

Reports from Deputy Inspector General John Forrest at Scutari

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D^r Hall

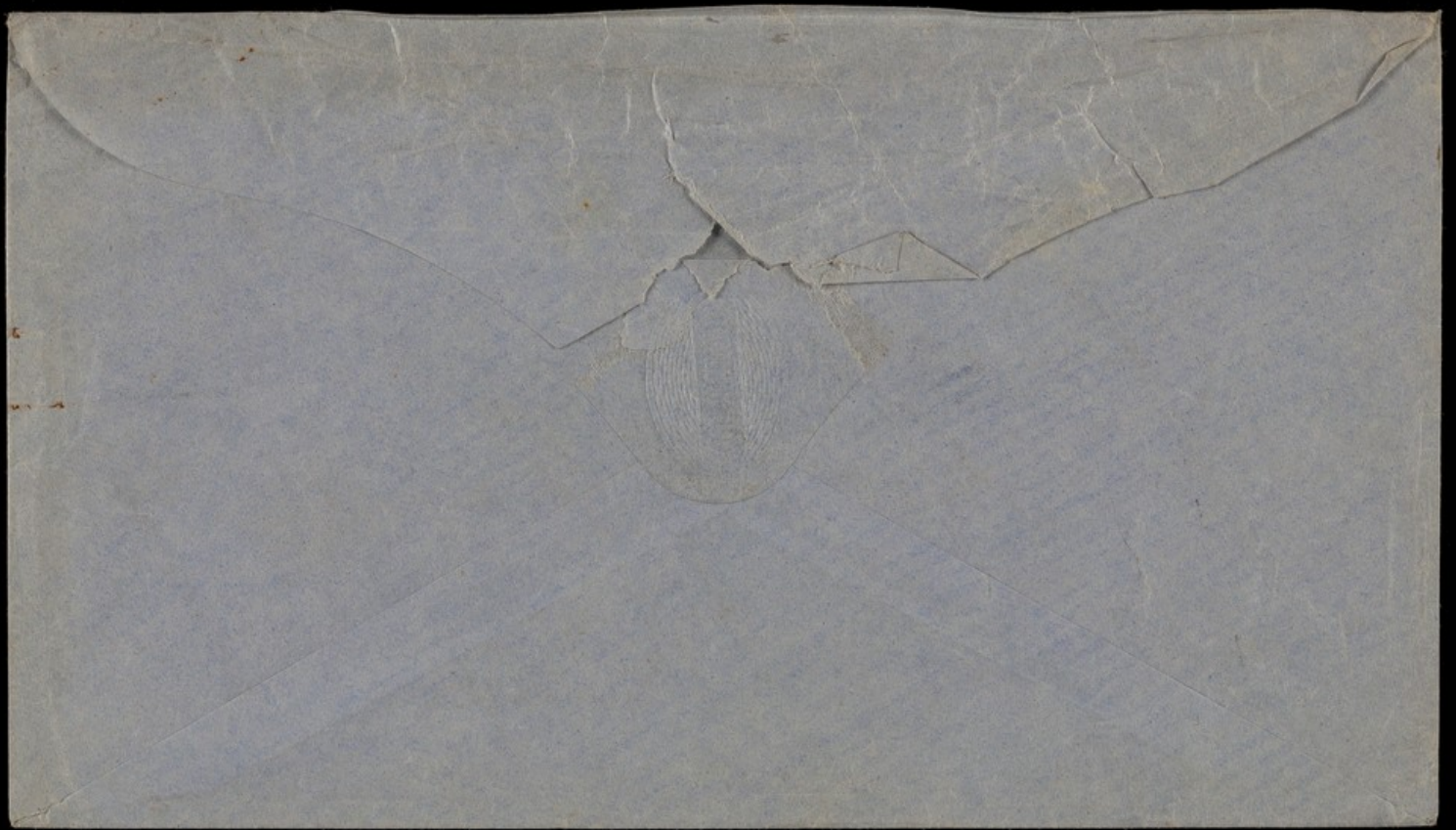
Inspector General of Mines

[Signature]

Archie's Street
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15. December 1854.

My dear D^r Hall,

I should be greatly obliged by your ordering Assistant Surgeon Smith 1st Royals to the General Hospital at Scutari, or to some other station where he would be well worked. He has been twice in arrest here, - he was released on Monday last with a severe reprimand from Sir Richard England and he immediately afterwards put himself on the sick list. He is of no use here

and he sets so bad an example
to other young officers that I think
he would be better away from us

Cholera is decreasing rapidly
in the 9th - perhaps from the want of
susceptible subjects - Our sick list
in other respects ought to diminish
but we are still without firewood
or charcoal to afford ^{the troops} them external
warmth. Another Regiment is to
be attached to this Division which
will make eight, exclusive of
Artillery -
Yours very truly
J. Forrest

Recd 11 Jan^y 1855
Hall

FCO 21/2

Sentari 4th January 1856

My dear Dr. Hall

I fear that this
place will prove too much for me
There are now three large Hospitals
open containing close upon 5000 sick.
Staff Surgeons Mr. Illies & Mr. Giger
are ill with fever. I shall therefore
require two to replace them, as also
a 1st Class S. S. to superintend the
Sultan's Palace Hospital, and an
Hospital about to be opened over the
East stables. calculated to contain
70 patients. I shall be very glad

when your arrangements are made
to relieve me here As I feel confident
that I will break down - I shall go
to Smyrna if you like and do my
best there but here I am really
unable to meet the demands that
are made upon me as I have had
two attacks of Ague since I saw
you and my stomach and kidneys
are extremely irritable

Yours very truly
J. Forrester

Scutari & Lamb - 1855

Dr Forrest - mentioning
the magnitude of his
charge, & the sickness of
some of his staff -
feeling his health will
not be equal to the labor

Decided case of parallel

Riv. do Sav. 1855

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JH

Scutari 10 Jan'y 1855.

My dear Dr. Hall,

I am glad to be able to say that I have again taken over charge of this establishment and I hope there may be no more interruptions owing to the state of my health, if so I shall go

I can hardly describe to you the depression of spirits from languor and lassitude I have under, and the sensation of fulness in my head with occasional slight attacks of Epistaxis make me think there is something of a Scorbute taint in my ailments - in fact

every thing is a labour and a
burden to me

We are going a very
quietly here - Miss Nightingale
& I have not disturbed me and
I think there has been some
little fault in permitting Med.
officers to draw supplies direct
from Miss N. without going
through the office of the Purveyor
to the Forces - I have endeavoured
to alter this - Dr. French's
write to you about the Opium;
but you will never get supplies
from the Store here unless we
get a new Apothecary - Mr.
M: Intosh is careless and indifferent
and altho' I have called upon

him day after day to furnish
me with a state of his Stone
or an approximation but I can
get nothing from him - His
habits are very irregular and
are fast merging into the term
"habitual" - As soon as I am
able to go down stairs I shall
convene a Board of Survey on
the Stones and send you the
Proceedings, but I am quite
prepared for all that I have
seen and heard to meet with
great deficiencies

You are not perhaps
aware that the Stones and
Vouchers were not examined
after Mr Reid's death, who was

16 January - Scular

I fear it about depending up
alone responsible and I fear it
is almost too late now to put
^{supplies and supporting the habits}
of ^{the} ^{troops} ^{into} ^{the} ^{hands}
matters straight even should
ouchers be forthcoming; how
: ever you shall be furnished with
the actual state of affairs with
as little delay as possible

I hope you will not see any
more sick down here until
our numbers are reduced, as
there is no room for them in the
hospitals. - The weather here is
very stormy and I pity the troops
in camp with all my heart. Their
sufferings must be great, and I can
see nothing before them but certain
death

Believe me
Yours very truly
J. Forrest

Rev. 28 Jan^r 1855

FCO 21/4

Scutari 23^o January 1855.

My dear Dr Hall.

I am sorry to say that I find I must resort to England for change of climate as I am quite unfit to carry on duty here. Lawson and others seem to think there is serious disease of my kidneys going on and I dare say they are right for I have had excruciating pain in my loins with an inordinate secretion of urine. I am emaciating so rapidly that there must be some drain on my constitution to cause me to feel such languor & lassitude.

Should we touch at Malta I shall
do myself the pleasure to call to see
Mrs Hall, and on my arrival in
London I shall endeavor to enlighten
Dr. Smith on many points. I have
really become so nervous that I
can hardly write

Believe me
Yours very truly
G. Forrest

Scutari 23 Jun^o 1856
D. Forrest, notifying his
inability to perform his
duty -

Sap Complete -

Recd 5 Feb 35
JH

FCO 21/5

Scutari 27. Jan'y 1835.

My dear S^r. Hall

I thank you very
much for your kind attention
of sending me to Rhodes. Nothing
could have suited my wishes
more or been more agreeable
to me. but just at present I could
not be very active as I cannot
get rid of the pain in my back
and limbs - a short sea voyage
however may I hope will set
me up and should I find myself
better on my arrival in England

I shall at once please myself
at Dr. Smith's disposal and
return to Rhodes, should he
think proper, and should you be
writing to him I should be greatly
obliged by ^{you} mentioning my wish
to him. — I have consulted
with Lawson & others here about
the propriety of cancelling my
leave of absence under present
circumstances, but they say no
as they are of opinion that a change
of climate is necessary for me.
In fact I cannot repair the waste
that is going on through my

Kidneys - the secretion of urine
especially during the night
is almost excessive and is
in enormous quantity - however
I think that a sea voyage
will put all right with me.

I have no wish to remain
in England I would rather
be abroad

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
J. Torrey

27 Jan^y 1855

Stout - on silk
leaves -