

**10 letters of congratulation on Hall's knighthood, including one from Sir Harry Smith, criticising the organisation of supplies at the beginning of the Crimean War**

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To Dr. Hall from various:  
congratulations for K.C.B.  
Feb. 1856

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Mr Mullens's Congratulatory

Recd. 23 Feb 57

Ans<sup>d</sup> 26-57

JH

Inspector General of Hospitals

Sir John Hall. K.C.B.

Head Quarters

Sierra Leone.



News is all senting to  
your My Lady and may  
God Almighty speedily  
write you as the  
fermal prayer of your  
fratiful friend —  
My Dear Sir Sam Hall  
Harry Smith

Rec<sup>d</sup> 21 Feb 6  
ans<sup>d</sup> 23

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Manchester  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1856.

My Dear Sir John Hall  
This days Gazette  
giving us a very tardy  
recognition of your  
intire - arduous and  
unparalleled exertions  
I write from myself &  
Wife to say how  
your fratiful friends  
are more delighted than  
we

are - Peace is now more  
than probable and I hope  
you may soon be released  
from your Labours  
at home with your  
inexpensive Wife - You  
ought to be allowed to  
return on your present  
Pay!! -

Genl. M<sup>r</sup> Keble &  
I suppose report exposes  
an awful amount of the  
common arrangements  
of several Regiments

Shall & - by heaven it  
appears to an incredible  
I would have pitched  
Warrants - Companies  
Your Keeper & - to the  
devil - spent on things  
Prig or Planchet until  
every man had something  
or other to lie on <sup>something</sup>  
as you know added to  
the sick List, as lying  
on Cold Wet Ground  
Lady Smith or Ann

PB 2/2

War Department,

Pall Mall,

Feb. 8. 1856.

My dear Sir John

Allow me to offer you  
my very sincere Congratulations  
on your having at last received  
from Her Majesty's Government  
some public recognition of  
your services to our Army in  
the East.

Those services have  
always - since I was on  
the spot, & able to judge of

their extent, and character -  
appeared to me to be most  
distinguished - and I am  
heartily glad that they are  
now thus markedly recognized  
to be so: and also that they  
continue still to be available  
for the good of our Army in  
the East. I trust they will  
remain so until the War is  
well over: when it will  
have been your lot to have  
been, of all the Heads of  
Departments, the only one

that had kept his seat  
from the beginning to the  
end of the Crimean Campaign  
- and without a day's cessation from duty.  
Hager desires me to  
present to you his compliments,  
and congratulations with my  
own.

Believe me,  
My dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,  
John Milton.



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My dear Sir Mr. Hall

Recd the  
Nearly Computations  
of an old friend an  
I am appointed to a  
Night Commission of  
the North I am sure  
I shall do it and I  
shall wish you many  
long and happy days  
to enjoy the fruits of  
your well earned money

Sir John Hall M.P.  
a c on

May I hope you will  
hail with pleasure  
our present prospect  
of Peace & God grant  
that it may be realized  
and that the old  
saying of "Many a  
Sick of men in this  
world be healed -  
and by dear Sir John"  
most sincerely yours  
A. Murray.

Received  
8 July 1876

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My Dear Hall

I have only a moment left me to congratulate you on your dignity. I hope it will be some little comfort in opposition to the discomfort which you have had. You will hear from me at length by next mail.

9 Feb 1836

Yours faithfully

Wm. Smith

Monaghan - Ireland. <sup>PB2/5</sup>

February 12. 1896.

My dear Sir,

Having been so rejoiced  
to find you have received the  
accusation of K. C. B., I trust  
you will be pleased to accept  
my sincere congratulations,  
coming as they do from one  
who had served under you  
during a campaign the most  
trying to the medical  
Department, the more so, as  
it has been made the  
channel by which others  
have escaped censure.

But it is most gratifying  
to me, and I am confident,  
to all who have been in  
the field with you, that  
you have never yielded  
from the important post,  
at the head of the Medical Staff,  
and how especially is the  
gratification increased, that  
your able services, under the  
most toilsome and distressing  
circumstances, have in some  
measure been noticed, even  
at this late period.

These are merely a few  
lines in very much

Remembrance, with best  
wishes, I remain,

My dear Sir,  
Yours very truly  
Geo. Scudler,  
Staff Surgeon.

To John Hall, M. C. B.  
Inspector General,  
Crimea.

Mr General is here at present  
(Sir J. McNeill) His truthful  
remarks about General Airey  
and Col Gordon almost make  
me forgive <sup>him</sup> his interference  
about the Quinine. This time  
last year I was fool enough to ex-  
pect from him, but since that  
time I have gained lessons  
in humility

Believe me

My Dear Sir John

Yours very sincerely

Wm Anderson

Col. Knight Clarke (aide-de-camp) 33<sup>d</sup>  
desired me to remember him very  
kindly to you

PB2/6

Edinburgh

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

My Dear Sir John

I cannot let the Post  
leave without writing you a  
few lines to offer you my warm-  
est and most cordial Congratu-  
lations on your accession to  
Honours that I and all who  
know anything about the de-  
partment think you ought to  
have had long ago. I dis-

Cerely trust that Lady Hall  
and you may be spared  
many years to enjoy the Dequi  
Lake, the Othum Idavony  
You would have no objection to

Since our sojourn in  
the Naval Hospital at Fibel  
al Tarik, what a number  
of the Medices who hied  
there have shuffled off this  
mortal coil, leaving as the  
remnant you and myself  
I dined with Lady

Halls Uncle yesterday and  
had a long talk with her as  
I handed her down to dinner  
She is remarkably well and  
I never saw the Children look-  
ing better. They are very pretty  
clever little girls, but their  
young understandings have  
not yet mastered their Parents  
new titles. I expect to see  
Dumbreck in a day or two  
as private business brings  
him to Edinburgh. The Dequin

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My dear Sir John Hall

I write to offer you  
my very sincere congratulations,  
on your having obtained the  
honour which you have  
so well earned, amidst  
the buffeting & hardships  
of this Campaign.

Hall



That you may live long  
to enjoy it, is the prayer  
of most sincerely yours,

W. H. Hinton

W. H. Hinton

Feb. 9. 18. 1856

On Her Majesty's Service.

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*Printed*

*Mr John Hall K.C.B.*

*Major General of the  
Army  
The Crimea*

*18 Feb 552  
Stirling's Camp in  
Camp - 255th*



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Mr. Robert Anguillaburo  
on my former  
Recd of 26 Feb  
Ans 26 Feb

Mr. John Hall K. C. S.  
Supt. General of Hospitals  
Crimea



~~Private~~

General Hospital  
Scutari Feb. 21, 1854.

My dear Sir John

I have had the pleasure  
to receive your kind note of the  
15<sup>th</sup> Inst. in reply to mine of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
and shall be guided by it in  
any wishes not to go to the front  
until the winter is over, or  
as you may think best.

I feel much pleasure in  
being able to congratulate you on  
the well merited honor we have  
Sir John Hall K.C.B. Received  
Sup. General of Hospitals  
Crimea

received more especially also  
as being the only Irishman  
of such high rank in our  
Department and the only K.C.B.  
and one also who I have the  
pleasure of knowing for so many  
years. - I trust you may long live  
to enjoy it. I shall have much  
pleasure in conveying your kind  
remembrance to Mrs. Adell & she  
will be glad to receive it. I do  
have now tender affections  
at home as well as my self.

Believe me yours truly

John Adell

I have not yet succeeded in  
getting a horse but am  
actively engaged looking  
for one or more if necessary.

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Sentain 24<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1886

My Dear Sir John

I beg to congratulate you  
on your being made a K.C.B.  
which though long delayed  
has come at last and will be  
an answer to many of the  
Calumnies which have been  
so industriously propagated with  
regard to you and the  
Department



Department. The complaints  
against us have been gradually  
diminishing and people begin  
to see that when left to  
ourselves and not fettered  
by the Military authorities  
we are desirous of very different  
opinions from those so freely  
propagated about us last winter.  
I am very glad to congratulate  
you on the success which has

been achieved by you and  
hoping you may long enjoy it

Believe me

My dear Sir

Yours truly

W. Lawson

Genl John Bull KCB

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19 Feb 1856

*Dumetia longicauda*

on my app.

and 28 Feb 1856

and 28 Feb 1856

John W. K. B.  
Resident of the  
Head Quarter  
China



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Sir John Hall

Inspector General of Hospitals

Head Quarter

23 Feb 1857

Miss Wren's Compliments  
Jan 24 Feb 5



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My dear Sir

I have just heard  
to my extreme satisfaction  
of a circumstance which  
however long anticipated  
merits still deeply justify  
all who have the pleasure  
of knowing you — England  
although slow in recognizing  
her true friends does not  
fail at last to acknowledge  
their merits — May believe

In the very sincere congratulations  
of your obedient & obliged servants  
Wm Head

Monastery Hospital  
22 February

Rec<sup>d</sup> 24 Feb 5  
Ans<sup>d</sup> 24 Feb 5

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The Rectory of St. George  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1855

My dear Sir

Mr. Knight and I beg to offer  
you our sincere and heartfelt congratu-  
lations upon the late honor conferred  
upon you by our Queen. We hope  
to see peace firmly established soon  
when I trust you will return to dear  
old England and enjoy being a quiet  
and happy <sup>man</sup> with Lady Hall - an enjoyment  
which must be doubly felt after so many  
years of arduous labor in your country's  
service.

I have the honor & pleasure to be  
My dear Sir

Yrs very sincerely & obliged

Wm. Hall, K. C. B. } S. Vaughan Knight  
Secy to the  
Hon. Secy

Wm. Knight  
Long Endell House, Weymouth  
Hants - 23 Feb 1855  
Ans - 24 Feb 5



Received 21st February 1856,  
Answered 23rd " "

Manchester,

February 6th 1856.

My dear Sir John Hall,

This day's gazette giving us a very tardy recognition of your intense arduous and unparalleled exertions. I write from myself and wife to say none of your grateful friends are more delighted than we are - Peace is now more than probable and I hope you may soon be relieved from your labours and at home with your energetic wife - you ought to be allowed to return on your present pay!! -

Sir J. McNeill<sup>and</sup> and Trollope's <sup>reports</sup> expose an awful amount of the common arrangements of issuing Blankets Stores etc etc. By heavens it appears to me incredible. I would have pitched Warrants - <sup>Commissaries</sup> Store-Keepers etc to the devil issued <sup>one</sup> nothing, Rug or blanket until every man had something or other to lie on. Nothing as you know adds to the Sick list, as lying on cold wet ground.

Lady Smith and Annie Menzies are writing to your My Lady and may God Almighty speedily unite you is the fervent prayer of your grateful friend,

My Dear Sir John Hall,

(Signed)

Harry SMITH,

Sir John Hall, K.C.B. Inspector General of Hospitals,

9th February 1856,

Dr. Smith's congratulations on my promotion,

Received 26th Feb. 1856

Answered 28th Feb.

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My dear Hall,

I have only a moment left me to congratulate you on your dignity, I hope it will be some little comfort in opposition to the discomfort which you have had. You will hear from me at length by next mail.

Yours faithfully,

A. SMITH.

9th February 1856.

9th February 1955

Mr. Smith's congratulations on my promotion

Received 23rd Feb. 1955

Answered 23rd Feb.

My dear Sir,

I have only a moment left me to congratulate you on your  
dignity. I hope it will be some little comfort in opposition to the  
discomfort which you have had. You will hear from me at length

by next mail.

I had the  
originals typed  
earlier for you to  
read.

Sir Harry Smith commands  
3 Africa The Orange River Campaign