

Reports from Colonel Storks, commanding the Convalescent Station at Smyrna, later Brigadier General and Commandant of Scutari Hospitals

Publication/Creation

Feb 1855-Mar 1856

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/prpb82w5>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

Private

Rec^d. 28 Feb^{ry} FCO 29/1
H (2 pp)

Myrna. February 23rd
1843.

My dear Hall -

I have just arrived here having been appointed to the command of the Station, and of the Civil General Hospital about to be established here. I have brought with me Mess^{rs}. M^r Seod & Edlow, two of the Civil Medical Officers appointed to the service of the Hospital, and Sir John Forbes, P.M.O and the rest of

his assistants were to leave
in the course of the month -
and may be expected here
shortly - I shall of course keep
you informed of how we are
getting on here & of what arrange-
ments I am able to make
for the reception of the sick to
be wounded, but I would submit
for your consideration, whether
it is not most important to send
new faces down direct from the
Crimea, & not those who have
already been in hospital at
Scutari or elsewhere, as the
success of this Hospital must

in a great measure depend
upon the exclusion of those
contagious & infectious diseases,
which Patients bring from
the Hospitals. I am unable in
this letter to do more than
report my arrival, which has
done officially through the
Adjutant General. but I hope
you will let me hear from you,
& that you will give me any
hints, which you may think
likely & enable me to efficiently
carry out the duties of this place.
I hope you have escaped all
the dangers of your post

arduous contest in the Crimea,
I trust this letter will find you
in the enjoyment of your usual
good health. It is a long time
since we met, but I have a
lively recollection of past times,
I of our Campaign in Kaffaria.

There is no news in England.
Everything is very dull, and
people are anxiously looking
forward to good news from
the Crimea. I write in great haste,
as the steamer is just going on.

Believe me, my dear Hall,

Very truly Yours,

Croft is appointed
to the South Wales
District.

W. S. Stokes.



Private.
FCO29/1

17.

Since writing the above I have
seen Mr. Powell & Dr. Humphreys,
and have been through the
Hospital, they have established
here. I have written officially
to the Mil Sec^y and have
asked for instructions, as to
what is to become of the Medical
Staff under the D^y In^t General,
on the arrival of Sir John
Forbes & his Staff, as extra hand
I think it is very desirable
that

The Civil & Military Medical
Officers should be separated, as
soon as possible, after the sick
are given over by the latter to
the former. The state of the
Hospital is very satisfactory,
and I doubt not, when I have
been able to increase the
accommodation, which I am
empowered to do in any way
I may consider most desirable,
I shall be able to ease you
a good deal. I am, Sir, your
obedient servant,

There is only room for 150 more -
I will keep you informed of how
we get on - and what other arrange-
ments I am able to make -

I write in great haste, as the
steamer is on the point of
sailing -

George
W.

Smyrna 23 Feb^y 1855-

Col^l Strick - Commune =
dent of the Convalescent
Station there

Hospital reported by him
to be in a very satisfactory
state - -

Informing me of the
arrival of part of the
Civil Staff - and
wishing to know what
is to be done with
Military Med^l Staff

Rec^d 9 March Ans^d 10 March 1855

JH

FCO 29/2

Private.

Myra. March 1st 1855.

My dear Hall.

On the 26th Capt. arrived
the Lynemouth from Secularis,
bringing me an account of
our sick of 234. I have written
to Lord Wm. Paulet by this packet,
earnestly entreating him to
send me any more sick and
wounded, until further
accommodation is provided
for them, as the Hospital is
already overcrowded, and

I regret to say, both Typhus fever
and Hospital Gangrene have
made their appearance amongst
us - however, on the whole I think
the health of the Men is improved.

I consider the selection of this
place as most fortunate - we
have a capital building, ample
supplies, a good port, & a good
climate for the greater part
of the year -

I have just received my
letters from England. I am
informed, that Sir John
Forbes, the hon. P. M. of the Civil

Medical Staff has resigned -
however, several ^{Medical men} are on the
way, & I hope in a few days to
send you an account of all
our Establishment. We have
got on wonderfully, without
present means, & Dr. Beaton
deserves the greatest praise
for all he has done, for his
indefatigable exertions -
I have applied to the Ambassador
for additional accommodations
and I hope they will send out
wooden Houses, from England
for Hospital purposes. We

Brigadier Genl. Storks

ans^d

London 11th March 55

I have a Capital site for them - On

reporting the arrival of 234 men & 2000 lbs of provisions and requesting you

The whole of sufficient means
more to be sent until further Com-
munications are received that there is

all given to us here, we may
account for them - mentioning the
resignation of Sir J. Forbes - and

we shall be of considerable
service to the Government

use to you - Everything is going

on as satisfactorily, as could

wish. The work is very hard,

you must receive a very

hurried note, for I have

only time to add, that I am

Believe me, Sir,
Very sincerely yours,

W. Storks

W. Storks

S. Hall

J. S. of Hospitals

Ru^d 15 March 1855



JH

Private.

Smyrna. March 8th 1855.

Col Stokes at Smyrna
8 March 1855 - stating that he
had despatched 8 medical officers
to return to Santuri, and had
retained D Humphrey, & Denton
until the arrival of D Meyer
the day of the 8th March 1855.

FCO29/3a

(Enclosing FCO29/3b)

My dear Hall.

This morning's French
steamer brought me an
increase to the Civil Medical
Staff already arrived (three)
of Ten Medical Officers. 3
Dispensers. 12 Orderlies &
2 Nurses. Having now
thirteen Civil Medical
Officers at my disposal I
have thought it right to

Direct & Medical Officers & 1
Dispenser (list enclosed) & 1
: crew to Sea tari by the Austrian
Steamer tomorrow, & up to
themselves to Lord Wm. Paulet.

I have directed J. Humphreys
& Deaton & her Surgeon ^{W. S. H.} ~~W. S. H.~~
to remain here until the
arrival of D. Meyer, the
new Civil D.M.O. who has
been appointed in the
place of Sir John Forbes, &
who I expect next week with
the Medical Officers. I also

expect a large detachment of Ladies,
Nurses, &c. I shall with become little
confusion & perhaps difficulty
in giving over charge & establishing
their gentleness on duties so
novel to them as ^{connects with a} ~~connects with a~~ Military
Hospital, but I hope, that all
will be overcome satisfactorily.
You will be glad to hear, that
the sick are progressing
satisfactorily, & as far as our
experience goes, we have
every reason to be satisfied
with the selection of Meyer

a Hospital for our excellent States.

The Hospital is quite full. I shall
write to Lord W. Faulstich, when
I am able to receive any more
sick.

The exertions of Dr. Humphrey
Beaton have been most
praiseworthy, & I shall be
happy to bear testimony to their
merits in an official form, should
you desire it. Hope you are
quite well. Write in great
haste so you see a hurried
scribble from, my dear Madam,
Yours very truly,

D. Hall.

Ind. Genl Hospital

W. Faulstich

Rec^d 15 March 1855



FCO 29/36

(Enclosed with FCO 29/3a)

List of medical Officers directed
to return to India.

Asst Surgeon. Peale 18 Regt

" " Raymond - 49 Regt

Staff Asst Surgeon Cleary

" " Shinton.

" " Johnson

" " Walker.

Asst Surgeon. Bubb.

" " Hyde.

Asst Surgeon. Dunsford.

(2pp.) Ru. 22 and 23 mark
Private. Syracuse 14th March
1853. FCO29/4

My dear Hall.

Accept my best
thanks for your welcome
letter. I wish I could indulge
the hope of having the pleasure
of shaking you by the hand
at an early period, but I
suppose there is little chance
of that, unless some good
fortune enables me to revisit
the Field. I am happy to be
able to give you a good account
of our health here. I wish

There is a bad fever of a typhoid
Type in the Barracks, but it
has been imported from
Scutari or the Creinea, & is not
due attributed to local influences.

I have still got Humphreys
Beatson here. but I expect
the rest or at any rate a large
proportion of my Medical Staff
by the steamer tomorrow, &
I hope to be able to spare the
services of those two excellent
Officers very soon. I don't know
what I am to do with all the
Ladies, who are coming out.

for one of the most difficult
things here is to lodge people.
The Drank Quarters is a long
distance from the Field of
Battle, seven or eight hours,
are difficult to obtain. However,
I suppose everything will
shake into its place in time.
I am glad to read your account
of affairs in the Crimea. I have
no doubt, that there has been
much exaggeration in the State-
ments, which they have been
cranking down the Bull's
throat, but at the same

time there are many things,
which require a reform and
organisation in our Military
System. - I pity poor Lord Raglan,
for he must be much annoyed
at all that is going on at all
that has been said & written about
him, & his command. - King &
Ebercourt must also be not a
little annoyed at the appointment
of General Simpson. - Surely they
cannot remain in their present
situations. - I dare say, there will
be great changes among the
General Staff in long. - The death
of the Emperor of Russia is a
great event. - it is to produce

Peace or war? Depend upon it
There will be a terrible revolu-
-tion in Russia some day.
They cannot resist the march
of Democracy imported with
Railroads, Commerce, & Shipping.
War has always been the great
Civilizer of nations, & it will be
so with Russia.

I saw old Burnaby two days
before I left London. He has
retired on Full Pay, because
he was ordered to St. Helena,
which is not a pleasant retire-
-ment for a man, who has
served at the Cape, & has a wife
& two Daughters both of whom

husbands. FitzMaurice, Berkeley
is on his back in Stratton St. with
a very pretty hole in his leg. Sur-
:guson attends him, & extracts
pieces of Bone every time he
sees him.

15 March 1853.

The French Steamer just arrived
has brought me a further instal-
ment of Medical Officers, ⁴⁻ Ladies, ¹⁹
²⁴ Nurses, & ¹⁶ orderlies - When I saw
that them all I know not, how
I am to supply their table, would
puzzle even our immortal friend
Voyce. Dr. Meyer the Civil P.M.O.
I expect by the next Austrian
Steamer from Trieste. I

shall be glad to get them all
"installed" - I send a return to
Lord William Paulet reporting
that I have 61 men fit to
return to their Regts & Ships, if the
weather takes up a little, they
shall have a further instal-
ment to send - but at present,
the rain, cold, & wind are
terrible, & from all I hear
unprecedented. I fear, when
the snow comes out, we shall
have much Fever and
illness - See that poor fellow
R. G.
Young, has committed

suicide, by throwing himself
out of the window of the Jager
at Portsmouth. I have no
time to add more, than my
sincere wishes for your health
& happiness, & my assurance
that I am, My dear Hall,

Very sincerely yours,

W. Stock.

W. Hall M.D.

—

14 March 1855
L. Stock - Printer
He arrived at London
Royal Green - Paris
and others -

Private.

FCO29/5

Myrna April 12
1853.

My dear Sir,

This morning's Steamer
brought me the Copy of a Despatch
to your Address on the subject
of sending sick and wounded
direct from the Crimea to
Myrna. I am instructed to
report to you the number of
available beds in this Hospital
This I will do by the next mail,
for it is difficult to do so by
this in consequence of changes
which have been made in
the

accommodation of the Building
and the distribution of the Cases,
from Dr. Sutherland & Dr. Meyer
having condemned the whole
of the Basement Story, & both
inserting one each Patient
having 1,000 cubic feet of
air. However best we can
I will write. We get on here
tolerably well. People begin
to shake into their places, &
I dare say the coach will work
well enough. The health of the
men is improving. The mor-
tality is decreasing, and
I have upwards of 100 men
ready for the field, & most

grateful shall I be to Lord Wm
Paulet, when he sends me
Ship to take them away. The
course of the ugly Saxon race
pursues the British Soldier
here, & drink he with.

You read the Papers of course.
What think you of Macbachi's
Committee? Dr. Smith's Evidence
is admirable. Most plucky,
& making out a very good
case. Most sincerely do I
gratulate poor Lord Taylor,
yourself & them, who have
been so unwarrantably attacked
on the triumphant way in
which you are showing

That you ably, zealously, and
conscientiously discharged your
laborious duties. It is very well
to cry out against forms - without
them, I am afraid there would
be many forgers in John Bull's
Pocket. Our weather here is
detestable. I hope it is better in
the Crimea. I am glad to find
that your health is good, and
that you bear up against
everything. I wish there was
any chance of my joining
you in the Field. It is too bad
to be tied here. Believe me
my dear Hall,

Very sincerely yours,
D. Hall. Esq. W. Roberts.

Private.

Vol. 3 - ans 2-5 ~~11/4~~ JH

FCO29/6

Smyrna April 19th

1853.

Col. Stokes informs me
that there were 227
vacant beds in the Hospital

My dear Hall, at Smyrna - JH

I send you an official
showing, that we have 225
vacant beds in this Hospital -
Yesterday despatched on
Board the Brandon 227
Men, pronounced fit to join
their Regiments. and, I hope they
will do good service, when they
get back to the Crimea, for they
have given me a great deal of
trouble here - Discipline is
sadly relaxed in this Army,

of the men I have here, are as
fair & specimens of it. and I
suspect, that the consequences
arising from those infernal
newspapers & our own Corres-
pondents will be shown in a
total break up of all our habits
of discipline & respect. His death
is deplored, but encouraging
for those, who remain in the
service. Our affairs here go
on well. The health of the
men continues to improve, &
I see nothing as yet to alter
my opinion, that Anapa
is a very desirable place
for a Hospital & convalescence.

etation. I am very anxious
to hear how you are getting on
before Lebas departs. We have
all sorts of reports here. Some so
gross, that the most credulous
would not believe them. & the
Greeks of course are not idle
in disseminating reports,
injurious to us & our allies.

By all accounts your weather
has been very bad. here it has
been detestable, gales of wind,
rain, & cold. The season has
been most unpropitious.

I hope you continue in
the enjoyment of your usual
good health. I forwarded

W. Beaton the other day,
thru my letter from the Secy
our expressing satisfaction
at my report of his services &
exertions here - I hope justice
will be rendered to all our
people in the long run -

I write in haste, & have
only time to add, that I am
always, My dear Hall,

Very sincerely yours,

W. Beaton

D. Hall M.D.

I. S. H.

W. Beaton,

Rec^d 7 May - Jan^y 7th

FCO 29/7

Private.

Myena. 3. May 1853.

My dear Hall.

The Sydney arrived here on the 1st with 97 sick on board - two died on the passage - I send you an official about our accommodation - our staff is much too large for the numbers we can take in - they are most anxious to have more employment - I have



forwarded to Lord Wm. Paulet
an Official Dr. Meyer has
sent to me on the subject,
which will doubtless be
referred to you - I hear, that
you are going to keep all
your wounded at your
new Hospital at Balaklava
if it works well, you are
quite right - Why subject
men to all the inconveniences
& even dangers of the
passage? There is now

more hospitals, than are
required. When shall we
meet? I should like to
have a long talk with you.
I have much to talk you, these
I can write.

To your Board members
needed in Inverness. I have
the conference, & there is
nothing for it now but to
fight. My A.S. (Whitmore)
desires to be kindly
remembered to you.

He is a hard working fellow,
& I find him very useful.
I hope you are quite well.
I wish the worse for you

hand to take. I have,
Bellevue Hospital,
New York, New York

W. Stokes

John Halliday M.D.
Surg. Genl. of Hospital
W. Hunter

Stamps 3 May 53
L. Stokes on the
date of the report of
the arrival of
by Stokes with 97 stamps

On Her Majesty's Service.

Rec^d 25 May 1856

Ans^d 26 May 1856

Private

Pay of Capt. General
Staff at Singapore -

no. 9700 entered in the

T. F. W. Stokes

Hull. M.D.

Inspector of Hospitals,

Head Quarters,

Canton.

140
182
232



Private
(2pp.)

FCO29/8

Hydrabad 17 May 1858.

My dear Hall.

Many thanks for
your two notes. In reply to
your query about the pay
of the Civil Medical Officers
belonging to this Establish-
ment, I annex a statement
showing, what each class
receives. You may well
draw comparisons between
your pay after 40 years

service in all climates & in
all dangers, added to such
grave responsibility as you
have, & the salaries of these
Justices. But it always
has been so, & with even less
so. We are all underpaid.
I, after 27 years service, \$6,400
spent in commissions, with
the financial and other
responsibility here, with the
Staff of a general office, as well
always an an expensive
addition, don't receive as much

as within the Physicians or
Surgeons. However, we can
& do our duty, as well as
those more largely remuner-
ated. I send you an
official about our vacant
beds. All our people are
doing well, & there is nothing
to get I point out Surgeons,
as an extraordinarily unhelpful
place. They are very nervous
about it at home. and I don't
think they will increase
our buildings. I am

informed, that Dr. Parkes has
pitched his Camp at the
Sardanelles, a short dis-
tance from the Consul (W.
Calvert) house - from which
I can learn the locality as-
sketed must be anything
but healthy, and as for
supplies, they will be very
badly off. I hope they will
reduce the Medical Staff
here, for it is far too large
for our present numbers,
Lillieup, as you know is

17 May 1855

FCO 29/8²

The report of the committee.

I am sorry to find, that the
Siege has not succeeded better.

What can have brought back
the poor Brown's Expedition?

I don't see how any General
can command an Army in

the Field with an Electric
Telegraph from Downing St.

His head quarters, & a

part of the correspondence of the

the public papers. Really poor

Lord Raglan is placed in

a most painful & difficult

situation. and it must be

2
: give all his costumes &
"Lang Joid" to avoid such
unpleasant results from
such checks & control. What
think you of Micheli's appoint-
: ment to the Turkish Contingent.
They will find it difficult to
get men to fill its ranks.

I had a letter from W. Rumbly
the other day. It appears, that
Fitz is still in Fergusson's hands,
& pieces of bone are still coming
away from his leg. He would
be fit for work again for some
months. My M. C. desires

his best compliments to you - Good
bye. My dear Hall, with
best wishes,

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

W. S. Hoar.

A Hall M.D.

to be read.

Head Quarters.

M.

We have 170 Sacant Wood.

See -

J. D.

Medical Superintendent,
with no allowances. £2000
per annum

Surgeons & Physicians 2^d 2^d
per diem, lodgings & a Table
gratis. Those who are married
receiving a money allowance
of $6\frac{1}{6}$ per diem in lieu of
quarters & Table.

but Surgeons & best Physicians
25^s per diem, & the same
allowances as above.

All travelling & expenses to
paid.

M.S.

Private.

Recd 10 Aug 55
Mr Tomplin put in orders
13 August M

FCO 29/9

Myrna. 3 Aug. 1855.

My dear Hall.

The Bears of this date
Mr Tomplin of the Civil
Medical Staff has volun-
teered his services in the
Field, & he proceeds in
the Austrian Steamer to-
day. I place his services
at your disposal.

I gladly avail myself
Y

The opportunity of introducing
him to you - & of recommending
him to your notice and
protection. He is a particular
friend of mine. I am
quite sure you will find
him a valuable addition
to your staff.

I will write to you more
at length next week.

I expect to move to Scutari
very

600
soon having received
official notice on the
subject. In haste,

Bellevue, New York
Wm. S. G. S. S.

W. S. G. S.

J. Hall M.D.

Surgeon of Hospitals.

Senturi 3 Aug^t 1855

Brigadier Genl Stokes
informing me that Mr
Campbell, Civil Surgeon,
had embarked for the
Crimea in the Australian
Steamer, as a volunteer

Put in Genl Orders 10th
Aug^t 1855

JH

Rec^d 14 Sept^r ans^d 16 Sept^r 1853

Private.

Mr. Hall
Barrister at Law
FCO 29/10

Justautieple -

Sept 8 1853.

My dear Hall.

I have been kept in
such a perpetual whirl, that
I really have not had time
to let you of my removal
from Surinam here. I arrived
at justautieple a week
ago, in consequence of a hitch
in the orders of the Lord Com.
in chief & the War Department
in not having even yet
appointed Lord William Keith

to the command of a Brigade,
I have not assumed the command
absentari. I do, however on
Monday, & shall not be sorry for
it, for trusting our health about
Constantinople is poor fun.

I received your official about the
Civil Surgeons. There, Messrs Eddowes,
Kulke & Ranke proceed from hence
on Monday to place themselves
under your orders. They are good
& efficient men, & I recommend
them to your notice & protection. I shall
send a copy of your letter to Dr Meyer
and I doubt not, others will be found
willing to be under your
orders. From what I hear from
home, I imagine the Medical
Officers, who can be spared from

Suzyma, will be attached to Dr
Parker at Rangoon.

I shall send you Officially, if you
to. P. has not already done so, an
extract from a despatch of Lord Lau-
mure to my address - in which referring
to the proposed plan of giving 1000
to the Lord inwards, he disapproves of
allotting any portion of the Hospital
at Rangoon to the Lord inwards -
which he desires may be kept as
a Reserve for the British Army -
he adds "in my opinion, it will be
expedient even while Scentari Hospital
has available a commodating bed
some Patients to Rangoon; so soon as
Dr Parker reports his readiness to receive
them, if only to keep the establishment
in working order, it to prepare for the

heavier labors, which may be
anticipated in the ensuing winter.
Dr. Parker has likewise reported, that
he is able to admit sick into his new
Establishment, & I wish communicate
further with you on the subject.
From what I have seen of the Hospitals
at Scutari, they seem in Capital order.
I shall pay my official visits early
next week, & will let you know, what
I think of them. How tired you must
be getting of this interminable siege.
I am glad to hear, that your health
continues good. I shall be rejoiced to see
you again. My name has been sent from
home with others for a Brigade, but I shall be
kept here for a time I suppose at any rate.
Farewell, my dear & Well, when you have time
to write pray do. with kindest wishes, Believe me
Yours very sincerely
J. Hall M.D. J. H. Stokes

Put in Genl. orders
16 Sept: for duty in
Genl Hosp. Camp

H. H. H.
B

FCO 29 / 11
General Hospital - Camp -
15 Sept - 1855

Sir

with the sanction of Dr. Meyer

I beg to tender my services as Civil

Assist. Surgeon to the army in the field -

Yours Sir

Your humble & obed. Servant

J. M. H. H.

Dr. Hall

Inspr. Genl.

15 Sept. 1855

Put in Genl. orders for duty in the Genl Hospital
Camp 16 Sept 1855

FCO 29/12

St

General Hospital.

Camp.

Sept 15. 1855

Sir

With the sanction of Dr Meyer
superintendent of the Mysna Hospital
I beg to offer myself for service
in the army in the Crimea.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm Suddroes

Civil assistant Surgeon

Dr Hall

15 Sept^r 1856

Mr Edowes' offer
of services in Camp
before Shoshone

accepted

General Hospital, Camp

Sept. 14th 1855.

Put in front orders pro duty at the Genl. Hosp Camp
16 Sept 1855

J.

Sir,

With the permission of the
Medical Superintendent at Smyrna
I beg to tender my services as
Civil Ass^t Surgeon to her Majesty's
forces in the field.

I have the honor to remain

Sir,

Your most obedient & humble Serv^t

N. Lawrence M.D.

Ass^t Surgeon to the Brit.
Genl. Hosp^l at Smyrna

Dr. Wall
Inspector Gen^l
L L L

14 Sept 1858

Shankes' offer
of service in camp
before Sebastopol -

accepted

Recd. 15 Sept^r 1855 - ans^d 16 Sept^r

FCO 29/14

Hall

Scutari. Sep^r 10 1855.

My dear Hall.

This letter will be delivered to you by Mr Hulke, Edgewood, Member of the Civil Medical Staff at Smyrna, who proceed this day to the Crimea to place themselves under your orders.

You will find them zealous and efficient. desirous of doing well, & I recommend them to your kind notice & protection - Believe,

Believe me, My dear Hall,

Very sincerely yours,

H. Hall, M.D.

Prot General of Hospitals

Head Quarters.

M. Roberts.

15 Sep 1856

Dr. Buckle's paper
on the
Grimm

Recd. Sept: 19th 1855 - Sick sent down in the infirmary - 230

H

Head Quarters, (FCO 29/15a
FCO 29/156-c
attached)

Scutari, 11th Sept 1855.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
the accompanying Extract from a
Despatch, received from the Secretary
of State, War Department, and to
request that you will be good enough
to send direct, any sick, or wounded,
you may destine for the Hospital,
at Renkioi, as recommended in
the case of the Hospital at Smyrna.
It is for the advantage of the Patients
that they should be sent at once to
their destination, without disem-
-barking, or re-embarking at Scutari.
I shall instruct Lt. Col. Parkes by

To

Dr. Hall
M.D.

Thursday

Inspector Genl of Hospitals

W. W. W.

Thursdays post, to be ready to
receive Sick, and Wounded - he
has reported accom^modation for
600. Men. -

I have the honor to be.

Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,

W. R. Stables
General

Rec^d 19/9-55

FCO 29/156
(attached to FCO 29/15a)

Extract from a Despatch, dated, War
Department, 25th August 1855. Addressed to
N^o. 4. B. General Staff.

As regards the Hospital at
Rentiroi, I do not approve of allot-
-ting the Sardinian Sick to it, witho-
-out the clearest necessity existing
for such a course. It may be
anticipated that this Hospital will
be wanted in the winter months,
and the Civil Medical Officers attach-
-ed to that Hospital will not be
easily available for any of our
Military Hospitals. This Hospital
should therefore be kept as a reserve
for the Sick, and Wounded of the
British Army.

In my opinion, it will be
expedient, even while Sautari
Hospital has available accomoda-
-tion, to send some Patients to

Rentiroi,

Renkivi, so soon as Dr. Parkes
reports his readiness to receive
them, if only to keep the establish-
-ment in working order, and to
prepare it for the heavier labors
which may be anticipated in
the ensuing Winter

I have &c
"Signed" Samuel

"A true Extract"

W. Stokes
B. J.

Sw² 19/9 - 55

FCO 29/15c

(attached to FCO 29/15a)

Head Quarters,

Scutari, 11th Sept 1855.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that the Civil Medical Officers named in the Margin, from Smyrna, and Rensioi, proceed to the Crimea, to place themselves under your orders, with the understanding, that they are to return to their respective Stations, when ever their services may be required.

Smyrna

Mr Muller

Mr Eddowes

Dr Runkle

Rensioi

Mr Buchanan - ^{has resigned & returned to England}

Mr Maunders

Dr Cowan - ^{has resigned & returned to England}

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant,

S

Dr. Hall M.D.

Inspector Genl of Hospitals
Crimea

W. Stokes
General

Harv. Department

25 August 1856

Order to send Link to Rankin

Smyrna & Rankin Hoops

Ans^d 8 October 1855 - Ans^d 9 Oct^r 1855

Hau

FCO 29/16a

(Enclosing FCO 29/166)

Number of vacant beds in
the 7th Hosp^l Scutari 2327

Head Quarters,

Scutari, 6 Oct^r 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit to you, for your
information and guidance,

22^d Sep^r 1855.

the copy of a letter received
from the Deputy Secretary
at War, on the subject
of sending sick and
Wounded to Smyrna..

As it has been
decided that Patients
are to be sent direct from

the
Dr. Hall, M. D.,

Inspector General

of Hospitals, P. M. O.,

se se se

Coinea.

the Crimea to Smyrna,
I have the honor to request,
that you will be good
enough to take steps for
complying with the
Secretary of State's instructions.

By the last Returns,
there are 500. vacant Beds
at Smyrna.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

W. E. Hoole,
Principal

Copy

Head Quarters Camp
Sebastopol 9 Oct. 1855.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 6th Inst. giving cover to a Copy of a letter from the War Office dated 22nd September and numbered $\frac{156,745}{539}$ conveying Lord Palmerston's desire that sick and wounded should be sent to the Civil Hospital at Smyrna, and remarking on the length of time that has elapsed since any patients were sent to that Establishment. I have the honor to observe that Smyrna is distant from the Crimea, is not a desirable place, in my opinion, to send sick to during the summer months, and fortunately there has never been any pressure for Hospital accommodation, as the Establishment at Scutari has at all times had an abundance of room; and at the present moment, two thousand three hundred and twenty seven beds are reported to me by the Principal Med^l Officer there to be empty and ready for the reception of sick, -

His Lordship's order, however, shall be complied with when the Hospital ships now fitting are ready for the reception of sick; but the distance of both Smyrna & Mentari is a drawback to their usefulness, and if they are to be occupied an additional quantity of sick transport will be required - -

I have &c

(Signed) J. Hall
Genl of Staffs.

Brigadier Genl. Storks
Commanding
Scutari

6 Oct 1856

Letter about Sundryak
to Smyrna Renkari

Recd. 8 October 1855 and Comd. to the C.C.

Immediate

St.

(Copy.)

FCO29/164

(Enclosed with FCO29/164)

No. $\frac{156,745}{539}$

War Office.

22^d September 1855.

Sir,

I am directed, by
the Secretary at War, to
call your attention to the
long interval that appears
to have elapsed since
any Sick or Wounded
Soldiers have been sent
down to Smyrna; - and to
inform you, that Lord
Palmere is desirous that

The Commandant,

Scutari.

the use should be made
of that Hospital, which
was contemplated by
the Government, when
the expensive Staff
of Medical Practitioners
was attached thereto.

I have, &c.

(signed) B. Hawes.

A. T. Murphy,
M.D.
M.D.

Mr. Department 22 Sept 1855

Order to send Lick to Smyrna

Lt -

Private & Confidential. Rm 26-10-58
Am 26-10-58

Wau
Autum, 23 October 1858.

FCO29/17

My dear Hall,

I am much obliged to
you for your letter. I hope, that
we shall hear of no more differ-
ences amongst the Ladies.

It appears, by a confidential com-
munication I have received
from Mr Hawes, that the
Government are desirous
of reducing the expensive
Medical Staff at Chelsea,
who have been so long eating
the Bread of Idleness. Can
you

Take any of them full time, & if so
how many? on receiving your
Answer I will communicate with
Dr. Parker, private volunteers for
the field. It is most desirable to
reduce their numbers, and I hope
you will consent to receive a good
number. I have just written in
order to take charge of the
Hospitals at Scutari. Cumming
goes in a day or two - he has
worked hard and done well,
& I hope he will be rewarded
when he gets to England.

I hope all your duties have
settled down quietly, & that

They give you no further trouble or
annoyance. The news from the Seat
of War appears good - We are looking
out for the Russian Prisoners, who
have been taken at Silbournie.
I am going to locate them all
on the Island of Porto.

I suppose all active operations
will be soon suspended in the
Caucasus, & that people will begin
to make themselves comfortable
for the winter. Have I any
chance of seeing you here this
winter? I need not say you
will receive a hearty welcome

I can put you up, that is to say I
can give you a room in the
D^{ns} Hospital, & a knife & fork
Pray come, the charge will
do you good - I believe,

Believe me, my dear Madam
Very sincerely yours

W. Stokes.

Surgeon General Dr. Hall M.D;
to _____

London 20 October 1855
Wm Stokes

Rev. Dr. Holt (2pp)

May 28th 1855

FCO 29/18

Redeem Scutari. 17 Nov. 1855.

My dear Hall.

Many thanks for
your welcome note. I am glad
to find, that you are in good
health & spirits. Would that
I could say as much for
here. We have been visited
since Wednesday last by
that fearful scourge Cholera,
which has carried off
carrying off its victims every
hour. Poor Dr. H. G. is dead
this

Morning at 3 o'clock - The Doctor
of the German Legion is abroad among
the list of Victims - however, the
Cholera, they say, never stays
long here, it is the belief, that
it will soon leave us - God
grant it may - I am inclined
to think, that the German Legion
would not wish them from Eng-
land, should they had it very
badly.

Great changes at the Admiralty
What do you think of your new
Com' in Chief? Will he do better
than his predecessors? Poor
General Simpson passed
through here in the Telegraph

without communicating with
anybody. This certainly, she
knew under the circumstances,
& he would certainly have done
better had he remained in the
surgery berth he filled at the
Horse Guards. Colonel Keppel
of the War Department has
arrived here, charged with a
special mission - Surgery is
to be broken up for the present,
as a hospital - & occupied
by Troops of the Swiss Legion -
The nucleus of the Red & Staff
& Hospital for 500 men is
then returned - The sick

Medical Staff, Nurses, &c are to
go to Dr. Parker at Mankoi, & he
can take them. Now, the project
is to break up Kulubi, & con-
centrate all the Hospital Estab-
lishments into this Boreach
the General Hospital. It will
consider Kulubi as written
the most valuable Hospital
because, as sick can land
there in all weathers - not
so at Mankoi. Of course the
object is economy & benefi-
ciment, & it is able to meet
Parliament with reduced

Establishments, as things stand
at present, we have 1000^c
accommodations absolute
for 3335 men - spare Beds
2288. but if we give up Rules
there will be some reduction in
our numbers. The whole
thing is under consideration
we have got a part blancher
from Lord Vauxhall, & the
decision will be come to as
soon as we have looked
closely into the expenditure
of Parker's Establishment
is to be increased to it

full complement. The talks of
having accommodation for
1500 men by 2 mos. I doubt it.
Write let you know more as
matters progress.

The Ladies at Koulali have resigned
with Miss Kutton at their head -
in consequence of the P. M. S. en-
quiring that letters should be
inserted in the Salt Lake - Many
accepted their resignation.
They protest it is from no paper
I know. I have not time to
add more, than that some
I have doubtless, by dear Madam,

Yours very sincerely
Wm. L. Galt

17 April 1856 - Scutari

Brisadier Genl-Shorts

informing me that Cholera
was prevalent in the Garrison
here

Rec^d 30 October 1855 - (2pp)

FCO 29/19

Ans^d 31 October 1855

Private.

St
Santari. 27 Oct. 1855.

My dear Hall.

I have only time to
write a few lines to acquaint
you, that yesterday received
by Telegraph instructions
from Lord Palmerston to appropriate
vacant Hospital accommodations
at Santari for 3000
Infantry, & that I am to stop
the First Regt. of the German
Legion, now on its way to the
Crimea. Their ~~guns~~ ^{baggage} & equipment
all remain here for the winter.

after consulting Linton &
turning the matter over
my own mind, I have decided
on appropriating half the
B^d Hospital, to hold and leave
to separate, I wish especially
the soldiers from the patients by
cutting off all communication
by means of partitions in
B^d and a large wooden
railing across the W^d Square
aisle.

I consider Keble as the most
important Est^l the Government
has, as men can be landed
there at any time or in any
weather. Linton & Lawson

earnestly interested in to open
the B^d Hospital, which is so
eminently adapted to hospital
purposes & is far superior to
the B^d Hosp.

When all these arrangements
are completed, you shall have
a correct return of the vacant
Hosp^l accommodations - but,
pray, if you have any seeds
send down five or six packages
of the Sardinian (Neuroi)
Shilb. the fine weather lasts -
If you wish send them direct,
I will send them on from
here -

All tends to show, that Secretary

with the coming the great Depot for
the Army, as it ought to have been
long ago -

I have also received instructions
to ~~take~~ ^{receive} the second Regt of
Cossacks (Plas) of the Siberia, they
are to be encamped.

735 Russian Prisoners & 7 Officers
have arrived from Khibour
they are all to be located with the
Prisoners I have in the Arsenal
on one of the Princes Islands.
This new arrangement to
be carried out ^{immediately} they should
as you may suppose are
quite full. For how many

have you hospital accommodations
 in the Crimea? It stands to reason
 if your cases do well on the
 spot, it is much better to
 treat them there, than to send
 them elsewhere -

The Servicians have got the
 upper hand at Koulouly -
 I had made the arrange-
 ment taking the same
 been decided, that they
 are better by themselves.

They are not yet "installed"
 The first Detachⁿ of the Medical
 Staff Corps has arrived -

When are you coming down here
to see me? I have no news to
give you, beyond the report from
a good source that the Chief
is to be relieved - who is the
his successor none knows,
or can imagine. Goodbye
My dear Hall,

Believe me always,

Yours most sincerely

W. S. L.

[22] Oct 1835

27

Benjamin Ford Works
about Dept-accounts
at Scutari

10/27

27

FCD 29/20

Dear Sir,

Leicester, March 6th
1856.

My dear Sir,

The Bearer of this note
Mr. Sanders, French Inspector
General of Hospitals is anxious
to make your acquaintance,
and to talk to you on pro:
fessional subjects. He has
asked me for an intro:
duction to you, which I
have great pleasure in

giving him, because I am
sure it will be agreeable to
you to make his acquaintance.

I congratulate you on the
honors lately conferred on
you - & hope you may long
live to enjoy them.

Believe me,

Respectfully Yours,

W. R. R. R.

Not General of Hospitals

in San Hall, B. C. B.

in the

Union.

Letter from Sir John Hall
to Mrs. Baudens

FCO 29/21

My dear D Sanders-

I send you a specimen of the Cork Mattress we propose taking into the field with us for the use of the sick, & wounded, in the event of another Campaign -

I send you also a specimen of the water proof cover (No 1) that we use in our hospitals for the protection of the bedding from blood, and other discharges -

No 2, was intended for a water proof Blanket to protect the men from wet either in their tents, or tents, or in the open field, but, from its defective manufacture it is a decided failure, and the subject has been submitted for re-consideration, as I am quite sure the article admits of great, and useful improvement -

Accept a copy of our Official Regulations for the management of Regimental Hospitals - at page 109 you will find Scales of the diets used in our Hospitals; but these have been reduced to two in the field, and have

assimilated

the ordinary diet, as near to the health station of the
Soldier as I could, for the convenience of drawing
articles of supply from the Commissariat.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our bed head
Ticket, and a pack store list which is furnished to each
man on entering a general hospital - This is not deemed
necessary in a Regimental Hospital, as such matters are
considered more immediately under the supervision of the
Commanding officer of the Corps, and the Captain of the
Sick men's Company.

From long residence in this camp our
Regimental Hospitals have accumulated many of the
comforts of fixed hospitals for the benefit of the Sick; but
we have a much more limited equipment for the field,
which shall have much pleasure in showing you if you
will do us the honor of visiting any of our Regimental
Establishments.

I have been much pleased with your
Clinique, and am glad to observe that you made
such extensive, and satisfactory use of water dripping
for your wounded in Algeria - We used it
with

equal advantage in the Kaffir wars at the Cape of
Good Hope - Here it is used, but not so extensively
as we have had a number of young Officers, and Civilian
Surgeons fresh from their different Schools, and each one
duly imbued with the importance of the doctrine of his
own particular teacher - and, as you know, it is not profitable
to interfere with the professional prejudices of others so long
as they are not injurious -

The enclosed table of the result of a certain
number of cases of wounded that have been recorded
may be interesting to you, and I take leave to forward
it to you -

I am

My dear Doctor

With much respect and esteem

Yours very faithfully

John Hall

Inspector General of Hospitals

English Army

Lt. Sanders

Inspector Genl. of Hospitals

French Army