

## 'San Juan de Dios Hospital, Bogota'

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SAN JUAN DE DIOS HOSPITAL, BOGOTÁ

14/16

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THE WELLCOME BUREAU OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

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Director-in-Chief  
ANDREW BALFOUR, CMG, M.D.

10, HENRIETTA ST  
CAVENDISH SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.

25th November, 1915.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

re Sedan Chair.

In answer to your request for information please note the following points:-

1. The Sedan Chair was presented by the authorities of the Hospital of San Juan de Dios, through the agency of Dr. José M. Montoya, Bogotá.
2. Bogota is in the Republic of Colombia, South America.
3. Dr. Balfour says he has no information as to how long the chair has been in use.

Yours very truly,

Edw. Haslam

H.M.M.

11 November 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Haslam has forwarded your letter to me respecting the Sedan Chair. As soon as it is delivered at this Museum I will advise you accordingly, and we shall be pleased to pay all charges incurred for the delivery.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>T.

Roberto Vargas Esq.,  
Leadenhall Buildings,  
Leadenhall Street,

E.C.

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10th November, 1915.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I enclose a letter from Mr. Vargas re the Sedan Chair. With regard to paragraph 2 Dr. Balfour asks me to say that we should pay all charges in connexion with this matter and he would be glad if you will arrange this with Mr. Vargas.

Yours very truly,

*E. M. Haslam.*

ROBERTO VARGAS,

Telegraphic Address,  
VARGAS, LONDON.  
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LIEBER, SÄMPEL & A.B.C.

LEADENHALL BUILDINGS,  
LEADENHALL STREET,

*London*, 8th. November. 1915.  
E.C.

E.M. Haslam Esq. Sec.

The Wellcome Bureau of Scientific Research.  
10 Henrietta St. W.

RECEIVED  
9 NOV 1915

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of Sept. 16th. & now beg to advise you that I have instructed the Proprietors of Hays Wharf - 55 Great Tower St - to forward to the Historical Medical Museum - 54a Wigmore St - W. to the order of Andrew Balfour Esq. 2 Cases marked R.V. containing the Sedan Chair mentioned in my letter of the 14th. ult. which arrived by the s.s. Danube.

Kindly advise me of the arrival of the 2 cases & also please let me know if you have instructions respecting the payment of the charges incurred from the Steamer to the Museum, as my instructions are not clear on this subject.

Yours faithfully.

*Robert Vargas*

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10, HENRIETTA ST.  
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LONDON, W.

20th October, 1915.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I have to-day received a letter from Dr. Balfour, in which he writes:

"Re the ambulance for Bogota. I think one of the ordinary hand-drawn City of London police ambulances with hood would serve the purpose very well if Mr. Wellcome agrees."

Will you kindly tell me if the Sedan Chair from Bogota has yet reached you? I should also be glad to know if Mr. Wellcome has said anything further about the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Edm. Haslam

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. '15

Mr Thompson

I have sent Mr  
Roberto Vargas' original  
letter, as requested per  
phone this morning.

W.B.C.



ROBERTO VARGAS,

Telegraphic Address,  
VARGAS, LONDON.

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LEADENHALL BUILDINGS,  
LEADENHALL STREET,

*London*, 14th Sept 1915.  
E.C.

Dr Andrew Balfour.

11 Chandos Street.

Cavendish Square.

W.

RECEIVED  
15 SEP 1915

Dear Sir:

I have received a letter from my friend Dr Jose M. Montoya of Bogotá, advising me that he has forwarded to my consignment a 'Sedan Chair' & instructing me to hold the said chair to your orders, as Dr Montoya is sending it for the Medical Museum - Welcome.

I will be pleased to receive your instructions as regards the said chair.

At the same time Dr Montoya informs me that you have kindly offered to send an Ambulance to Bogotá & Dr Montoya asks me, if convenient to you, to see the ambulance you propose to send & see as regards its packing &c, to ensure as far as possible its arrival to Bogotá in a sound condition.

I would be very pleased to hear from you on the subject & if you wish I may call on you any day at the hour more convenient to you.

Yours faithfully.


*Roberto Vargas*

Mr C. G.

I think this should be  
filed in your files as  
the Sedan Blair is a  
HMM matter

M. D.

12 JAN 1916

  
THE WELLCOME BUREAU OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

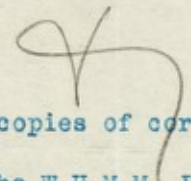
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Dear Mr. Wellcome,

  
I think the attached copies of correspondence will explain themselves. After communicating with the W.H.M.M. I have asked Mr. Vargas to deliver the chair to 54a Wigmore Street.

Will you kindly let me have your instructions with regard to the Ambulance to be sent in exchange. I have sent Dr. Balfour a copy of Mr. Vargas's note, but unfortunately our letters do not appear to be reaching him regularly. In his last letter, dated August 29th, Dr. Balfour mentioned that so far he had received only one letter from us, whereas we have sent seven.

Yours very respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Thompson,

I give below a copy of an extract <sup>from</sup> of a letter sent by Dr. Balfour on July 28th, 1914, to Dr. Montoya, Bogota, Colombia. After further correspondence the chair has been dispatched, as you will see from the attached copy of a letter received to-day from Mr. Roberto Vargas, Leadenhall Buildings, Leadenhall Street.

Can you let me know per bearer if you wish to have the chair delivered to 54a Wigmore Street, or indicate what reply you would like me to send to Mr. Vargas.

Yours truly,

*E. M. Haslam*

Extract of letter from Dr. Balfour to Dr. Montoya, dated 28th July, 1914.

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(Copy).

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