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To Thomas Longmore

from Deputy Surgeon General William Alexander Mackinnon
(on personal staff of Lord Clyde in Mutiny)

1886 - 8

MacKinnon

6. Craig Court

L. 38/1

SW

31. 7. 86

My dear Longmore.

I was under the impression I had written to you some time back but in the confusion that has existed in the office for the last few weeks, the letter was never sent; & I found it among a lot of other papers some days back. I am sorry to tell

for that the Financial
people decline to allow
for any remuneration
for your review, and
though the Dy recommended
it. I hope you will not
review any more for them
it is not mean, & we
in your place would
decline to do any work of
that kind again. We are
now in a new office a
miserable hole in Craig's
Court. Opposite Cox & Co
I hope it
is only a temporary arrange-
ment. I see the Indian
men have again taken the
highest places at the final
exam. I hope Jessie is
getting on well. I have
not seen Willie for a
long time. I shall be back
till Sept. and then go
away for some weeks.
I was very sorry to miss
you the last day you was
up for the Senate Meeting
when I was away at
Dorling from Saturday till
today. I see Frank now
& again & sometimes go
with

has to capitals.

Let me know any day
for our letter she up.
I am staying for the next
10 or 12 days with a
friend of mine at
Hersington Palace, it is
quite like a visit to the
country for me. With
kindest regards to you
all. Believe me

Yours very sincerely,
W. A. MacArthur


L 38/2



2. 8. 86

My dear Longmore,

I think you should write officially exactly what you have written to me privately, and send it on in the usual manner, but without alluding to the refusal already given as you only know of privately through me



There is no use in
resting quietly about
the matter, and a letter
from you may make them
ashamed of themselves.

I return you Muir's
letter also two others
you sent me to peruse
long ago. I believe Hunter-
ton is a very nice place
I knew some people who
were there last year.
I return your letter to
me

I have marked in
pencil the part I think
you should put in your
official letter.

With kind regards

Believe me

yours very sincerely
W. A. Mackintosh

Woolstone, 1st Aug^r 1866

My Dear Mackinnon, Many thanks for yr. Letter just received. I hardly know which most surprises me, the want of liberality, I may say just dealing, in those who rule in financial matters at the Stationery Office, or that I should not have heard long ago of the decision that nothing was to be given for the work of the Optical Manual - seeing the time elapsed since you sent in the application - I think March last - I know it was during the time the Dir. Gen^l was confined to his house at Blackheath. The "Optical Manual" is not a simple revise of the Optic Manual but is really a different work - it represents some years of labour in leisure hours & contains the results of many original experiments - especially in the parts which deal with optics as applied to the use of the rifle. This may be readily seen by any one who compares the Optical Manual with the ~~Optic~~^{Optic Manual} Manual. I know the book has been selling well for a War office book - I know it would have had a much larger sale if it had been printed & published in a different way - & I am given to understand it would have been a source

Source of some income to myself. I am, after me
had it been put into the hands of a publisher as Porter's
Handbook was. However I will say nothing
more about it — the refusal of remuneration for the
book does not affect me so much as the little value
that seems to have been set upon it. In turning over
some papers in my Ophthalmic portfolio about a
fortnight ago I came across a letter from Muir
referring to compensation for the Ophthalmic manual
of 12 years ago & this it was which led me to inquire
about the Optical book — I inclose it for you to look
at — let me have it again — you will see I had
been writing to him about poor Porter.

I was very sorry to be called away
the very day the D. G. came down to wind up
the session at Netley. I felt rather strange in
my visit to Osborne. I was ordered to go in
plain clothes — "not in uniform of any kind".
I went down in the steamer from Southampton
with Douglas MacLagan of Edin^h — whom you
no doubt know — & M^r. Tomes the eminent dental
surgeon. It was a great pleasure to me to
have a talk with Dr. MacLagan — I have known

him for many years past & I was with him
a good deal when I was up in Edinburgh
about the portrait. He had to return to
Edin^h - as he had come down - very hurriedly.
At Ashburne General Pausonby talked to me
a long time about the regimental Hosp^l system
& the absence of reg^t surgeons - a subject w^h I
thought had been concluded long ago -

The session at Netley has been a very tiring
one, & I am going on the 10th instant to
stay at Hurstaston on the Yorkshire coast for
a few weeks. I shall have to write there
an introductory address for the 1st of Oct^r - a
task I would rather be clear of

Kindest regards from all here

Very sincerely yours

Thos Longmore

Glad to hear Frank is all right

Mackinnon

L.38/4



21. 7. 07.

My dear Longmore,

Just a line to
tell you that I have
made up my mind not
to retire and told the
D^y so yesterday. I suppose
I shall remain here till
Oct^r - then I shall be
prepared to go wherever
I am ordered. Gibraltar
Malta the only two
places

I can be sent aboard.

I am afraid by remaining
or is a regular sell for
some. However I will tell
you more about it
when we meet.

I was at the Duke of
L's Levee the other day
& my interview with him
decided me not to leave.
Sorry I did not see you
on Saturday, but I was
at the P. of Wales:
Levee &

did not come to office.

kindest regards by all.

Believe me

yours very sincerely.

W. A. Mackintosh

L 38/5



1. 8. 87.

My dear Longacre,

Very many thanks
for the cutting for
the Forthampton paper
giving me the account
of the doings at Nilly
I wish I could have
been as one of your friends
there on the occasion
but for that that trip
I was unable to be
present

how much I wished to
have been with your
other friends to do you
honour on the occasion.

The Committee on equipment
at Aldershot propose to
have the Field Dressing
put in a pocket on
lining on the inside of
the right hand skirt
of soldiers tunic or
jacket. but they say
it must be altered
in the folding. I propose

to have one folded according
to be placed in the silver
foil & parchment in.
I send you the size &
weight the bulk as it
is suggested by Committee.

I think it will fit
nicely & is much flatter
than the present method
of folding. Let me know
what you think of the
proposed plan.

Yours sincerely
N. A. Martin

L. 38/6

Private

Sept. 9. 1888

My dear Longmore.

I arrived in this
country last month
on the 2nd month leave &
embark again for Feb.
on the 11: of next month.
I have only been in town
for a few days having
remained at Torquay
for a fortnight.
I have not yet seen the
L.G. he

has been away, but returns
tomorrow. I hear. I have
had a very satisfactory
interview with the Duke
who was most kind. I also
saw Wellesley in the Duke's room
and shall see him again
before I leave town on the
12th for Scotland.

I hear from Webb that you
and yours are at Limerick
but as I do not know
your address there I send
this by Woodhouse.
I shall see the Duke most
likely tomorrow when I shall

hear something I desire,
whether it be truth or no
I don't know, nor do I care
much about what is said
by the brothers who now
make the Dept. Clarke &
Co. the former is fully
appreciated at the House
guards they know all about
that job there now.

I hope you are all well &
that I may see you before I
return to Gen. I shall be back
in town about the 28th or 30th
Sept. & if you are at home
shall be down to see you.

With very kindest
regards

for each & all of you.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

W. A. MacMaster

18. Victoria St

L. 38/7

Mr.

Pinck

March 31st 1890.

My dear Longmore.

I have read the
enclosed, & let me
know if you intend
going to the Congress.
I have for writing a
paper on the subject
referred to. I have
said some time
ago

I would go, but the
fact ^{is} my ignorance of
French & German
make me dread going
to Berlin, particularly
as I expect I should
be put so much to
the point and so
conspicuous a position
I don't aspire to
and which interests

a knowledge of either
language would make
me most uncomfortable
& as happy. I suppose
Godwin will go. he
could start the discussion
if you don't go. but
I do hope you will go.
I sent your Report
to you & connect on
Saturday. yours v. p.
W. A. Mackintosh

L. 38/8

18. Victoria St
SW

Mac Donnell General
Army Medical & Staff
Friend - Y.M.C.



27-11-91

My dear Longrose.

I should like to hear
how you are getting on.
I was very sorry to hear
later that you had not
been very well, but
hope sincerely that you
are quite well again.

I have been pretty busy
since my return from
leave and have always
some unpleasant work
of

some kind in hand, mine
is a difficult team to
drive. I suppose
you go occasionally to
Netley. I must say that
now that you have left
it I cannot take the
same interest in the
place as I did, and I
have a feeling it may
be a wrong one. That
your departure takes
away much of the old
prestige of the school
hospital. Where is Willie
this winter? I hope you
get good accounts of

him. I see a good deal of
Faulkner. I declined the other
day to join the St. John's
Ambulance Committee who
have treated Faulkner most
sharefully. With very kind
regards to each & all of
you.

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
W. A. MacArthur

Private

L 38/9

24-6-92



My dear Longmore

There is no doubt
that Baehert if 65. or
over will have to go.

I have heard nothing
about it yet, but I
suppose the Financial
people will take action
in the matter. I suppose
he will get a pension.
I should like to know the
exact time he has been
at Nettie & what
salary she draws. &
then

I can ascertain
the pension he is entitled
to. I will not move in
it till called upon by
W.O. & if he has to go
I will do all I can for
him. He has been a most
faithful hard working
sitting fellow & well worthy
of the highest pension
they can give him.

How is poor Aitken?
entre nous I have made
up my mind to get a
high class Civilian
Pathologist to succeed
Aitken. I

cannot give it to Bruce
& Welch being a D.S.P.
makes it impossible for him.
Pathology is now such a
new science during the
past few years that some
of our Med. Officers are up
in it. I have a first rate
civilian of the highest
qualifications in view now,
and hope to get the matter
settled soon. Should I
announce this at the next
Senate meeting or should
I have the appointment
settled by S. of S. first &
then tell Senate. I want
to do the right thing
towards

the Senate. Jaeger had
a motion recorded on the
minutes of our last meeting
that the Professorships
should always be given to
any Med Officers. I have
taken good counsel & advice
with Frank & others. I think
you will agree that I am
doing right in getting a high
class man well up in the
most recent & advanced
pathology of the day & that
will do much credit to the
school. With kindest
regards to you all.

Yours very sincerely
W. A. Macmillan

31-7-96.

My dear Longman -

I herewith return the order. I am very sorry I was unable to be present yesterday, but really it would have pained me so much, that bidding you farewell for the service would have caused me to break down, had I attempted to speak on the occasion. It is most unfortunate

Ritter & Maclean being
also absent. I shall call
& see Maclean when I
find out where he is.

With very kindest
regards. Believe me

Yours very sincerely,
W. A. MacArthur