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Watson June 66

1855

My dear Simpson

I was glad to see your handwriting & to see your letter you were in good health. I agree with you in all you say about our department & I don't think we shall ever mend it. I sent your ~~private~~ letter to the Daily News & I think on the said Medical men did not ~~at~~ protest against what was said about them in the public papers &c. I did not say when it was first merely said I had cut it for public papers. It hurt me the answer I enclosed to you. I heard from Mr. Sloan yesterday letting me of the safe arrival of the box and writing to me of it in London. I shall call when I go up again but could not before as I had not the address which was on the box. I am so very glad that Perrot is taken & we of it our own. I hope this fresh foundation will do more good or harm than the last two. What do you think of the whole affair now. I am sure

quite well but weak and languid
if I walk far or do much - I fear
I shall lose some of my hair or it
comes out very much. It is odd
it did not come out before - I wish
to see your old Hoop. Where I
think. He asks after you very
particularly. He is about to move
our residence to Shaldon a village
about two miles the other side of
Deal. You recollect where your father
& Lady M^cLaugh was to live. Our
house is just at the entrance to
the village adjoining the temporary
road. I hope it will not be a cold
and you better with my mother.
- There is a dinner of the students
of Queens of my time on 11th I
hardly know if I shall go. I do
not like dinners of that sort but
I do not like to refuse - I hope
our people are going on well in the
Crown. That sort of man is brilliant
at 2 Club the last dance of 23rd Regent
was not less & quite well with
him. Of course there is nothing
new here. All our news comes

from your parts. I am writing so far
as this my father has come in. The
letter on the Marseilles has been taken by
the French. I really hope it may be of
some service as the Bonapartism
is now going on I hope I shall be of
will be over. I should I own have liked
to have been present at its fall but
shall be well content to hear it. As
you say our services are overlooked
& I am not every body of it & I
said my reason for not going for my
Medal was that I was disappointed
with the way in which we have been treated
- I am very sorry that Alexander is
P. P. O. of the Field Paperston. I
agree with you in thinking him one of our
best men. I had a long chat with
Guthrie who was very civil but
like his father egotistical. He said
that we should all be full of
that this new board is to be visited
with Curlews for its members & one
Military Surg^l & one Medical Officer
as adjuncts - I said I did not
care who came. Our position
could not be worse than it had
been under our own Department.
I said I did not care what Military
Man inspected my Hoop & he they

always treated me like a Gentleman but
I dreaded to see an Army Doctor who
assumed you to be a Plague before
he examined your books & who never
gave support to their own people
& I thought much of the evil we
had suffered was in consequence of
it - He said if I thought health
was good & yet for his name & of
course I said what I have written
& said before that a worm in my
mind would not do - I have not
heard any news of the board by
word yet. So old Proxer is
dead - I do hope Cholera is not
going to worry us again - I fear
the latter is very sharp but I have
had toothache all day & could not
eat lunch or dinner. Park always
desires to be remembered by me & to
Dr Alexander - Will you give my
love to all our fellows & to Alexander
Muir & all the Light Division
Medics & with my very best wishes
my dear Army men for your own
health & advancement

Believe me to be

Yours as truly

Wesley Matthews

I was w very dear of the death of my
poor man Jones - Nursing me I fear;

LP. 57/2

Camp Starbuck

May 11 - 1856

My dear Seymour

You have had some
letters I hope at Massachusetts & when you
will get this in London & that it will find
you in good health & spirits. There is very
little news of importance here but our
Friend Cooper joins spoke Broadside at the
Army - Maine & I fancy that it would
be as well to bring up before the Committee
the glaring case of promotion that has
taken place in the Cavalry lately - Matthews.
Shonatt - Gordon - but more especially the
case of Swombell of 12 years of about 5
years service who was never present with
his Regt in any active service & who
was promoted over the heads of many
our friends not only his services

but also who had been mentioned by
Genl in order for gallantry & doing
the duty. Sijerkwood is another who
has acted as clerk to old Hall &
get promoted. Poor Faxon you will be
very sorry to hear has gone home sick
with symptoms very like stone of the
Bladder. Taylor goes home also on
private leave. joins into Hall. She
is not so recovered & for a paper
to the Surgeon in a way - & letter has
come for Smith & Hall acknowledging
the receipt of personal check the
States He transmits to Field
Commissioner to take such steps as
he may see fit with it & for addy
"I need scarcely state that I have

the Claims of the Memorialists on
being by as possible & advocated to the
good services they had rendered to the
Country." It just shows every body
knew that our "Museum" was - early
abandoned, proved rank & status - some
definite power. A definite system of
Promotion & admission to Honours and
Rank rank - Joy Stone is in trouble
again - He ordered off a lot of men of
20th to the Mountains without consulting the
Surgeon & was to stand for just a
month over the Hill to with orders not
to admit any body unless to say
in their - Joy is indignant but it
shows him is w - 8th Carbiniers &
12 Lancers go to India direct & are
embarking - I do not know what

They do with us but they say all go
home of this Division but 34- 50
+ 17th who remain with 82^d of the
last of each of the others I suppose
- Jolly that will be - It is very large
weather but foggy & rainy - It isn't
weather for some off again - Beatson
is joining because from to to to put
over his head at Balaklava & turned
him out of his house - It was most
grateful - Hall & 20 I think -
- Miss will write next mail -
Alexander is well but anxious -
All to love & good words by you
& trusty he may meet you so that
that Cooper calls the good cause
many prosper
Believe me to be
your very truly
Thos. M. Watts.

LP. 57/3

My dear Lyman

Many thanks for
the paper & the most admirable
letter it contains - It may be
more to the point with just enough
of satire to make it felt. Really
I am quite ashamed of having sent
my ill-tempered & venomous expression
- I hope they will not just let it be
your says all that should be
said and in a proper way. I
think for all ought to be grateful
to you for writing - I do for one & I
think these things must do good

and I hope they may - I am
sure the only way to obtain our
right position is by a jobation
in the past & now in the time
or never - I hope you will not
deem to write - Has the Daily
for London? but I fancy it will not
be till the next day & yours is
the last date I stick. Did
you see Hall & day? It may
be more urban & graceful.

- Miss called to tell me that
she got Lee. In man. In your
soup & for one of sick - from

"The Times Patriotic Fund" - It is
the first for London to Parry in
at Bilablow - great. I
am in London - they are
big cause of it. You
need no exertion -

Yours
Edw. Wall

J. Longman Esq

19 May 4