

Two letters from Florence Nightingale at Balaklava during the Crimean War to Staff Surgeon G.S. Beatson, with notes of Beatson's replies

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Letters from
Helenus Nightingale
Jan. Cunice



RMC 902/1

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Nov 20/
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Sir

I hear that you have
just arrived from Scutari,
bringing an account of
the outbreak of Cholera
there -

May I, though a stranger
to you, trouble you to
inform me of the extent
of it & the number of
deaths?

I remain Sir

Yr obed^t serv^t

Florence Nightingale

Kalukluma & Mr
20 June

Madam

It is six weeks since I
left Pindulu & Sentai for
this place. but I was
yesterday informed by
Mr. Fothergill that the
Rev. Mr. Mallum had
arrived yesterday fore-
noon and reported on
seven outbreaks of Cholera
at Sentai. He mentioned
Luchien, that there had
been 25 deaths, among
others, I regret to say, my
friends Dr. Humphreys &
Lummer. I was unable
to ascertain whether the
disease was still prevailing
when Mr. Mallum left
or whether it had past

first appeared at the
Mass. - a Barnack.

Gives and respectfully

W Benton
Happings of course

I am reporting letters
from my friend Mr
Robinson and will
let you know of them
any further particulars

RAMC 902/1

G. Beaton Esq R.D.
Staff Surgeon 1st Lt.



General Hospital
Balaklava

Ramc 902/2

April 14 1856

My dear Sir

I have talked the matter of the
Beds (for our accommodation) over with
our Sisters - as you desired -

1. We are one less in number
than the Sisters who formerly
served this Hospital - & occupied three Beds.

2. The Summer is advancing, &
I have already one Sister sick with
Fever, (whom you kindly visited this
morning) & who requires a separate
Bent to herself - i.e. half a Bed.

3. There was no call for the
necessity of finding Beds for Surgeon's
Clerks till the departure of the eleven
Sisters, who are now replaced by
ten - Why, then, is there now? +

4. The proximity of young men

+ this may well be asked -

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2 "Sisters of Mercy" in Hut are
three feet apart is, to say the least
of it, disagreeable.

Nevertheless, we are so anxious
to make our own accommodation
secondary only in importance, that
the "Sisters" have consented to give
up the right-hand hut, provided
such arrangements can be made,
as you kindly suggested, for the
purpose of cutting off this Hut
entirely from ours.

I received three more Sisters
from Kutari yesterday and am
expecting two more, in order to fill
up the number of Sisters decided
by you.

I also have the washing for
the Sisters of five Hospitals in
the Guinea done by Sisters here,
which necessitates a greater staff here

I beg to remain
Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Horace Brightwell

W. Keeton Esq. M.D.

Staff Surgeon 1st Class.

P.M.D.

Malacca

Explained I think is that there was not the
least necessity for her giving up any of
the Huts - as I had arranged with Major
Robt. about huts for the Provost Clerks

dated
14 April

1776

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper. The text is arranged in several paragraphs across the four panels of the folded paper.]



