

# **Requests from Sir William Codrington, the Commander in Chief, for information re hospitals and hospital ships**

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18 June 1856

Sir H. Adair  
about hospital accom-  
modation in the  
Army and wishing to  
know if any Regiment  
was really deficient  
in it -

Recd 18- Nov - Am<sup>d</sup> verbally 19 Nov 1885

*M*

FCO 18/1

Dear Mr. Hall,

Pray tell me if there  
is any ~~host~~ regimental hospital  
in this army that you think  
inadequate or incomplete for  
the fair probability of sick, or  
even an extreme of numbers  
of sick -

Some must have <sup>but</sup> good accom-  
modation for upwards of  
a hundred I think -  
others of course less: but



Balaclava Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

The "Thames" arrived in  
Balaclava on Saturday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

I see this conversation, &  
information to Mr. Fremantle  
has not given till Thursday  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> :-  
What I want to know is  
why this conversation could  
not take place on the  
17<sup>th</sup> instead of the 22<sup>nd</sup>?  
viz 5 days loss of time?

W. G. G. G.  
& after the destruction of  
the "Thames" was settled.

There is a principal agent of transport  
at Balaclava who it is presumed  
should be acquainted with the  
the fittings & construction of the  
of every transport made by the Medical Department  
to the Admiral because it was not their place  
because he doubtless in the post office, and  
otherwise could not ask what the Admiral directed  
given over to the military by the Admiral directed  
the Admiral did not ask because he had the  
which appears to have been the case of his  
objection, because Thursday was a day of his  
to her - as it was she was full of his  
in place of having been the day of his  
and a good opportunity for what she was  
or about the day of his  
Admiral of Balaclava

Sir, I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of yesterday's date  
concerning the Steam  
Transport "Thames" having  
left Balaclava without  
her complement of Irish.  
I beg to assure you that  
I explained every circumstance  
connected with the "Thames",  
her equipment & to the  
Rear Admiral & informed  
that the Red Officer, Mr. [?]  
Truitt, were ready to  
take her back & urged him  
to say in my power  
they remain a  
reference to  
before you to  
enclosed letter which

I wrote to Lt Col: Harding  
which corroborates my  
statement.

David W. Smith  
The

Genl Wm. Smith

J Hall } Henry Woodley  
de & n } 88 Mrs

Balaclava Nov 20 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to answer  
a letter I have received from  
J. Hale for your perusal.  
I have requested you will  
be kind enough to state, whether  
I did not in your presence,  
and in that of Captain Kettle  
on Thursday afternoon last, state  
over and over again to the  
Admiral, that the "Thames"  
was specially equipped in  
England & conveyed homeward  
from the Crimea that she could  
not be considered as a sailing  
ship - that there was a Steward  
& a crew of the equipment  
which was untouched - that  
the medical officer, clerical &  
engineers were ready & the ship  
looked at a moment's notice  
as fit to sail. That I used my  
best endeavours to provide

Remember the  
Commissioner  
attended to having  
taken place on the  
Thursday being  
previous to the sailing  
of the "Thames".

J. Harding Esq  
Lieut. Col. of the 1st  
Batt. of the 1st  
Regt. of Foot

the admiral & allow them  
to go on board -

Have the honour  
to

inform you that

Henry Harley

Lt Col. Harding }  
de la la }

SS. Maffei

Belvedere

Head Quarters Cinca  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1855

Sir,

The Commanders of the  
Fores is under an impression  
that the Medical Officers could  
not have duly reported to Admiral  
Fremantle, the nature of the fittings  
and equipments of the "Thames"  
Steamer, or he would not have  
ordered her out of Port, before  
the mortars were put on board  
from Camp, and as I understand  
~~you~~ that you had used your  
best endeavours to induce the  
Admiral to delay the sailing  
of the vessel, until the arrival  
of the Troops - I shall be glad  
to be furnished with any statement  
you may have to make on the  
subject, in order that I may  
show it to the Commander in Chief.

I have &c

J. Hadley  
The Officer  
Bolnisiava

(Signed)

J. Hall  
Surgeon General

Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1886  
Correspondence about the  
"Thames" "Thames"

forwarded to Mr.  
Hall that he may  
see the remarks of  
the Commandant  
of the forces  
At Windsor

Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886.

Naval Transport Service

20th Nov - 1856

Mr. Caddington about  
Capt. Butts of the R.A.  
and stating that Major  
Genl. Sir R. Dacres did  
not wish applications  
on the subject to be  
made to <sup>by the Maj. Officers</sup> ~~the Maj. Officers~~  
Ellist direct, but thro'  
the Commanding Officers  
of Batteries to him - This  
Sir R. approves of -

20th Nov - 1856

FCO18/3

Dear D. Hall

I enquired about the  
communications you mentioned  
before. - I have misunderstood  
them. -

Genl. Richard Dacres does  
not wish to have communica-  
tions, or demands, or proposed  
arrangements by Genl. Officers of  
batteries, sent to D. Elliot  
direct - other to himself -  
without going through the  
Capt. of batteries, or the  
Col. of the Division. I think

beis right. -

The Regimental Surgeons  
must look to their Regt.  
C.O.; must refer to them,  
must necessarily depend  
upon them: - and a Division  
Genl. looks to the C.O. of the  
Regt. for the proper considera-  
tion & officiating of his hospi-  
tals. -

Nothing to do of course with  
the treatment, the real  
medical & surgical opinions  
treatment & arrangement;

but every thing else must  
have reference to the C.O. of  
the Regt. or Battery. -

The confusion wd be great if  
the Regt. Medical officer had  
any separate authority, except  
for medical purposes of his  
own immediate proposition.

Such communications  
should go through the Capt.  
of Battery or Col. of Division.

John J. Haden.

Nov. 18. -

Rev. 21 Am. Empress

FCO 18/4

St. Paul called here some  
days ago: - wanting to be  
named as Medical Officer of the  
English Port - to see ~~to the~~ that  
~~business~~ ~~every~~ of rules for Govt  
were fit: -

This under the Land Transport.

No doubt many of these natives  
are not fit, & come here in  
a wretched state, & go away  
better.

Will you be kind enough to  
communicate with Col Evans  
(or Col Mr. Munro). I am

quite willing to authorize  
payment for a really efficient  
or essential object: & to avoid  
selling any & inefficient articles  
up here.

W. H. Adams.

Nov. 20.

W. H.

Oct 22 commencing

Danville

Transferred at the

Ref. & the bank

about the 1st of

Mr. H. Adams

Nov 1855

FCO 18/5-20 18

Correspondence arising out of  
letter from Sir Wm Corderington,  
concerning regimental hospital  
accommodation & need for  
regimental M/Os to identify  
themselves with their regiments.



December 3. 1855.

Sir, I find that, in reference to your letter of yesterday, the sick of the latter troop of Horse Artillery at Kadikoi, are by defects in the hospital huts exposed to wet. I gave positive directions that the huts occupied by sick, should be attended to before any thing else, and Sir R. Dacres tells me that until yesterday he had no felt a means of so doing. -

But I wish to remark one point: the moment there is a difficulty, an evil to be remedied, plenty of demands & representations are made ~~that~~ the medical officers that they want this, and that they cannot <sup>get</sup> the other: they come to you, you come to me &c. -

I wish the regimental Medical

Dr. Hall,

officers to consider themselves part  
of the Regiment, to identify themselves  
with their commanding officers, to share  
the meal, and in little of the way as they  
can avoid, with their Regiments - and  
not to consider themselves as a separate  
department of the army. They are essen-  
tially part of the Regiment; and I am  
quite sure that when they make them-  
selves so in feeling, spirit & practice,  
that they get more advantage for the  
sick under their charge, than by an  
attempt to separate themselves from it.

Sir Richard Dacres, and any General  
of Division will receive any representation  
as to the welfare & condition of the sick from  
the Staff Medical officers: it is by their  
superintendence & observation that he is  
guided for the general good of his Division;

Wab 29

but it is right for Regimental Surgeons,  
of batteries & regiments to refer as  
other officers do, to their immediate  
Commanding officer - viz: Capt. of battery  
& officers commanding, in all things  
not relating to medical treatment: -

I should be glad if, in any communi-  
cations with the Medical Officers of  
the army you would show that  
this is my view of the best &  
most satisfactory means of carrying  
out their important & their humane  
duties.

Yours devotedly

W. L. Garrison

W. D. Hall

Confidential

Head Qrs Camp Crimea 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1855

Sir I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from the Commandr of the Forces in reply to a communication given regarding the deplorable condition of some hospital tents belonging to the Royal Artillery -

Sir William Codrington, you will see, is under an impression that Regimental Medical Officers do not identify themselves with their Regiments, but wish to be considered a separate Department. I am not aware that any feeling of this kind exists here, it is certainly contrary to common usage, and to my long experience of the Service, nor would it be judicious if it did exist, for the interests of the Sick are more effectually secured by cordial cooperation on the part of the Surgeon and Commanding Officer than by antagonism - and acting on this supposition I naturally infer, when references are made to me, that all local means & applications have failed in procuring what is wanted; but I should be glad to be favored with the result of your experience on this point - and to know if you have found Commanding Officers of Regiments - Brigades, and Generals of Division as willing to listen to, and <sup>anxious to</sup> carry out the suggestions of Medical Officers as Sir William seems to think they are - I

Camp 1<sup>st</sup> DivisionDecember 14<sup>th</sup> 1855Confidential

Sir. In reply to your letter conveying one from Genl. Sir W. Codrington commanding the Army in the Crimea, I have the honor to state that having served in the Royal Artillery upwards of twenty seven years. I have never known or experienced otherwise than the greatest good feeling prevailing between commanding officers and myself thereby insuring the greater security of the welfare of the sick. - But since my arrival in the Crimea I have seen one or two instances of antagonism displayed, arising as may be evidenced from the Letter Books of some of the Regiments in this Division, on the part of the S<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>ls</sup> commanding, apparently from a feeling on their part that Regimental

Medical

Medical officers have the power of appointing  
Directs to the Principal Medical Officer,  
And it would appear to me the duties of  
Principal Medical Officers in connection with  
Regimental Medical Officers is not distinctly  
understood by Commanding Officers -

As far as I am aware, all Regimental  
Medical Officers always consider themselves  
part of their Regiment, but tho' they share all  
the work, and have when the fight is over for  
which they display equal cool courage with their  
more fighting Brother Officers, in, under fire, taking  
off a limb or staying the ebbing flow of Wounds  
Blood until an operation can be more  
safely performed, - then their more arduous  
labours commence, when the combatant, if unhurt,  
can repose from his labours, or if wounded  
applies to those who have been with him in  
the field, do the Medical Officers share all  
the work in proportion to the others? These  
are

are promoted, Honours, well earned, are bestowed upon them. Her Majesty and their country thank them while the Medical Officer is neglected and today the least does not reap any of the distinctions bestowed upon their more fortunate Comrades —

With respect to the second point of Sir W. Lockington's letter, I beg to state that in all my communications with Sir General Lord Roberts commanding this Division, he has always evinced the greatest desire and anxiety in getting Huts erected for the Sick, but whether it is deficiency in the number of Huts, or inability to bring them up a sufficiency have not yet been supplied. I enclose you a copy of what I in conjunction with Major Montague R. E. recommended for the winter accommodation for the Sick & Stores of this Division, showing that it was before the difficulty arose, and in hopes of procuring an expected visit the demand was made.

The statements <sup>which I enclose</sup> from the Medical Officers in charge of Regimental Hospitals <sup>show</sup> how little has yet been done. I have not received a

Statement

from the guards, but I know an Hospital Hut  
for each Regiment has been erected, but no  
Hut for Stores, or for the accommodation of  
the Medical officers; - I have no office, I am  
obliged to write in a Marquee, but I am  
glad to say a Hut is now being erected for  
Stores and Medicines, which in a few days  
will be occupied -

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your Obedt. Servant  
J. Williams  
Adj. Gen. 2nd Regt.

Copy

FCO18/68  
(enclosed with FCO18/62)  
Camp Sataborob  
12 November 1853

Sir

With reference to the Memorandum of the I. M. General dated 7<sup>th</sup> November respecting the repairs and improvements required to make the Hospital accommodation thoroughly serviceable for the Winter, we have the honor to inform you that after a careful inspection of the whole Establishment we find the following addition and repairs necessary

In the Guards

Two long Huts are being put up, the old one requires the ventilation adapted to the winter season - 2 pairs of glass and the roof covered with Lard

Three new long Huts are required so as to give a total accommodation of 60 men to each Reg<sup>t</sup>. Three small Huts are also required for Medical Comforts and Stores, for the three Regts 15 Stoves, Accommodation is also required for the four Officers (Medical) of each Reg<sup>t</sup> —

9<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> One new Hut is being put up the two small ones require patches Larding and three pairs of glass — 2 Stoves.

13<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> A new Hut is being put up, a second one is required as well as a small one for Medical Comforts and Stores, 5 Stoves have not yet been served out and there is no accommodation for the 4 Medical Officers —

31<sup>st</sup> Regt., One new large Hut required the present one to be tarred, and the small one to have its sides covered with Canvas and Tar and a Porch to be added, to be used for Stores and Medical Comforts, 3 plates required and fresh piping for 3 stoves and 2 new ones, there is no Accommodation for the Medical Officers.

56<sup>th</sup> Regt. — One new Hut being put up a second much required, the present small Hut will suffice for Stores, but requires removing to the new locality, its sides covered with Canvas and Tar — 4 Stoves.

#### P.M.O's Establishment

One Hut (small) required for the Medicines and the Officer in Charge, a second Hut for the Purveyor Stores and Medical Comforts, also Quarters are required for the Acting Assistant Surgeon, and an Office for the P.M. Officer, His own Hut requires repairs Planking and covering the sides with Canvas and Tar, 4 Stoves required

We have the Honor

to be

Signed J. C. Williams Dep. Insp. Gen. of Hqs.  
A. Montague R. E.

Certified a true Copy

L. B. Ewart Major

Major of Brigade R. E.

| Caps                         | Large New<br>Muts | Small do | Round<br>Crown & Jar | Stylings<br>Capitons<br>Repairs | Cover with<br>Jar | Packs | Stones | Glasses | No of Medicine<br>Officers in<br>sally Muts |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| 3 Reg <sup>t</sup> of Guards | 3                 | 3        | "                    | 1                               | 1                 | "     | 15     | 2       | 12                                          |
| 9 Reg <sup>t</sup> Foot      | "                 | "        | "                    | "                               | 2                 | 2     | 2      | 3       | -                                           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> —           | 1                 | 1        | "                    | "                               | "                 | "     | 5      | "       | 4                                           |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> —           | 1                 | "        | 1                    | "                               | 1                 | 1     | 5      | "       | 4                                           |
| 56 <sup>th</sup> —           | 1                 | "        | 1                    | "                               | "                 | "     | 4      | "       | "                                           |
| P.M.O.'s Estab <sup>t</sup>  | "                 | 3        | 1                    | 1                               | "                 | "     | 4      | "       | "                                           |
| Total.                       | 6                 | 7        | 3                    | 2                               | 4                 | 3     | 35     | 5       | 20                                          |

FCO 18/7.  
(Camp 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
Dec<sup>r</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup>: 1855

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Sir,  
In reply to your queries of  
this date, I have the honor to  
inform you, that one Hospital  
that has been completed, and  
is furnished with two Stoves;  
the accommodation for the remain-  
ing sick (54 in number at this date)  
~~being~~ consisting of 5 Messages,  
not furnished with Stoves;  
no that has been supplied for  
Stoves or Medical comforts,  
neither for the Medical Officers -  
on November 20<sup>th</sup>. I made acqui-  
sition for 12 Barrels for burning  
charcoal, <sup>(in the Messages)</sup> but received answer  
that there were none.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Y<sup>r</sup> most Obedt. Servt.  
D. S. G. D. P. Barry Surgeon  
1<sup>st</sup> Division  
18<sup>th</sup> Lt. Infantry

Deputy Hooker  
Accompanied  
13<sup>th</sup> Regt  
—

9<sup>th</sup> Regt Hosp Crimea  
18 December 1855

FCO18/8

Sir

With reference to your Memorandum of this date I have the honor to report that the only portion of the recommendation of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst - that have as yet been complied with has been the issue of two stoves and three panes of glass, as to the porches or tanning nothing has yet been done about them

On joining this Division on the 30<sup>th</sup> August the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment were handed over three small Huts in lieu of those left behind with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division. - On the 5 Sept<sup>r</sup> one hut was transferred to the 56<sup>th</sup> Regt by order of the Brigadier General, and a second on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. of these the 56<sup>th</sup> Regt retain the last, and the other has been I believe converted into a Library or reading room for the men of the Brigade. - In place thereof I have had one large Hospital Hut erected which was first occupied on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, but being  
D<sup>r</sup> Williams  
Brigadier General of Hospital  
Division. Crimea

very leaky I applied the same  
day for tar and felt to make it  
waterproof, that night it was  
nearly blown <sup>down</sup> by the storm, I  
had it propped up that night  
and reported the circumstance  
early the following morning to  
the Commanding Officer Lieut Col  
Edenhurst, from whom I received  
every assistance in his power.  
On the 10<sup>th</sup> December the felt was  
put on, but the Skut is still very  
leaky in consequence of not being  
tanned.

I have made requisitions  
several times for hutting for the  
Medical Officers as well as for  
the large hut above mentioned -  
viz on the 4 Aug<sup>t</sup> 5 Sept<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
Since then one Asst Surgeon has been  
accommodated in Camp, and the  
other two have built a hut for  
themselves, the Hospital Sergeant  
has also hutted himself. The  
present distribution therefore of the  
hospital accommodation is one  
large Hospital Hut; one small

hut; of which one half is occupied  
by hospital bedding and other stores  
and the remainder as surgery,  
operating room and residence of  
the Surgeon, but as I have received  
notice that I may be obliged to  
give it up for hospital accommodation  
I shall have to pass a second  
winter under canvas

I have the honor to be  
Sir  
Your O<sup>b</sup>d<sup>t</sup> Servant

R. W. W. W.  
Surgeon 9<sup>th</sup> Regt

Respectfully Hopful  
Accommodation  
G. J. Ref.

5  
Camp Sebastopol  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

Sir

I have the honor to report  
for the information of the  
Inspector General.

That the accommodation and  
repairs recommended and approved  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November for the  
Regimental Hospital of the 31<sup>st</sup>  
Regiment have not been carried  
out, with the exception of two  
new stoves which have been  
supplied.

I obtained a portion of  
Tar and felt supplied to the  
Regiment with which I repaired  
the large hut, but I fear not  
effectually.

I also appropriated a  
condemned Marquee with which  
I have made the small hut  
more habitable, for the grating  
of the stoves I have substituted  
a bit of Iron with holes punched  
through it which I find to answer  
very well. The piping has also  
been repaired by the Regimental  
Armourer Sergeant.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

D<sup>r</sup> Williams  
D<sup>r</sup> Insp<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of Hosp<sup>ls</sup>  
P. M. O. 1<sup>st</sup> Division

Your Obedt<sup>t</sup> Servant  
W. J. Williams  
Acting Surgeon 31<sup>st</sup> Regt

Respecting Hospitals  
Accommodations

31<sup>st</sup> Page

Camp 1<sup>st</sup> Division2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade

5

December 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

Sir

In reply to your note of this  
 morning's date I have the honor to  
 report for the information of Dr. Hall  
 that only one new hut is at present  
 erected for the sick which is capable  
 of holding 32 patients. The small hut  
 was exchanged (pro tem) for one of a si-  
 milar size which is covered with  
 canvass and tar, it occupies its original  
 locality - Three stools have been issued

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient humble servant

J. Williams Esq

P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> DivisionJ. M. Deble Surgeon 56<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully Submitted  
Accommodation  
56 Rf

Camp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1855

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst, giving cover to a letter addressed to you by the General Lord of the Forces, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec/55. I am under the impression the labours under "that Regimental Medical Officers do not sufficiently identify themselves with their Regiments".

I do not think that such is generally the case with Medical Officers of the Army, and is contrary to my own experience.

I have always found Brigadier and Generals of this division, ready to listen to any suggestions I may have had to make to them, regarding the comfort or welfare of the sick.

I have at the same time to observe that Regimental Med. Officers have occasionally brought to my notice matters regarding repairs & finishing of huts for the sick, which ought more properly to be the care of the Comm. Officer of the Regiment, & perhaps, other buildings, no doubt essential

D. C. Allen  
Insp. Genl of Hqs. &c.  
The Genl. Quarters

Yrs

for the well being of their  
Regiments, but certainly less  
urgent than that of their Hospitals,  
have had the precedence

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Yours most obed<sup>t</sup> servant  
Arthur Ludlow. M.D.  
Staff Surg<sup>t</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Corps  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division

FCO 18/125

No. \_\_\_\_\_

✓ 23 November 1855

REQUIRED for

90<sup>th</sup>

Hospital

W. P. W. M. S. L.  
Comd'g 90<sup>th</sup> L. I.

1 Large Hut. — The sick  
of the Comd'g of Sappers & Miners  
attached to the Light Division  
are accommodated in the Hosp.  
of the 90<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

The Dy. A. S. Dr. M<sup>r</sup> General  
Light Division

R. M. M. S. L.  
Surgeon 90<sup>th</sup> L. I.

few will  
will be issued  
as soon as they are  
available  
W. H. Miller  
W. H. Miller

Rec<sup>d</sup> 7- Dec<sup>r</sup> 1855Sight Division Camp  
December 5, 1855.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Inspector General, that I have made repeated requisitions through my Commanding Officer on the Quarter Master General's department for an extension of hospital accommodation; the last requisition I herewith enclose. At present my means of accommodation extend to 40; and, although the health of the Regiment is at this period good, the probability of a reverse during an inclement season being not improbable, I would beg leave to suggest that an additional hut should be placed at my disposal.

Forwarded for D<sup>r</sup>  
Hall's information, and  
commencing additional  
hospital accommodation,  
which issues from the  
accompanying requisition  
will be seen is at present  
not forthcoming

6 Dec<sup>r</sup> 55T. Alexander  
D. InspectorThe 90<sup>th</sup> Regt has 26 sick this day  
7 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1855 JH

T. Alexander Esq<sup>r</sup> M.D.  
Dy Insp<sup>r</sup> G. of M<sup>ts</sup>  
S<sup>t</sup> Division

disposal.

The Sick of a Company of  
the Royal Sappers and Miners  
attached to this Division are  
treated in the Hospital of the  
90<sup>th</sup> Regiment. —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Wm. Doremus  
Surgeon 90<sup>th</sup> Regt. Infy

*Confidential*

Camp. Highland Division.  
17<sup>th</sup> December 1855.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, your 'Confidential' communication dated the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant.

In reply to the purport of its subject — I must state that, although my individual knowledge and a long experience of the Service in general have failed to convince me of an ever ready and considerate accord of the Military Authorities to suggestions of Medical Officers with regard to prompt, unhesitating and willing fulfilment of necessities and measures deemed by the latter, in their more especial spheres of judgment, as paramount for the Soldier's welfare — I yet must declare that I have had the good fortune to meet with the most satisfactory furtherance of all requests of the kind it has become my duty to suggest to the late and present General Officers of the Division with which I have more

Doctor Hall.

Inspector General.

Head Quarters.

particularly, longest and latest served  
~~xxxx~~ in the Field.

From my position in Superintendence,  
- I may add my belief that the Medical  
Officers in charge of the several Corps of this  
Division have not failed, in any essential  
instance, to obtain the willing cooperation  
of their Regimental Commanding Officers  
where the well being and means of comfort  
of their Men have been the object of desire.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

J. H. Logan  
Staff Surgeon  
Highland Division.

Confidential

FCO 18/142

(Endorsing FCO 18/142)

Head Quarters Royal Artillery

Camp Sebastopol.

7th January 1856

Sir

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter (marked  
confidential) dated Decem-  
ber 7th 1855 with a copy of  
a letter to your friend Sir  
W. Lubbock the Commandant  
of the Force dated 3rd  
December 1855.

I have carefully perused  
both letters and in reply  
beg to state that I am  
not aware that the Medical  
Officers, attached to the  
Troops, Batteries and  
Companies of Artillery  
do not identify themselves  
with the Officers commanding  
them.

I am positive that requests  
for hats, coats, felt and  
fai have been forwarded

D<sup>r</sup> Hall.

Insp<sup>t</sup> & C<sup>o</sup> of Hospitals

Crimea.

by the Medical Officers  
on several occasions  
but without the articles  
demanded being issued  
for some time; who, or  
what was the cause of  
the delay I am unable  
to state; there may not  
have been any in the  
Comma. As regards I  
Troop & B Field battery  
nothing had been done  
to make them fit for  
duty men during the  
winter, until you wrote  
to the Commander in Chief  
on the subject, and  
pointed out the state they  
were in on your receipt.  
Store walls were then  
built against the sides  
and they were made in  
every respect very  
comfortable. All the  
other Hospital buildings  
that had not been  
finished were then

Made water tight and put  
into thorough repair.

I have the honor to be  
Y<sup>rs</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

P. C. Elliott

Sen<sup>r</sup> Surgeon Ordnance  
Superintending Med<sup>l</sup> Officer of  
Ordnance Corps.

P.S. I have the honor to  
forward a letter from  
Surgeon Bureau P. A. on  
this subject.

P. C. Elliott

5  
 Balaklava Heights  
 7<sup>th</sup> January 1856

Sir I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of J. Hall's confidential communication dated 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. enclosing a copy of a letter from the General Com<sup>d</sup> dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., and in reply to J. Hall I beg to state that during my service of nearly fifteen years in connection with the Reg<sup>t</sup>. Artillery, it has ever been my most anxious desire to identify myself to the utmost with the Reg<sup>t</sup> to which I have been thus attached, being fully satisfied that such intimate connection and association tend most materially to the good of the Service, the welfare of the men and the individual comfort and position of the Medical Officer, and I can assure the result to be the cordial cooperation and

R. C. Elliot Esqre  
 Secy Surgeon  
 Reg<sup>t</sup>. Artillery

And a promise of my Com-  
manding Officer, whenever I have had  
occasion to apply to him —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Henry Brisson, M.D.

Surgeon

Regt - Artillery —

Confidential.

FCO 18/15  
4<sup>th</sup> Division  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1856.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that I  
received your Confidential letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> inst  
on the 15<sup>th</sup>. In reply to your inquiries I beg  
most emphatically to state that no spirit of  
non-identity of Medical Officers with their  
regiments exists in this Division. What will  
prove that Medical Officers have closely iden-  
tified themselves with their regiments, as well  
in practice as in spirit, is the fact of their  
having themselves, without the assistance of  
<sup>excepting only, I understand, in the receipting of the new Regts</sup>  
the Quarter Master General's Department, planned  
and superintended the erection of every hospital  
<sup>Establishment and</sup> ~~that~~ cook house ~~latrines~~ <sup>made latrines</sup> looked  
to finishing, making Ventilators in, and re-  
pairing the Hospital Huts, established drains,  
barracks and bunkbeds, often matters with  
the help of Hospital Orderlies and Convalescents,  
and without reference to any one out of  
their regiments, except so far as they were  
ordered by you to get them accomplished,  
and despite disappointment in the requisitions.  
I know of no cases of non-assimilation.

See when a Commanding Officer will  
not identify himself with the Surgeons  
Opinions and Views. It is but a few  
Weeks ago that a Hospital Hut was taken  
away from the Surgeon of the 46<sup>th</sup> Regt in  
the face of <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ circumstances and under other  
arrangement of Sanitary Hospital measures  
and without the slightest reference to  
me. This circumstance I reported direct  
to you after the hut had been absolutely  
taken and occupied by healthy men before  
it was reported to me, and after I had  
been told by the A. D. C. General that every  
Regiment had far more accommodation  
than required, and that that was the reason  
of the hut being taken away. This and  
the circumstance of my not being able to  
get a hut for Purveyors and Radical  
Stores, and some opposition of A. D.  
C. General to allow transport (before his  
signature to requisitions was dispensed with)  
for conveyance of Medical comforts to  
the Division are the only occasions on  
which I recollect to <sup>have had to</sup> report to you, but  
I have referred several matters to the

General of the Division, and have notes  
or copies of letters, of them.

Certainly an antagonism did exist a  
short time ago when the prospect of  
having the men in camp before the Hospital  
was completed and repairs was publicly  
voiced in the Division. I gave it as my  
opinion to Mr Hilroy that both should  
go on simultaneously. On the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. the  
Surgeons of Regiment reported to Mr  
Commanding Hilroy deficiencies in  
Hospital accommodation and the bad and  
state of repairs for the winter, after they  
had <sup>been</sup> advised from you through me to  
attend to the subject, and after they had  
made repeated requisitions for fuel and  
materials.

I approved with commanding officers of  
requisitions of Surgeons, which is proof  
~~that~~ to the General of Division that  
I attended to the welfare and condition  
of the Sick."

J. Hall Esq M.D  
Asst. Gen. Hosp.

Yours the honor to be, Sir,  
Yours obedient servant  
Francis Pickens  
Hoffington 1. Dec

3 Dec: 1855

Sir W. Codrington's letter  
about Pagamental Surgeon  
not identifying themselves  
with their Corps.

of  
Answers to the same.

Head Qrs. L. T. Corps

26 Dec. 1858.

Sir, In reply to your Letter of 7 Dec.  
(marked Confidential) received  
on 15<sup>th</sup>, I have the honor to state  
that I have never known any  
attempt or wish of Regimental  
Instr. officers to separate themselves  
from their Regiments. They are  
aware that their Happiness as well  
as usefulness, in a great measure,  
depends on the degree of identity  
between them & their Regiments, & more  
especially in cordial cooperation  
with their Comm<sup>d</sup> office -

As it is therefore both their  
interest & duty to cultivate such  
a feeling with their Reg<sup>t</sup>. I need  
not say that any contrary desire  
does not exist on their part & rarely  
indeed on either side in the Infantry.

During my short experience  
in this Corps I have found, not  
perhaps Antagonism, but much

D. Hall  
Lt. Col. H.  
to the  
H. Q. Quarters

apathy & indifference on the  
part of Officers Comm? Brigades  
Divisions & Wings of the Corps  
to forward the suggestions & recom-  
mendations of the Medl officers in  
charge of their respective Hqs, &  
I have often reported such want  
of cooperation to the Asst Director  
Genl who has uniformly done  
everything in his power for the  
benefit of the Sick—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedt Servt

G. Taylor M.D.

Staff Surg<sup>n</sup> & Chap<sup>n</sup>

Confidential

FCO18/17

Temp. Heights. Staff. Col.  
17 Dec. 1858

Sir / In reply to your confidential  
communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. which  
was received on the 14<sup>th</sup>, - I have  
the honor to inform you, that gen-  
erally speaking Medical Officers  
in charge of Corps of the Light  
Division have complained of the  
want of assistance being rendered  
to them for repairing their Barracks,  
buildings, &c. - and that it was with  
difficulty, that a few parties in  
numbers to be useful, could be  
obtained, - so much so, that I  
desired Medical Officers to employ  
some Amoulescents who were able,  
in the repairs necessary for the  
comfort of the sick in Barracks,  
and to give to them some portion of  
as to encourage them to do so.

D<sup>r</sup> Hall  
Inp<sup>t</sup>ment

At this very time, houses & stables,  
as were being erected in camps,  
and when visiting the Regt of the  
Division on the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst., with a Dr.  
Military Sanitary Commission,  
we found twelve men at work  
on the house - pittoresque of the  
Commanding Officer of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt.  
When only Commissaries and Orderlies  
were at work assigned for the Regt  
of the same Regt.

From my experience during the  
two campaigns I should say,  
that generally speaking, with a few  
exceptions, Commanding Officers of Regts  
seem to consider, that when the S. O. C.  
-line is once admitted into Regt,  
every thing should be done for time  
by the Medical Department, and  
what has been done for the sick,  
has been carried out chiefly from  
the continued exertions of the Medical  
Officers. —

I may add, that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst<sup>ce</sup>  
I mentioned to the General Commanding  
the Division, the difficulty. Medical  
Officers had in obtaining assistance  
for their Regts. & spent a - the same  
day an order was issued calling  
upon commanding officers to  
render any assistance to make  
their Regts. comfortable - since  
which period, more assistance  
has been granted.

I am the honor able

Sir  
Yours Obedt<sup>ly</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Alexander  
D. Insp General

Camp near Sebastopol

December 16<sup>th</sup> 1855

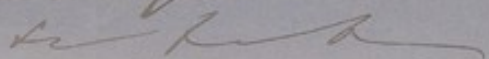
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential communication of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. which only reached me yesterday --

I assure you it is not according to my experience to find any desire on the part of Surgeons of Regiments to consider their charge a Departmental rather than a Regimental one -- On the contrary -- Being myself of opinion that a Divisional or Staff Hospital for all the Regiments of each Division somewhat after the plan of the French Divisional Ambulance -- would, in many respects, be very preferable to the Regimental system under circumstances of active field service -- I have on several occasions discussed the merits of the two systems with Surgeons of Regiments and have found them invariably in favour of the

Yr. Obedt

Respected General



the system of Regimental hospitals  
for the reason that as part  
of a Regiment the sick and  
wounded can and will be  
always best cared for -

In this Division articles of  
2<sup>d</sup> Molyneux's stores as timber,  
tar, felt, nails and old tents  
have always been procured  
for Hospitals regimentally -  
Only Hospital equipment, medicines  
and medical comforts are  
obtained by Surgeons departmentally -

No doubt in principle every  
Commanding officer is most  
anxious and ready to do his  
best for his sick and wounded -  
but in practice this anxiety  
and kindness are apt to  
evince themselves in various  
degrees and sometimes in very  
unrecognizable forms - Recent  
illustrations of these remarks  
might be adduced - Sometimes  
where the Surgeons requirements  
or suggestions arise out of medical  
and hygienic experience the  
Commanding Officer is not likely  
to

to be a fair measure of their  
correctness and urgency - His  
assent and readiness to carry  
out the Surgeon's views especially  
if they are otherwise inconvenient  
will then be hesitating or  
wanting. In such instances  
Surgeons have sought the aid  
of my approval and recommendation  
of their requisitions - and in  
cases which have occurred, where  
the Commanding Officer has  
declared himself unable to  
comply I have stated my  
opinion to the Senior General  
Commanding the Division -

In conclusion I must state  
that since taking charge of this  
Division my opinion has been  
met with very judicious  
consideration from Regimental  
and from Divisional Authorities  
and thus I believe I have  
been able to aid Surgeons  
in their military as well  
as their professional relations.

I have the honor to be

Sir  
Yours most obedient  
shameless servant

J. R. Haydon  
D. J. G.

20th 1855-  
Mr. W. Coddington about  
neglect, Port Wine

Ed Dr: 20 - and also on  
H.A.

FCO 18/19

Dear Dr: Hall,

I request to know the  
number of men in each  
regimental hospital, & the General  
hospital during each of the four  
weeks ending on any day lately  
on which the numbers are usually  
made up.

I request to know the number  
of bottles of Port wine, Sherry, Brandy,  
Ale & <sup>or pints of preserved milk</sup> porter given to patients  
in each of those weeks; ~~and~~  
you can let me know what  
diseases most require the

immense consumption of  
these things now going on.

What stock, how many days?  
is usually kept in regimental  
stores; what additional in the  
Dep. Quartermaster's at Divisions: or  
what check is there on the  
employment of these things

Wm. H. H. H.  
H. H. H.

Dec 18.