

Letters to Sir James Clark from Sir James Gibson, Director of Medical Services, concerning tenure of professorships at Army Medical School (also a letter from Longmore on this subject)

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S. 3/1



6. Whitehall Quad
February 28th 1863

Dear Sir James Clerk.

I enclose your letter of the 24th as requested, and although I stated at our last two meetings the substance of my objections to the present regulations regarding the Professors being annulled, yet I am prepared to go into further

details and discussion upon it
should this become necessary; but
I greatly regret that the subject
has been brought forward at this
time for discussion, as thus
moving such delicate personal
matters may give rise to feelings
of dissatisfaction when the
interests of the school require

that the greatest good feeling
and harmony should prevail
amongst all its members, the
more especially, as the present
wise arrangement meets many
reasonable claims and contingencies

Believe me

Yours faithfully L. Johnson

General Subjects is not likely
to be profitable to them, and
this the professors also feel, but
they are willing to give any scheme
a trial - I think ^{they should} attend another
meeting of Committee before we come
to a final decision regarding this
and the assistants they require. I
have just seen Sir E. Lushington
who has informed me that the
new invaliding regulations will not
be completed until Wednesday next -
^{Yours very truly} W. P. Lushington

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London

March 13th 1863

Dear Sir James Clerk

I have not seen the paper regarding
the permanent appointment of the
Professors since I gave it to you.
Dr. Lushington may have taken it. I
have expected Dr. Logan was about to
write to him on another matter to
request him to send it to you. Should

he hear it. Friday next will
suit me quite well to meet you.
Received the questions you sent to
the Professors regarding the mode
of conducting their courses, and also
their new scheme of instruction, but
not the communication to them
which caused them to make it.
If adopted the Probationers will

have no time for the practice of
surgical operations on the dead
body, and in which they require
instruction greatly, being most
painfully ignorant in this important
part of a Military Surgeons duty, and
it will also so much increase them
that the instruction they will
receive during the day on the

Mr J. Gilson

Mr J. Clark

27 March '63.

Thinks Professorships in
a.m. School should not
be life app^{ts}

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27th March 1863

Dear Sir James Clark.

I regret exceedingly that I am
obliged to differ in opinion with
you regarding the proposal to
make the Professors appointments
for life, as being of great importance
to the Army I feel I should not
be doing my duty were I

to withhold my opinions concerning
it from the authorities. I
therefore think that the proper
course will be to transmit
my Memorandum with the
Report of the Committee to
the Secretary of State, thus
enable him to form his
own opinion of the advantages

of the present and proposed
arrangements.

Very faithfully yours
Wm. Johnson

him placed on half pay.

Captain Fulton has promised me
that no time will be lost in erecting
a ship at the site we recommended
and that he will have the papers
of the hands divided, all the woodwork
painted, new blinds put to the windows
and anything else done that may

be required to make the wards
neat, from the Sanitary Note -

The Purvey in chief has written
to your Purvey to send him
a requisition for all that is required
include in it the Ventilation of
the wards &c. and the prep for the
Operating room. This will be quicker
than if sent through the General -

Yours of truly
R. J. Wilson

Sir J. Gibson

Sir J. Clark

11th April '63

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6 Whitehall Quad
April 11th 1863

Dear Sir James Clark.

Wednesday next will suit me quite well to attend a Meeting of our Committee. At the last Meeting of Senate the course of instruction for the next session of the School and the Medical Officers to assist the Clinical Professors were decided upon, subject of course to any alteration which the Committee may think advisable. The attendance

of the Professors Therefore on
Wednesday will not, I think,
be necessary, and as the School
is to be reopened on that day
it would be inconvenient
to bring them up.

Very Sincerely Yours
L. Gibson

little may I shall any
address pay."

Very truly yours
Jas Clark

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Sagehot Park
Surrey.

March 11- 1864

My Dear Sir,

As your note
will be seen by Lord
d'Grey, & perhaps so
to the Treasury, I return
it to suggest to you to
rewrite it, omitting the
first sentence - Regarding
our "Infidelity" - also the
part about private trade
where I expect they do
not interfere; but even if they
do,

I think it had better
not be noticed as
it might mean
against them in
some occasion at a
future time.

The last few lines in
your volume & truly
may also be omitted—
let me have your note
by return of post as we
will better be on Monday
morning. If you have
a very good & the

is in time to let you
write by it, I may set
you note on Monday
morning—if not I shall
let it on Monday. I
am very sanguine that
we shall gain every
point, but nothing must
be omitted to make sure.

I have heard Mr. Green
yesterday & spoke here
on the subject—he is
very well disposed. Dr.
Madden has written an
excellent note, expressing
his wish to have the

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6. Whitehall Yard London
October 30th 1845-

My dear Sir James Clark.

I have had the pleasure to receive
your note of yesterday with your
letter dated today regarding Mr. Langman.
I shall be happy to see you either tomorrow
or Wednesday, either day will be
equally convenient to me. It would

be very gratifying to me to be
able to do anything that would
be agreeable to you, but there
are so many able and meritorious
Deputy Inspectors senior to Longmire
and to whom it would be most
unjust to promote him over them
in the way you propose that

I really cannot recommend it.

Believe me

Yours very truly

J. J. Johnson

S. 3/6

March 27th 1863.

Dear Sir James Clark,

It is true that the Director General has offered me promotion in case of Dr Logan's retirement & my acting as his successor in office. I have talked the matter over fully with Dr Parkes, and he agreed with me in thinking that I could not refuse such an offer.

I quite adhere to all that I have said, in conjunction with my colleagues, respecting the advisability of the Professorships being made permanent appointments; but my colleagues have always been aware that if promotion were offered to me my duty to my family would cause me to accept it. — The advantages afforded by

promotion, both present and prospective, more especially as to the pension of my widow in case of my death, so greatly preponderate.

But I would not have said that I would accept promotion with all its advantages if I believed my doing so would injure the School, the great importance of which I am keenly alive to. But in the present instance I believe the change contemplated would benefit the school. My proposed successor happens to be a much more experienced lecturer than I am - he has been service in the field - is an author - and, I understand, for I do not know him personally,

is a gentleman in every sense of the word.

At the same time I feel that, although quitting
the Professorship, I should not be separated
from the School & my present colleagues -
so far from it, that I could be the means
of promoting its, and their, interests very
materially, if I had a voice in the
Council at Whitehall Yard.

Believe me, very faithfully yours
Thomas Symonds

Letter from T. Longmore

to
Sir J. Clark

27 March '63

Sir J. Gibson's offer of
Promotion and Dept in
Whitehall to Longmore