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(original letter)

MALL, DR. PAIRA - 1916-1917 ✓

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Wigmore Street

22 December 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of November 5th just to hand, and I note that you are at present working in the native state of Nahan, and trust you will have good results there. You do not say if the Persian MS. you have acquired on astrology contains any drawings or miniatures. You might let me know that in giving details of MSS. purchased.

I have sent Dr. Jayne in America an engraving of "Dhanvantari" which I am sure will answer his purpose and satisfy him on that point.

I will send a note to B.W. & Co. advertising department to send you the diaries for the coming year, but the publication of all literature otherwise than those, has, I believe, been stopped until after the war. We shall all feel the pinch very much, for the next few months will be the crucial time, as the defection of Russia must delay the decision of the war, but as to what the end will be, there can hardly be two opinions, as the Allies will have the preponderance of men and equipment in every form.

I trust you are keeping well, and hope you will keep clear of malaria which I am sorry to hear is so prevalent in India just now.

Faithfully yours,

C J.S.T.

Putti.

December 14th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

The Indian Mail is overdue now by 18 days. Hope I shall hear from you when it does arrive. I am now in the Magyar Country and have got a few good ones - especially the Tantic ones. One very ancient Persian MS written in the 15th Century dealing in medicine has been acquired. Some unique old charms have been added to the Collection.

We wonder what is going to happen in Russia! Italy seems to have had a reverse but is firmly standing by the Allies. Hope we shall win the Cambrai battle then the Germans will soon be driven to their frontier. Do you think the end of the war is approaching or is the struggle going to be harder still? India is feeling the effects of the war very much now.

With kind regards - I remain very faithfully
yours

Putti

Patti
Dec: 14th 1917

Wm Thompson

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still? India is feeling the effects of the war
very much now.

With kind regards

I remain v. faithfully
Yours
J. J.

Thank you for the promise of
laying the matter of salary before
Mr Wellcome. The war is distressing
and ruinous to individuals as well
as to the nation. I have suffered
a good deal too. You do not say
what is the General opinion about
the end of this Armageddon.

We have passed through a great epi-
demic of Malaria prevalent all over
the country this year.

Hoping you are well, with
kind regards

Very faithfully
yours
P. Mally

Naham
Nov: 5th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

Your letter of the
25th September I have yesterday
I am at present working
in the Native State of Naham,
which lies in the Sewalik
hills. Some good Jindharms
ins in the Prakrit language
have been secured. We
have a few Prakrit ins.,

in hand, and I am glad that
I have acquired more or
rare subjects.

One most valuable MS has
been purchased. It is in Persian
and deals in Mohammedan
astrology and astronomy. Only
one or two copies are known to
exist in oriental libraries
which may be copies of the MS
we have now in our possession.
The MS is dated A.H. 836 which
means 500 years old.

Mr. Jones is sure to write to
you for the representation of
"Shamsunbari". You can send him
the copy you mention in your letter.
I should also be glad to get
the handbook in which there
are such representations as
they might prove useful
sometimes for making selections.
Would you also kindly send me
any publications you have heard
likely come in the form of diaries
or travel notices - which touch
the med:-historical subjects?

SURAT PALACE,
NAHAN.

Nahan

Nov: 5th 1917

Dear Mr. J.

Your letter of the 25th Sept: to hand
last night. I am at present working in the
native state of Nahan which lies in the
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epidemic of malarial prevalent all over
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Hoping you are well, with kindest regards

V. faithful
Yours
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Botanical
P.F.

PM 5
(original letter
can be found in
folder # 569

12 October 1917.

Dear Dr. Hall,

With reference to the sample of the drug known as "Khandmar" which duly arrived, this has now been examined at the Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories, and I have had the following report. "It has been identified as *Gymnema sylvestre*, and was examined by Drs. Power and Tutin at the laboratories some years ago, an account of which is published in publication No. 48 W.C.R.L. The leaves have the characteristic property when chewed of rendering imperceptible the sweet taste of sugar, doubtless due to some paralysing action on the nerve endings of the tongue, but they have no record of the use of the drug in diabetes. This could only be established by clinical trial. Please let me know if you think this is worth while.

I am asked by them to point out for your future guidance when similar plants come under your notice what some local reputation that you should obtain:-

1. The native name.
2. The botanical name if possible, indicating the locality in which the plant grows.
3. If it is obtainable in quantity, and if ample supplies could be got with certainty.
4. What price it could be obtained for and transported to this country.

In the first instance it is only necessary to send a botanical specimen, i.e. about a handful comprising when possible, leaves, fruits and flowers of the plant. Faithfully yours, C.J.S.T.

Wigmore St.

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Jawalamuti
Sep: 27th 1917

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very uncertain & I hope
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through enemy action.

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collection we have already
in hand.

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of the war in sight.

Everybody is feeling its
pressure now.

What is the general opinion
in England as to its
end?

Friendship you are well

Very faithfully

Yours

P. Mally

Jawala Makhli
Sept: 27th 1917

Dear Mr. Thompson

No letter has been received from you since last. The mails are also uncertain & I hope letters have not been lost through enemy action.

Lately I have been travelling in the sub-mountainous country & plan to say I have been able to secure some good astrological mss. They are very rare & not to be found in oriental libraries. I hope to get two more which are very ancient and most valuable. I have also added some more instruments to the collection we have already in hand. There seems to be no end of the war in sight. Everybody is feeling its pressure now. What is the general opinion in England as to its end?

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Yours
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Wigmore St.

25 September 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of the 23rd ult. just to hand, from which I am very pleased to hear of your acquisition of the set of old surgical instruments. They ought to be particularly interesting especially if they are of an early period. Is it possible for you to date them? Some years ago I came across a paper given by a surgeon that was published in the Journal of the Asiatic Society in which he described a set of Tibetan surgical instruments, very beautifully worked and chased that he bought somewhere in the north of India. I had the illustrations photographed, and still have them, and have been wondering if these you have are anything of a similar kind. The handles of the Tibetan ones were wrought in the form of animals' and birds' heads. The charms you described also sound very interesting.

With reference to Mr. Jayne's request for a representation of "Dhanvantri", I certainly should refuse to send him a copy of the miniature that you have as we want to see it first for the Museum, but if you will send me his letter with address, I could send him a copy of the hand book in which there is a representation of Dhanvantri from a relief in Northern India, from which we modelled the big plaster cast of the deity that we have in the Museum. All these representations may, of course, be imaginary, but they are very

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interesting to have, and we do not propose at the present time to let others ^{have} see copies until we have worked upon the subject ourselves.

I am going into the matter you refer to as to salary, but just now as you may imagine since the beginning of the war any increase in this way is very difficult, and the regulation you mention was suspended several years ago, but I will lay the matter before Mr. Wellcome and let you know.

Thanks for writing the titles of the M.S.S. you purchased in capital letters. It would be better still if you could print them as I am anxious to have a complete list made out for you by the time you return.

Trusting you are well, with kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Wigmore St.

12 September 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of July 27th just to hand. I hope by this time you will have received the last two that I wrote. Am pleased to hear of your purchase of the pestles and mortars which should be interesting.

The sample of the drug you mention has not yet come to hand, but on its arrival I will have it investigated if it has not already been done, and have made a note of all you say about it.

I am glad to know you are well and to hear of the interesting things you have met with.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Lahore

Aug: 23rd 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

Your letter of June 27th reached
here on the 5th of August. I wrote one to you on
the 21st ult: which I hope reached London
safely.

You will be glad to hear that I have secured
- so far - an incomplete set of Surgical instruments
- 180 R 10 inches -
according to the directions given
in Sushrout. I hope to have the same completer
as I know where the remaining instruments are
lying. This was got from a Uchinda and the
set is pretty old. This will be a very valuable
addition to our Collection of the ancient instruments.
Some very rare & unique charms have also been
obtained. They are set in silver rings, ^{45 R}pendants,

and to be wound round the upper arm. They are all
beautifully inscribed in Arabic characters, figures
& holy syllables.

A certain Mr Jayne of Columbia University has
written and asked me if I could tell him where
he could find a representation of the Hindu God
of Medicine "Dhanvantari". He says he has tried
his best to get one but cannot locate it anywhere.
He wants either the original to make a L. Slide
or a photograph of the same. I have replied
to him saying that I have got one representation
of the said God, but as it is the property of
Mr. Willcome, I cannot let him ^{have} either a sketch
photograph or the original without his permission.
He wants it for Columbia University Museum.

If he writes to you for permission, will you please
remember the following facts before granting
it.

- (1) It is very rare to get an image of Dhamvanti in any form, stone or pictorial.
2. The representation we possess is the only one known to exist and is thus very valuable.
3. It costs me a great trouble as I was nearly a fortnight after it rotting in a village in the lower Himalayas, some 3 years back.
4. It is a miniature handpainting done by some well known Kangra Valley artist and must be several centuries old. It is well preserved.
- (5) As it is a very rare object, I have not trusted it to any post or packing but kept it with me. It would not do to send it by post at this time. I think on the whole it is better for the present not allow such rare objects to be copied or given out on loans — but I know you will know best how to deal ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ this matter.

There is another little matter, I should like to draw your attention to, that is about my salary. I have had no increment since 4 or 5 years, although I know, in the rules & regulations of the firm, the salaries are revised every two years — but as a rule I do not like to ask. I am asking ~~that~~ you to kindly give the matter your best consideration without my saying anything on the subject and lay it before Mr. Willcox.

It is difficult to name all the ~~mess~~ mess purchases as some have no names and others have the last pages gone. I will, however, stick to your suggestion about writing the names of the mess in Capital letters where possible.

Hoping you are well, a kind kind regards
faithfully yours
P. Mall

Mall. (Dr.)

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new purchases as some have
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I hope you are well
with kind regards
from all of us
D. M. T.

Aug 22

LHR

Aug: 22nd (1917)

Your letter of June 27th reached here
on the 5th of August. I wrote one on the 21st
ult: which I hope you received safely.

You will be glad to hear that I have secured
from a Virginia a set of scientific instruments

made according to the directions given in Bushnell:

It is a pretty good set. There are a few more
of the instruments wanting which have been promised.

This is a valuable collection and I am glad I
have got it pretty cheap.

Some very rare - Unique charms have^{also} been secured
for the museum. They are set in silver rings, pendants & to
be worn round the upper arm and they are all beautifully
engraved.

A certain Mr. Jayne of Columbia University has written
for some representation of the Hindu God of medicine
- "Chakravarti". He has says he has tried his best
to find one but cannot locate it anywhere. He
wants either the original to make a slide or photograph
of the same. I have replied to him^{saying} that I have got one
but it is the property of Mr. Willson and I cannot
give him sketch, photograph or original without his
part with it, nor can I hire a sketch or photograph of the
same.

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the matter your best consideration without my saying anything on the
subject and lay it before the committee.

Lahore
July 27th 1917

Dear Mr. Thompson

The mails seem to be very irregular, as there has been no letter from you since 8 weeks. Some of the postal bags have been lost near Bombay, presumably through enemy action.

I have procured some medicine and other interesting texts of old Kashi print, also 2 pairs of pestles & mortars of unique stones. Certain rare herbs of great medicinal value have been collected.

Now I wish to draw your attention to a very important matter relating to a drug locally known as Khandmar. It is not widely known and has a limited area of its growth in C. I.

I came to know of it through an old man who related me its qualities other than what I am going to say. Perhaps you are aware of the fact that we have nothing specific for Diabetes mellitus. This drug is excellent for reducing sugar in the urine and I believe it would cure Diabetes altogether if sufficient trial be given to it.

I am sending you 6 lbs of the drug by parcel post & beg you to have it analysed and see what it contains. My object in writing about it is that a proposal should be made to Mr. Willcom to introduce some sort of preparation of the drug in the market in Tablets or liquid form. It is sure to succeed & will have great future before it.

This might be considered equal to a little discovery as the old Hakim spoke very highly of it & I have recommended it to several physicians who have tried and found it very useful. Of course I have kept the secret with me and ^{not} divulged anything about it to others. Very few know about this drug. It might be recognized in London but its chief property I have mentioned above will not be known.

If after making experiments & giving it a fair trial, the firm finds it satisfactory, then I think it should be launched on the market. It is sure to bring in lots of money and plenty of blessings from suffering humanity. Diabetes is a terrible disease in the East as well as in old worn out nations like the Chinese, Jews, Hindus and of course as you know it is not rare in Europe. Hoping soon to hear from you and trusting you will get the parcel safely & put the matter through as quickly as it can be done conveniently. I remain
with kindest regards very faithfully yours
P. Mally.

Mall (Dr. P)

July 21st 1917

Ab.

Dear Mr. Thompson

There has been no letter from you since 8 weeks. The mails are very irregular - I believe some have been lost through enemy action.

I have been able to procure some medicine - other texts of old books, also a ~~com~~ ^{two pairs of} ~~some~~ feathers - nestlins of very unique kind. Some interesting herbs have also been collected, list of which is sent herewith.

Now I wish to draw your attention to a very important ^{matter} ~~subject~~ relating to a drug named Khandur ^{6.50} ~~no~~

It is known by few ~~only~~ ^{in C. I.} & has a very limited area of its growth. I ~~can~~ ^{am} come to know of it ^{though an}

^{an} ~~only~~ ^{who} ~~no man~~ ^{relates in its qualities other than I am going to mention.} Perhaps you are aware of the fact

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~~I hit upon this drug for diabetic purposes for certain reasons which I will mention later~~

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best. It is sure to succeed. ~~Commercially~~.

This might be considered equal to a little discovery. ~~I am~~
~~not writing it for~~ ~~boastful spirit~~ but simply wish ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~highlight~~
~~to state the importance of it both from Commercial and~~
~~humanitarian standpoint.~~ It after giving it a ² ~~few~~ trial

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like the Jews, Chinese, Hindoos & of course as you know is
not rare in Europe.

I have ~~recommended~~ ^{seen} the drug to ^{my} ~~some~~ ^{member of} Physician acquaintance
- asked the given is a decoction from 15 Dracmas
- ~~in about every~~ ^{in about every} case it has given satisfaction.

Hoping you will let the parcel safely & trusting you will
put the matter through as quickly as it can be done
Anxiously I remain with kind regards
H. H. P.

in Central India. The date works out to be A.D. 1143.

The heat has been something terrible this year & I have been suffering from it. The temperature in the shade has been 114°F in the shade. I have had to stick to Amritsar on account of ~~the~~^{my} ~~our~~ Collection and to look after the packing. Then came the Martial Law with all its disadvantages and horror.

I hope you had a nice time on the Continent and were able to get ~~lots of interesting things for the collection~~ successful field for the work.

Trusting you are well; with kin regards

faithfully yours
P. Hargreaves

Wigmore St.

27 June 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of May 19th just to hand, from which I am glad to learn that all the cases of MSS. and objects are in safe storage. The Jain MSS. in particular should be very interesting, especially if they are ancient.

It was most disappointing that you were not able to see the Caves Library after such a tedious journey, as it sounds as if it should have been most interesting. However, I hope you will have better luck another time. You are quite right in stating that if you do not secure a thing when you see it, it is ten chances to one you lose it when you go back. I have found that out from experience.

You will have heard before you receive this that things are going well on the west front, and the Americans are promising great things. Although the progress is slow, it is undoubtedly sure, and will come out all right in time.

I am glad to learn you are keeping well,

With kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

From

Kapurthala Haveli

Hardwar

~~Amritsar~~

Paira Hall W.D. Rd. Lakes etc etc

Hardwar

June 23rd 1917

To

M. C. Greenwood J. R. O. Amies,

Municipal Electrical Engineer

Amritsar

Sir

I am in receipt of your letters no. 989 and 997

both dated 22nd instant. I am surprised at the ^{length} ~~length~~ of your letter no 997, as a rule one ~~person~~ expects such communications in a little ^{Courteous} ~~polite~~ form than what has been put down in the ~~two~~ ^{two} letters.

I am away from Amritsar & a servant is in charge of my house. Probably the meter reader ~~must have~~ called when my servant was away for meals.

I am instructing him again to be in the house between the hours 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. between the 25th and 30th June as requested in your letter no 997 dated 22nd June.

Yrs truly
P. M.

Haridwar
June 19th - 1917

June 19th - 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

Your letter of the 23rd April duly

to have. I am travelling in the lower Swaziland

It is very hot here. I have secured some good ones
in astrology - astronomy ^{& the allied subjects} and hope to get some more.

Sorry I have mislaid the account sheets, hence am using ordinary books for the accounts.

Thank you for the weekly "Observer", a copy just received. I am getting it regularly.

India is feeling the effects of the world struggle
 very much just now. She ^{is} ~~can~~ ~~now~~ ~~know~~ that her
 little efforts are appreciated in England.

As Tiro has abdicated we hope there is no more danger in the Balkans. *by reports German fleet*

with regard to German faithless
in
Prussia.

dearer in the
Southam.

with regards

faithfully
Yours

Small

Haridwar
June 15th 1917

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very hot in these parts. I have secured some
good MSS on Astrology & Astronomy - the allies
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therefore have to use ordinary paper for the account
this month.

Thank you very much for the "Observer" which I am
getting regularly, a copy just received.

India is feeling the effects of the war very much
just now. She is glad to know her efforts, little though
they may be are appreciated in England.

As this has abdicated, we hope, there will be no

MEDICAL

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DEPT.

FROM Lt. Col. H. Smith, M.D., I.M.S.

Civil Surgeon,

A m r i t s a r.

To

Dr. Paira *W. H.*

A m r i t s a r.

Dated 12th June, 1917

Received

No. 3511

His No.

dated

Subject:—

Sir,

With reference to letter No. 232.S.Genl, Dated the 8th instant, from the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals, --- Punjab, to my address, I have the honour to request that you -- will kindly let me know if you possess diplomas of reputable foreign Universities and examining bodies, ^{& what they are} whether these qualifications have been registered in British India -- an early reply is requested.

+ if you want registered in the Punjab

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Smith

Lt. Col. I.M.S.

Civil Surgeon, Amritsar.

G. D.

Lushin--

May 23rd - 1911

Dear Mr. Thompson

Your letter of April 4th post-
dated. Railway traffic is ~~worse~~ now in the Punjab
is worse now on account of the military requirement
for the frontier. All the Caves are in safe storage &
great care is being taken of them. ~~So they could~~
~~not be replaced for anything.~~

Some food has been added to the collection
especially the Jain ones dealing in magic
incantations and healing by geometrical figures.
The Jain sect has a very extensive literature
on the subject but it is very difficult to buy
their ~~ms~~ as they are very conservative & do
not wish to show any ~~ms~~ & object of worship
to the outsiders. In the desert of Rajasthan
last year I was promised commission ^{by the Dewan of the State} to one of the
ancient libraries (Jain) in the caves. I took a
long ~~passage~~ sandy journey for days on a camel's
back - without seeing a single tree or a patch
of grass. On arriving there ~~there~~ they ^{first} played
a trick with me & showed quite a steady

Collection & Satisfied my curiosity with evasive ~~rather~~
answers. This I found out months later that the original
library was not shown to me at all, the minister
of the State was also deceived.

I am ^{very} ~~gladly~~^{grateful} for your collection - shall have to go South
to secure it, which it is very hot - ~~cast~~ in the month
but I will have to secure it.

I have come to the conclusion that ^{as a rule} this or an object-
once missed can ~~never~~^{not} be got back again.

We hope the end of the war is approaching near.
The Allies are having great successes in France
- great things are being done in Mesopotamia
- Palestine.

from next month then will be only 2 mails
a week month to fortnight.

Do you think we shall have peace & harmony?

Yours & are well & with kindest

Since you



May 21 - 1917

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CLUB
18 GRAMERCY PARK

Mr. Ananda Comaraswamy
New York -

Dear Sir -

Failing to locate a
representation of the Hindu
God of Medicine -
Vishnuvantari - at the
Metropolitan Museum of
Art - I was given your
name and address as
reference.

I have looked through
your work on the art-
of India and Ceylon but
did not find it portrayed.

If you know of any
representation of this god
in illustration or art I
shall be greatly obliged
if you will be so kind as
to give me the reference.

I am seeking some-
thing of this god from which

I may make a Lantern
slide to illustrate a
Lecture. - If you can
assist me I shall
be very greatly obliged.

Very truly

W. A. Jayne

Ludhiana
May 19th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

Your letter of April 4th just to hand

Railway traffic in the Punjab is worse just now on account of the military requirements on the frontier. All the Cesses are in safe storage and good care is being taken of them.

Some Excellent MSS have been added to our Collection recently, especially the Jain ones dealing in Magic, incantation, and healing by geometrical figures. The Jain sect has a very extensive literature on the subject but it is very difficult to get at it or to buy their Manuscripts as the Jains are very conservative & do not as a rule show any interest or object of friendship to the outsider.

In the Desert of Rappatan, not very long ago I was
promised admission to see one of the ancient libraries
(Jaim) in the ~~Caves~~ Caves. I undertook a long weary
& sandy journey on a Camel's back in the sun
when thermometers registered 110°F to 115°F and not
a single tree or a patch of grass to be seen any-
where. On arriving there I was played a trick
by the Priests - they showed me quite a secondary
Collection and satisfied my curiosity with evasive
answers. I found out several months after this that
the original library was never shown to me. They
even deceived the official who got the permission for
me to visit it.

I am now negotiating for a good Collection of
4 more palm leaf MSS dealing in medicine & alchemy
and for which which I shall have to go South,
though it is very hot in those parts just now.

I have found out by experience that - as Mrs or a
thing once missed either for a trifle or through
these mishaps is seldom got back again. It is
always safe - best to secure the object at once.
The Allies are having grand successes in the
West and great things are being done in
Mesopotamia and Palestine.

Beginning for next month there will be only
two mails a month to and from India.

What is the general impression about peace in
England? Do you think we will have it by
November as Mr Chamberlain hinted in one of
his speeches?

Hoping you are well & with kindest regards

Very faithfully
yours

P. M. G.

Wigmore St.

23 April 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of March 21st has just come safely to hand. I am sorry the Poona exhibition did not yield better results, but one can never tell.

We must go into this matter about the transference of vegetable properties to minerals some time on your return, and then you will be able to put me in possession of all the details.

I think as you say, Ceylong Burmah and the Malay States are sure to give you good results, and I note you will take them up as soon as travelling facilities are given.

We in England think it is splendid what India is doing, and now America has joined the Allies, it will draw all countries together in a way they have never been drawn before. The end is assured, and we hope, will not be far off. We are all very busy, but keeping well here, and trust you will have a happy season, and a successful journey.

With kind regards,

C.J.S.T.

Amritsar
April 23rd 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

I have received your letter of the 5th March after its being in the way nearly 6 weeks. The long distance mails are very irregular just at present. I have in one of my previous letters written to you of the difficulties in getting the cases through to Bombay just now. They are well taken care of and as soon as possible I'll despatch them to the Port.

At the Poona exhibition I could get only two sets of pestles & mortars which are very good specimens of their kind.

There were some very interesting herbs and plants but they were not for sale. I am promised some of the medicinal preparations and few other objects by the exhibitors. We are glad to see that the Allied advance has begun in earnest and soon we shall see the Germans other side of the Rhine.

What terrible accounts we read of the
Hun savagery and barbarism!

The Indian war loan is swelling very rapidly
and promises to be a great success. Now India's
conscience has fully awakened to the meaning
of this great world struggle and she recognizes
that her destiny is bound with the destiny of
the great British Empire.

Hoping soon to hear from you. Trusting you
are keeping in good health,
I remain

Very faithfully
Yours
P. Maff

It is very
well, I am
very faithfully
yours
2nd May

Amritsar
April 23rd 1917

Dear Mr. Munson

I have received your letter of March
5th after its being on the way nearly 6 weeks. Yes, the long
distance mails are very irregular just at present.
I have ^{in the few previous letters} ~~already~~ ^{written} to you about the difficulties in
getting the cases through to Bombay just now. They are
well taken care of and as soon as possible I shall despatch
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Amittar
April 26th - 1917

Dear Mr. Thompson

I am in receipt of your letter
of March the 5th March

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PM 19

Wigmore Street.

4 April 1917.

Dear Dr. Hall,

Your letter of February 19th just to hand. I am glad to hear from you that you have arranged for the cases to be in safe storage at Amritsar. It is fire I am mostly afraid of. As you know they could never be replaced. I hope when traffic is resumed you will be able to get them down to Bombay so they can be in safe storage.

I am glad to hear of the collection of palm-leaf MSS. which should prove very interesting. I hope on your return we shall be able to go into this very interesting theory that you mention of the unity of matter and life. As you say, there is a lot that was known in the past that has been utterly forgotten, and will well repay research.

I trust you met with some success at the Poona exhibition.

The latest news is great, and things are going well with the allies. Our troops have had splendid victories in Mesopotamia culminating in the capture of Bagdad, and in Palestine as you will no doubt have heard.

Trusting you are well, with kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

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Trusting you are well, with kind regards,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Ludham
March 21st 1917

Dear Mr. Thompson

Your letter of Jan. 29th reached me when I was in Poona attending the Ayurvedic Conference and the exhibition. The latter was rather disappointing from our standpoint as there was nothing there for sale except a couple of pestles & mortars which I purchased. They are of different sizes & made of very good stone. I have been able to gather a few new & useful stores of knowledge from the Vaidyas which would be interesting for our history of medicine. There were lots of rare plants in the exhibition and good ones but none for sale. There were also medicinal preparations sent from different parts of India & I am communicating with the exhibitors to secure some of these preparations. The point which we have been discussing lately about the transference of vegetable properties to minerals and metals has never been denied by the Vaidyas and I have during the Conference collected a few instances in which such a transference or something akin to it is very striking. As soon as the first difficulty about travelling to Ceylon & the Malay States is removed

I'll let you know. Ceylon, Burma & the States are
sure to yield a good harvest.

There has been a great rejoicing over the fall
of Bagdad here in India, as to India it is more
important than conquests in the West. Money is
pouring into the Indian War Loan and the gift
of hundreds millions to the British Empire makes
the people proud in having taken over at least
some burden and responsibility in this gigantic struggle.
India's heart throbs with the same rhythm as of England.

Trusting you are well, with kind regards

Very faithfully yours

P. M. Alf

Wigmore Street

5 March 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

I trust by this time you have had my letters, as I have replied to each one from you as I have received it, but there is no doubt there is some irregularity just now with the long distance mails.

I am pleased to know you have been able to secure the rest of the collection of drugs, and shall be able to tell when we see them whether they will be worth making analyses.

I hope you will be able to get the cases through to Bombay, and trust they will reach there safely.

Let me know if you were able to pick up anything of interest at the exhibition at Poona.

I trust you are keeping well and fit.

Faithfully yours,

Ludhiana
Feb. 19th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

I have acknowledged receipt of your letter of the 8th ult, which reached me day before yesterday. In my last I wrote you about the cases, the difficulty of sending them to Bombay as present as all goods traffic is at standstill. However, before leaving Amritsar I managed to have them well housed and kept in charge of a special man who will be paid at the rate of Rs 7/- per month.

You will see by the enclosed list that I have acquired a collection of the Palimpsest MSS. They are very old and rare. It was through the kindness of a friend in Benares that I was able to purchase them from a spiritual leader of a special Brahmanic sect. They deal mostly in Tantric & the religious medicinal subjects and will I am sure make a valuable addition to our MSS library.

What I wrote and meant about "the properties of certain drugs being transferred to metals and minerals" was that, that was and is still the belief of Unani and Hindi physicians, that such a change was possible.

It is not possible for me to write on the subject in a letter, but suffice to say that they base their theory upon the fundamental unity of all matter - life, both organic & inorganic and reduce everything to 5 tattvas out of which the whole is evolved. This again is reduced to One Reality. It is an interesting subject and I am collecting material on the subject from the different schools of Tattva thinkers. There are 101 things of which our modern science knows nothing, and one day I think we may be awfully surprised to find that the riddle of the universe was as simple as A B C. I am now on my way to Poona Argentine exhibition and will write if I find anything of interest there.

Hoping you are well, with kindest

I remain faithfully yours
Anand

Feb: 19th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th Jan which reaches me day before yesterday. I have already written to you about the boxes, the difficulty of sending them to Bombay just at present as all foreign traffic is at standstill. ^{However} before leaving Amritsar I took good care that they were well packed ^{and} kept in charge of a ^{special} man who ~~will~~ ^{will be paid at the rate} Rs 7/- per month. You will see by the enclosed list that I have acquired a collection of the Palmleaf MSS. They are very old & rare & through the kindness of a friend in Benares I was able to purchase them for a spiritual lease for a special ^{Sect} ~~Boudham~~ ^{sect} community. They ~~are~~ ^{are} mostly Tantric and religious-medical subjects & will make a ^{valuable} ~~good~~ addition to our collection of MSS. library. What I ^{meant} ~~wrote~~ about the hypotheses of certain ^{Dr} ~~Dr~~ being transferred to material minds was that, that was ^{is still the belief} ~~the opinion~~ of the ~~doctors~~ ^{doctors} ~~Urani~~ ^{Urani} & Hindu ~~and~~ ^{and} physicians, that such a ^{change} ~~transfer~~ was possible. ^{It is impossible to think} They base their theory upon fundamental unity of all life organic & inorganic and reduce everything to 5 tattvas out of which the whole is evolved. It is an interesting subject and I am collecting material on the ^{same} subject. There are lots of things of which ^{our} modern science knows nothing & one day we may be ^{very} surprised to find that the whole ^{whole} of the universe was as simple as A B C. I am on my way to the Ayurvedic exhibition & will write if I find anything interesting then to purchase it.

Yours truly
J. H. P.

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PM 7

Wigmore St.

29 January 1917.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter of Dec. 23rd. duly to hand from which I note you have got the matter of forwarding the cases of purchases to Bombay well in hand. I trust they will reach there safely.

The samples of preparations of metals you speak of should form an interesting addition to our collection of Indian materia medica. I hope you will meet with something of interest at the Ayurvedic exhibition.

By this time I expect you have pretty well covered the main portions of India, and some time when you can manage it, I should like you to send me a sketch map showing approximately the route of your travels and the ground covered, so that I may forward it to Mr. Wellcome. There is yet Ceylon to be done, and the Malay States if possible, and I shall be glad if you will let me know in your next letter when you think you will have finished with India, and which you think it would be advisable to take first, and what chance there would be of obtaining objects of interest.

Just now everything is comparatively quiet on all fronts, but we are all hoping for a complete and decisive victory before the present year is out. The loyalty and help of the peoples of India throughout the war will never be forgotten in England. I trust that this has been brought home and made known throughout the Indian Empire.

Trusting you are well, with kind regards

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Trusting you are well, with kind regards

Batavia

Jan: 27th 1917

Dear Mr Thompson

I have had no letter from you since 2 months. The mails are also very irregular now. I may have a letter from you today as the mail is due this afternoon. You will see by the list I enclose that I have acquired a further collection of the famous Vaiores who died some months ago. The preparations are very rare & unique. Later on I think it would be worth while to analyse some of the preparations & to see what they contain. It has taken me nearly 6 weeks bareback & work at these things. There are still a few preparations left with the family & I hope to secure them soon. The cases ready ~~to send~~ for Amritsar are still there as all goods traffic in the Punjab is stopped on account of the troops activity in the N. W. Frontier & there is a number of 20,000 Japanese troops landing in Calcutta for the frontier. Is there any likelihood of peace this year?

Hoping soon to hear from you & trusting
you are keeping well.

Very faithfully

Mrs
P. Mally

Bukhara

Jan: 27th 1917

Dear J.

I have had no news letters from you since 2 months. The mails are also very irregular now. I may have a letter from you today as the mail is due this afternoon. You will see by the list I enclose that I have acquired further collections of the famous Uigurs who died some months ago. The prehistorians are very rare & unique. I think it would be worthwhile to analyse some of the prehistorians to see what they contain. It has taken me nearly 6 weeks to arrange & work at these things. There are still a few prehistorians left with the family & I hope to acquire some more. The Cans received at Amritsar are still there as all post traffic in the Punjab is stopped on account of the trouble activity in the N.W. Frontier - there is a rumour of 20000 Japanese troops landing in Calcutta for the Frontier.

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Hope soon to hear from you & trusting you are keeping well

Very faithfully
May

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

FROM

Pandit Gopinath Kaviraj M.A.,
Librarian, BRINGHAJ,
Govt. Sanskrit COLLEGE, Library,
BENARES .

TO

Paira Mall, Esq., M.D.,
Katra Dools,
AMRITSAR .

No. _____, dated Benares, the 20 January 1917 .

FILE HEADING.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, dated 15.1.1917, to Dr. Venis, asking for a loan of Schmidt's work on Indian Erotics from this Library I am directed to let you know that as it is essentially a research Library where books are constantly required for reference purposes the work cannot be let out.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Yours truly,

G. Kaviraj
M.A., Librarian,

Govt. Sansk. College,
BENARES .

No. 319-C.

From

The Hon'ble Sir James DuBoulay, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

Dr. Paira Mall, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
c/o The National Bank of India, Limited,
B o m b a y.

Home Department
(Police)

Delhi, the 19th January 1917.

Sir,

In reply to your letter, dated the 10th January 1917,

I am directed to forward a special license entitling you
to possess and carry one shot gun and 100 rounds of gun
ammunition throughout India. The license will be current
up to the 31st December 1917. Your attention is invited
to the condition contained in the body of the license.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. DuBoulay

Secretary to the Government of India.

etc

Wigmore St.

8 January 1917.

Dear Dr. Mull,

I am glad to know you have now received all my letters. I have heard from the manager of B.W. & Co. in Bombay, who enclosed me a copy of your letter. I have sent him instructions as to how to deal with the cases as they arrive from you, and shall be glad if you will put the matter in hand as early as you can.

The collection of the varieties of reduced metal used in India will be very interesting. The medicinal use of metals treated in this way is mentioned by many old writers on Hindu medicine. Of course as you will know, from a chemical point of view, it is practically the oxides that remain. I cannot understand, however, what you say, "that the properties of the drugs of vegetable origin are thus transferred to certain metals and minerals." I do not see how it would be possible to transfer an organic body to a metallic one and so retain these properties, and I should be glad to know more details of the methods employed some time from you. It may interest you to know that when I was a medical student, 'Ferrum Redactum', or what was called 'reduced iron' was frequently used in medicine in England, and was included in the B.P., but it has gone out of use about twenty years now, and was deleted from the B.P. in favour of more soluble preparations.

I trust you are keeping well and meeting with other interesting objects. With all good wishes for the New Year which we hope will be the year of peace,

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Uttarakhand

Dec: 23rd 1916

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I received your letter last week. I have already written to the managers B & W in Bombay for the storage of Cases. I have collected them all & packed them. They are ready to be sent to Bombay. Unfortunately they won't take the packages just now as the Ry authorities require carriages for troops going to the frontier. They will dispatch them during the 2nd week in January. I'll send you details of the Cases when they are sent from Amritsar.

I am glad today I have been able to procure other preparations of metals from the Hakim I wrote you of in my last. They are very valuable 'ashes' of minerals & metals prepared very carefully according to the method given in the ancient text. It is rare that any Hakim makes such preparations nowadays because it takes years to make certain some of the ^{things} ~~substances~~ used in reducing them. The processes are very laborious and costly. There are some more of such drugs & preparations which I hope to acquire soon.

The Ayurvedic Exhibition you wrote me of takes place

During the month of February & not in December.
I'll attend the same & purchase what I can at
reasonable prices; although there wasn't much to be had in one
of the exhibitions I attended in Multan 3 years ago.
Poona has been & is still a great centre for ancient
learning in Maharashtra & it is probable there may
be some good objects for sale.

Hoping you are well & wishing for a happy New
Year -

Lovingly & faithfully
Yours
P. Maly.

Enclosure:

one account sheet.

Shankar
Dec. 23rd - 1916

Dear Mr. Thurston

I recd your letter last week & have already written to the manager B & W in Bombay for the storage of Cures. I have collected them all & packed them. They are ready to be sent to Bombay. Unfortunately they won't take the parcels just now as the Ry authorities require carriages for trucks going to the Frontier.

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Wishing you are well & a happy New Year. I remain v. faithfully

Yrs.
Sh.

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Amrita

Nov. 24th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

I enclose a copy
of the missing May accounts.

I have written to the manager
Birmingham Wellcome & Co in Bombay
for the storage of Cures now
lying in Amritsar. I have
got them all together ^{now} they
are ready to be despatched.

As soon as I hear from the
managers I'll send them by
road train to Bomber & ask
them to insure against the
risk of fire etc.

Will you please write them to
to Bomber to take delivery of
the cases in case they don't
take them without being
instructed by the Head Office?
These cases are all tin lined
& contain maps & other objects

Hoping you are well
Sincerely
Magg

Auntie
Nov. 24th 1916

Dear Mr. Thompson

I enclose a copy of the missing
May account. I have written to the
managers Bumpus, Williams & Co in
Bunkley for the storage of cases
now lying in Auntie. I have
got them all together now.
They are ready to be disinfected.
? as soon as I hear from the
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goods train to Bunkley & ask them
to insure against the risk of fire
etc.

will be pleased with them to to Broun
to take to delivery of the cases in
case they don't take them with out
being instructed by the Head Office
then cases are all finished
& contain mass & other objects.

Hoping you are well

Yr's

Phm.

Amritsar
Nov: 17th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

Yours of the 17th Oct: Only received
the other day. I take note of what you say about
the Charms and Amulets. I have already collected
some and will continue doing so in different
parts of the Country & in Burmah.

You will be glad to know that I have acquired
a Collection of 40 Varieties of the reduced — or the
"Killed" iron as it is called by the native Physicians.
perhaps you know the ancient Aryans learnt by ob-
servation that all Vegetable drugs became inert, as a
rule, after one year. They, then, discovered retentive
and lasting medicines in the shape of the "Killed"
metals, and it is alleged that under the influence of
time they increase in strength and curative value.
Minerals are also treated in this way. properties of
drugs of Vegetable origin are thus transferred to certain
metals and minerals. The methods employed are very long
and laborious. As a rule these preparations are very efficacious.

A well known physician in the Pampala died some 2 years ago & he left a large collection of many preparations. So far I have been able to get the Iron preparations only - am buying for other medicines he prepared in his life time. Some preparations of the so-called "Killed" iron have passed through "hundred fires" some fifty - some forty. It takes months & months to prepare one variety of the metal in the old prescribed way and there are very few physicians left in India who can make such preparations nowadays.

I believe it will be a very good thing ^{to start} this from Commercial standpoint. The Indians have a great faith in the efficacy of killed metals - minerals. I consider it a great luck to have acquired the collection and hope I'll succeed in having the rest of his stock. These preparations will be very interesting from several viewpoints.

We are very glad to learn the "Lilies" success on the Sonoma & hope it will continue through the winter. It is so bad about the "Arabs". I note that the May expenses sheet has gone astray. Will send a copy of it soon.

Trusting you are well

I remain faithfully yours
P. Mally

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Amritsar

Nov: 17th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

Yours of 17th Oct duly received the other day. I have ^{take note of what you say} in mind ~~all what~~ you say about the charms and Amulets. I am ^{have already} having a good ^{collected} collection of the same ^{will certainly bring so in different parts of the country} from different parts of the country - will ~~be~~ ^{be} in mind when I am in Broomfield.

You will be glad to know that I have acquired a ^{reduced} collection of 40 varieties of ^{the so called "killed"} reduced iron - or the "killed" iron as it is called by the native physicians.

perhaps you know the ancient Ayurvedic secret by observation that all vegetable drugs become inert as a rule, after one year. They, thus, discovered retentive and lasting medicines in the shape of "reduced" or "killed" metals and it is alleged that under the influence of time they get increase in strength. Certain methods of transferring the properties of drugs of vegetable origin ~~are~~ ^{are} then transferred to certain metals. These are very long & laborious processes through which a metal passes for purification, oxidation and calcination. As a rule they are very efficacious.

I have a certain well known native Indian died
about 2 yrs ago. I have got his collection of "Killed"
Iron & Wood some of the preparations have gone through
- hundred fires - some through fifty and so on. ^{My metal is killed in} It is done mixed
Combustion and with the help of all sorts of ^{and} ~~all sorts of~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{fresh} ~~fresh~~ ^{dry stuff}. Some of the latter
~~Some methods require months to make a preparation~~
~~Several months to prepare one of the preparations specimen~~
only. ~~Some will find iron and its preparation~~

I believe it will be very good to show this from Commercial
standpoint. The natives believe very much in the efficacy
of "Killed" metals & there are only a few ^{in India} ~~few~~ ^{physicians} ~~who~~ ^{can} ~~the~~
can prepare ^{such} metals in ~~different way~~ ^{in the ancient form} as it is
laid down in ancient texts. I am after other preparations
belonging to the same physician. They will be very interesting
from several viewpoints.

The many expenses sheet must have gone astray. I'll send a
copy of it soon.

We are very glad to learn the Allied success on the Somme &
hope it will continue through the winter. At least the tide
is turning in favour of the Allies.

~~I have arrived here from the early and am going to arrange~~
~~for the two defects lying in this list & send them to W. B. Bunker -~~
~~with trusting you are well~~ Faithfully yours
M. J.

Wigmore St.

8 November 1916.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Yours of the 7th ult. duly to hand. I am glad to know that you have secured a further collection of astrological and other MSS.

I am glad to hear what you have done regarding storage of the MSS. and objects you have purchased, and that they are in a fire-proof store room and fully insured.

Will you please communicate with Mr. J.L. Holden of Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co., Cook's Buildings, Hornby Row, Bombay, and say that you have been instructed to do so by me on Mr. Wellcome's behalf, and arrange with him that all the cases of purchases lying in different places such as Amritsar and Benares, should be forwarded to him and congregated in Bombay, and placed by him in safe storage. The cases you have stored with the native firm Messrs. Tullochchand & Co. should also be transferred to Mr. Holden's custody. Please send me lists of contents, values, number and size of cases together with full details of insurance and a duplicate copy of same.

As you say it would be a great calamity and a terrible loss if they were destroyed by fire, as they could never be replaced, so they must be safeguarded in every possible way.

I have had a letter from a Dr. N.G. Sardesai, The Alkaloidal Pharmacy, 13. Shukrawar Peth, Poona City, in which he tells me there is to be a Meeting of the Ayurvedic Medical Congress at Poona in the month of December this year. I trust you will get this letter in

time, for if it is possible for you to get there, it would be most advisable, as there is to be an exhibition of surgical instruments and ancient MSS. and other books on medicine, at the time in that city. If after the exhibition is over you could secure these by purchase, or get to know to whom they belong you might get hold of some very important things. I should buy all you could if at a reasonable rate, but do not let them know who you are acquiring them for.

The war news is good, although the weather has been exceedingly bad, and has handicapped the advance of the Allies, still they are pressing forward, and there is no doubt of the ultimate result.

I hope you are keeping well, and will do so during the winter season.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

P.S. When forwarding cases to Bombay, please see they are insured against loss in transit.

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Wigmore Street

17 October 1916.

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We have at present on exhibition here a very interesting collection illustrating the medical folk-lore of London of which I enclose you particulars. Some time one would like to do a similar thing in connection with India, and although we have a fair selection of Hindu charms generally, we could do with a great many more. There must be thousands of such things, and if you could bear this in mind when visiting any out-of-the-way places, including Burmah when you go there, it will help us a lot. If you can get the objects from the people themselves who are wearing them with any story attached, it renders them much more interesting.

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Things are going well at the front, and the Allies in the west roll forward.

I have sent a note to B. W. & Co. about sending you a diary for next year, and trust you will receive it.

The cashier at Snow Hill Buildings tells me he did not receive your expenses account for the month of May last. It was probably enclosed in a letter that I never received from you. Will you therefore kindly send me a copy in your next letter, to send on to him.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

J. L. Hutton
100 Mr. B. B.
Cooks
Mumbai, India

Kulu Oct: 7th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

I am in receipt of your of Sept:
7th and am glad to say that a further Collection of
important astronomical & astrological Manuscripts
has been made. I have been able to acquire some
very ~~int~~ interesting works on the subject.

As regards storing of MSS, ~~and~~ certain objects are now
with a native firm in ~~India~~ Bombay named Tullochchand
& Co. They have a fire proof store room, the articles are
insured. The National Bank of India has no storing
room for such a large number of MSS. It would be
better to send the cases to the Manager of Messrs Burroughs &
Wellcome in Bombay. At present the MSS are lying in
Amritsar, Benares - and as soon as I get to the
plans I shall send them - to Bombay packed
in Tinsley Cases. I have already about 8 Cases
full of MSS (Tinsley cases) ready to be despatched.
As it would be a calamity if they were lost by fire, as
they could not be replaced if one has to live away from home

for them. They will be insured for their full value.

I'd send you details of the cases when I send them to Bromley.

Though I have not seen the papers for some time,
I hope that Greece has also joined the allies by now
& that the Allies are on the road to Victory.

I think there is no doubt of the ultimate result
of the war now. I am glad to hear that
the beginning of the End has come & may the splendid
advance begun - continue now, more successfully.

I trust you are well.

Remain

Yours faithfully
P. M. G.

Kulu

Oct: 7th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

I am in receipt of your letter of September 7th and am glad to say that a further collection of important astrological and astronomical MSS has been acquired some very interesting works on the subject.

In regard to MSS and other objects for storing I have to say that certain objects have been stored with a native firm in Bombay named

Tullochchand & Co and they have been insured too.

National Bank of India have no strong room for such a large number of MSS now collected, and therefore it would be better if I send the MSS to the manager of Messrs Burroughs & Wellcome in Bombay.

I have at present 10 to 15 cases full of MSS lying some at Amritsar, some at Benares.

They are not insured but as soon as I get to the plains I shall send them all to Bombay for storage and will let you know as soon as

it is done. The Miss Cases are all tin lined.

They will be insured for their full value.

I will detent for the cases when I send them to Bombay.

I have not seen the papers for some time, but hope that Greece has also joined the allies.

I am glad to hear that the beginning of the end has come and ~~this dreadful war~~ that ~~some or later~~ that it ~~pre~~vious that the allies are going to win.

Hoping you are well

I remain
faithfully yours
M.

Benznutt
Sep: 19th - 1916

Dear Mr. Thompson

Since writing last I have been through certain provinces of the Kashmir and Jammu States and am glad to say, have acquired certain number of very interesting and unique manuscripts on medicine and the allied subjects. One of the mss is 538 p^{ts} old and deals in medicinal plants, their properties and uses. It is on paper and is dated 1434 of the Hindu era. Another most important mss is in the form of collection of nearly all the branches then known, of the medical science. Though this mss is not dated but it is of great antiquity as seen by the paper, style of writing and the language. I am at present travelling in the Kampo Dist and hope to get to the plains about the end of October. In the winter I propose to go to Burma and certain parts of Bengal.

We are glad to see, that the Allied advance has begun in earnest, and that the Central powers

Are being hammered on all sides now.
Joining of Rumania is of great moment & importance
and it will no doubt shorten the war.
We are all looking forward to the time when
the Germans will be thrown back across the Rhine.
Please do not forget to send me a copy of Beau's
annual diaries. Last year I had none.
The new one 1917 should be out soon.
Please keep me also informed by sending Beau's publica-
tions as they come out.

Hoping to hear from you soon & trusting you are
in good health.

I remain very faithfully,
Yours
P. Mally

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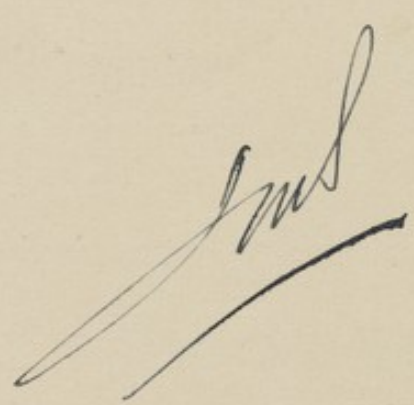
11th September 1916.

The Curator.

I received from you
on the 6th September Dr. Faira Mall's
account for the month of June, but cannot
trace having received his May account.

Will you kindly let me
know at your convenience if it has reached
you.

GH



Wigmore St.

7 September 1916.

Dear Dr. Mall,

I am glad to hear from your letter of July 3rd which has duly come to hand that you are well and have been successful in acquiring some more rare and good MSS. The Tautric one which you mention should be of great interest. I hope at some time these will all repay translation.

I think I asked you in one of my previous letters what provision you are making for the storing of the MSS. collected, especially against the risk of fire. Mr. Wellcome suggested they should be packed in tin-lined cases and placed in the strong room in charge of the National Bank of India until the time comes for their shipment. Can you let me know where they are, and if they are insured, because if not they should be. If you will give me details, and send me a note here requesting this to be done I will get the manager of Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co.'s depot in Bombay to take it up, and see that the things are in a place of safety. It would be a calamity if they were lost through fire, and were not in a perfectly safe storage. Burroughs Wellcome & Co.'s address in Bombay is, Cook's Buildings, Bombay, and you could write there and give instructions in case of necessity but it would be well to send me a letter of authority asking their manager to go into this matter, and clear it up. As the

MSS. and other objects are now collecting to such a large amount, they should be insured for their full value.

You will have heard by this time that Roumania has joined with the Allies, and it is more than probable that Greece will have done the same by the time this letter reaches you. It is pretty certain that the beginning of the end has come as regards the war, and it is now only a question of time; whether it will be long or short no one can yet tell, but the ultimate outcome is now obvious.

Trusting you are well, and hoping to hear from you again soon,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Srinagar
July 30th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

You will be glad to hear that I have acquired some very rare and useful mss. The one is a Tantric mss of the Mahācham Sampradāya and it deals in very curious and fascinating subjects, such as human sacrifice, the horse sacrifice, Linga and Yoni worship, the reasons, why such practices were introduced. The mss originally belongs to Nepal, but through great efforts on the part of a Pandit, I was able to secure it. The mss also touches upon subjects such as astrology, medicine etc etc. Another mss secured is a palm leaf one and purely of medical interest and was written or rather scratched in the country of Khorasan on the Afghanistan frontier. Both these mss are very old and hitherto unknown. I am very glad to have acquired them, as they are sure to prove of great interest and value. There are other mss I have in view and for which I have to cable you for £50. Thank you for the remittance which I received on July 4. I was able to pay in advance for some of the mss I hope to get soon.

I have just come up to Trinagar for the Sharda was to be had here and there seems a good prospect of getting them.

We are very glad to learn that the Allies have begun to advance now and hope they will soon be ~~at~~ the German frontier. The astrologers in India predicted long ago that there would be turn of the tide from the 16th of July, when the Saturn had changed its position - and that time was most auspicious to the Allies. It does seem that the prophecy is coming true as it was really on the 16th when the advance began. It will continue till the central powers are driven back. Next few weeks should decide the fate of the Germans.

Hoping you are keeping well,

I remain,

Very faithfully
Yours

P. Mally

Singapore

July 30th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

You will be glad to hear that - I have
acquired some very rare and useful MSS - The one is
a Tantric MS of the Mahachina Sampradaya and
it deals in curious ^{and mysterious} subjects such as human sacrifices
^{these sacrifices being a part of your worship, the reason why such practices were introduced}
~~how~~ ^{how} ~~it was introduced~~ ^{when it was introduced}. The MS originally belonged
to Nepal but through great efforts on the part of a Pandit
whom I engaged for this work alone I was able to
secure it. Besides different sacrifices the MS
treats upon astrology, astronomy, medicine & cult of
curious subjects - Lingam, Yoni etc. This MS has not
been known at all & I am very proud to have got
hold of it. Another MS is on palm-leaf & purely of
medical interest. It was written in Khorasan
Country and is a unique MS hitherto unknown.
There are other MSS of great interest and authenticity
which I hope to get soon after which I have to
cable you for remittance of £50. Thank you I
got the money on the 5th of July & was able
to pay them in part & in advance for the MSS

I have in view.

I have just come up to Trinagar for the share a hass to be had here and there seems a good prospect of getting them here.

We are very glad to learn that the Allies have begun to advance now & when they will soon be on the German frontiers. The astrologers in India had predicted that there would be a turn of the tide on the 16th of July as the Saturn had changed its position and that was most favourable to the Allies.

This was predicted long ago & it does seem as if it were true as we got the news of the advance on the 17th. I think this will continue now till the Central Powers are driven back to their original position. These few weeks are now no doubt, very important in deciding fate of the nations.

Hoping you are keeping well

I remain
Very faithfully
Yours
P. Mally

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Bengal

June 28th - 1918

Dear Mr Thompson

I am in receipt of both of yours
dated 18th April & 15th May. One or two of your letters
must have gone astray. The mails are also
very irregular now.

You will be glad to hear that I have purchased
a very good Collection of palmleaf MSS which are
very ancient. They deal in astrology, witchcraft,
incubation, medicine & allied subjects. It was with
great difficulty that I was able to procure them.
Palmleaf & Birchleaf MSS are extremely rare
now in India.

My eye is still bad I am sorry to say.

I am here after I am very much better & if they can be
here I shall have to cable you for some time.

It is very hot here 114° in the shade.

Trusting you are well

Very faithfully yours
J. Mally

Benares

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Palm leaf and Birch leaf books are extremely rare now. My eye is still bad, but better than before.

I am here after some very rare books & if they can be had I shall have to cable you for £50.

It is very hot now 114° in the shade.

Hoping you are well
Yours faithfully,
Plum Hall

Amherst
May 19th - 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

I am in receipt of both
of the letters dated April 11th & 18th to which I
was very glad. Some of your letters must have
gone astray.

I am very sorry I am suffering from very bad
eyes & cannot write or read properly. The inflammation
is subsiding now.

You must excuse me for this scrap.

I am enclosing list of purchases having
with kind regards, hoping you
are well

I remain very faithfully
yours
P. Maly

Wigmore Street

15 May 1916.

Dear Dr. Mall,

Your letter dated April 19th to hand this morning. I cannot understand where my letters to you can have gone astray as I have written to you regularly every month. I trust they may turn up. I enclose you a copy of my last letter to you, from which you will see the date it was sent.

I am glad to hear you have secured some more Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit MSS. and also pictures and other objects. You must have gathered a considerable number now, and I hope you are getting them down and stored safely in Bombay where they should all be held until the end of the war.

By the time this reaches you, every man of military age in Great Britain will have become a soldier. The nation is satisfied, and this will do more than anything else to make the war shorter.

Trusting you are keeping well,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

FROM

Paira Mall M.D., M.R.C.S., (Eng:) L.R.C.P. (Lond)
AMRITSAR.

TO

P.Marsden Esq. B.A., I.C.S.,
Secretary, Municipal Committee,
AMRITSAR.

Dated, Amritsar, the 12th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

On the 2nd instant I sent in a usual application to your Office for permission to make certain alterations in my house situated in Dhab Khatikan., but no reply has been received yet. As the alterations contemplated require straightening of the wall and a side entrance only, and this is a simple matter; I request that you will be good enough to grant the necessary permission without further delay.

I have to leave Amritsar soon on duty for other parts of India but wish to see the work started before I leave, therefore I am asking you for the favour of an immediate permission for which I shall feel highly obliged.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Harer

April 18th 1918

Dear Mr. H:

No news from you since a long time. You must
be either too busy to write or away from your London.
I have secured some more Persian, Arabic
and Sanskrit MSS. list of wh. I am enclosing.
I have some good pictures and other objects
which I hope soon to acquire.

There seems to be a great crisis in India
just over the Cascription. Just now we
hope to see the end of this terrible war
before the year closes. How heroically
the French are fighting at Verdun.

Trust you are keeping well & hoping to
hear from you soon.

Remain
Very truly
Yrs
J. H.

Turanton

April 20th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

I have been expecting to hear from
you, but am disappointed every week. Hope you are
well and that illness is not the cause of your silence.
We are living in very anxious times, especially in
England

Serantarn

April 19th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

No news from you since a very long time. You must be either too busy to write or away from London. I have secured some more Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit MSS, list forth. I am enclosing I have some food pictures and other objects which I hope soon to acquire.

There seems to be a social crisis in England over the conscription just now. We hope to see the end of this terrible war before the year closes. How heroically the French are fighting at Verdun. Trusting you are keeping well and hoping to hear from you soon. I remain very faithfully yours

Truly.

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FROM

P. G. D'SOUZA, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
*Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education, Agriculture, Industries and Commerce.*

To

Dr. Paira Mall, M.D., M.R.C.S., etc.,
Kalya Dools, Amritsar,
P u n j a b.

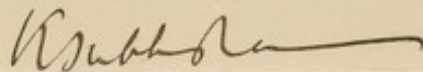
SIR,

With reference to your letter dated 28th March 1916, I am directed to forward herewith a list of Sanskrit books available in the Mysore Government Oriental Library and to request you to be so good as to let me know which of them you require for research work.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,



Offg. Secretary to Government,
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Your letter of March 21st duly to hand this morning. I am afraid from what you state that some of my letters must have gone astray and gone down with some of the mails as I have been writing you regularly on receipt of yours.

I am glad to learn you have been able to get the surgical appliances from the palace you mention and the other objects of interest.

I am glad you are getting the 'Observer' regularly as that will keep you up to date in war news.

I trust you are keeping well and hope I shall hear from you soon again.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

No. 201



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I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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Curator.

To

Paira-Mall Esq., M.D.

Katra Dools, Amritsar,

Punjab.

54a. Wigmore Street.

23 March 1916.

Dear Dr. Mall,

I trust by this time you have received my letters which have been despatched to you regularly. There is no doubt the mails have been a good deal upset.

I am pleased to learn from your letter that you have got hold of several more interesting objects and the appliances for the head described in the Charaka appear to be of special interest.

Have you anything to suggest about fresh places to visit in India before you come down to Ceylon or do the Malay Peninsula? I should like to hear your views on the matter.

I hope you have had your 'Observer regularly, which will keep you up to date in war news. Things are much the same here in London, but everyone is full of admiration for the magnificent stand the French have made round the region of Verdun. By many this is regarded as the turning point in the war, from which the German tide is bound to recede.

Trusting you are well,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Answer

March 21st - 1916

Dear Mrs Thompson

I have been waiting to hear from you, as it is such a long time since I have any news from you. I do hope you are keeping well. As the whole country is going through such a tremendous struggle & upheaval, one cannot help being anxious. I have been able to acquire the Sarpical aphkharin from the Palace of the Maharajah in Southern India, and about which I wrote to you in one of my last letters. I have purchased several other objects of great interest. Thank you for the "Observer" which I am getting regularly. Please write as soon as you get this, if you have not already written.

Trusting you are quite well,

Yours very faithfully

P. M. S.



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Hyderabad Deccan. 7³/₁₆ 19

Dear Mr. Paratull,

There will
be quite a bit of a letter but
thank. There however, did not
prevent my replying to you by return
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have not got it by now, perhaps
the most convenient way for
you would be to visit directly

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who will give you every assistance.

I am frequently out on tour
correspondence with me may delay matters
Hoping you are well
Yours affectionately

No. 699-c

From

The Hon'ble Mr. H. Wheeler, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

Dr. Paira Mall, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
C/O the National Bank of India Limited, Bombay.

Home Department, .

(Police)

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I am to request that the license for 1915 may be returned at the earliest opportunity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Wheeler

Secretary to the Government of India.

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No 347

Govt of India
Home Dept.

Dated 26th Feb. 1916

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to H. Wheeler
Secy to the Govt of India
Hm

applies for 1917

From Dr. Panna Mall M.D.
c/o National Bank of India & Bank

To Secretary to the Govt of India (Home Dept.) Delhi

Amritia 10th Jan. 1917

Dear Sir

Herewith I enclose the Special license for the year
1916 and request that you will be good enough to issue one
for the year 1917 and oblige.

I remain, Sir, faithfully
Yours
P.M.

Nasik

Feb: 17th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

No news from you
since long. Hope your letter did not get lost
in the post. I have been lately exploring
in the states of India - have got some
excellent objects. one amongst them is -
a large appliance for certain diseases of the head
described in such old books as the Charaka etc.
The whole thing is made of one piece of the rare
Vernica wood which is very costly. The appliance
was in use in one of the Royal families - have
the whole history got with me.
Hope I shall hear from you soon.

Trusting you are well

Remain

Very faithfully
Yours

Malay



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Hyderabad (Deccan) 14 $\frac{2}{16}$ 19...

Dear Mr. Paria Mall,

Thank you

for yours of 9 $\frac{2}{16}$. I am glad

to see you able to do a

little here towards making

your visit to Hyderabad useful.

The enclosed memo will

give you all the information
you want. Will you kindly
communicate direct for further
information with

Mr. W. H. K. as State Historian
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to whom I have given the necessary
instructions

Yours

A. J. [unclear]

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HUZUR CUTCHERRY,
TRIVANDRUM,

7th February 1916

From A. J. Vieyra, Esquire, B.A.,
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Paira Mall Esqr., M.D.,
Katra Dools, Amritsar,
P U N J A B.

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Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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HUZUR CUTCHERRY,
TRIVANDRUM,

24th January 1916

From A. J. Vieyra, Esquire, B.A.,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. J. Vieyra

Chief Secretary to Government.

Hand to me



No.G. 1656

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 30 March 1912.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government.

To

Faira-Mall Esq., M.D.,
C/O The National Bank of India, Ltd.,
A m r i t s a r.

1510/11
Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 6th March 1912, addressed to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maha Raja, I have the honor to inform you that the Darbar will be glad to make the necessary arrangements, including conveyance, that may be required during your stay in Travancore, on hearing from you. I am to add that all charges have to be defrayed by you.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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Trichoor

Cochin

Jan: 19th 1916

Dear Mr Thompson

Since writing last I have been travelling in the interior of Southern Indian States & have been amongst the Tamil people mostly. I have not been able to get any news for a long time and have not had any letters forwarded as there are no post-offices in all of the way places where I have spent our three weeks and we cannot form our programme ahead in these parts. I am glad to say I have had success in procuring some good old palm leaf manuscripts in medicine, astrology and magic, the most rare objects you could possibly imagine; as manuscripts (palm leaf) are quite extinct now, especially medical and sciences in which we are interested. Most of these palm leaf manuscripts are over three to four hundred years old. It is with the greatest difficulty that the owners part with them. One has to use his personal as well as official influence to get at the people who are very ignorant.

There are no newspapers in these parts and I
am looking forward to reaching some place
where I shall get news of the war.
Hope the Allies are at last getting mastery
of the situation and taking the offensive.
I expect to have your letter at the next
post town which I shall reach in 6 or 7
days. Please send me one of B & W's Diary
for 16.

Trusting you are well, with kind regards

Very faithfully
Yours

P. Mally