

Letters re remedies and asking for news of relatives

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To Miss Nightingale.

Sister of Mercy

At the Military Hospital - Turkey.

Dear Lady.

The enclosed Recipe was sent me
by one, who but for hopeless bodily infirmities
would be ready to follow your own devoted
footsteps - her testimony is unquestionable,
still as I have, thro' a sudden but long
malady of my own, been prevented commu-
nicating with her - I know not the last
results of her specific, & would of these
write - Of course you would publish
it to disinterested Medical authority
which is not attainable by me before
& publishing it - If you press it ahead,
you will surely pardon my troubling
you, & deem me right in feeling it a duty
to do so, for the chance of saving were
if but one poor sufferer - just that
I chiefly support by thinking of the awful ^{misery}
& soul-chilling forms of Rheumatism & Torture
endured around you & where you & your Angel
band are not - prevented my sending this so soon
as rec^d - I now write in great difficulty on a
board held in left hand - I knew not ^{all} was gone, that
they were sending to you from Whitehaven, or W. Hall
made an effort to send this & contribute to the
are just, where there to try & place a dear child at the Poor &
they treat strangers very badly here - we can send you from
only our fervent prayers for your safety & preservation &
the utmost success of your thine Holy devoted
mission

general perspiration will ensue: if however
it should not within that time, repeat the
dose - & if still without effect, in half an
hour after, repeat again. Or indeed should
the symptoms not abate - but this is sel-
dom the case. For drink give Ice water
(made by boiling 1 lb ice for an hour in 1 gal.
water & straining off)

For Dysentery give a large teaspoonful
& pursue same treatment as for Cholera.

I generally followed the cordial & sudorific
dose with ʒi of Castor Oil, an hour or
two, according to circumstances, & can
attest that no one life was lost, where
I saw the patient in time, & en-
force, or bestow, proper attention.
(Signed) Sara-Emily K. C.

The above is from an experienced & truly
Christian lady, who during the time
of the great Summer, & Autumn, that
Cholera raged so fearfully, in some
districts of Kent, Deptford, & North-
Woolwich for instance, devoted
herself despite, hopelessness & extreme
personal suffering, to the visitation
& care of the infected. in one of the
^{most} depressed & degraded communities
in England.

Birkbeck Cottage
Parton. Whitehaven
Co. Cumberland.
Jan - 9th 1855.

[illegible]

Recipe for Cholera Medicine
Of proved Service.

- 1 Oz Best ginger
1" Cloves
1" Cinnamon
1" Nutmeg
1/2" Cayenne Pepper

Especial care to be had, that all are genuine, & purchased to the finest degree - Infuse in one quart of pure Cognac Brandy - above proof if possible. (A magnifying, or double bottle would be necessary, for this quantity, as so-called quarts hold little over a pinch.) Shake after slight cooking with a strong soft cork, removable without the corkscrew - for half an hour. The recipe goes on to say - Let stand till fixed - but of course the longer it is made, before use the better.

Dose - one dessert-spoonful of above
given in half a tumbler (or 2 pint
cup) of hot water as hot as can be
taken, sweetened with four lumps
White sugar. Place the Patient in bed,
between hot blankets, & with hot water
bottles to the feet - Immer-metal on a
hot, if to be had - if no manner of
bottles at hand - heated bricks wrapped
in flannel. Within an hour give
general

COPY.

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Sister of Mercy
at the Military Hospital, Scutari.

dear Lady.

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Farewell all blessings be with you and allow me to remain -

dear Lady

Yours

With the deepest respect

(SGD.) Louisa F. Dibbin Chambers

Birkbeck Cottage,
Parton. Whitehaven
C^o. Cumberland.

Jan^{ry} 9th 1855.

The London papers state that "Linen rag has been sent in overwhelming quantities" but sh^d not the surplus be stored carefully - as papers (say) all that could be found was sent at once - Linen is not of general wear now - and rag cannot be manufactured

L. F. D. C.

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The papers also state that a frightful condition of atmosphere a'ries (arises) from the carcasses of the horses around the Camp in the Crimea - w^d it not be possible to lessen this dreadful (smell?) by free use of preparations of Lisoce (disinfectant?) or sulphate of iron (.....?) c^d not the Medical Officers (everlasting honour and gratitude be to them too, for their heroic self sacrifice) order strong (dilutions) solutions of such things to be poured on and around those decomposing matters? The carcasses of two only wickedly cast on the Beach here last Autumn, caused Summer Cholera of a virulent character and Diarrhea for two miles round I have never treated a spasmodic case - always under Heaven averting that, by instant recourse to 'Milk of Mag' with Peppermint or Carraway Water and some cases a teaspoon of Brandy or even 15 or 20 drops Laud^{me} and plenty moist sugar to mix. Nicely made Toast and water and Beef Tea and as recovery progresses Beef Soup - I have found for years powerful adjuncts and in some few cases, Tobacco consumers for instance, who do not drink - weak Brandy and water. I have reopened my letter to add this for the chance of its being serviceable.

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however, it should not, within that time, repeat the dose - and if still without effect, in half an hour after, repeat again: or indeed sh^d the symptoms not abate - but this is seldom the case, For drink give Rice cooter (?) (made by boiling 1 lb Rice for an hour in 1 Galⁿ water and straining off).

For Dysentery give a large teaspoonful and pursue same treatment as for cholera. I generally follow the cordial and dose with $\frac{1}{2}$ oz Castor Oil, an hour or two, according to circumstances, and can attest that no(t) one life has been (was) lost, when I saw the patient in time, and enforce, or bestow, proper attention

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RAME 271/3
Liverpool December 2nd 1854
12 Castle Street

Miss Nightingale
Madam

From the example you have shown
by your noble, humane and heroic conduct, which has
induced you to leave your native land, for the
preservation of our wounded and suffering "Soldiers" &
"Sailors" who have so dauntlessly ventured their lives
in defence of liberty and civilization, I am induced
to beg your acceptance on their behalf of some "Jars
of Salve", the healing properties of which are applicable
to all flesh wounds, more particularly those caused
by fire, cuts, scalds, chilblains, boils, Contused
and frost bitten wounds.

It is necessary for me to explain
that the Recipe for making this Salve has been secretly
handed down through three generations. having in that
period been widely diffused (the "Salve") by the proprietors
who have always generously presented it to every appli-
cant - rich or poor; and in every instance it has
universally proved effectual; the present holders of the
Recipe have secured the right of Manufacture, and
it is from their deep conviction that immense benefits
may be derived from at least this perfectly in-
valuable Salve that has caused them for the 1st time to make it known
to the Public — As you Madam may have
naturally a reservation in applying anything not

possessed by a regular "practitioner" I can only offer
the respectability of my position and long standing in
my native town "Chepoo" as a guarantee, to
furtherance, of which I enclose certificates of one
of our first "Surgeons" and of Captain "Boris R. de
la Majesty" Admiral's Agent here.

I am giving instructions as to the use of
the Salve. I shall feel obliged by your acknowledgments
and your experience as to its efficacy.

Trusting your disinterested opinions may
result in that success, which your most sanguine
anticipations can desire, and in which all the friends
of humanity must cordially unite.

I remain, Sir, your most
obedient servant

Madam
Your faithful servant
J. R. G. G. G.

C. Case forwarded in Indian Measures -
from Singapore Dec 4 1874

Instructions for use of the Salve

Let the wound be perfectly cleaned by sponging
with cold or warm water, spread lightly
over a piece of lint or linen sufficient value
to cover the wound, let it remain on, not
less than 12 hours, when the wound may
be looked to again sponged and fresh plaster
applied, this to be repeated until the wound
is healed.

COPY.

Letter from John R. Isaac to Florence Nightingale.

LIVERPOOL, December 2nd 1854.

42 Castle Street.

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I annex full instructions as to the use of the "Salve". I shall feel obliged by your acknowledgement and your experience as to its efficacy.

Trusting your disinterested exertions may result in that success which your most sanguine anticipations can desire, and in which all the friends of humanity must cordially unite

I have the honour to be

Madam

Your faithful Servant

(SGD.) JOHN R. ISAAC.

P.S. Case forwarded per "Arabia Steamer" from Liverpool December 4th 1854.

COPY.

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10 New St Golden Sq

Rome 271/3

Dec 11 1857

Madam

It is with much pleasure I inform you
of the surprising benefit I obtained by the
use of the Poultice you was kind enough to
prepare for me - having a swelling in the
palm of my hand attended with extreme Pain
I had applied the usual Poultice ordered by a Medical
Gentleman but could get no relief, but after
having on three of your Poultices the abscess it
turned out to be was sufficiently farward to
enable the Surgeon to lance it and I must say
that I never witnessed such rapid progress from a
Poultice before

Yours Most Obedt

Bartholomew Harris

18 New Street

Golden Sq^r

Dec^r 11th 1854.

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Yoursmost obt

(SGD.) Bartholomew Hearn

CURE FOR DYSENTERY OR ~~DIARR~~ DIARRAHEA.

Blend well in a little cold water three large table spoonfulls of fine white flour. Add as much cold water as will fill a common wine bottle. One table spoonfull to be taken every hour, shaking the bottle well always before taking.

By persevering in giving this regularly every hour the worst cases were cured in general before the second bottle was taken.

Brinton,
I of Wight.

Jany 24/55.

Madam,

We are all duty bound to contribute our aid ever so slender - after your Grand example to the world.

Having travelled much in my time to every quarter of the Globe - when travelling in the U.States - the annexe remedy for Diarrhea was much in use and many found great relief from it. The Medical Man may be consulted if you advisable.

Trusting the Providence in his goodness will grant you the Blessing and Health in your ardeous undertaking is the Prayer of all of us.

In remain

Madam your obedient servant.

Ean Pettis.

For the Diarrhea a small Tea Cup of Flour mix with Best Brandy a small quantity of Lump, Sugar mis to a thin paste take all for a Dose - Also a simple remedy for a Cough by an Eminent Physican. From Table Spoonful of or Treacle, 3 ditto of Vinegar 40 drops or small Teaspoonful Mix together take a Tablespoonful going to rest. To a Child half the quabtity.

E.P.

Madam,

In all the returns of the deaths in the hospital at Scutari I observe that almost all the deaths there are from diarrhoea or dysentery. I have for many years used a very simple remedy for those complaints which I have used in hundreds of cases and never knew it to fail in curing the patient. I have given it to men who had come out of hospital in a hopeless state and who were unable to turn in their bed from weakness or to swallow a drink. In such a case I have made their attendant put a little (a teaspoonf full), down their throat from time to time and it has been the means of their recovery. As long as life lasts I would not despair of its efficiency. I have given the recipe to physicians who have so approved of it as to adopt it. It is so simple that there could not be the least risk in trying it and I beseech of you Madam to have it fairly tried with some of our poor men who are suffering so severely at present from those complaints.

I remain Madam,

Faithfully Yours,

LUCY DUFFIN.

Mayhera Globe,
Clough,
Co. Down,
Ireland.

23rd Jan. 1855.

CURE FOR DYSENTERY OR MISREK DIARRAHEA.

Blend well in a little cold water three large table spoonfulls of fine white flour. Add as much cold water as will fill a common wine bottle. One table spoonfull to be taken every hour, shaking the bottle well always before taking.

By persevering in giving this regularly every hour the worst cases were cured in general before the second bottle was taken.

Madam,

Inflamed by the finest motives to render if possible speedy relief to the poor gallant sufferers under your care, I beg leave to offer for your more immediate assistance, an invaluable, and I may add unfailing Cure for Dysentery and Diarrhoea, which I have administered with the utmost success in my surrounding neighbourhood for years past, and have its surpassing effects in these cases, both in my own , and other members of my family, it having by the blessing of God snatched from the Jaws of death a beloved sister when in this last stage of Dysentery, It also diorrhea, and was the chief Medicine which saved my own life when labouring under dangerous Cholera about four months ago. Should the ingredients not be at hand, order them by all means from some other quarter, and the poor sufferers will soon testify to you its extraordinary good effects. Lime water is a chief ingredient of it, which any Medical Man will be able to tell you how to prepare. It would be ~~xxx~~ unvaluable Medicine for the poor fellows suffering from diarrhoea at Sebasteful and elsewhere. Should Miss Nightingale find the perscription successful in relieving her sufferers, I earnestly request that she will allow me the gratification of hearing than which nothing could afford me greater pleasure for which purpose I shall offer my address. May the Lord prosper your noble and benevolent effort for the relief of suffering humanity is my earnest desire and Believe me dear Madam,

Yours very faithfully,

LOUISA NEILL.

Mossbale House 24th Jany 1855.

P.S. I am just recovering from an attack of severe Influanza and scarcely able to write, which I hope will form an excuse for all errors in the Communication.

My address is. Mrs Neill, Mossbale House,
Dunmurry,
Belfast,
Ireland.

Cont'd.

Excellant cure for Dysentary & Diarrhoea.

Half a common tea cupful of warmed New Milk, pour into it an equal quantity of Cold Lime water, making the mixture tepid for the patient then add 20 or 30 drops of Landnaum.

This dose may be given from three to six times per day - Landnaum may be increased or decreased in quantity as the case requires.

How to prepare Lime Water.

Pour water over unshaked Lime, when the abulition ceases, and the water becomes limped let the scum be taken off and the water is then pure and fit for use.

London December 16th /54.
2 Colet Place,
Commercial Road East.

Dear Madam,

Having an anxious to be of some service to my fellow creatures whose cause you have so feelingly, and nobly espoused, and which will ever be remembered by thousands with gratitude and affection, among the number, I beg most respectfully to offer my most sincere, and devoted thanks for the services you render to those Dear sufferers committed to care, and I trust God in his mercy may render you instrumentle in restoring many.

The purpose of this letter the intrusion of which I hope you will pardon, is in order to forward a most valuable receipe for making a poultice, simply of flour and Water instead of Bread, which will when applied keep hot for some hours, whilst Bread soon becomes cold, when it is uncomfortable on the contrary my poultice is a most comfortable one, having applied it in many instances with the greatest success in short, if I wish to do so, I could obtain a livelihood by it, but my desire as always been to make myself useful, without gain, in all such matters, and hope you will kindly adopt the use of the said Poultice when I am sure you will give it your - make it as I have before said simply with flour and cold water, mix it to the of pancake Batter, then rub a little Lard on the bottom of the pan, just sufficient to keep it from sticking, then pour in the batter according to the size required, taking care to have it larger than the wound it is to cover, as soon as it is set, and nearly appears to want turning (which must not be done) slip it out of the pan onto any Piece of cloth no matter the colour as it does not touch the sore, and then rub also a little Lard on the surface to prevent it sticking at the same time rub it with your fingers to supple it and apply it as hot as the patient can bear, you will find the draw much better and quicker than any other, I have had it used, and known it cure, when both Linseedmeal and bread have failed and is made in a shorter time, as five minutes were make and bake it, or rather fry it, I have made numbers of cures with it, and as a proof I forward you a copy of a note received the other day from a poor Irish Labourer who had an abcess in the palm of his hand, the of which will I trust will induce you to have it immediately tried, it will heal, as it draws, which is rather sharp at first nevertheless it cure's in its progress, and will give great comfort to the sufferer, on the other hand it will not only save the Linen rag, but Bread, besides flour might be procured when bread cannot - I have omitted to say that like as with bread poultice the wound must be bathed with warm water before applying the said poultice a second time, trusting that you may be successful in the use of it is the sincere wish of

Madam Your Obedient Servent.

JANE GOODWIN.

To Miss Nightingale.

Late De Grellier.

Kerwich, Cumberland.

December 11.

Miss Nightingale.

Madam,

Permit me to place in your hands the enclosed papers. Long engagement in the service of the suffering gives me courage to ask your attention.

I recommended various disinfectants to thirty years, and for more than that time having been using and recommending them, but I never found any so convenient and efficacious as this 'Collins' Powder'. Will you read and gain the attention of your 'staff' of nurses to the papers concerning it. I am hoping that with this, or soon after it, you will receive 'a box' of it. I see in the newspapers that Hospital Gangrene is apprehended, and indeed has broken out at Scutari. I believe you would find this 'Disinfectant' a powerful remedy. In the former war and for many years after, I had intimate friends among army and hospital Surgeons; from them I heard that bad air caused it. One of those my medical authorities told me that wounds that would not heal while the patient lay on the floor, were healed when raised to the level of the other beds. The same of typhus - the bad air sinking - I am trying to direct all the Ladies are raising, either of money or clothing to you. You will know how to dispose of it, even if you have more than you want; my experience in the clothing committee for Ireland in 1822 having shown me that Ladies are more efficacious distributors of all supplies of food and clothing and means of health and cure, than any Commissioners or other Govt Agents.

I recommend having permanent Ladies' committees formed, to continue to care for our suffering soldiers - I will try to form such -

I am my Dear Madam most respectfully & faithfully
Yours

FRANCIS ROLLESTON.

formerly Secty to the British Ladies' Society
and on various

LORD PONSONBY'S CURE FOR CHOLERA - 1832.

I send you a prescription, which if taken in time, is a certain cure - it has proved to be so in many cases to my own knowledge. Its simplicity and the minute quantity of the doses, will induce you to doubt of its efficacy, but trust to this fact, that you will have had experience of its power and virtue, before it will be in your power to obtain medical advice; that is to say in a quarter of an hour or twenty-five minutes - observe one thing, if you take anything except cold or iced water, its whole effect will be destroyed. All you have to do is to place the patient in bed and not to overload him with clothes or plague him with any external applications, but leave him to the medicine, which is one sixth part of Camphor, dissolved in six parts of strong Spirits of Wine. Of this immediately on being attacked, the patient is to take two drops on a little pounded sugar in a teaspoonful of cold or iced water; in five minutes after, two more drops; and so continue till the symptoms begin to yield. If the vomiting should be violent, so as to render it difficult for the stomach to retain the Camphor, a small piece of ice, about the size of a nutmeg, must be given before and after the camphor; proceed till there is a sense of returning warmth, with a disposition ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ towards perspiration, and a manifest decrease of sickness and cramps.

This will never fail if given at once, and will always do good at any period of the disease - but the least mixture of other medicine neutralizes the effects of the Camphor.

Your's ever,

PONSONBY.

To the Hon. Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Derry.

Madam,

Emboldened by your unexampled Philanthropy to the Sufferer's cause I beg to offer you my humble apologies for the liberty I take in addressing you but having a young friend engaged in that most painful campaign who was wounded at the Battle of Alma and to whom I addressed a letter (to Scutari) on the 11th October 1857 with a remittance my anxiety is very great respecting him not having had any answer nor can see any record of him from the official lists of casualties - if you could in the most concise manner (not wishing to trespass on your valuable time) write in the envelope enclosed which is my directions the simple satisfaction dead or recovered it would confer a lasting obligation which I should feel honoured to cancel by any commands from you in my favour to execute.

I am Madam

With the deepest respect

Your hble Obdt Servt

(Sgd) F. Elteen (?)

the name is

George McLeod

No: 4101 - 1st Battalion

Scot Fusilier Guards.

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13 Moore St.

Honoured Madam

I trust you will excuse the liberty I am taking in addressing a few lines to you in behalf of a poor young fellow who was wounded on the 21st of October. His last letter was written by his left hand with a pencil from Scutari Hospital and was dated the 9th of November. —

His dear Mother is a very respectable Woman whom I have known many

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a sincere Christian. She
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she is a Widow. He has
been very affectionate to her
and she fears he did not
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cause her to grieve.

If you will have the
kindness to search him
out, and write me a few
lines, stating the particulars
about him, as soon as
possible, his Mother, Sister
and myself shall all duly
estimate your Labour of
Love, and will pray that
you may be amply rewarded

by the God of the Widow
and Fatherless.

With due respect.

I subscribe myself

Your fellow Labourer
in the Gospel of Christ.

E. Dexter

Jan^y 25/55

To Miss Nightingale

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If you will have the kindness to search him out, and write me a few lines, stating the particulars about him as soon as possible. His Mother, Sister and myself shall all duly estimate your Labour of Love, and will Pray that you may be amply rewarded by the God of the Widow and Fatherless. -

With due respect. -

I subscribe myself

Your fellow Labourer in the Gospel of Christ,

(Sgd) E. Dexter.

Jany 25/55.

To Miss Nightingale.

The Youth's address John Litton Private 38th Regiment Fourth -
Company No: 2997

My address

Mrs Dexter

No: 13 Morne Street

Sloan Square

Chelsea

London.

RAMC 271/4
N^o 7 Scotts Yard
Cannon Street
City of London
27th January
1855

Madam, I trust you will pardon the
liberty I take in writing to you and
trespassing on your valuable time, but I have
not heard from my Son since October last. When
he was acting as orderly in the Hospital of
Scutari, I therefore beg respectfully to request the
favor of your kind influence, that I may
have tidings of him, his real name was —
Nathaniel Crisp but he enlisted as William Henry
Russell. in the A Company 1st Battalion of Rifle
Brigade

I am Madam
Your very Humble and Obedient
Servant

Mary Crisp

Crisp - - Nightengale

RAMC 271/4

No: 7 Scotts Yard

Cannon Street

City of London

27th January 1855.

Madam,

I trust you will pardon the liberty I take in writing to you and trespassing on your valuable time, but I have not heard from my son since October last, when he was acting as orderly in the hospital of Scutari. I therefore beg respectfully to request the favour of your kind influence, that I may have tidings of him, his real name is - Nathaniel Crimp but he enlisted as William Henry Russell in the A. Company, 1st Battalion of Rifle Brigade.

I am Madam,

Your very Humble and Obedient

Servant

Mary Crimp

Miss Nightingale.

2 Royal Terrace
Kensington. Great
St. Mary's 7th 1854

My dear Madam,

A Mother's great
anxiety for a dear child
now before Sebastopol well
I feel sure be sufficient
excuse for my molesting
you - That God of his
great mercy may bless
& preserve him is my
most earnest prayer.
But should He will
it otherwise, & though
I feel perfectly convinced

that all will receive
equally your most devoted
care & attention, still
it seems a comfort to
me to make his name
known to you - George
Percival Blamish -
Ensign, or I believe when
the vacancies are filled
up in his Regiment,
Lieutenant 63rd Regt.
My darling boy with
not be 17 years old

until the 8th of January
& I need scarcely add
what trouble myself I
am in about him -
I wish indeed I could
be assisting you, & those
so kindly associated
with you in relieving
the sufferings of our brave
soldiers, but when I tell
you that I am the mother
of two dear Deaf & Dumb
boys, you will see that
I must not entertain
the thought - May God

Wish you & all committed
to your care, & of your
kindness I would beg
your special prayers
for my very dear & be-
loved boy - The prayers
of the just availeth
much -

Believe me, Dear Madam
with the greatest esteem
& respect

Yours very sincerely
L. G. Barnish.

2 Royal Terrace

Ramsgate

Kent

Decr 7th 1854.

My dear Madam,

A Mother's great anxiety for a dear child now before Sebastopol will I feel sure be sufficient excuse for my addressing you. That God of his great mercy may bless & preserve him is my most earnest prayer but should He will it otherwise, & though I feel perfectly convinced that all will receive equally your most devoted care & attention, still it seems a comfort to me to make his name known to you - George Perceval Beamish - Ensign, or I believe when vacancies are filled up in his Regiment, Lieutenant 63rd Regiment.

My darlingboy will not be 17 years old until the 8th of January & I need scarcely add what trouble and anxiety I am in about him.

I wish indeed I could be assisting you & those so kindly associated with you in relieving the suffering of our brave soldiers, but when I tell you I am the mother of two deaf and dumb boys you will see that I must not entertain the thought.

My God bless you and all committed to your care, & of your charity I would beg your special prayers for my dearly beloved boy. The prayers of the just avail much.

Believe me, dear Madam, with the greatest esteem

Yours very sincerely,

E.D. Beamish.

RAMC 271/14

Clifford
17 Lancers
Miss Nightengale

Candiff. 1st December 1884

Madam-

Your generous & Patriotic Sympathy

for our poor wounded Soldiers - induces me to take the liberty to intrude on your kindness - by enquiring after my brother who I saw reported among the casualties of the 25th October at Balaklava - dangerously wounded - his name is - Frederick Clifford - 17th Lancers - Regimental No. 1088. I have looked over newspapers in vain since - to ascertain what has become of him - but to no purpose - If your Ladyship will kindly inform me - if you have such an inmate at your hospital you will confer an everlasting obligation on me - I am sorry for one moment to occupy your useful time - but you must pardon the anxiety of a family and a Brother - your reply addressed to.

Yours Most Obedt

H. E. Austin

46 Union Street

Candiff

Wales

If I would be glad to learn
the state he is in and
the nature of his wounds -

Clifford

17 Lancer

1188

Wm. L. Garrison
New York

Wm. L. Garrison 1844

RAMC 271/4

Clifford 17 Lancers.

Cardiff 1st December 1854

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Your most obedt

H.E. Austin

46 Union Street,

Cardiff, Wales.

I would be glad to learn
the state he is in and the
nature of his wounds

RAMC 271/4

G. Thompson Kane
Maider Hill
Nov^r 12/57

Dear Madam.

Perceiving on your
truly benevolent disposition
and being aware of the
charitable office you
so kindly undertaken
I have ventured to address
you on behalf of a cruey
suffering Brother whose se-
cond Son left his home in
fifty one to go to the Exhi-
-bition and he has never seen
him since - We have been
informed that he had en-
listed in his Mother's name
in name of Evans into the

the 77th Regiment and if
living is in the East - His
poor ^{father} is nearly blind and
almost heartbroken - His
Great Grandfather was Sur-
geon in the 53rd Regiment
and his Grandfather Ser-
jeant Major Pay Master Ser-
jeant in the same Regi-
ment and who lost his life
from a wound received in
defence of his Country -
Should such a person
during your charitable
Mission come under your
Notice I should feel truly
grateful if you would kind-
ly impress upon the ur-
gent necessity of easing
his poor fathers mind
who is not only plunged

in the deepest pecuniary
distress thro' his loss of sight
but his heart broken at
the uncertainty of his fate.

Be enlisted in the name
of Thomas Evans is marked
with the small pox, about
twenty years of ^{that makes by trade} age - I dear
Madam thro' your kind
influence with some of
the Officers of that Regiment
you can possibly ascer-
tain if there is such a
person still in existence
"and you will not think
I am taking too great a
liberty" to ask you to favour
us with a line to that effect
you will induce the
lasting gratitude of a
heartbroken father and

other members of his
family - I fully aware
of your kindness of heart
and sympathy for your
fellow creatures I will
trust be that for pardon
for the liberty now
taken and beg leave
to subscribe myself
with the greatest respect

Your obedient Servant -

Walter Waterhouse

My Brothers address
South Street

Blackhouse
Worcester - Worcestershire

24. He is a student at Glasgow
two years

9, Bloomfield Road,
Maiden Hill,
Novbr 12th '54.

Dear Madam,

Presuming on your truly benevolent disposition and being aware of the charitable office you so kindly undertaken I have ventured to address you on behalf of a really suffering brother whose second son left his home in fifty-one to go to the Exhibition and he has never seen him since. We have been informed that he had enlisted in his mother's maiden name of Evans into the 77th Regiment and if living is in the East - his poor father is nearly blind and almost heartbroken. His Great Grandfather was Surgeon in the 53rd Regiment and his Grandfather Serjeant Major Paymaster Serjeant in the same Regiment and who lost his life from a wound received in defence of his country - Should such a person during your Charitable Mission come under your Notice I should feel truly grateful if you would kindly impress upon him the urgent necessity of easing his poor father's mind who is not only plunged in the deepest pecuniary distress thro' his loss of sight but his heartbroken at the uncertainty of his fate.

He enlisted in the name of Thomas Evans is marked with the small pox, about twenty years of age - Shoe Maker by trade. If dear Madam thro' your kind influence with some of the Officers of Regiment you can possibly ascertain if there is such a person still in existence "and you will not think I am taking too great a liberty" to ask you to favour us with a line to that effect you will insure the lasting gratitude of a heartbroken father and other members of his family - Fully aware of your kindness of heart and sympathy for your fellow creatures I will trust to that for pardon for the liberty now taken and beg leave to subscribe myself with the greatest respect

Your most Humble servant,

Helen Waterhouse.

P.S. He enlisted at Glasgow two years last Whitsuntide.

My Brothers address

South Street,

Blackhouse,

Worcester - Worcestershire.

Wilton Rectory

January 18th/55

My dear Mrs Bracebridge

Perhaps you will wonder at getting a letter from me; but believe me, our thoughts and wishes are often with you and "the General"; as I used to call him at "Schwalbach".

I want to intrude upon your friendship, by causing you to make the acquaintance of my only brother, a Captain and adjutant of the Artillery-

having been shot at, rained upon, indifferently fed and worked like a cart horse ever since September last, to say nothing of being broiled in the summer at Janina and cooped up in a ship with cholera on board; his physical powers have most unwarrantably chosen to give symptoms at last of dissatisfaction, in the way of cramps vomiting diarrhoea and such like. He has contrived however to win the good opinion of his chiefs, as I know by what Lord Raglan has written to dear Mrs Herbert; and

Col Dacres has made him "pro tempore" adjutant to the depot at Scutari, to give him full opportunity of recovery. I am sending a letter for him in yours, which I shall send to Mrs Herbert who tells me she can frank it in the Govt bag. Will you kindly try to let him have it - and still more kindly allow him to make your acquaintance. Emily wishes you to give her kindest regards to Miss Nightingale; to say how entirely we sympathize with her errand and work how much we venerate and esteem her character seems almost impertinent, but I cannot refrain from expressing

so simple and sincere a
truth. God in heaven bless
both her and you -
You remember our little Walter,
who was with us in Germany,
he has just recovered from a severe
attack of scarlet-fever; but
both he and his brother, whose
attack was slighter - are. I
am thankful to say doing
very well - If ever, you have
a spare time for a note to
Wilton Rectory we should be
very very glad to hear of you
and the hospital - I remember
the site and appearance of
those great buildings at Santari
very well. Our very best love
to the general and yourself
Always very truly yrs R S Cherridge

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You remember our little Walter, who was with us in Germany, he has just recovered from a severe attack of scarlet-fever, but both he and his brother whose attack was slighter - are I am thankful to say doing very well.- If ever, you have a spare time for a note to Wilton Rectory we should be very glad to hear of you and the hospital - I remember the site and appearance of those great buildings at Scutari very well. Out best love to the general and yourself.

Always very truly yrs.

(Sgd) R.S.C. Chernside (?)

17th July 1855

Madam

Hosing wrote repeated
to Sebastopol Sentinels and the
General Hospital not receiving
any answer has induced me
to take this liberty which I
hope your kindness will for-
don the dreadful suspense
I have endured ever since
the 27th of Feb is more than
I can describe My son is as
was in the band of the 4th
Regt of Foot Corporal Charles Mason
I heard he was dreadfully ill
and sent on board ship at
Bahadava whether he ever got

to either Sentin or the general
Hospital I do not know if you
would be kind enough to let
me know I should be grateful
to you for any information
respecting him I feel quite
worn down with grief about my
dear Son he always conducted
himself with credit to himself
and satisfaction to his
employers for a Mother to hear
he is lost like this is heart
breaking to think of no person
appears to know any thing
about him hearing of your
kindnesses has induced
me to take this liberty
I hope my writing to you is
directed by the Almighty

to learn something concerning
my lost Child Should you
want any thing seen to in
London I should be proud
to serve you in any way with
many Apologies for this
trouble I subscribe myself

Mostly Yours &c &c
Edward M. Moor

60 & 61 Magdalen Lane
Oxford Street
London

17th Jany 1855

Madam,

Having wrote repeatedly to Sebastapol Scutari and the General Hospital not receiving any answer has enduced me to take this liberty which I hope your kindness will pardon the dreadful suspense I have endured ever since the 27th of Oct is more than I can describe. My son is or was in the band of the 4th Regiment of Foot, Corporal Charles Mason I heard he was dreadfully ill and sent on board ship at Balaklava weather he ever got to either Scutari or the general hospital I do not know if you would be kind enough to let me know I should be grateful to you for any information respecting him I feel quite worn down with grief about my dear son he always Conducted himself with Credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers for a Mother to hear he is lost like this is heart-breaking to think of no person appears to know any thing about him hearing of your kindness has enduced me to take this liberty I hope my writing to you is directed by the Almighty to learn something concerning my lost Child should you want any thing seen to in London I should be proud to serve you in any way with many apologies for this trouble I subscribe myself

Madam Yours respectfully

(Sgd) Charlotte Mason.

60 & 61 Marylebone Lane

Oxford Street

London.

60 Upper Seymour Street
Portman Square London
January 12. 1855

My dear Madam,

Feeling deeply the great personal
exertions, and mental energy which you have so nobly
dedicated to the aid of our brave & suffering countrymen
who are now experiencing I believe the full amount of
this active benevolence on your part & that of others, I am
encouraged to address you, with earnest & affectionate pleading
of a Mother's heart - that you will extend your kind and
valuable inquiries into the case of my son, who is at present
we suppose among the many Sick Officers in the Hospital
at Scutari, sent from the Crimea to recover! My husband
General Aluchyn received a letter from the Colonel of our
Dear Son's Regiment saying that from the state of General
Aluchyn's health it was absolutely necessary that he should
go to the Hospital at Scutari for change of air for a month
or longer, as might be required - there to receive those
attentions so needful to the sufferer. He told us the young
Officer was better than he had been, but that "the stomach
had become so deranged by cold and diarrhoea that
he could not recover his appetite or get up his strength, without

To Miss Nightingale.

a change. Thus dear Madam, without trespassing on
your much & valuable time, I have had occasion to draw
your attention more particularly to the state of our
dear Son - because I am persuaded that his is a
case requiring your kind consideration and care.

I need not say, as parents, how dear our Son is to us, but
the strength of mind & high principle which kept him at his
post, long after his strength had become unequal to the hard
duty, he had to perform - will, perhaps, interest you more -
and create an additional feeling of sympathy, on the part of
one who is desirous of your care. On the 11th date from the
Camp before Sebastopol, he wrote to his father. The last time,
his letters have always been so full of interest & informa-
tion and written in so cheerful a spirit. That he has well
known to be a support to our saddened spirits. We have ^{never}
heard from him a murmur or complaint - but he seems to
take all hardships as a matter of course. On the 11th his cousin
(my nephew) Major Inglis wrote to his Uncle to tell us of his
illness. Frank has very kind of him - for we are so often
slightly of it - I think being afraid we should be uneasy
on his account - Frank is only 22. though a very
fine young man when he went out. - There must
be a great alteration now, & at that age the constitutional
strength is often insufficient for the hard campaigning
we have had in the Crimea. He was to leave
Balaklava for Scutari, the Colonel mentioned on the
22nd and I shall feel most grateful to you if you will

write to me and say how he is, that you have received my
letter for doubtless you will have known of the ~~importance~~
the individuals on board each of the regiments. I hope letters
are received regularly by the officers in hospital?

In the direction "Lieutenant Shuckley 46th Regiment - Hospital
Scutari - Constantinople" a sufficient address?

General Shuckley writes with me in kind regards
and best wishes to you & believes me to remain

Yours sincerely, J^r Augusta Shuckley

To Miss Fitzroy
Hospital Scutari

We forward a small parcel for Mr Shuckley
to Scutari by a private bag on the 10th Jan.
This is the first post by which I could write to you.

60 Upper Seymour Street,
Portman Square,
LONDON

21th January, 1855.

My Dear Madam,

Feeling deeply the great personal exertions, and mental energy which you have so nobly dedicated to the aid of your brave and suffering countrymen who are now experiencing I believe the full amount of this active benevolence on your part and that of others, I am encouraged to address you, with the earnest and affectionate pleading of a mother's heart - that you will extend your kind and valuable enquiries into the case of my son, who is at present we suppose among the many Sick Officers in the Hospital at Scutari, sent from the Crimea to recover! My husband General Lluellyn received a letter from the Colonel of our dear son's Regiment saying that from the state of Lieutenant Lluellyn's health it was absolutely necessary that he should go to the hospital at Scutari for change of air for a month or longer, as might be required - there to receive those attentions so needful to the Sufferer.

He told us the young Officer was better than he had been, but that "the stomach has become so deranged by cold, and diarrhoea that he could not recover his appetite or get up his strength without a change. Thus dear Madam, without trespassing on your most valuable time, I have endeavoured to drive your attention more particularly to the state of our dear son - because I am persuaded that his is a case requiring your kind consideration and care. I need not say, as parents, how dear our son is to us, but the strength of mind and high principle which kept him at his post, long after his strength had become unequal to the hard duty, he had to perform - will perhaps interest you more and create an additional feeling of sympathy, on the part of one who is deserving of your care. On the 17th date from the camp before Sebastopol, he wrote to his father, the last time; his letters have always been so full of interest and information and written in so cheerful a spirit that we have felt them to be a support to our saddened spirits. We have never heard from him a murmur or complaint - but he seemed to take all hardship as a matter of course. On the 17th his cousin (my nephew) Major Inglis wrote to his Uncle to tell us of his illness which was very kind of him - for my son spoke lightly of it - I think being afraid we should be uneasy on his account - Our son is only 22 though a very fine

young man when he went out - there must be a great alteration now, and at that age the constitutional strength is often insufficient for the hard campaign our Army has had in the Crimea. He was to leave Balaklava for Scutari, the Colonel mentioned on the 22nd and I shall feel most grateful to you if you will write to me and say how he is, when you have received my letter for doubtless you will have known of the arrival of the individuals on board each of the vessels. I hope letters are received regularly by the Officers in hospital?

Is the direction "Lieutenant Lluellyn, 46th Regiment - Hospital Scutari Constantinople" a sufficient address?

General Lluellyn writes with me in kind regards and best wishes to you and believe me to remain

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Eth Augusta Lluellyn.

To: Miss Nightingale,
Hospital, Scutari.

We forward a small parcel for Mr. Lluellyn to Scutari by a private hand on the 10th Jan; this is the first post by which I could write to you.

December 12th 1854

Madam,

I must first crave your forgiveness for the trouble I am about to give you and I earnestly hope you will pardon me. I have a brother in the 7th Royal Dragoons as hospital Sergeant under the name of Henry Scott and after leaving England up to August 12th, we heard regularly from him and we have ascertained from the War Office that he was with his regiment when it left Varna for the Crimea - since then we have not received any tidings of him and if you would interest yourself in inquiring after him I need scarcely add how grateful I should feel - any certain information respecting him would be such a boom to us. Pray be good enough to write a few lines to us if you can hear of him and believe me dear Madam with the greatest respect and esteem

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) L. Scholefield.

My address is

Mrs Scholefield
Beymerston Parsonage,
near Hingham,
Norfolk,
England.

Brighton

December 31st 1854

Miss Nightingale,

I hope you will pardon the liberty I now take but seeing your name so often in the paper I thought you would pardon the liberty of me writing to you but having a letter from a Brother on hand the of the South on the 4th of December stating he ad been informed that a brother Thomas Painter Scholfield serving in the 25 Regiment of 3 Company No: 2511 was wounded but since died of Cholera but no such name as been seen in any list nor as it been sent to the War Office it is a grat trobel to my Father and all the family as we should like to now if he is and if Miss Nightingale wold be so kind as to inquire be remembered as the greatest kindness

of your Obedient
and humbul servant

(Sgd) Fanny Scholfield

5 Grafton Street
Main Road,
Brighton.

RAMC 271/4

67 Elm stt Derby

Dec 15/54

Dear Lady

may I trespass
on your kindness to
ask the following favour
a nephew of mine was
wounded at the Battle
of the Alma on the 20
September, not having
heard from him since
then we feel anxious
to know whether he is
Living, we believe he
was taken to Scutari
with the rest of the woun-
ded so I wish to ask —

if you can Give us any
information from the office
at the hospital as to whether
he his alive. or if dead the
date of his death, Should he
be still alive tell him how
much we should like to
hear from him I write on
behalf of his Mother who
is most anxious to know
the fate of her son this
must be my excuse for
troubling you there is a
directed envelope wich will
find me trusting you will
be able to send us the desired
information I remain your
your obedient
Miss Nightingale
Servant Tho^s Broughton

his name is
William Neal private
No 3921 / 6 Company
23 Reg Fusilliers

67 Elm Stt. Derby

Dec 15/54.

Dear Lady,

May I trespass on your kindness to ask the following favour a nephew of mine was wounded at the Battle of the Alma on the 20th September not having heard from him since then We feel anxious to know whether he is living, we believe he was taken to Scutari with the rest of the wounded so I wish to ask if you can give us any information from the Officers at the hospital as to whether he is alive or if dead the date of his death, Should he be still alive tell him how much we should like to hear from him I write on behalf of his Mother who is most anxious to know the fate of her son this must be my excuse for troubling you there is a directed envelope which will find me trusting you will be able to send us the desired information. I remain yours

Your obdt

(Sgd) Thos. Broughton.

Miss Nightingale.

his name is William Neal private No: 3921) 6 Company

23 Reg Fusilliers.

Madam

The great interest you
take in our poor suffering
John in Hospital at Scutari
induced me to suggest a
safe and certain remedy
(when homeopathically prepared
and used) for that fearful
Epidemic Dysentery, now carry-
ing off hundreds there) -

Under the direction of my
Homeopathic Physician.
I used Mercurius Sublimatus

To the Hon^{ble} Mr. Sydney Herbert

with all the poor people
affected by Dysentery in my
Neighbourhood when it
raged through Ireland.
after the Potato Fright and
Famine, in no instance
did it fail of curing the
Disease, even when circumstances
incurable by the Allopathic
Doctors, I have watched
in vain, for others to
propose this remedy, which
is well known to Homeopaths.
And now take the liberty

of addressing you in hopes
something effectual may be
done to relieve the horrors
of Intaric, at the same
time venturing to state my
conviction that nineteen out
of every twenty would (with
God's blessing, be saved from
death by using it.

I have the honour to
subscribe myself yours

Margaret Muddock

Per Done

Co Dublin

Ireland

RAME 271/3 Dec 16 - 1854

Hôtel de L'Europe
Wiesbaden
Hassau

Madam -

My letter will be very short
because it is absolutely wrong to take up of
time but I am anxious to help in some
way and when at dinner drinking the fresh
sparkling Selters water mixed with wine
I long to send it to your poor sick &
wounded as I believe lots of bloodiness
great thirst & with wine or milk as the
case may be it is so very fresh and
good - it is possible you may not
approve but if you did I would
send a fair supply now and
more later in Jan'y - if I could by
any means by shipping it at Mayence
pt. the Selters Water to London I'd
prefer it as coming here ^{from Selters} so often
it is of course much fresher &
more sparkling than what I can
get in London at this time of

No Germany was the issue of many
of your kind acts if it was
any where not very far from here
& you wished to know what
my friends from people I know
like them any message etc etc

year in the London Warehouse &
my brother Sir Francis Doyle
belonging to the Customs I might
manage it - If you just
write "Yes" (I am so anxious
not to give you trouble) ~~and~~
I shall understand it and
if you do not write at all
I shall quite do so also - This
Place has so many comforts
for Invalids I often think of
for those ^{Germans} Copper Bed warmers
that filled with hot water never
cool & remain hot for

14 Hours if the feet are cold
in cases of illness - in being
with sick people greater & simple
(indeed the poorest) Eau de Cologne
sprinkled in the Bed & I have
have sometimes given such
pleasure & refreshment and
been so appreciated ^{by the very poor} that at
times ^{even} such a trifling offence
comes before me - you must
pardon the liberty I take in
writing - if you prefer money
& think you could do better
with it at Constantinople I
will give order to Mr. P. further
to send you 8 now and 5
more in February if not send
Di Doyle

Carfax

RAME 271/3

22
Horsnam June 22.55

~~My dear~~

~~I am~~ I am fully satisfied
that your benevolence needs
no eulogy from me; Example
is better than precept, it
speaks all languages, and no
words. The recipients of your
generosity and bounty highly
appreciate your devotedness
and self denial to their ne-
cessities and comforts in facil-
itating in every possible way
their ultimate recovery. -
In furtherance of so laudable
an undertaking, may I be
permitted to solicit your
aid for me, permission
to fill up the breach which
apparently exists in the
completion of the Medical

treatment of those brave
soldiers & sailors, suffering
from "Cholera and Diamhau"
in the Hospital at Scutari, the
clearly accounts in the Times
of the number of deaths from
this disease is most appalling,
the facts therein officially
authenticated fully prove
the inefficiency of medical
treatments heretofore adopted
in combating that virulent
disease, feeling that this
deficiency exists in the medical
departments, notwithstanding
the combination of acknowledged
talent of the Medical staff.

It is with all sincerity of heart
that I assert and without fear
of contradiction, that I am in
a position, from 25 years
experience, to cure nine cases
out of ten of Cholera and

Diamhau, if the remedy I have
forwarded to Scutari is allowed
to be faithfully administered in-
discriminately in every case.

I have no desire to interfere
with my medical brethren, but
only wish to be permitted
to cooperate with them, perfectly
gratuitously on my part, for
the preservation and wellbeing
of my fellow men. I seek
no emolument whatever,
all I ask in return is a
succinct account of the
number of cases the medicine
has been given in, and the
effect produced. - I have
forwarded under the care of
the Revd J. Campbell,
£50 worth of Cholera specific
medicine, directed to Mr. W.
Rey - British Army Hospital
Scutari, and my primary

object in writing to you on
this occasion is to seek your
help in getting permission
of the authorities to admit to
the medicine, to such cases
as should be found suffering
from cholera or dysentery.

The medicine is forwarded
direct from Exeter Hall,
by a society there established,
called the Soldiers Friend,

I am aware that almost
everything that art and
science could suggest has
been sent to the Crimea
for the relief of the afflicted;
save and except this one
thing most useful, viz/
medicine for the cure of cholera
& dysentery. -

This only plea of justification
I can offer for thus troubling
you is that of doing good to my
fellow men, may the Almighty
preserve you in health and
strength in carrying into
effect your arduous duties.

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Good M^r. Nightingale

In several Shirts I have
commanded I took Butter
Fet in large quantities and
when my men were re-
duced by Indue we
made a Four Nutritious
Soup adding Rice, Barley
Onions and ~~Herbs~~ my socks
were astonished at the
rapid way the men got

got strong & well
You have plenty of
fine work on every
hill in town -

I rather think Butcher's
Feet are not used in
the Army & Navy
in hopes that I might
be of use I am, Madam
Your most Obedt

J. P. S. Admiral

49. Belgrave Square

Cure for Scankew
or Dysentery

Lump Sugar powdered
very fine & wet with
the best Olive oil to
the consistency of a
thick Paste. a Teaspoonfull
to be given 3. Times a day.

This is a Remedy very
successful in India;

Remedy for
Dysentery

ESSENCE OF BEEF,

Prepared by JOHN GILLON & CO. LEITH.

Mix the contents of this Case with three times the quantity of boiling water—salt and pepper to taste; the mixture produces Beef Tea of the finest flavour and quality, such as the stomach will retain under sea sickness; with parsley and rice it will make a delicate Soup. It will be found most nourishing for Invalids. It is a most useful article, and can be applied to many purposes by an ingenious Steward or Cook, such as strengthening and flavouring other Soups, Sauces, &c.—This size makes a Basin of Soup.

Edinburgh Provision Works

Leith 9 Dec. 1854

has with praiseworthy

philanthropy characterised the Barge Ann Maclean from Glasgow to Balaklava. Calling at Constantinople she loaded her (530 Tons) mostly himself, with necessaries, & luxuries for our Soldiers & Sailors—his horse ship called on all & Sunday to aid him in this good work. & we have responded by shipping 2 Boxes each containing 192 cases of Beef—for making Beef Tea. If your address is under for the use of the wounded under your care—

We may mention that we did so at the suggestion of our friends Professors Simpson & Christison Edinburgh, who prescribe it largely in their practice—

We have shipped other 3 Boxes of same article & contents which we have left to the disposal of Lord Plamtyre. Should you think you have use for them at Scutari—we think the Supercargo will readily give you up one or more Boxes of those—

Wishing you & your benevolent assistants—God speed in your work of tenderness & mercy—We have the honor to be

Madam

Hospital - Scutari
Constantinople

Yours Respectfully

J. H. Gillon & Co

N 1 & 2 addressed
Mrs. Nightingale
Hospital
Scutari

We think the Commisariat will receive delivery of the Boxes

Preserved Provision Works

Miss Nightingale

Madam

Leith 9 Dec. 1854

Lord Blantyre has with praiseworthy philanthropy chartered the Barque Ann Maclean from Glasgow to Balaklava. calling at Constantinople and loaded her (530 Tons) mostly himself, with necessities & luxuries for our Soldiers & Sailors - his Lordship called on all & Sunday to aid him in this good work. & we have responded by shipping 2 Boxes each containing 192 cases Spices of Beef - for making Beef tea. If your address is under for the use of the wounded under your care -

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Scutari

We think the Commisariat
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Direct to
Thomas Hardy
Dinting vale
near glassop
Derbyshire
England

^{RAMC 271/44}
Dinting vale Jan 25th/55
Kind friend we are
very sorry to put you
to so much trouble
but we hope that you
will be so kind as to
send us a answer back
weither

Thomas Shallcross
privat belonging to
the Royal fresh fourth
guards
Draghons both mee
and his sister
Caroline has return
to him but we have

not got a answer
back and we hope
that you

~~Miss Nighting~~

Miss Nightingale will
be so kind as to rite
a answer back to let
us know if he be
alive or dead the
last time ^{he wrote} was on
the ninth of novem
ber last and he
was verry bad of
a fever

under your care and
we hope you will
have the kindness
to rite a answer
back or forward
this to

Thomas Shallcross
so no more at prese
nt from

Thomas Hardy

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Owens College

Manchester Dec. 11/54

Dear Miss Nightingale

I herewith enclose
you a report of some remarks
I lately made here at the
Literary & Philosophical Society,
concerning the mode of preparing
an exceedingly nutritious colic
extract of flesh which has
been found highly serviceable
for invalids when in a state
of great exhaustion. I have
nothing to add to the report
except that at this season the
colic extract will keep perfectly

good for 36 or 48 hours, as
that it is invariably taken by
invalids with great avidity. But as
rain water were used at Scutari,
it would probably be necessary
to employ 8 or 9 instead of 6 drops
of hydrochloric acid (Muriatic Acid)
owing to the hardness of the
spring water.

I beg to apologise for thus
intruding myself upon your sacred
mission and valuable time; the
hope of there being the slightest
possibility of affording you an atom
of assistance in your arduous
and benevolent career must be
my excuse.

I have the honour to subscribe
myself

Your obedient Servant
E. Frankland.

Madam/ Emboldened by your unexampled
Philanthropy to the Sufferers cause.
I beg to offer you my humblest apology
for the liberty I take in addressing
you but having a young friend
engaged in this most painful
Campaign who was wounded at
the Battle of Alma & to whom
I addressed a letter (to Scutari)
on the 11th Oct 1854 with a remittance
my anxiety is very great respecting
him not having had any answer
nor can I see any record of him
from the official lists of
Casualties. — if you could in.

The most concise manner (not
wishing to trespass on your valuable
time) write in the envelope enclosed
which is my direction the simple
satisfaction Dead or Recovered
it would confer a lasting
obligation which I should feel
honored to, cancel by any
Command from you in my
power to execute
I am Madam

With the deepest respect
Your Able Ob^l. Serv^t.
the name is
George McLeod — J. Steen. —
No 4101 — 1st Battalion
2nd Fusilier Guards —