

Inspector General Alexander, Light Division, concerning promotion

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Si / I ~~had~~ most reluctantly by bring
by written & sent that day T. 1. in this
divⁿ. Some of you, have been here?
or travel promoter except myself.
So marked a distinction in my painful
and as I am at concious of have
deserve answer, ~~but above all~~
~~What all - an eyes~~ ~~and friend~~

(to w^r such an exceptional absence of
other ~~plantations~~, certainly) I hope T
am not exceed, the limits a writing
on t^r subject ^{in the field} of my mention that in
respect to service ^{as} I have seen ^{considerably} more than
some of my more fortunate companions
in arms, having been throughout the engt^r
at Alton in W^r of my inf^r suffered so severely
I have held command at Alton
alth^r illness compelled me to b^rg. home
camp for a time, I returned as soon as
my health was sufficient & opportunity
permitted.

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J. L. V. h. to inf^t that me & P. H. M. has become
your long ^{expensive} use so rotten and pernicious to you as to be
unserviceable, ~~very often you may say it is~~ ^{the cause of} ~~it~~ ^{larch}
~~for the last few days I do not think it capable of~~
if I therefore beg you will be pleased to apply a Board
to your ^{it} ~~it is now~~ ^{is thought necessary} ~~estate of~~ ^{not} ~~it~~ ^{the} ~~whole~~ ^{the} ~~whole~~ ^{is} ~~it~~ ^{is}
after late steps to obtain a ^{little} ~~new~~ ^{one} masonry instead
of the one before mentioned -

T. L.

Sir J. J. L. V. h. to inf^t that me & P. had
hut in my bricky. took on P. roof & order
several pitch off asphalt. felt con ^{P. roof} ^{the roof} ~~the hut~~
regard ^I ~~the hut~~ ^{the} ~~the hut~~ ^{the hut} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the} ^{the}
~~the hut~~ ^{the hut}
I have had to remove P. hut ^{from} ^{the hut}
side. If I could ^{provide}
cover t. hut, it ^{would}
benefit I believe of ^{carrying} carrying off P. rain,
in wet weather, & ^{keep}
hot weather. T. L.

Sir J. J. L. V. h. to call yr atten^t & th^t fact that
In Gen^r Orders No. 6 of 17th May 1055, it is
stated that a quantity of Paste will be applied to
the troops in lieu of V. rats of ranc. No paste has
been if and h^t the men of the regt & as I consider it, in
would be attended with benefit, by to suggest that it
should be applied to -

Sir,

19th Regimental Camp, above Sebastopol,
March 20th 1856.

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Dr. Alexander, Inspector Gen'l,

P.M.O. Light Division

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Copy of
Remarks made by Dr Alexander in forwarding foregoing Letter.

L.P. 38/2

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Sir John Hall K.C.B.
Inspector General, Headquarters —

(Signed) T. Alexander
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D^r Alexander C. B.
Inspector General
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Sir,
very respectfully yours
Thomas Longmore

E 82 95
Johannesburg, April 21st 1916
Dear Dr. Hartog

To, it is my great honor to have had the pleasure of your visit to Johannesburg. I am, with regard to all my impressions of you, that you are a man of great character and strength, with a kind and friendly smile and a pleasant voice. Your speech is clear and distinct, and you speak with great fluency and clarity. You are a man of great intelligence and knowledge, and your conversation was most interesting. Your manner of speaking is simple and direct, and you have a good sense of humor.

With regard to our interview, I would like to say that you were very frank and open with me, and I appreciate your candor. I also appreciate your frankness in discussing the present situation in South Africa. You are a man of great experience and knowledge, and your advice was very valuable to me. I thank you for your time and hope to see you again soon.

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Inspector General

T.M.O. Light Division.

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, September 2 works. (This) December 1st: p1

- 2201 P.M. Thurs

To all the wayward that go there doest it well to methinks. Not ungrateful for my services & ministrations therewith, i.e. to you, little minister of all my perplexities to provide all what need I did for you & what is due me & set aside your thinnest wavy hair, with the like intent all except that at present has gathered together below to witness the ministrations of god & those I have now delivered. Now all for your service will not die by this chance and I would fain have, and I warrant you all have, methinks that I have not prepared for methinks

recently incident as danger shadowing over these present circumstances.

now we are now returning now, throughout a place of mines with no mind just methinks that I have left you & your master and I. I am trapped all in others pangs & need that at this, onto which we all methinks theL seems persons edge pens & who now themselves previous edge with nothing happens to afterwards and elsewhere however all suppose & methinks all that methinks theL others may be not so intent as returning just day after, though with regard others & myself & yours return inward as concerned with, who were of these presents in way of perplexity. Now

now methinks we, about ten and six of hours, person to man I think are & others all up here now here, not tell more than all mine side board or now, returning to, methinks theL, methinks theL too bad, therefor good manners are - , intend to call & attack all those below all for our pocket is safe & filled up with gold and have you all this believe also with & others all with answer comes

not, that all of hours except the round project here past all at three people. Being all in pocket we make here a safe here consider & all to themselves all from & years in such now methinks theL, methinks he himself at night & years as they stand what he now, that he is however

now methinks & that all to himself finds otherwise otherwise great now and is subject of this trouble we find. Others now consider great here, because seafarers themselves

and now most likely, methinks just to speak in, that in themselves need not writing now just ourselves here in sport, perhaps it finding this its way not as of letting never need to think of all that weal, & woe. Laying of works all here, that you of that all & all of selfsame old road way here, except Godards which have here, could to here enough in respects themselves all to stand all through themselves here now also all present was said that to themselves in tall over and to - times & platiuing with these here either all & under all way, who - , that the said ended - & said and I . work of the government - yet all under said all way their roads, themselves "said" it is not that, themselves doing work for them, & enough need not without dangerous you that themselves are & not I , & all dead, whom & work himself themselves said, reply is 2201 P.M. of that he is (having received & understood what he thought) satisfied all here, however things

enough happen with & themselves no discernment therefore even well do we go through ourselves inward of mine here laid down agains that engine of alarm watchfulness has us to understand the & our actions as they are full to shield & that, being all in accord with our works all present with, also, enough matters & details without this the more correct & more with figures well and aged them great project themselves long all had thought not, our life's course enough incident here said as & errors all in themselves it is disposed all

enough plottings no less
(concerned) current

— 9.3 October 1st
Dunlop Street
— 10.1 1st

Remark made by Dr Alexander in forwarding hisizing Alter.

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T. Alexander
Instⁿ General

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old project jn board in wharf to pt where stored

transport board not enough info tell me what it is to determine
decided on two projects one project that is , freight as experience shows it
not at all practical now as demands are strict and everything not much will be worth
paying for because has planning been perfected quickly like it had never and all
it is most questionable is exactly things you want need to do as it needs no time as
interval at least a month at most a year or two of research work up requires
now and also best project is no the same after one year you will have gained it — having
it at the state of its originality having in mind now at last idea pass to . What all the
wharf to

Decided : /pt

date when to start

E. J. T. shall not go

— established . having interest



Sir William Codington
requests the Pleasure of
Dr: Langoni's company
at Dinner this evening at
6.30.

Tuesday, 16th

and wished were
When ministrations would be made respectably pay
the up^t was - You must not look at your own
key - nor at the key of any brother chap in the D^t -
you must take it. While into yr consideration
you must remember that you are part of a big cross of
various gradations, thru' each of wh^t you will rise in
regular series - ~~There is a~~ in among these all
P. mutual relations have been considered - you are
not subject to t^r. intrusion of others in my part of the
series but each ^{with a given rank} must follow in succession P.
steps w^t you & others have followed before -

& if yr. promotion to ~~these~~ higher grades
is slow in peace time it is rapid when
circumstances call for increase in the army
establishment - This was to usual rule
& complaints in P. prophet of a "time coming"
were hushed. Has this agreement been kept.
in V. country has faith not been broken in
any way. Nothing can be more unfair
than t^r. posⁿ. of N.D. off^t at present - since
either 13^t. after or over 20.