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Master A.

Surgeon Bakerwell's complaint

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Army and Navy

Medical Department

9th July 1855.

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P. M. D.
Calcutta.

Order given by

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Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry (7 pp.)

Sharp Quarters before Sebastopol
25th July 1855.

General Order

A Court of Inquiry will assemble
at the "General Hospital" near the Camp
of the 3rd Division at 10 A.M. tomorrow
to report upon such matters as may be
brought before it.

President. Col. Brindham A. 2nd Lt. G.

Members. { Lt. Col. Mowbray 3rd Lt. G.
Dr. Linton Surgeon General Regt.
Dr. Gordon Staff Surgeon 1st Lt. G.

According to the above order the
Court assembled at 10 A.M. this day
July 26th 1855. and proceeded to read
the accompanying documents - (annexes).
1st Memo No 896. Sharp Quarters
25 July 1855.

2nd A Letter from the Director General Army
and Ordnance dated 24th July 1855.
In reply A. (appendix)

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3rd by a letter assigned to the "States & Co."
The "States & Co." dated Aug. 1855. and signed -
Jas. R. C. & L. R. C.

The Court for accept to examine the evidence
Staff Surgeon James, showed 14th Sep. F.R.C.
Principal Medical Officer - in charge of the
of the Full General Hospital - who states - in reply to Query No 1 -
Answer - 21 beds - each calculated on an average to contain 14 patients in all 294 patients. This accommodation was ample, there being 14 beds to spare
2nd Question.

There were eight Medical Officers including myself, two surgeons & a dispenser. The other 14 Medical Officers were in addition to which there were a great many volunteer Medical Officers from different Regts in the Service - some of whom performed Capital operations. -
3rd Question -
In what state were the beds & cots?

The beds & cots were

in a clean & good state for the use of the Medical Officers

Query 3 Contd

4th Question -
Whether the beds & cots were of proper quality for wounded soldiers - & properly made - if not state defects -

5th Question -
Whether the supply of water was sufficient and of good quality.

new and in perfect order - repair.
There were two kinds, one made of broom & twigs, the other of a fine substituted frame - with cover of packing to lace. A specimen of which but I have shown to the Court, as I thought the more complete specimen to have been supplied of, as furnished chiefly with these two - the best made of broom & twigs, but when so secured - they could not sleep in side - cots -

The beds & cots were made of two kinds - one stuffed with chaff & straw, the other horse hair, with bolsters to suit - the former for old or heavy cases - the latter for amputating & lameness patients - and all were injured - specimens of both were produced to the Court.

The supply of water was ample contained in tubs & casks - at the door of each tent, and kept constantly full day & night.

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the quality was the best that could be had - in addition to these Lard & Cakes, there was a reserve of tinned large Biscuits which were never used not being required -

Each Man was supplied with one dish, steel complete - two plates, his pans, two knives - which I thought sufficient - there were 12 Drinking Cups with spoons in use in the Hospital for special cases - (such as wound of the hand &c) and this number was amply sufficient there being very few cases that required them - there were some drinking Cups and an ample supply of promiscuous meat tins which were used as a substitute - There were also hundred plates, knives, forks & spoons, more than sufficient for the number of patients that could be there.

The reason why the drinking Cups were not supplied (in to the last of my list) that the application sent to Canton in April last for 5000 was not completed with -

Question 6 -

State the number of stunts supplied each boat. if not supplied the reasons why -

* Substitutes were supplied

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There were some Boards supplied in Water Cans, seeing to 10 boats having to be filled up as Hospital after the 8th June and some others had them not - (x)

Question 7.

The number of orderlies in other houses and whether that is or is not sufficient, if not sufficient whether more were applied for and whether required comply with or not.

There were 1 Surgeon & 29 orderlies actually present in orderlies, this number was not sufficient - Application had been made for 30 orderlies, in addition to the standing orderlies - viz. 1 Surgeon & 12 men - 17 of these 30. Came on 12th June, but 13 others did not come, or were so overpowered by the nature of the duty - that they would not stop. At half past 11. P. M. I made fresh application for assistance - & received answer of the 30th June that the services of the whole of the 30th June could be spared amounting to 14 men 12 or 15. these were distributed according to the wants of the Boats - As the morning of the 19th June I again applied for the missing men to the Adjutant of the Force - & they were supplied by Regt that day.

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In abundance - supplies & use -

In addition to the orderlies there were two druggists and a Dispenser: also the Command of many other wounded men stayed with them. They (their Command) were never sent away by me - but in some cases I ordered them specifically to remain.

I have also previously stated that the services of several volunteer Med. Officers - not only on the 18th but for several consecutive days.

Tea - Sugar, some milk. But the Lemonade ^{being sold} was ordered by me to be prepared in unlimited quantities without reference to Qd. Rats or Regulations and I have reason to believe they were issued. and used to be as at all times. There were 2 brass kettles - 9 Coppers - 4 Graham's kettles - 2 Milk & 2 porridge pans & 2 Stoves with stoves to them.

Question 8. - Whether diet etc. offered & then purchased there & actually supplied & used -

Question 9.

Whether the bread was ever any one to assist them with the orderlies and whether the work of each further specified was felt?

Question No 10.

What preparations were made for picking the Drank.

No 10. Continued.

Question 11 - How quantities of stores given time - actually furnished - to meet the reported demand on the 18th June -

Question 12 - Whether there was enough prepared - of what sorts - and whether actually supplied & used by the Drank.

Question 13 - Whether and if so, where the Drank was sent during the following week & if not why not.

Question 14 - Whether and if so, where the Drank was sent during the following week & if not why not.

P.L. FBS3/2 17
The Caskings began at 2. A.M. on the 18th of June - and continued all day. Not that we always ready and supplies when asked for.

I refer you to the purveyor or one Dispenser for an answer to this question -

For - there was such as tea Lemonade - the quantity was limited by the demand and only 30 kettles of Lemonade offered & have been used by the wounded on the 18th June -

It is not true to the best of my knowledge. but I refer you to the Medical Officers in charge of the Work during the night.

There was ample food supplied for the consumption of the wounded on the day of the 18th. for the distribution of it. I refer you to the orderlies, the Cooks - and the patients themselves.

8) All the articles mentioned were
in abundance, excepting Misc. &
white Glass and 70 Lenses. ^{on the 18} I am sorry
for his not was ignored to make
for the deficiencies in unlimited
quantity.

It is not. purpose built
can be had an application.

The same as in Civil practice and my kind were present on the 18th in more than sufficient number and they to present them to the Court together with a receipt for a Proteps splint, for the use of No. 13. None signed by Dr. Poston etc. and dated 18th June - but turned by him, "no leg splint" - I he to produce Return of the cases of Brothers requiring splints on the 18th & 19th of June - by which it appears - there were 34 Cases of fracture requiring the use of splints - including 7 Proteps - and 3 Imperial - splints, the kind said to have been deficient - but which the Surgeons looked & there

Return.

Question 16.

Whether there was or was
not, Prescott, some enter
Pres. Sec. or any or all of
these articles.

Question 16. Whether
Filio is procreant. p^{er} the
Councils in the Creed.

Question 17.

What sort of
effluents are used in the
Army, & whether these
effluents are or all effluents
were actually effluents
Hospitals and so on
are used in the occasion
in question.

There were many cases of
Wound, especially on the
18 or 19th - Why the
the integ or the anaph
plants were prepared
for the wound.

Answer to question 17 Oct^r

Section 18. What
formulations have expired when
you think, before any other ortho
doxical or the wrong side
be obtained?

Section 19 -

What orders, if any,
have been given by the State
or any other proper officers
in this subject.

Whether any of the Members support
the jurisdiction of the Pres.
or other Officer in removing them
(or any) I judge there is

What is the rank of the person
the number of years in the service
a list of appointments of previous years

Whether any of Robert
Lampson's were made to
the Gentile Officers of the
Regt. by the Surgeon
or their Officers - of this
I cannot utter a syllable
on this occasion.

shown to have been injured - and which
have well so.

home settlement. A receipt was received
of the work. at the house of the recipient.

- I've held off everything very discreetly
and limited me in nothing - and in
justice to the architect. I must say
that I love the use of the electric light
the Long Transport Coys after 5th Division
the Railway - 2 months order his price
in fact very expensive was offered me

No - there were no fatalities or any
destruction made by the swarms -
possibly 1 or 2 entire but I believe

Thank you for letter
Acting Capt. S. B. B. B. B.

his Complaints have run under two
signatures, the smaller one, - and a better
explaining with few of the words. - and the
error in Costing - Salary has run under
same one or for Clerk - Complaints have
made some of the deficiency of Buss. at the
18th which I have of for article by the
year of Bussent. - Buss being understood

without previous notice of return
and I have no such notice of the report.

I request the Chaplain during his
visit to the Hospital to make inquiries
into same, and submit to you his
written reply. dated July 26th 1853.
which I will care for you please send
to the proceedings. (Note appended.)
July 27th 1853.

Dr. Hale states, that his orders
were passed to Dr. Keane, to have
anything ready, and to make any
thing available without any formalities
or requisition and to be given as
required.

Dr. Hale states, that it has been
suggested to him, by Dr. Keane, to state
that entire report appearing in the "Herald".
Dr. Hale was in touch with the authority,
and acknowledged it. Dr. Hale was in
acting Assistant Surgeon, without at present a
commission. In exercising his duties, which
have been left to him. I am not aware
of his having had any opportunity of
obtaining experience.

Reply to question 22. Cont.

Cont. re. pen. 22.
2nd Instance.

Dr. Hale.
Inspector Genl. of Hospitals
Principal Med. Officer &
the Service.
In reply to Dr. Keane's 19th.

Question 21 —

Question 22 —

Question No. 5 —

Question 17.

3rd Instance —

No complaint have been made since
at any time, by any other patients or others
at the Fido. Hospital for Dr. Hale.

Dr. Hale states he made a demand on
Doctors for 5000. drinking cups. 1000 were
supplied. in Aug. and the demand was
satisfied. the remainder has not arrived on
the 18th of June.

Dr. Hale states that only one description
of splint that is in use. in England, generally
in use with this Army. Dr. Hale states
to not made by any instrument maker. as a
modification of the splint is now generally
prepared by the physician. This modification
is now in use with this Army. and is in
this Hospital on the 18th June. Dr. Hale
has in a copy of a letter dated 12th June/53
relative to Dr. Hale's splint. what is
required. and gives the proceedings.

Dr. Thomas Brown. Dispenser at the
General Fido Hospital states —
The Dr. states that more work in the Hospital
have been, and some of this kind of the work
have been done here. pro. and properly made.
the subject of Dr. Hale's splint & the
was able. and I put in word in my
signature.

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was made none of them being
 deficient. the quantity issued will
 appear in my Return. On the 19th of June
 400 lb. of Meac arrived at this Hospital
 between 3 & 4 P.M. 250 pounds of which
 was issued immediately on its arrival to
 the soldiers. The balance of the Meac
 arriving so late was sent to an ash
 hole & the 116 lbs. of Spence of Beef
 were issued before 10 A.M. on the 19th and
 2 subsequent days. The usual form of return
 given with the receipt of Meac on the 18th & 19th
 for which Receipt was substituted with the
 return. together with such returns as the
 Medical Officers ordered - including some
 sent to the Surgeon. The Surgeon's return can
 be produced but none was issued because
 none was asked for. There plenty in
 store. On the 17th of June I had distinct
 orders from the Quartermaster to supply my
 work without the usual form of requisition
 and I complied with all demands.
 No complaints were made to me.
 (On Return of stores & issues - handed
 into the Camp and appended to the
 Proceeding 1).

From Buchanan
 evidence continues.

5th Evidence -
 Dr. McLean
 and Surgeon

Dr. McLean. Surgeon of the Civil Hospital
 at Geneva & M. D. State.

I think the accommodation on the 18th was
 very quite sufficient for the patients brought
 there by the train in my Ward, and had
 besides the staff and some other
 kind. and quite sufficient - the envelopes
 provided have ordering filed with them & differ
 which I think very good looking for the outgoing
 papers. and so I think that I could have
 been satisfied if I had seen them I applied
 for a lot of them - or answer for them as
 the sheets in my Ward were unusually
 poor & fine. And the Blankets & Caps
 excellent. The supply of Water was sufficient
 but not of good quality, although the Subalterns
 there was. Lack of Water at the hour of
 some patients were often present in my
 Ward. were in want of them. Still
 was a life line in my opinion of some
 of the utmost supplied to the Ward. viz
 drinking cups and plates. although the latter
 article could not be wanted in my Ward
 as the patients were an open diet.
 I do not think the men suffered for lack
 of the drinking cups. or I consider the work
 done & returns very good substitutes

16)

The 1st Wm. I have charge of has 2 orders in it. No 16 Wm. as of course in the evening. but the order is the off for it also ask came. so one of the or desire from No 15. was sent to 16. Therefore there is enough orderlies at first. but their style of things is in some cases either the most ^{simple} or the following day. and I have received assistance from the men, canvas, & some other points. I have at the time that some of the orderlies have gone away, which causes the pressure. I have an ample supply of food, for the patients & the staff. In the 18th when I first joined the Wm. I found the patients drinking water, but I heard from the little that Commodore Cook had got at the back house. without requisition in any quantity. I am not aware of any case being admitted, without being supplied with such basic requisites. Some men have come to other works, where wounds were dressed at the front. In the 19th having heard that the

Dr. I have been to the
Antennae

For the last evidence
Antennae

of any Wm. has nothing but Sea. I have
planned to go March upon the subject
upon saying I found they had lost the
Biscuits. and that it was my ignorance
of the customs of the hospital, that prevented
the men obtaining. But he is somewhat
for an finding that I had got these orders
by applying for them I had so. and have
received them ever since when wanted.
I should like to see that professionally
speaking I do not think my patients
suffer from the absence of these things
in that way. I have also present
drills perfectly and get it. I am very
aware of the requisites and I have
kindly wanted except the regular supplies
and those I make myself or I suppose
any other surgeon would act after the custom
I have at my disposal. There is an
ample & brief of supplies in this Little
Hospital. In the 18th I got what
survived supplies I require without
any formalities, since that date I have
made a requisition of men & stuff.

(18)

Dr. Rank Civil Surgeon attached
to the Overseas in England but
doing duty at this Hospital since April 1897.

There is no ample accommodation
here on the 18th and beds are & bedding
are poor & bare. The beds are not
suitable to the purpose. Another bedstead
was obtained when in order. The
water was abundant & its quality better
on the 18th & 19th than usual, it being on
these days very pure. The supply of
H.W. water is better than of each week. There
is no Parker Case for holding water. There is
ample supply of stewards, but H.W. water
being a little deficient in an Parker Case.
& the drinking cups - but the deficiency of
the latter was quite supplied by the presence
of Dr. Rank. In an Parker Case there is one
order - in 3. two. I mentioned this fact
to Dr. Rank. who stated he had ordered
two to each - but one was not kept away.
There is no 3 patients who have been
admitted in the 7th June. and
they acted as assistant orderlies.

There is ample supply of surgical

Dr. Rank's Evidence.

Dr. Rank
Civil Surgeon

Dr. Rank's Evidence
Continued.

applies - and a surgeon. but I shall
have other matters to say of Patients.

Every attention has been paid to the proper
action of food for the men. some which
comes & states they could not get what
they wanted - but on going myself down
foibles. My patients had on much Sea
Bosley Water & Lemonade on the 18th & 19th.
as they wanted. Some of the patients did
not come into the Hospital until 1st week
of month. but I always keep all those
who have not been dropped at the post.
there I do not think require it -

is sitting in the Ward. where the men
have been on the 14th all my patients
have it. Some in the morning and some
in the afternoon. I present always in my
plentiful, and I am convinced that my
patients have all they wanted or that
I should require. I get present
with for my patients. when they were
sufficient. There were plenty of plait
except sugar ones for the upper extremity
and I made them out of the yellow
sanche supplies to me. There were
no formalities on the 18th & 19th. since then
I have made suggestions

(19)

in justice to Dr. Mearns, whose
case I have particularly observed
from the 13th of June. At this date
that I have never met, with a
more zealous, careful, & active
or energetic officer. he was in the Ward
early & late.

Dr. Patrick Fraser

Physician to the London Hospital
states. The recommendation of the
18th June. was sufficient. The
Medical Officer. numerous enough
or I saw no patients personally
detained. the Prescriptions for Cases
also the Mortgages. I saw no defects
in them - and the sheets & Blankets below
them I have been accustomed to see.
& gentle as far as in the London
Hospital. I have no complaints
as to - efficiency either in the quantity or
the quality of the Water. I think
the stoves were sufficient with the
drinking cups - and had they been
my proc. substitutes for them - much

Dr. Fraser continues

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Physician to the London
Hospital.

Dr. Fraser continues

as it is usual to raise the temperature
of the patients to give them drink. particularly
for several to make. in fact it is
in dispensable to do so. I saw no
discrepancy of observation. but I do not know
the number of orderlies. there was no
want of surgical appliances. there
was also force of assistance ~~little~~ in
the Surgery both Medical & otherwise
I could have been established and the
the ordinary preparations were made.
There was complaint much of dyspepsia
of drinks. but there was not much
in some cases. I am not aware of
any unnecessary delay in drying the
Clothes of the patients after their removal.
I saw Dr. Fraser. Dr. Fraser & Dr. Fraser
on the 19th in different Wards. before
9. P.M. but there was not the quality.
I saw Dr. Fraser in the Hospital
daily. I think there was a shortage
of all kinds of patients. and I think there
was not any patients. or I saw two
spare ones - myself - I have seen
no unnecessary obstructions or impediments

24. "Innocent" were not used on those boys - or cigarettes were not cut for. There was conflict made between other & spirit.

Answer - I saw nothing whatever that would justify him in an action that I saw.

Dr. Alexander Smith.

Dr. Surge 2nd Regt. is arriving - older. I was ordered Medical Officer on the night of the 18th June from 12 to 4 into morning - and in the course of my tour of duty I submitted 10 cases. The plan adopted to prevent confusion was to note the name rank & number of each man at the moment they arrived sometimes 2 or 3 came together & I gave them with the word "bush" myself and sent the others with orderlies after taking their names. In one case put to bed. Having done this I wrote down the name in succession - making up this name and I dropped my name. During my tour of duty. That was my complaint. I have had no complaint of heat, pain or drink, in any of my work at any time.

Dr. Foss, Engineer
Colonel -

Message from the
Lieut.

As you are at the
house, would you have
the good of the public whether
the ship publishing in the
Times, & other newspapers
June 1855. was mentioned
by any of your sons. After
disposition on the 18-19-20 &
of that month.

9th Evidence -

Dr. Smith - Dr. Surge
2nd Regt. -

10th Evidence -

Dr. Kellie - Dr. Surge
18th L. S.

x and other Dr. presents
for the purpose of doing so

(knowing what you did)

Dr. Rake & Collic -

Swiss. Digger drops
my body. I brought to him
on the night of the 18th June

Dr. Kellie - Dr. Surge 18th L. S. 25th
states. I was ordered Medical Officer
from 8 to 12 on the night of the 18th June
about 3 o'clock. During my tour of duty.

I dropped the wound of those, not previously
dropped. or I submitted them. or handing the
case over to Dr. Rake or Dr. R. D. Rake
who were present in their rooms. I do not
recall that an order might have been
possible without my knowledge. I do not
recall. I have not heard of in any change
of 3 others I saw from the present, they
received only tea, some food, & nothing
to dress or clean. I did not see any of them
in the 4th Room. They say they do not
remember whether they saw any of them
or not before. G. P. M. - I have no conflict
made of life, energy of drink or water.

Answer - I did not leave until the
black with the house - and dropped the
wound of all that came to my work
that had at previously been dropped on
the table -

Dr. Rake placed before the
Lieut. his order & instructions to the
Medical Officer. & others - preparatory
to the 18th June -

Ramine. and appendices -

The court for case to inspect the
books & - and examine the
parties -

Notes. I came into Hospital
at 2. A. M. Jan. 18th badly wounded
in about 1/2 hour the army thigh
amputated by Dr. Hoske. When I was
in I got it - when I was out some each
I got it. Parley & other also - in fact
I was badly & well treated - and have
no complaint to make against the
Hospital. -

Notes - Came to the Hospital
about noon on the 18th shot thru the
arm. & into the side. I was almost
quicker after arriving. white & red
as to drink - such as tea - dinner &
& Parley & other I got. I got my breakfast
on the morning of the 18th & 19th & 20th.
I did not visit until 9 - & 10 o'clock.
I have heard some others that have
left this Wm. & others.

Henry James Whit &
Purton & Truitt & Co
and R. L. (over 77%)

Business of Purton &
Truitt & Co. (over 77%)

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Dr. J. L. Benger (over 38%)
Joseph Benger (over 28%)
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that Colonel Benger has when the
others - state they quite agree to their
offices and have no complaints to
make - having given the best of
treatment since they came here -

All state that they have been well and
kindly treated. and is left for a short time
on the morning of the 18th Jan. - when they were
shot & 18th - have nothing to complain
of on that day. On the 19th we got only two
& Benger in this time until 9 o'clock
since that time nothing could be going
on better -

Notes - I came to Hospital another
night of the 18th Jan. about 10 or 11 P. M.
I saw my Regimental doctor under the
the for me (over 38%) small house
and his brother. I saw the doctor before
the afternoon of next day. but I was asleep
some of that time.

Notes. I came into Hospital at about
11. P. M. on the 18th Jan. and I collect
seeing a doctor before the afternoon of the
next day. I have no complaints to make of the
treatment I have received - and I suppose the
for this week came to my house on 19th &
night one. in the morning -

Stiles - Came here between 8 & 9 A.M.
on the 18th - Dr. Baker - who dressed my
wounds as soon as I got in - Could get
nothing to drink with regularity. During
the 18th & 19th - among the only orderly
employee in the Home. having to look after
a man shot thro' the head - since then
I have no complaints to make -

All agree with Dr. Fanning as
to drink - on the 18th & 19th and on the
having no complaints to make since

Stiles - I came in on the 19th June
about 10 or 11 A.M. - worked thro' the
night - got sick to immediately - got
drunk when I went to sleep
after I came in - I am now sick & something
to eat - I have been kindly treated since
I have been here - I think this is a fine
Hospital - I have been 19th years in the
service mostly -

Came in here at 5 P.M.
on the 18th June - shot thro' the elbow joint
my wound was dressed before coming - have
in the evening - I have had good treatment
since I have been here -

Take Fanning on 18th R.I.
No 2896 -

Wore 17.

James Binning house
89 - No 3485.
Sir. C. Conly 18th No 3220.
John Farmer. 38th 2944

Miss Biffin 38th Ref.
No 1535.

Drummond Millard No 2359
18th R.I. - 9th in the line

John Day 18th Ref.

Marked A.

Surgeon Bakerwell's complaint

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Army and Ordnance

Medical Department

9th July 1855.

Sir.

The enclosed Letter extracted from the "Times" of the 3rd Inst. having created a most painful feeling in this Country and again excited doubt as to the efficiency of the Surgical and other means available in front of Sebastopol to meet the contingencies arising from the operations of War. I avail myself of applying to you for full information in regard to so startling a narrative as that the foregoing Letter presents.

Even had not strong opinions on the subject been expressed in the House of Commons, a statement such as that referred to, would demand the strictest investigation to exonerate not only those directly responsible and implicated by charges of so grave a nature but to remove from this Department, and indeed from the Government of the Country the stigma which accusations of so surprising and serious a nature would leave. If they remained unanswered or unrefuted. - For though I must feel assured from the information

Br Roke

P. M., D

Cairo.

I receive from you - that there is no
dissension in the Liberator's office & the
Times - nevertheless, the subject for the
foregoing reasons is of that nature, that
the fullest investigation of it becomes an
imperative duty - and indeed a communication
of the Minister for War to me - leaves no option
in the matter but to request that this should
be immediately made -

I request therefore that
you will lose no time in appointing a
Committee of Senior Medical Officers present
with the Army, who were not employed
on the occasion in question an actual duty,
and you will be please to instruct these
Officers - to examine and minutely enquire
into, anything connected with the subject
referred to in the Liberator, calculated to throw
the fullest light on it - and for this purpose
I have to suggest that the evidence of the individual
Medical Officers - if at all, appears in abundance
another paragraph on the 18th June - should be
taken by the Committee, and together with the
opinion of that body thereon - transmitted to me -

I shall be glad also to receive from you what
observations you may be enabled to offer, in regard
to the most vexatious, but I hope our states and
inaccurate accounts of the deficiencies of the Report
under your superintendence -

I am
A. Smith
Director General.

No 896.

Memorandum

Heads Quarters 25th July 1853.

The Court of Inquiry of which Colonel
Kinchame A. D. M. D. is now President
will consider a Letter from the Director Genl. of
the Army Medical Department, with an
extract from an English News paper enclosed
marked A: and will proceed to make such
inquiries as will enable them to answer the
series of Queries contained in the enclosed
paper marked B:

The Court will report the evidence
with their opinion, for the information of the
Commander of the Force.

Mr Hale will appoint an
Officer of his Department to meet the members
of the Court. and furnish a List of persons
able to give evidence in the case.

By order.

Mr Packham

Surgeon A. A. G.

Colonel Wynnkham
A. C. H. G.

President of the Court of Inquiry

Medical Arrangements made by me for the 18th

D. Mearns

I received official notice the operations would take place this evening of the 17th. I gave orders to the Cooks to commence putting proper stores at day light. The purveyor was directed to insure to them the sugar, arrow root, Demerara & Booley Mocha, in any quantity that he required to keep up a constant supply, day & night, as well as hot water.

Returned
Chewins Lane
Ed. Mearns

I directed the Medical Officer to be present at 5. A. M. and was at the Hospital myself soon after 4. The Operating Deck, which was furnished with Ben Jallons and an adjoining Shop, were fully prepared and all the necessary instruments & materials ready long before the Wounded began to arrive. The Medical Officer were taken off to their various Work & duties. A Reception Room was established adjoining the Operating Room, into which all Cases were carried of a dangerous nature, or likely to require operation. There was under my own personal charge, and from which, were selected the patients to be operated on - who were then transferred to a Non-essential by the Medical Officer in charge, who undertakes to see him safe into his Quarters for his wants.

Shad. a fatigued party of 12 men. from the 14th Regt
to assist the wounded from the Ambulances and caissons and
to remove them from the Operating Room to their destination

The arrangements made for conducting the duties during
the night were as follows. An orderly Medical Officer
in ~~rotation~~, was on duty at night. advised by Dr. Brown.
it was his duty to receive all cases for admission, drop them
wounds if not severe & take them under his own care. if dangerous
or requiring operating he was to call upon the assistant Surgeon
Officer. who if necessary was to send for me. such cases being
consigned to the Reception Room.

John Muddles 63.
James Smith 2429
all declare that they
did receive for
before 9. P. M. on the
19th and had any
thing.

15. Nov. -

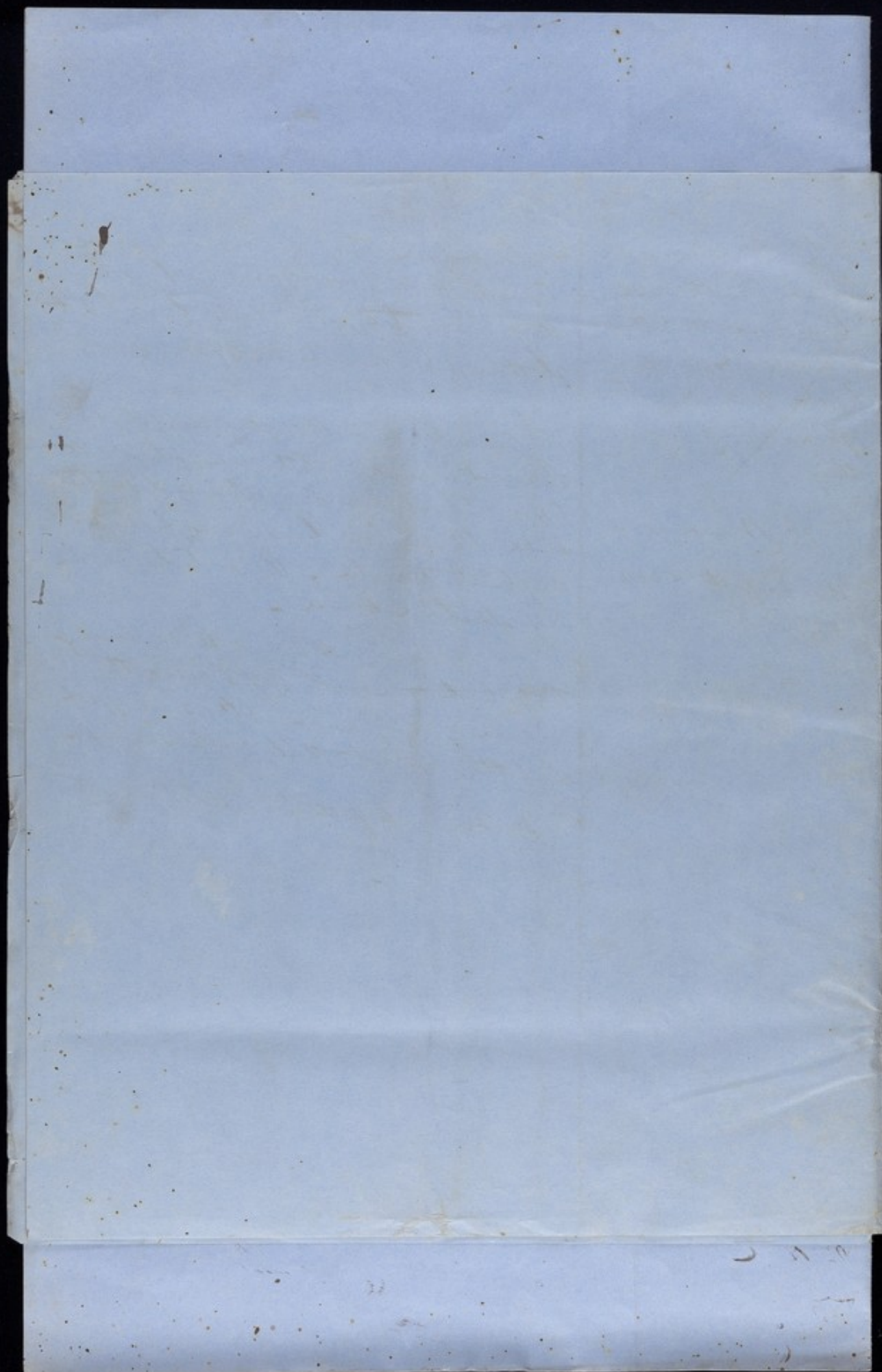
John Griffith 2304
57. Regt.

All declare they did receive for
before 9. P. M. on the 19th and had any
thing we wanted, if we could have got it
all these men were in No 3. None —

I came here on the afternoon of the 18th
I cannot remember what seemed like a hot
day. I have been very well & kindly treated
since I have been here - and have no
complaint to make. the orderlies have
been attentive to me.

Here with the evidence of
the patients - She cannot have the
evidence of many more - the same effect
which they did not think worth recording.

~~The present facts are a statement of the~~



Ru? 31 July 1855

FBS 3/9

¹⁴
Camp, 14, Regt, 3^d Divn
31st July, 1855,

Lt. Colonel Sir James
G. Alexander Compli-
ments to D. Hall &
begs to enclose an extract
from his private jour-
nal, which may not be
distressing to the Inspector
General, —

"Sitting at the door of
my hut on a sultry evening
in July, the tranquility of
the Camp interrupted by
the ceaseless booming of
our guns answering the
batteries of Sevastopol, a
fine looking Zouave
rapped in his red fez, blue

Embroidered jacket, sash,
+ roomy Turkish trousers, and
on my bidding him "Bon
Soir" he stopped & said
"I have just been looking in
at your ambulances. Mon-
sieur, your field hospitals,
they are so much better
than ours. It gives one plea-
sure to see how well yours
are arranged, how clean,
and how well your sick
& wounded are attended
to." I said I was glad
he was pleased with what
he had seen ~~in our~~ hospital
halls and that it was our
duty to attend, as well as
we could, to our poor in-
vaders. Certainly the
clean walls, floors & sheets
the raised beds of our sick
& disabled

^{disabled}
"in the hospital tents, pre-
sented a pleasing picture
of 'Medical Comforts'
to the eye, ^{of the happy life} and I also knew
that there was an abund-
ant supply of every thing
which could support &
restore exhausted nature.
Ready for every emergency,

To Dr. Hall
Inspector General
" " "

FBS3/4

General Hospital in Camp
before Sebastopol July 24th 1855.

My dear Sir.

I have been much
surprised and grieved by reading
in the Times Newspaper a Letter
containing strong reflections on the
arrangements of this Hospital which
are calculated to deceive the public
greatly and if true would cast some
odium on those connected with
its management.

I may not therefore
be thought stepping out of my province
as Chaplain to the Hospital, altho

I do not enter in my duties like
the 5th of the present month - if
I take the opportunity afforded by this
absence of expressing myself much
gratified with all I have witnessed
since my arrival as regards both
the unflinching and anxious attention
of the Medical Staff, and the subordinates
but not less successful execution of the
orders. - I have visited all the
Wards daily and at various hours
and can testify that the patients have
had very comfort & attention
required by their several cases &
that many with whom I have
conversed have expressed themselves

fully satisfied and very grateful
for the care they have received
and that they never have had any
cause to complain since their
admission. - It is a common
notion in their behalf are so well
known amongst us that I do not for
a moment imagine any testimony
of mine of value in reporting the
operations made, but I think it a duty
of my position to express the pleasure
I have had in witnessing the fresh
care with which our brave and
suffering soldiers have been
treated while in this Hospital

under your superintendence -

Believe me to be

Yours faithfully

Quincy, Somerville

Chaplain to the Genl Hospital

J. Mearns Esq

Staff Surgeon U.S.A.

P. M. O.

A true copy

J. Mearns.

Camp before Sebastopol
July 1855.

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you for the information of the Commander of the Forces the proceedings of a Court of Enquiry ordered to assemble at the Field Hospital, within the Camp of the 3rd Division for the purpose of ascertaining into the truth of certain allegations made in a Letter dated Camp before Sebastopol June 20th 1855. and subsequently published by the Times Newspaper.

The Court has personally inspected the Beds, Bedding and Utensils, and have had ocular demonstration, and returned the quantity and quality of Surgical Appliances - such as Splint, Bandages, Gutta Serena &c. in this Hospital and after maturely weighing, and considering the evidence of

Hall. Inspect Genl: Hospitals.
Maunder. Off Surg: Genl: P. M. O.
Roake. C. S. of the Prescriptions.
Fraser. M. D. of the London Dispensary.
Medley M. D. C. S. of the Army.
Lyons. Pathologist to the Army.

22 A. Smith. Staff Surg² 22nd Regt
Killed - A.D. 68th L.I.

Purveyor. Buchanan
Dispenser - Meover -

together with that of the 29th Nov. (Camp²)
Officers, and privates, whose names appear
on the proceedings, besides others, whose
names we thought it unnecessary to
recore - "I am of opinion that the
Letter of the before mentioned date is
calculated to greatly mislead the public,
and to cast blame on those to whom
praise was justly due."

The Court is of opinion
that there was a deficiency of Breach on
the 19th of June last in respect of the Works -
and it is also of opinion that in one Work (No 17)
there was a difficulty in the men procuring
Water, owing to the absence of one orderly,
and the necessary absence of the other
on an unfortunate man being shot thro'
the Brain - and that on the 18th & 19th some
lighting irregularities in the Works of the breast
according in some of the Works.

The Court is of opinion
that most of the orderlies were reproached,
that 13 out of 42 more or less absented themselves
being our own's and disgraced by a service
to which their names had not been accustomed.
but in justice to Mr. Grant, promotes
him.

as well as others from Home in this matter.
such circumstances being impossible according
to force - and the remedy having been applied
without delay -

The Court is of opinion, that the
preserved medical Staff, were a good, and
efficient substitute for what one usually termed
the Staff. and that the absence of the others
was of no importance, and that the other
attendants together with the surgical appliances
Bed-sticks, Bedding, Medical stores &c.
and general arrangements were such as to
reflect the highest credit on the Military and
Medical authorities - here. and such as the
Court is sure will meet with the approval
of the authorities, and public at home, as
soon as they are acquainted with the facts.

The Court is of opinion that no
unnecessary delay in dressing the Wounds of
the men - brought in - those who had
already been attended to in the Temporary
Hospital erected by Dr. Keble's orders in the
park, it was not necessary to disturb: and
altho' it is possible that some more out of
many may have escaped the eye of the Surgeon
the Court begs to inform you that such does
not appear in evidence. to have been the
Case.

but should such an instance have
occurred, it must evidently from the regulations
have arisen from accident, and not from
any intentional neglect.

The existing opinion
that no injury did or could arise to the
patients from what the Liberator termed 'formalities',
as it appears in evidence that such were not
required nor were they used at the time referred
to, and that had they been, it would have
been in direct contradiction to the order of Dr. Hale.

The Court beg to inform you that
without a single exception every one of the
patients expressing themselves most grateful
for the treatment they had received, and
spoke in unqualified praise of every thing
that had occurred since the breaking of the
20th of June, and that in a tone that
convince us of their sincerity.

Here follows the signature of the Court.

Signed C. A. Windham Esq. - a L. Gent
President

William Munro Esq.
Commanding 39 Regt

William Linton M.D.
D^o Inspector Genl of Hosp

Archibald Gordon M.D.
Staff Surgeon 15th Regt

Stewart about the
Court of Inquiry on Mr
Bakerwell's letter in the
Times concerning the Medical
arrangements after the

FB53/6

My dear J^r Hall.
18 June 1855 -

I send you the
rough Commentary on Mr Bakerwell's
Letter. The Court set so late I shall
not have time to copy it.

We have already
proved the greater part of the statements
to the satisfaction of the Court to be false.
We have even produced his own
receipts & that of other Med. Officers
for his intype & angular splints. which
it was said did not hurt.

The very little that can be
proved against us. such as Ounce
to

Can be satisfactorily explained. The
Warrants themselves are our best evidence,
and the Court I am ^{sure} ~~are~~ ^{already} ~~there~~
on or nothing. but such an amount of
delay in issuing: or such inquiries
as must occur are such a crush.

I have not time to write more.
You may rely upon it, the Court will
do us justice.

I mean send such a copy
production as that in the Times of the
11th

Yours & truly
J. Mowbray

J. Mowbray

P.S. I enclose. Copy of the
Chapman note

FBS 3/7

General Hospital in France
before Sebastopol

24 July 1855

My dear Sir,

I have been much surprised
and grieved by reading in the "Times"
Newspaper a letter containing strong
reflections on the arrangements of
this Hospital which are calculated to
deceive the Public greatly and if true
would cast some odium on
those connected with its management.
I may not therefore be thought
stepping out of my province as
Chaplain of the Hospital although I did
not enter on my duties till the 5th
of the present month if I take the
opportunity afforded by this attack of
expressing myself much gratified with

all I have witnessed since my arrival
as regards both the unflinching and anxious
attentions of the Medical Staff and the subordinate
but not less useful exertions of the Orderlies.

I have visited all the wards daily and at
various hours & can testify that the patients
have had every Comfort and Attendance
required by their several Cases & that many
with whom I have freely conversed have
expressed themselves fully satisfied and very
grateful for the care they have received & that
they never have had any cause to com-
plain since their admission.

Your own unremitting exertions on
their behalf are so well known amongst us
that I do not for a moment imagine any
testimony of mine of value in refuting the
assertions made but I think it only a
duty of my position to express the pleasure I
have had in witnessing the great care with
which our brave and suffering Soldiers have

been treated while in this Hospital under
your superintendence

Believe me to be

Yours faithfully

(Signed) Dudley Somerville

Chaplain to the Genl Hospital

J. Monal Esq.

Staff Surgeon 1 Class

J. M. C.

General Hospital in Camp.
September 21st 1853.

Sir.

In reply to your communication on the subject of Mr. Bakewell, Conduct while employed at the General Hospital in Camp. I have the honor to state, that he joined about 6. A. M. on the morning of the 18th June, and was immediately put in charge of an unoccupied Ward, containing beds & bedding for 12 patients; he was directed by me to apply to the purveyor for the requisite utensils, and report any deficiencies; the latter in action he neglected to comply with; he was subsequently put in charge of two other wards upon the same conditions these wards were gradually filled during the course of the day & night but no complaint reached me from Mr. Bakewell of any deficiencies of any kind.

In consequence of some other men detailed for that duty, having neglected to obey the order, only one orderly was at first available for service in each of these wards, this was explained to Mr. Bakewell as a temporary arrangement, which would be remedied as soon as the additional orderlies arrived, and as soon as in two of his wards that night, the other additional orderlies sent from the 12th and the 39th Reg^t by mistake went to the wrong Ward in the dark.

Dr. Hall
Inspector General
of Hospitals
Head Quarters

and then left one Wound (17) unprovided with two
or deslies - this was not reported to me by Mr Bakewell
as it ought to have been; a fatigue man (who like mine
has been sent into the Wound by my orders, to attend
upon a mortally wounded man, this man absented
himself without leave; all these circumstances must
have been known to Mr Bakewell, but by him
intentionally suppressed. I visited the whole of the
Wounds that night (18th) between 11/2 & 12 o'clock, and
received no complaints of want of water or any thing
else, either from the Patients or Medical Officers.

Mr Bakewell received a caution from me
similar to the rest of the Medical Officers, to place
his dependance on the orderlies, who were all near
to their work, but to see the wants of his patients
properly himself; this he has not neglected
to do. and altho' it has been proved there was an
abundant supply of every requisite, (except a supply of bread)
for which from his office was substituted a few loaves.
he makes an unjust complaint, that the patients
do not ^{receive} in his books, what in fact he neglected to
obtain for them. It is important to note these
things, as they all tend to show premeditation & design
and taken in conjunction with his anti-calculi &
Chatham, and the rest of his conduct at this Hospital
would go far to prove, there was something more
than "a Caprine sympathy" for the Wounds that
induced this ambitious young gentleman to rush
into print, & court notoriety. The true motive
for his conduct at this occasion is to be found in
the fact, that he was under the necessity of reprimanding
him on the morning of the 20th (the day he wrote the Libel)
for a gross breach of the Hospital Regulations.

and a cruel case of mal-praxis, nothing but the
putting an unfortunate patient under the influence
of chloroform ^{in the house} with the assistance of one of the orderlies
where. Inletting me he has so popularly described, as
"not knowing what I was for" and making
an incision several inches in length in his thigh
down to the bone, with what object I was unable
to divine, as on being questioned by me on the
subject. he became much confused, and replied
with some hesitation: "he thought it was a case of
excision of the head & neck of the femur".

I took him outside, painted out to him the improp-
riety of his conduct & told him I should report
it which I did. and would hold him responsible
for the consequences. he either that day or the next
morning reported himself sick. and did no more
duty for the General Hospital. The professional conduct
of a Medical Officer who could allow an ignorant
orderly to attend to the administration of chloroform,
a duty that requires the undivided attention of one
competent person alone. needs no comment, and
need from me, the apprehensions it deserves. but
owing to his slight apologies, mere excuses, and plea
of ignorance of the Regulations, was taken no further
notice of. His subsequent conduct while on the
sick list, where he was suspected of irregularities
retarding his recovery; coupled with a report from
the Medical Officer attending him. that while
professing his inability to perform some of his
duties. he has been able to procure, & some
long Rations, travel as fast, a distance of several
miles; induced me to send him to Scutari ^{the 30th}
where I thought he would be under closer observation
than in Camp. and have a better chance of

recovery of his ^{malady} was really what he alleges, for his symptoms in the opinion of his Medical attendants was not borne out by his appearance; and his recovery as subsequently shown evidently depends on his inclination.

That Mr. Baker has but one object, since his entry into the service is sufficiently obvious, namely, a certain degree of notoriety, that the public press, and is borne out by his conduct at Chatham, where he made so exaggerated an unfounded statement, which he was obliged to contradict: this can be proved by a reference to *The Times*. tomorrow the next day, that he was most unscrupulous in the means of obtaining that object in this case incident, from the evidence adduced before the Court of Enquiry; for instance he asserted there was a deficiency of Medical appliances, and states there were no Mr. Pitts, splints or modifications: while he applies for one that a reference to his case, shows was not needed. and signs a receipt for it, intentionally calling it by another name. there is altogether throughout the whole of his *Letter*; independent of the statements, flatly contradicted by the whole of the Medical Officers without exception; a suppression of all that is want of candour and a disingenuousness, that can be only substantiated by those who were present on the spot and aware of all the circumstances connected with it. None of the statements here alluded to were brought for use on the Court of Enquiry, which was conducted on the presumption of the writer being unknown; and was merely an investigation into the truth of certain allegations, contained in a certain *Letter*. It is perhaps most fortunate for the writer that he was not present, or the Court would most probably have been under the necessity of recording such an opinion of his conduct, or has his presence one report of merely or partially feeling, would have prevented him showing his face again. for a more shameful tissue of falsehoods misrepresentations & exaggerations, were probably never condensed into so few lines; or received an any material point so thorough a refutation & contradiction as that *Letter*. not on the evidence of one or two ^{but} some 20 witnesses.

J. Maule.

Staff Surgeon 1st Regt
R. M. S. 1st Regt.

21st April 1855
Staff Surgeon, 1st Regt. R. M. S.
1st Regt. R. M. S.
in Camp

(Copy)

N^o 103

2.

War Department
18th August 1855

FBS 3/10a
(enclosing FBS 3/10b)

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, N^o 107 of the 4th Inst. forwarding to me the proceedings of a court of Enquiry which, in pursuance of my instructions, you have caused to be opened to enquire into the statements of a Medical Officer published in the "Times" newspaper, with regard to the alleged want of preparation for, and improper treatment of, those who were wounded on the 18th of June on the occasion of the attack on the Malakoff and Redan.

I entirely approve of the course which you have adopted in summarily dismissing from the Public Service Acting Assistant Surgeon Parkesell, the person who made the statement in question. The decisive manner in which you have acted on the present occasion will, I trust, be a warning to others not to give circulation to calumnious statements, which are utterly devoid of truth, with a view to prejudice the public mind against the constituted authorities of the Army; and I quite agree with you in your protest against the loss of valuable time to yourself, and the Superior officers

General Simpson
Sc &c

officers of the Army under your Command,
in Examining into, and refuting frivolous
Statements, when all the time, and
all the Energies you can command
are so urgently required to enable
you to prosecute with vigour the
important operations in which you are
engaged.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant
(Signed) Pamure

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS BEFORE SEBASTOPOL,

3rd August, 1855.

No. 1. The following Appointments having been notified to the Commander of the Forces, are published to this Army:—

To have the Local Rank of General.

Lieutenant General, J. Simpson.

To have the Local Rank of Lieutenant Generals

Major-Generals,

H. Barnard,

Lord Rokeby,

do.

Sir W. Codrington, K.C.B.

Markham, C.B.

do.

Hon. Sir J. Yorke Scarlett, K.C.B.

No. 2. The Regimental Promotions and Appointments published by authority in the London Gazettes of the 17th and 20th July, will take effect in this Army from their several dates.

STAFF.

Colonel the Hon. W. L. Pakenham, unattached, to be Adjutant General to the Forces serving in Turkey. Dated 17th July 1855.

BREVET.

To be Colonels in the Army for Distinguished Service.

Lieut. Colonel. C. Lord West, 21st Regiment. .. 17th July 1855.

do.

C. Edwards,

18th do.

..

do.

do.

D. Lysons,

23d do.

..

do.

do.

Hon. W. L. Pakenham,

do.

To be Lieutenant Colonels in the Army.

Major

R. Feilden,

44th Regiment,

17th July 1855.

do.

A. Herbert,

23d do.

..

do.

do.

A. Macdonnell,

Rifle Brigade,

..

do.

do.

J. Villiers,

47th Regiment,

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do.

do.

R. Kingscote,

Scots Fus. Guards,

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do.

do.

J. Armstrong,

49th Regiment,

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do.

do.

E. Wetherall,

Scots Fus. Guards,

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do.

do.

F. Mills,

7th Regiment,

..

do.

do.

J. Simpson,

34th do.

..

do.

No. 3. A Letter having appeared in the "Times" Newspaper, dated Camp before Sebastopol, June 20th, containing Charges of the gravest nature against Medical Officers of this Army; a Court of Inquiry was directed to examine into the truth of the allegations set forth in it.

The Officers composing this Court, after the most minute and patient investigation into the whole of the circumstances connected with the treatment of the Wounded on the 18th of June, declare that this letter is "calculated grossly to mislead the Public, and to cast blame on those to whom praise was justly due." In this opinion the Commander of the Forces concurs, after a careful perusal of the Evidence.

It appears that Acting Assistant-Surgeon Bakewell is the author of this Letter. He is therefore informed that his further services are dispensed with, and his name is struck off the strength of the Army from this date.

No. 4. Lieutenant Lamb, 50th Regiment, is appointed to take charge of the Upper Railway Terminus, with extra pay of 5s. per diem, from 2nd August, 1855.

No. 5. Leave of Absence is granted, on Medical Certificate, to Assistant-Surgeon Sherlock, .. 1st Royal Dragoons, .. to 5th Sept., 1855.

To proceed to Scutari.—Also, on urgent private affairs, to

Colonel Van Straubenzee, .. 3rd regiment, .. to 20th Aug. -

To proceed to Constantinople.

No. 6. Leave of Absence is granted, to

Brigadier General Lord William Paulet, C. B. .. to 10th October.

To proceed to England on very urgent private affairs.

No. 7. Captain Mayne, Land Transport Corps, having acted as a Field Officer since 11th July, 1855, will draw Field Allowances accordingly.

No. 8. Quarter Master Serjeant Cheese, 39th Regiment, will act as Quarter Master in the Land Transport Corps, subject to the approval of the General Commanding in Chief.

No. 9. The following Soldier having acted as a Clerk in a Military Department, will receive pay accordingly:—

Corporal A. Smith, .. 17th Lancers, .. 1s. 6d. per diem, .. from 6th July, 1855.

By Order, (Signed,)

H. W. BARNARD, CHIEF OF THE STAFF.

Copy of final Order of the
Army in the Crimea 3rd
August 1855 - dismissing
acting ass. Surgeon Dakin
from the service for making
unfounded statements in the
Times Newspaper -

GENERAL ORDERS

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True Copy

FBS3/8a

General Hospital Camp.

before Sebastopol.

July 24th 1855-

My dear Sir,

I have been much surprised and grieved by reading in the "Times" newspaper a letter containing strong reflections on the arrangements of this Hospital, which are calculated to deceive the Public greatly, and if true would cast some odium on those connected with its management. I may not therefore be thought stepping out of my province as Chaplain of the Hospital altho' I did not enter on my duties till the 5th of the present month, If I take the opportunity afforded by this attack of expressing myself much gratified with all I have witnessed since my arrival as regards both the unremitting & anxious attentions of the Med^l Staff and the subordinate but not less needful exertions of the Orderlies, I have visited all the Wards daily and at various hours, and can testify that the patients have had every comfort and attendance required by their several Cases - and that many

with whom I have fully conversed have
expressed themselves fully satisfied and
very grateful for the care they have received
that they never have had any cause to
complain since their admission -

Your own unvarnished assertions in their
behalf are so well known amongst us that
I do not for a moment imagine any
testimony of mine of value in refuting the
assertions made, but I think it only a duty
of my position to express the pleasure I have
had in witnessing the great care with which
our brave & suffering soldiers have been treated
while in this Hospital under your supervision.
-Dance-

Believe me

to be

Yours faithfully

(Signed) Bradley Somerville

Chaplain to the Genl. Hosp

J. Mount Eeg
Staff Surgeon, M.C.

General Hospital in Camp. FB53/86
July 22-1855.

Sir,

I consider it my duty to call your attention
to an Anonymous Libel in Times, of the 5th July.
headed "The Wounded before Sebastopol," and
filled with the most invidious and untrue
as the production in question, which I am only designating
as a malicious Libel, has been printed in the
House of Commons.

Altho' the author of this scandalous
and wicked Libel. is anxious that his name
does not appear, and the Hospital he alludes to is
not mentioned by name: there can be no doubt
he alludes to the General Hospital in Camp.

The whole of the Medical Officers, of this
establishment present. Civil & Military. at once,
with feelings of honest indignation repudiated the
expressions & statements therein depicted, and
pursued without limitation to Acting J. G. S. Surge
Baker. as the author of them.

From circumstances, it is not safe to
introduce here - I am of the same opinion, as
it was my principal duty seriously & anxiously to
reprimand this young medical officer - for his
breach of the Hospital regulations - in which what
I consider cruel & unjustifiable treatment of one
of his patients. Public notices in connection
with acts, I can only now view his conduct, as
malicious & vindictive; and wish & view, to
deceive -

As I can prove all the statements
contained in his Letter, to be gross exaggerations, or
wilful falsehoods, in justice to myself, the
Department, and above all the Wounded & Suffering
to our charge - I feel it my imperative duty
to request an immediate & searching investigation
into the allegations contained in the Letter alluded
to:-

It is hardly necessary for me to mention to
you, who are so well acquainted with all the
particulars - connected with the establishment in
question, that the statements of the Times newspaper
are untrue. nor is it necessary for me in a

communications like the present. to enter into a
serious refutation of each charge - but I trust
you will excuse my apologetic - that I am
not only prepared to disprove the shameful
misstatements, contained in that Libel, but to satisfy
any tribunal Judicial or Parliamentary, that nothing
whatever was wanting, to the comfort & convenience
of the Patients - which was not supplied in
profusion - I am hardly warranted in the statements
concerning the surgical operations - were equally in
conformity with fact - as the whole of this shameful
production -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yr most obedient Servant

J. Deane Esq.

Staff Surgeon R. M. C. of

Superintendent of the Hospital

D. H. Hall

At 6. A.M. a ward was handed over to Mr. Bakewell by me, only complete as far as bedsteads and bedding were concerned it did not purport to contain

"At 5 A.M. a ward was given over to me to note the requirements which would it contained no Pa. be furnished to him on application tents, I was requested to the Acting Purveyor, and he was to see what was desired to report any deficiencies to me, this he neglected to do. at this time I was busily employed in the operating room - The Purveyor was directed by me to furnish the necessary utensils to fit up the ward according to a previously arranged scale."

Each ward was fitted up with new bedsteads with canvass sacking bottoms to lace new straw mattresses

"I found in it 14 which the whole of the patients described as most comfortable - -steads as many there was a small slit in the side mattresses stuffed for the introduction of the straw with chopped straw with strings to tie it. The bedding the mattresses not consisted of 2 sheets 2 blankets and sewn up and sheets one covered as perfectly new, as and blankets to received from England, and of the very best quality - Mr. Bakewell has omitted to mention that in addition hair mattresses were to be had on application for all special cases such as Compound Fracture &c. &c. I am at a loss to understand what he means by sheets to correspond."

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On Mr. B's application his Ward were furnished with one close stool — two painter bed pans — two urinals — two washing basins — one painter dish — one water tauts which was never empty (no water bucket, but substitutes were in vessels until they could be procured as (Cups) meat tins which could be had in unlimited quantity, sometimes as many as 100 being opened in a day. This was not all, could be had, and only required not a single chamber, a knife and about 2 minutes to utensil, not a cup, convert into as useful a drinking knife, fork or spoon cup as the ordinary mug. It is no large vessel for not usual to reuse knives, forks or holding water — no plates, for patients on spoon diet, thing but what I and the whole of Mr. Batemans pa. have named. Tents were on this diet. — (no of phos. tion for anything else). Chamber utensils could be had in any number, but it was not deemed advisable to crowd a small room with 144. Wounded with too many utensils, they were therefore as far as possible dispensed with, they were nevertheless to be had when specially required. —

I did not report any deficiency to me, I immediately of substitutes were provided for drinking phed for the various cups — all the rest of this paragraph things deficient — utensils — The complement ordered. Drinking cups there to be supplied to all the wards, were none, one they were found ample for the Chamber utensil I could have for the whole other — why not for his? ward and 2 bed pans, nothing to hold water, etc., no plates.

The wounded kept gradually arriving. The Wounded began all day — it is quite true only one orderly to arrive: that was given to him that day, I had no was soon filled: more at my disposal at that time; others were given but the fault did not rest with over to me in exactly the authorities, or myself; as out the same predicament of 30 Orderlies detailed for that duty. One orderly was given only if made their appearance on to attend on 144. The morning in question, the men Wounded men not either not liking the work, or being one of whom was frightened away by the horrors of the operating room. — The circumstances was duly reported through Dr. Hall to the Adj. Gen. and the deficiency made good as soon as possible, but I took steps myself to supply any urgent want in that respect, by making application to the Colonel of the 39th Regt. who kindly furnished me his Band, being the only man at his disposal and I myself distributed them in the various wards where there were dangerously wounded men, and amongst others I believe 2 to Mr. Batemans, they were of great use and behaved with great kindness and attention. A reference to the nominal return of wounded in charge of Mr. B. shows that 21 or more than one half were slightly or very slightly wounded, therefore it may be presumed were capable of moving. I know that many of them walked to the Hospital — Altho occasionally in Mr. B's wards during the day, I

did not hear any unusual cries for water, or indeed to my recollection any at all - There were several tin drinking vessels such as the one now produced, and I leave it to the court to say, what practical difference exists between the two as far as the power of drinking out of them was concerned - Vessels with a spout like a tea-pot were to be had for such cases, which however were extremely rare probably not of these they could a dozen out of the whole of the wounded; a reference to his cases by a most frightful will show with the exception of very few, nearly all his patients could sit up in bed if required. Mr. B. had only 5 very serious or dangerous cases, 21 slight, there was an ample supply of water at the door of each hut - no complaint of this nature ever reached me from Mr. B. or any other Med. Officers. —

Many wounds dressed on the field. Orderlies are not permitted to dress wounds, nor could they be expected to do so. — Mr. B. me had never expected to be furnished with a Dresser tho' only an acting before. — assist Surgeon himself. there were constantly men comrades in the wards during the day some of whom were detained by me to render assistance

Absolutely false. Tea, Biscuit, Arrowroot, Beef Tea, and Lemonade were ordered to be issued in unlimited quantities without reference to the Diet Rolls or Requisition day or night — When I visited the Hards on the night of the 18th I learnt that the Wounded expected to get

Meat and Beer or Rum, they were "Well Sir during the all as a matter of Medical treatment whole of that day placed on spoon diet - that being the wounded had the appropriate treatment for nothing to eat and gun shot injuries, there was a - not enough to -ple provision made, and if the drink?"

men did not get all what was ordered for them it was the fault of the Medical Officer in charge of the Hard, to all of whom I gave special instructions to satisfy themselves personally; not to depend upon the orderlies - No complaints were made to me by this gentleman of any deficiency except Bread the reason was explained why Biscuit had been issued instead —

During the night of The orderly Medical Officer's contra- the 18th the wounded dict this - Adj. Staff Surgeon Smith, came crowding in, Asst. Surg. Keltett, and Bakerwell some of them were himself. —

admitted by the Some of the wounded might orderlies without not have been dressed until morning having seen a Med? because they were not admitted until officer. — morning. —

3000 Loaves of Bread issued on the
19th. Sea. Arrived at. Beef Sea, as yesterday the 19th, the only
much as was called for. The food given to those poor
suppers were not served until late bedtime until 9 P.M.
9 P.M. this was unavoidable. was had biscuit and
I ordered 100 lbs of Meat in addition to: there was no
to be made into Soup. It is not bread for them, or
usual to issue Milk there is no Arrived at, no Beef Sea
such thing to be had, except nothing except Sea
preserved Milk, which is only without Milk, -
used in cases of Dysentery -

(Evidence of C. R. and C. Davies) -

Neither the Chaplain or myself
have been able to ascertain that
such is the Case. -

Mr. B. only assisted at one operation. He was incessantly
to my knowledge. occupied all yesterday
in dressing and operating

The whole of this paragraph
is utterly false, there was no Your Medical Board
deficiency of stores of any kind. with understand the
there were several dozens sets of frightful deficiency
splints. - 3 Mr. Intjes, issued one of stores, when I mention
on the 18th one modification issued that there are no
to Mr. B. for which I have his splints, except
receipt, 2 more obtained on the straight ones to be
19th never used. had - No Mr. Intjes

Angular Splints the materials of splint or any
which were on the spot, but the modification of
Larcha and wood were issued and could them and no
have been had in any quantity only angular splint.
2 applied for by Mr. Brooke. -

22 July 1856

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