sevastopol - It reminds me of Egypt. The ruins of the Dockyard of the white Barracks are like those of Kalabsheh or of Thebes In their colossal desolation I can compare them to nothing else - And

the town is like three towns - And
there is not one Stone left upon
Another - Now don't give in to the
weak wishy-washy sentiment which
is here talked about poor Sevastopol,
poor Russia - What was Sevastopol
there for? For aggression -for aggressive
fanaticism - Not for purposes of
defence - I can feel for the poor
wretches who have suffered & died -
But what did they die for? To
make ~~the~~ Russia the tyrant of the
world: I should like to have
seen the Crimea held by us as
the outpost of civilization - the
Russians driven beyond the Caucasus -
& the Caspian a sea of British
trade - This is all I felt when I
saw Sevastopol =

Now see how all that the Russians
have done

is directed against us - The neutralizing the Black Sea, the point about the Caspian is all against England. England they will never forgive - And their whole policy now will be to lower us -

"The Battle of Inkermann! oh nothing at all - a mere child's play" -

I have had many Russians come to see me -

"What compensation are England & France going to make to Russia for coming into the Crimea?" one officer asked

They are incurably stupid about trade - It never occurs to them that one nation cannot enrich itself by trade without its benefiting other nations - Dr. Sutherland told me that, in some discussion which he had one day with a Russian of great political eminence about covering Russia with rail=roads,

& suspending all Military conquest till this was done (I forget the origin of the conversation but) the point was that it had never struck this Russian that England would make money of every pound thus made by Russia

6. I think we shall be out of this much sooner than we expected - Sir W. Codrington says this day fortnight - "The Guards won't go till the middle of August" Admiral Fremantle told me yesterday "The Guards will go on Wednesday" the Agamemnon & St. Jean d'Acre are unloading their guns at Constante & are to take them home -

Lothian & the Sappers & Miners

go by the Cleopatra on ~~Mo~~ Wednesday
I will send you by him a bunch
of flowers or rather withered sticks
picked on Inkermann by me

Men of war are coming out from
England to take home 8000 - from
the Mediterranean 23,000 - in fact
the whole of the Mediterranean fleet
is coming - And we have transport
enough for the rest - We have
about 41,000 men left here -
All the Mediterranean regiments
but two are gone - What is left
is all for England - Sir Houston
Stewart says we shall be all
gone by middle of July from here -

What I surmise (but am
not certain) from this sudden
change is this - Sir W. Codrington
was excessively irritated at the
indifference at home about us

he said now our services are no
longer wanted, we shall be left to die
of Cholera & Fever here - The French
lost in one camp of Cholera 40 in
one night - But of course *they*
kept this a dead secret - We had
a threatening, not fatal - And Sir
W. Codrington telegraphed it home -
Lord Panmure was frightened lest
there should be a Commission of
Enquiry upon *him* - a Sir J. McNeill
upon the War Department - & the
fleet comes out to take us home
I am sorry - I had much rather
run the risk of Cholera & Fever
here than leave Austria to work
her wicked will in Italy.

Pazienza

But all is forgotten - We are
beginning to think that we were too
hard upon Crimean Mismanagement

We are beginning to pity Russia.

[end 14:412]

8996/64 signed letter, 7ff, pen, also in 5479/6

General Hospital **[14:414-18]**

Balaclava

June 9/56

My dear Sir

In reply to your letter of May 10, which has only just reached me - particularly to that part about the Land Transport Corps, where you say, "we are much puzzled to account for the excessive mortality of the L.T.C. I would suggest that there is some mistake in their Statistics -

The Medical Statistics of the L.T.C. are in a state of great confusion, so that it is hardly possible to obtain correct results - I have seen the weekly states for 21 weeks which give an average strength of about 8000 - The total No of deaths 242 - Mortality to average strength 3 per cent for 21 weeks.

The uncertainty exists in our extraordinary method (or no= method)

of keeping Statistics. The average strength in our Returns sometimes includes, sometimes excludes natives. Now the Native Strength is about 3000

Taking, however, all the sources of uncertainty into account, Dr. Sutherland estimate the mortality in that Corps at not more than 7.2 per cent per ann

Even this is excessive - But quite to be accounted for - The L.T.C. were exposed this last winter to all influences to which our Army was exposed the winter before - bad organization sever labour - improper & uncooked food no means for cleanliness - long exposure & fasting.

Even then, had they been recruited from country carters, accustomed to exposure in all weathers, they could have stood it. But they were chiefly discarded gentlemen's servants, tradespeople & townspeople - At least one half never ought to have come out, were unfit for any work under any circumstance

Our object being to keep the Army in 'magnificent condition for the supposed coming campaign, the L.T.C. did all their work. They got up at 5, A M, watered the mules, went down to Balaclava without breakfasting, had no means of drying themselves, no means of cooking their food &c &c Now that they are organized and in Balaclava their mortality is not much greater than that of the rest of the Army,

Sir W. Eyre's "fool's parade" cost 40 men in Hospital - If this was the result of one Crimean snow-storm poor L.T.C.'s repeated snow-storm might well do what we have seen -

The soldiers among the L.T.C. did not lose above the average mortality of the Army.

2. I was struck in going over the French Divisional Ambulance of the Corps de Réserve yesterday with the Médecin en Chef at what you say & what we all have remarked about the French -

While the Typhus cases were all under canvass - while the bedding, bedsteads, absence of flooring, diets, ~~un~~cleanliness, proportion of Medical Officers to Patients were all infinitely inferior to ours, their Medical Statistics should make us envious. How they keep any is a physical problem - Given one Surgeon to 300 wounded, which the Médecin en Chef told me was his own share during the siege, how does he find time to keep the "Cahiers" he does? Yet these Cahiers present the complete history of each case - the dieting, medical treatment, medical observations of each day of each Patient -

In your Report of Renkioi which you were kind enough to send me & which I read with the greatest interest, you will observe that the defect of its system is that this daily view of the Patient's dieting cannot be kept on record - I know that Dr. Parkes lamented this - It was the same at

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Smyrna - the same, to a lesser degree at Scutari - But, during the pressure there, it was unavoidable -

I mean that, while encouraging, in acute cases, as much as possible, every facility for the Surgeon to obtain on Requisition at a moment's notice from the Extra Diet Kitchen the articles of Diet suddenly wanted, which otherwise he would have had to wait for till next day at the General Kitchens, it was a constant battle with me to make the Surgeon enter these next day against the Patient's name on his Diet Roll as for yesterday so as to shew what the Patient's Diet has been - otherwise the history of his case is manifestly incomplete.

NB I am aware that, owing to the neglect of the Military Hospital Rule, much of the *casual* Diets, (enormous at the time of the great pressure at Scutari) has ~~gone~~ been set down, in Purveyor's Accounts, as part of the "Nurses' consumption".

P.S. I have been more careful to enforce, more convinced of the necessity of, Military Hospital discipline & accuracy than the Doctors, (especially the Junior Doctors,) themselves.

3. Our best Military Hospital is the Monastery Hospital at St. George's, Crimea, as to organization, cleanliness &c &c &c - our best Administrator without any comparison is 1st Cl. S.S. Dr. Jameson at that Hospital - Our worst Military Hospital is this -

NB. Dr Jameson has never been promoted, because it was convenient to lay the blame of the non-transmission of the Varna Stores to Scutari upon him without whom we should never have had them at all -

& 2 because he told Mr. Stafford at Abydos that we had no Port Wine there -

Considering Dr. Jameson as our best Administrator, I shewed him your Report, & we talked it over together - I asked him

to put down some of the details of his administration (the proof of the pudding & the proverb is somewhat musty) which I now enclose and in the necessity of most of which I concur. I will ask you to return it to me, because I have had no time to take a copy and there may come a time I fear it is not now, when it may be useful.

34. Touching the promotion of Medical Officers - The manifest injustice of most of the latter promotions will, I trust, upset the system - But what is to be put in its place?

One injustice is easily "constaté" - that of giving all the honors to Crimean Medical Officers, in preference to those at Scutari, on the plea of the greater risk to life in the Crimea, & of the Scutari Medical Officers having gone to "enjoy themselves in four-post beds" as I have heard Dep. Inspector-General Mowat express himself -

The fact would appear to be exactly the reverse. The figures given to me are

Died at	Scutari	20	
	Koulali	3	
	Smyrna	<u>1</u>	24
	Crimea	<u>20</u>	
	Bulgaria	3	
	Sick Shop	<u>1</u>	24

But, while the figures belonging to the Bosphorus Command are official, those of the Crimea are not - And therefore require verifying.

NB Three of the Medical Officers who died at Scutari certainly came from the Crimea - others may have contracted illness in the Crimea - A very large proportion however had never been there - So that the number of deaths, supposed to be nearly equal - while the actual number of Medical Officers at Scutari was always *much* below

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the numbers in the Crimea - proves that the proportion of deaths, - in other words, the risk to life, - was greater to the *Medical Officers* at Scutari than in the Crimea.

The total No. of *Medical Officers* invalided during the Campaign in the Bosphorus Command is 50. Of these, half had been in the Crimea

5. I agree with you, the fate of Sir John McNeil's Report has struck us all with despair.

A few more of those who have done the most mischief will be rewarded - and then the Army, which has deserved so well of us, will sink back into its former condition. And no one any more will talk even, of Reform -

For the *Medical Officers*, however, something might be done - Altho' the irresponsibility of opposition is always unsafe, & an alliance with Mr. Stafford

an un="holy alliance", I wish that he had been urged to keep his Committee open till the Medical Officers at present here can come home & give evidence - But I am told that this will be purposely prevented by their being ordered elsewhere -

There are many now here who would abide by their evidence, however little the Military Officers have, alas! done so by theirs - Two of these I could but will not name who have given opposite evidence at Chelsea from that which they have been heard to say here - We were astounded.

Of the Medical Officers now here, whose evidence would be valuable to Mr. Stafford & who would speak the truth, there are

Dr. Alexander	Dy Ins Genl
" R. Jameson	S.S.1st Cl
" Beatson	"
" Matthew	"
Mr. Jackson	S.S.2nd Cl
Dr. Holton	"
Dr. Jephson	1st Drag. Gds

I have no doubt many others.

I do not profess to feel any respect for the Military Medical Profession, any more than for any other race of slaves, of whom they have all the vices & all the virtues, but a strong compassion & a burning desire to see them righted -

"I know them too well to complain because I do not find in them veracity, fidelity, consistency, disinterestedness"

They have been reduced to this state by dependence upon the caprice of an Inspector Genl, a Director Genl for promotion (not always the caprice but ever the trick) supported by the "Confidential Report" System which has been carried to its utmost perfection by the present Inspector=Genl, which perfection consists in employing some other persons, generally the Deputy Purveyor in Chief, to give evidence concerning matters of which he is in no wise legitimately cognizant, and to take *the evidence of Orderlies against their Medical Officer in charge.*

In the last two months at this Hospital alone, two Medical Officers have been superseded upon evidence collected in the above manner, unknown to them -

Since June/55, there have been but three Medical Officers here with sufficient independence to resist this system - All three have been superseded -

What can be expected from this training but what actually happens?

An unfortunate 1st Cl. Staff Surgeon, in charge here during 8 months, one of those who was found most easy & submissive to work this system, was brought in here two days ago to the very Hospital he had contributed to ruin, in a fit of Delirium tremens, & cut his own throat this morning with his own Scalpel.

If Inspectors-General & Deputy Purveyors-in Chief could take a lesson, one would think the death of this wretched man might convey one.

But how can you expect a better race under such circumstances?

Unlike Sidney Smith, I would

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I had no "Pennsylvania Bonds" - I am sorry that the Inspector General has so injured me that it prevents me from taking up the quarrel of the Medical Officers, for fear it might be considered my own -

In France, the promotion of Medical Officers depends upon Seniority.

In Sardinia, upon the "Examen" & "Concurrence" - (the three *first* of the lower Grade are designated by the Conseil, go in for the Examen for the next "Grade".)

I enclose the principle of Promotion which, it is said, would generally *satisfy* our Medical Department in the justice of which I need not say I do *not* concur -

It is also drawn up by Dr. Jameson. **[end 14:418]**

Believe me, dear Sir

most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

June 21/56

8996/65 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [Goldie 276-77: to Mai Smith]

General Hospital
Balaclava
June 27/56

[14:424-25]

Dearest

On Monday or Tuesday I, with all [30 June or 1 July]
the Crimean woman=kind, leave the
Crimea per "Ottawa" with all the Patients
Eleven go on to England - of my "monde"
I, & I believe, Mrs Roberts, land at
Scutari. I earnestly wish that Miss
Morton may take advantage of this
"Ottawa" (which is placed at my
disposal) to go on to England in her
I shall never be able to get her so
good a passage again - And she
will also look after the Nurses -
while at Scutari I feel that her
work is done - though I can never
be too thankful to her for having
staid with you - She was perfectly
right & you were wrong - You could not
have staid alone

I will by Miss Morton, however, in consequence of that sentence in her letter to me which says that "there are great deficiencies in the Linen of the Hospitals & Mr. Robertson wishes to see "me" about them" - although it appears to me impossible that these deficiencies can exist in the *Issuing Stores*, where every month we took stock - yet I am going to land the two Nuns at Scutari, who were in the *Issuing Stores*, and in order that they may give evidence to Mr. Robertson - and I have ~~stopped~~ caused the vessel to stop a whole day at Scutari for this purpose. I write therefore by Miss Morton to give Mr. Robertson all the information in her power before I come, to be

ready to give me information during the single day the vessel will tarry at Scutari, which will be Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, & to be present when Mr. Robertson examines the Sisters - Should he not be satisfied, I shall even detain the Sisters for another Ship -

My own conviction is that there was irregularity in all Accounts *but ours*. And these "great deficiencies" I am not at all surprised to hear of - Every house of every Greek in Scutari ~~is~~ is full of stolen goods.

Please thank Miss Morton very much for her letter - I have written the characters of all the women to Lady Cranworth, & to the ladies who recommended them - I seldom or never give a written character

to the person herself - Mrs. Woodward's
was an unmitigatedly good character - [end 14:425]
ever yours
FN

8996/66 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

I am afraid that you will think [14:434-35]
me weak & tiresome in giving
contradictory orders -

But, IF you have made no
arrangement yet with the Nurses
who are to go, I would
(because circumstances which have
lately arisen have made me
think that my enemies in
England as well as here are far more active to
take advantage of any imprudence
of mine than I had any idea
of - & therefore I must be the more
careful)

I would therefore
1. not give to these Nurses* ~~nor to~~
~~any one but Miss Clarke~~ the
letters which I wrote to them
but simply read them to them,
keeping them in your own hands,
You will give *Miss Clarke her* letter of farewell ~~as well~~

A duty attorney in London might otherwise get hold of them.

2. I think it so undesirable that our Regulation Clothing should sport itself about London upon the backs of disreputable Nurses that I will make good the difference, to them, (out of my own pocket, if necessary;) so that they shall have the value of the clothing due to them which they have not drawn up to the day of their arrival in London, calculating 3 weeks from the day of their departure All that you have to do however is to tell them that they will have it, 'that they are not to go to the W. Office for it, that the Rule is, after the 1st year £2 worth clothing every 6 months, to each nurse, & that, if they will give you their directions & write

down what they have had in clothing, after the first year - I will compare it when I come ~~home~~ back to Scutari with my Lists - & send them home *immediately* w the value of what is due to them ~~in clothing~~ - Their writing ~~anything~~ down what they have had is only a measure of precaution, as I have accurate Lists of all they have had at Scutari -

3. I enclose a letter to Miss Clarke which please read - & give her to read, ~~but~~ keeping it, however, yourself for all future applicants - If you cannot do this, without offending her, perhaps Miss Morton could - But I leave it to you - praying however very earnestly that, if possible, my time may be saved in writing this to *all* the ladies - I will tell you, privately that, (if it should be said, "Why, the Blackwoods go up, & the Naval Hospital Ladies ~~es~~ go up" -)

When the pony is well, let
Mr. Hadow have it completely,
drawing forage for it himself
He then has the responsibility
of seeing the poor thins not
ill=used - otherwise not.

Three women of the 28th Regiment will
call upon you for clothing - Please
refer them to Lady Alicia,
telling her that they will come
& that they are recommended
by Col. Adams -

[end 14:435]

8996/67 1f note, pen, FN arch: ? June 1856

I send you today by Captain Champion
of "Melbourne", some barbaric (not
gold but) silver, 5 bracelets made
at Sinope - for my birth=day
present - If you each keep a
pair, perhaps some worthy soul,
who keeps an affectionate remem=
brance of me will like the odd
one - Mrs. Bowman perhaps -
for Mr. Bowman patronized me in
my adversity & did not wait
for the world to find out how
clever I was.

8996/68* unsigned letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?56} **[1:143-44]**

I cannot remember whether
I told you that, by the
kindness of Capt. champion
of the "Melbourne", I send
you home a wild puppy,
found in a hole her
in the Krim with
eleven brothers & sisters.
I tried in vain to
tame him - The only
time he was beaten,
for doing something very
naughty, he was very
quiet at the time, but
never would speak again
to the person who did it.

His name is Roosh -
supposed to be an
abbreviation of "Rooshan"
His mama is about
as big as a calf -
There are not 6 dogs
of his species gone home,
so he is supposed to be
valuable - **[end 1:144]**

8996/69 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

I have written to Miss **[14:422]**
Tebbutt which please read -
I do not wish to urge her,
but, if she should not
wish to go, pray lose no
passage that is offered -
Let her in that case remain with
Cator at General Hospital -
Let Davey go with Miss
Ecuyer in Capt. Keatley's
vessel - And let Orton or
Sullivan take the
remaining place in
the "Thames" - You then
remain with Miss Morton,
Miss Tattersall & one Nurse
only - Eskip at the house,

But you will very soon
have too many from here -

I am afraid that Miss
Tebbutt has not seen
Constantinople, as she
wished - I should be very
sorry that she should
not do this - I daresay
Capt. Keatley could detain
HIS vessel one day for
her to do this - Especially
as I have found it
not morally but
physically impossible to
bring her or any one lady up to
the Crimea - as the
Quarter Master General

is quite positive ~~about~~ against this -

I trust she will go
to Constantinople - Please
tell her this - about the
Crimea & Constantinople -
2. Please pay the rent
of my house - When
the present month closes,
which is does Julyne 520,
~~I shall not require it -
any more - I only keep
it on now, because~~
Miss Wes - I will only take
it, if possible, by the week -
3. Please to ask Miss
Tebbutt or Mrs. Mcleod,
(whichever goes) to consider
herself in charge of the

party from Scutari - and
to report to me how they
have behaved on their
passage home -

4. I have no Catalogue
of my Books - When I
gave them, I gave them
entirely - & it is the
business of the Chaplains
to see them utilized in
Military Hospitals =
= Libraries at home -

[end]

Please give all you can
to ships going home.

8996/70 signed letter, 1f, pen, also in 5486/29 brown ink, presumably
that is the original

Scutari

[14:425]

Barrack Hospital

July 4/56

If Lord Stratford will be
so good as to appoint
any day & any hour
least inconvenient to
himself, when I
might wait upon him
to take his orders
relative to the list
which he has wished
me to make of H. My's
Nurses who are to be
partakers of the
Sultan's bounty, I

will gladly avail
myself of the
opportunity as I am
shortly about to leave
Scutari

[end]

Florence Nightingale

8996/71 signed letter, 1f, pen 5482/13

Barrack Hospital **[14:426]**

Scutari

July 5/56

My dear Sir

You were kind enough
to offer some advice as
to the nature of Stores
which I might send
to our Mediterranean
Commands; at Corfu
principally - you thought
warm clothing desirable.
If you could kindly
give me some idea,
from your greater
experience, as to the

quantity & quality of
Stores to be addressed
to the Ionian Isles & to
whom they should be
addressed, you would
greatly oblige me.

[end 14:426]

I remain

dear Sir

Yours very truly

F. Nightingale

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Barrack Hospital [14:426-28]

Scutari

July 7/56

My dear Sir

My probably last letter should thank you for having been a, ~~if not~~ I might indeed say *the*, most material assistance to my work - which I shall ever remember with gratitude - and, altho' "la reconnaissance n'est qu'un vif sentiment des bienfaits futurs" in general, it is not so in my case, for I am now going to trouble you for the last time & hope on that score to receive your forgiveness -

Sir John Hall has, in my absence in the Crimea, written to Dr. Linton here to desire the Purveyor-in-Chief ~~here~~ to send him an Abstract of all requisitions signed with my name, since Nov/54 which had accordingly been

done without my knowledge, before I returned here two day ago.

These Requisitions are for Scutari & embrace all I drew from Public Stores for our Extra Diet Kitchens, as well as for the Nurses' own consumption -

This will appear from the Abstracts printed in the Blue Book of the Cumming-Maxwell Commission, which gives the average of the Issues from my Extra Diet Kitchens and sorts the sources whence the materials were supplied, whether from Purveyor, (upon whom I then drew by my own Requisition, according to a principle laid down by the War Office & the Inspector General of Hospitals in the Bosphorus, but too long here to insert, and recognised even in the Crimea by Sir John Hall till about ~~sev~~-six months ago,) or from Private Stores

Bref, *the whole* of these Requisitions appears in Sir John Hall's Abstract as having been for our own private consumption

the fact is almost too ridiculous to make any comment upon - as unless the women could eat 6 lbs Beef each daily, the Abstract disproves itself The consumption of the women of meat has always been under 1 lb. daily - For one Extra Diet Kitchen alone, on the other hand, I drew 80 lbs Meat daily. The great economy effected for Government by drawing thus in bulk is obvious & well known to all housekeepers -

Again, I have never drawn one oz. ArrowRoot for the Nurses, nor one oz. wine or Brandy - as I have already stated in another place -

I shall endeavor, before I leave this, to settle all these matters with the Purveyor-in-Chief - so that I shall be ready when I come home to answer any questions which may arise -

But I think it wise, under the circumstances, to place myself in the attitude of an accused person, and to lodge my statement with one of those men of honor who, alas! are not so plentiful as I once imagined them to be - But that was before I had been initiated into ye Crimean Mysteries.

2. The absence of Statistics (Medical) of which you complain, is unavoidable in consequence of the Rules, chiefly obtained from the Ancient Britons, which prevail in our parts

e.g. the bed=tickets at the head of each Patient might as well consist of three, Febris c.c., Diarrhoea, Dysentaria & be hung up promiscuously. For if Diarrhoea puts on Fever in a Military Hospital, Diarrhoea has to be discharged and Fever admitted, thus standing for two Patients. A Regimental Surgeon may

appear by his books, as if he had admitted 60 Patients per month, whereas he may only have admitted 20.

The Director-General would then say, "something is wrong" - But he would not look & see what was wrong. And the Surgeon, not the System would suffer Surgeons therefore are compelled to let any Patient bear the name of any disease ad libitum, rather than go through the discharging & re-admitting process which "looks so bad." But all Medical Statistics are thereby rendered impossible -

Again, they are compelled to name the disease within a certain nomenclature, also inherited from the Picts, & which does not contain the names even of some diseases, unknown at the times when Diagnosis was more imperfect than it is now.

Again, no history of case is transmitted

with Patient, when he is transferred from one Hospital to another. His own x statement has to be taken, if indeed he be capable of making a statement as hundreds in the winter of /54 were not.

I dare say you know all these things usque ad nauseam - But Hospitals cannot have been your profession as they have been mine.

3. Many of the best Medical Officers will agree with Dr. Linton that one Ward Surgeon to 30 Patients only is *not* too much, due regard being had to the Patient, in attention to his case, to the Public, in attention to Medical Statistics & history - Many will agree that one Senior to 350 Patients only is not at all too much

And that for every 600 Patients a separate Hospital Establishment is desirable

4. I cannot agree with you in "taking the General Hospital at Scutari as the most favourable specimen of our Military Hospitals, the building having been originally designed for this use. Surely there are things of as much importance as a "building" to the good administration of a Hospital -

I could say much more on these subjects - But cui bono? [end]

Believe me ever

Most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Lt. Col. Lefroy R.A.

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[1:143]

My dearest people

I sent home, by the Revd Mr. Hort,
on board the Calcutta, a "Rooshan" trophy
for you, & 2 prs Bracelets in a small
box, of which Lothian is to have the
refusal. I sent for them to Sinope
on purpose, by medium of my faithful
friend, Colonel McMurdo - Director General
of the L.T.C. without whom I do not
think I should be alive -

Pray, if you see Mr. Hort, make much
of him. He is a good man, Hibernicè

General Codrington has been courteous,
Col Windham more than courteous, kind,
Lord Rokeby & Genl Barnard, who brought
Lord Gough to see me, talk to me as
to an old soldier - & brother in the field
But Genl Storke & Col McMurdo have
been & will remain my only friends
out here

ever yours

[end 1:143]

14/7/56

F.N.

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My dearest people **[1:241]**

I cannot yet fix the day for
coming home - It depends upon many
things, not dependable upon myself

I am just working as hard
as I can - to get home - -

All I want is to get home
quietly, without any body knowing
it. I shall take out my Passport
under the name of Smith.

Lord Lyons has offered me
passage to any port I like.

Aunt Mai & Co gone over to
Stamboul to the Bazar -

Ever yours

F.N.

Scutari 17/7/56