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Grahamstown 17 Feby 1847

Medical Department orders -

Para 1 - With reference to the distinct order issued by Dr Roe dated 24 Novr 1845 calling on Medical Officers to forward their Annual Returns and Reports of Sick in duplicate I am instructed by the Director General to say that he does not now consider it necessary, but in relieving Medical Officers from this extra duty he trusts that the greatest punctuality will be observed by them in the transmission of their regular Returns & Reports in future -

Para 2 - Medical Officers in charge of Corps and Stations will be pleased to commence their three monthly Returns at the Quarterly periods (March, June September & December) and send in to the principal Medical Officer a quarterly Return of Sick and Summary of prevailing diseases, as soon after ~~the~~ each Quarterly period as possible so as to enable him to complete the General Return of the Command for the Director General -

Para 3 - The present system of forwarding nominal Returns of men treated in other Regiments is to be continued until further orders, so as to enable Surgeons & Medical Officers in charge of Corps to preserve a complete history of the Medical transactions of each Regt. But Medical Officers in charge of Corps are to make out & transmit their own Quarterly Returns of Sick without waiting for these nominal lists from other Stations -

Para 4 When sick Officers are sent into Kabul's Town from the field, or from Frontier Stations, the Med.l Officer who sends them in will report the circumstance to the senior Medical Officer there & send a short statement of their case for his information.

In the transfer of sick from one Hospital station to another the directions laid down in Para 5 of the Hospital Regulations must be strictly attended to.

Surgeon Magrath
45th Regt.
Actg

John Stewart M.D.
Dy Inspector Genl of Hosps

Pl. Be pleased to communicate this order to the Medical Officers serving under your orders.

W.

To all the Medical Officers
on the Frontier.

Spartan Town 18th Feb 1864

Sir -

Your letter of the 18th January reporting the military movements in Florida, and asking for an aide-de-camp to be sent to report you in the Mounted Rangers, were forwarded home at this place and directed the Inspector

The mounted arrangements you have made I approve of and at your suggestion I detach Capt Sparrow to report to you and immediately the Lieut General Commanding arrives on the Border to sanction the measure, and as he left Cape Fear on the 11th in Hon. President in Company with his Excellency the Governor his arrival cannot long be delayed now. These young Officers are ordered up to you and it is probable the Force in point may be increased when matters assume a little quieter aspect on this frontier -

Mr Sparrow has only just entered the service, but he appears an active young man and I must beg of you to instruct him in the mode of conducting Hospitals in this Command. Had I been able I would have sent you an assistant who had been longer in the Country but the only one I have available is Dr Mc Gregor and, I believe, he has already made an opening in your part of the

Colony

and perhaps it is not as will not make a second
confinement in Stark some please Breathe Bryan Com-
plaining of his health at present and might feel
you on the home of speed which would embrace you
[illegible]
[illegible] you on the other side of
a Rebel bullet [illegible] I have thought of
[illegible] to prepare [illegible]
[illegible] Rebels
as regards [illegible] have hitherto done - for
the [illegible] delays the funeral
one for the Commissioners [illegible]
that for [illegible] completed -
[illegible] one of your Quartering Rebels
[illegible] an Cafe from [illegible] some
cases for [illegible] which gives
as ordered to the [illegible] of [illegible]
wandering [illegible] author - Hope
you have been able to get [illegible]
[illegible] if [illegible] in offering
proper [illegible] shall be glad to hear
from you on the subject and will use my
best endeavours at Headquarters to get them
removed - Hope to hear from you
from time to time so as to be informed of what
is going on and enable me either to [illegible]

Grahamstown 10th Feb.y 1827

Sir -

I am sorry to have to report to you that Staff Assistant Surgeon Grant met with a serious injury on the morning of the 7th. when on his way from Algoa Bay to this place by the accidental explosion of a fowling piece which he was unknowingly drawing out of a wagon by the trigger.

The charge, which was of shot, entered thro' his left wrist about an inch and a half below the joint - fractured the tendons and bones and lodged under the skin over the margin of the scaphoid where it was cut out by Staff Assistant Surgeon Mantinette - there was little hemorrhage - the condition of the limb is uncertain, he has had little or no constitutional febrile symptoms and on the strength of his apparently healthy habit I think there will be every chance of his recovery.

The accident happened at a short distance from a small Sutlery and he was taken to the inn here, Staff Assistant Surgeon Mc Cameron left in charge of him.

I am at present at the house of Christopher who has kindly offered to take him into his house and attend to him at a more moderate rate than he is paying at present at the inn; but when I stated that Sutlery proprietors were usually obliged to move for a few days for fear that

Sir James McGregor Bart
Director Genl
Army Medl Dept.

Observations on the Monthly Return of Sick
for December 1846 -

The proportion of sick this month is 14½ per cent, which is rather higher than usual, and the principal complaints under which the men have suffered have been Fevers of a low form, affections of the Chest, and Bowel complaints that may be accounted for by the fatigue, privation, and exposure they had to undergo when employed on patrol in the field. The mortality from acute disease, however, is small, and the complaints that prevailed tho' numerous, do not appear to have been of an aggravated form. Of the 22 casualties that occurred 10 were from Chronic disease, and 6 of them occurred at Cape Town from amongst the sick that were left behind there by Regiments on their arrival in the Colony, and departure for Service on the Frontier.

The Reserve Battalion of the 45th, and the 73rd brought a number of sick with them from Monte Video which were landed at Cape Town, and in those of the 45th I am sorry to say there are a number of cases of Chronic Ophthalmia in several of which vision is impaired. The Regiment appears to have suffered much from this disease during its service at Monte Video, but as the admissions into Hospital from the complaint this month have been few I hope it will gradually

subside

Grahamstown 24th Feby 1847

The 6th Regiment, which is composed of young lads, has suffered a good deal from Bowel complaints, particularly at Waterloo Bay, where the duty is severe, and where the water, which the men are compelled to use, is brackish, and has a tendency to produce disease of that nature.

I think, however, when the troops on the frontier are withdrawn from the advanced posts, and when they are better housed and protected from the weather the diseases under which they have suffered this month will abate.

John Hale M.D.
2nd Inspector Genl of Hosps

Grahamstown
Feby 5th 1847

Grahamstown 24th Feby 1847

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the favorable consideration of the Lieut General commanding the enclosed claims from 2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Lamison, & Staff Asst Surgeon Dr Cameron, for 5/ a day, during their detachment in Cape Town, which they have made in conformity with Article 19 of the Paymaster General's warrant dated 8 May 1846.

I have the honor to be &c
John Hale
D.P.S.

Captain Buckleue
Staff Sub

Grahams Town 24 Feby 1847

Sir I have the honor to submit the following changes in the Medical Department for the favorable consideration of the Lieut Genl Commanding

Staff Surgeon 2d Class D. Balmer from Grahams Town to Cape Town
Staff Asst Surgeon Spence from Grahams Town to Fort Beaufort Natal
~~Dr Alexander from Fort Beaufort to Grahams Town~~
Asst Surgeon Allen M.D. 14 Regt from Fort Peddie to Bathurst - to attend undertake to forward - may please - Forward Monthly Returns

Lieut Col Mackinnon
Major of Brigade
Asst Adjutant Genl

Memo. Staff Surgeon 2d Class Minto will be placed to visit the prisons daily and afford medical aid to the prisoners when required - he will sign his report and have it forward on the book left at the prisons for that purpose

Grahams Town
26 Feby 1847

Lieut Colonel
Dy Adjutant Genl & Staff

Grahams Town
24 Feby

Conveyance of Baggage required for 2d Class Staff Surgeon Balmer from Grahams Town to Port Elizabeth and a passage from thence to Cape Town

Conveyance of Baggage required for Staff Asst Surgeon Spence from Grahams Town to Port Natal and a passage from thence to Port Natal

Sir I have mentioned circumstances of the change of these officers without the knowledge or sanction of the generals and officers concerned

Grahamstown 27th Feby 1847

Medical Department Orders

Para 1 — 2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Dalmeny will dispose of the detachment Hospital of the 6th Regiment on the 28th Inst, and complete the different Returns and reports up to that date & when they are complete he will take the earliest opportunity of proceeding to Cape Town, agreeably to the General Orders of yesterday, to whom he is to be stationed and take charge of the Hospital under further orders —

Para 2 — Surgeon Hadenoyl 91st Regt will open his Regimental Hospital on the 1st March in the Double Barrack.

Para 3 — Staff Asst Surgeon Dr Cameron will conduct the 91st Regimental Hospital under the directions of Surgeon Hadenoyl —

John Stott
Dr Inspector Genl of Hosps

Grahamstown 2 March 1847

Memorandum —

1. Surgeon Hadenoyl 91st Regt will furnish Medical aid when required, to the detachments of his regiment, and the other Corps stationed at Rietbeck and Governor's Kop, and he will be pleased to visit, or cause to be visited, those posts once a week

2. When Officers, not belonging to any of the Corps in garrison here, are sent into Grahamstown, and require Medical aid 2d Class Staff Surgeon Monro will attend them; but should the Officers belong to the 27 Regiment Asst Surgeon Brown of that Corps will afford them assistance, or if they belong to the 6th or 91st Surgeon Hadenoyl will take charge of them — But no medical certificate is to be granted to any Officer without the knowledge & sanction of the Staff Surgeon of the district — Watt

Graham's Town 2d March 1847

Sir -

I consider it advisable that a Medical Officer should be appointed on Fort England, and beg to recommend that Assistant Surgeon Smith, 91st Regt, be stationed there - I am desirous about quarters for a Medical Officer on Fort England, but hitherto existing which I hope may be remedied by future arrangements

I &c

Lieut Col Lindsay
91 Regt
Commanding Forces
Grahamstown

Gr. Town - 3 March 1847

Sir I have the honor to inclose a note from Mr Smith 91st Regt stating that the Branch Master is unable to furnish him with a quarter at Fort England, and beg to suggest whether an exchange might not be effected, without detriment to the service, on such representation to the individuals concerned, between Mr Brown, who is now quartered in the Depôt Barracks, and some one of his Corps who is stationed in Fort England

I have the hon &c
I &c
J. G. Alexander

Lieut Col Lindsay 91 Regt
Commanding Forces Grahamstown

Gr. Tn 4 March 1847

Sir - In consequence of the crowded state of the Hospital in the Depôt Barracks which is felt to be extent for accommodation under circumstances expected daily from the position they to found and to open the necessity of having the Hospital at Fort England cleared out and the Hospital of the 27 Regt established there - This arrangement which I believe has meeting to the Lieut Gov Commanding and has received his sanction renders it still more indispensable that the arrangement regarding quarters for the Medical Officer at Fort England should be carried into effect

I have &c J. G. A.

Lieut Lindsay 91st Regt Comdg Forces

Fort Pierre Nebraska
20 March 1847

Medical Memorandum

Staff Assistant Surgeon Dr Hutchison will hold himself in readiness to accompany the Burgher force attached to the Lancaster's division which takes the field on Wednesday next.

Dr Lancaster has kindly offered to furnish Dr Hutchison with a Bed horse for his journey in lieu of the one that was lost on his journey up from Pierre's Town: and he will therefore apply for the Dr Inspector General's information and approval also for the Dr Inspector General's information and approval also of such necessary medicines and Surgical apparatus and materials as are likely to be required for the force of 500 or 600 men for a month's service.

Dr Hutchison will be furnished with a Portable case of Capital Instruments, with the best diffusible stimulants, and he will take his own pocket case and lancets along with him.

Dr Hutchison will be furnished with a Pass, made to present to Surgeon Eddie of the 6th R. the senior medical officer of the Division who will take the means for their transport to the seat of war — and in all cases where Dr Pentatrow may find himself at a loss for want of experience and acquaintance with Surgical Practice, he is to refer to Surgeon Eddie, who has confident from knowledge of him, will be ready to afford him advice and assistance.

John Hall Dr
Dr Inspector Genl of Hosps

Fort Pedlar 20 March 1867

Sir -

One of the waggon conductors came to me the morning with a verbal message from you about a box of medicines; but as I have received no communication from you on the subject thus it is a bop to know how to act. I think I mentioned to you in my letter the other day that Colonel had detailed Details to act on some requisition from you and forward the articles to you at once; but if your demand has reference to the patrol about to take place between the Buffalo and the Kickapoo they you will make the best arrangement you can by borrowing what articles of medicine and surgical instruments the Medical Officer, whom you may have appointed to accompany Captain Stafford's party, may require for his purposes from each patrol, and order can be given for them to the Regimental Medical Men from whom they are obtained on the approaching Half yearly Inspection of medicine -

I understand the spring waggon belonging to this Division is at King Williams Town, and if Captain Stafford, knows they you will call for on the Dilpit, Conductors the route has been and to take as practicable for wheeled carriages it could either be sent with it by Captain Stafford's party or left there if the Regimental Medical Officer

I have

a Detachment Medicine Chest, and a Field Cooking wagon so that no great inconvenience can be sustained by this arrangement -

I have recommended the Interior Branch here be converted into an Hospital which the Govt has approved of and by that means perhaps obtain good shelter for 50 sick without a consideration at this junction - The funeral marches forward on next on Wednesday so that I fancy I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in all this North as the Mercantile people say -

Mr Amos Patterson arrived here yesterday and the grand review has a gay appearance - The Tent pens were well filled last night and Mr Amos's Reception Marquee was found inadequate this morn. - All the tent pens on one side of my marquee were out of the ground when I got up this morning - Had there been any wind with the rain we had before the tent would have come down on me - As it was it rained in the marquee when I came home last night -

We had a grand number of the Lancers here this Evg, and a parade of the troopers followed by a War dance a most grotesque affair - His Excellency the Commander of the Forces was present at both and seemed amused with the exhibitions -

Let me see you are strong in Medical Officers at King Williams Town, and Napier's Postal Cart daily provides for his detaining either Lockyer or Black on that service.

If Black has made his escape with his memorable since he left Graham's Town, he becomes extremely forgotten amongst the Burghers. Nicholson goes out friendly with the Burghers of the Amatola forests, and, forwarded by Butler, Inspector, which hearts praise the General's party. Several changes are spoken of and the destruction of this portion of the frontier force cuts very much adrift.

I have been from Mazipi at Kabali the other day, giving a detailed of their proceedings from Fort Napier to the Kenyon cattle which had been perfectly successful up to that date. He thinks it a report the Circumstances of what happened Regiment day, that the Chief's people entirely dispersed.

I have the honour to be

Your

Government Obedient

Humble Servant

John Hall

Dr Inspector Gen. of Hosp.

Dr Atkinson

Staff Surgeon 1st Class

King Williams' Town

Camp at the mouth of the Buffalo River April 1847

Memorandum —

1st. When the troops are engaged with the Enemy such accidents occur as the loss of the Killed and wounded, specifying the nature of the wounds received, is the duty of the principal Medical Officer at Head Qrs by the first opportunity for the information of the Lieut Colonel Commanding —

2d. When Medical Officers are given to subordinate Regiments ordered to change their Quarters by local authorities they will report the circumstance to the Head of the Department to prevent confusion, and when they are ordered from Hd Qrs there should be like reason, report their arrival at their destination so that the Dept Inspector of Hospitals may at all times know what Officers are available for Service, and where they are to be found when required.

John Frew
Dep Inspector Genl of Hosp

Staff Surgeon Otson will be found to send the sick to the Medical Officers in Gratiots Division and from Dt afterwards to Fort Brady, Fort Howard or Fort Brown for the information of the Medl Officers at those Posts —

Staff Surgeon Wallach Dr Atkinson from Long Prairie Division to Gratiots Division for orders

The following changes in the Medical Dept are submitted for approval

Staff Surgeon Wallach Dr Atkinson from Long Prairie Division to Gratiots Division

Staff assistant Surgeon Hardsuke from Fort Bunford to Long Prairie Division

Asst Surgeons Dr Leach & Dr Porter from Fort Williams to the Camp near the mouth of the Buffalo River

J. Hale Dent
Dr. J. G. Wood

Pretoria Town 20 August 1847

Medical Department orders

Para 1. Medical Officers in charge of divisions on the field will transmit their weekly and monthly returns of sick to the Dy. Dirt. Genl. of Hosp. at Head Quarters; and as the Genl. General Commanding has expressed his disapprobation at the delay which has taken place in the transmission of these Returns the Dy. Dirt. expects that they will be completed the day they become due, and sent off at post as directed in the Regulations.

Para 2. Medical Officers are requested to keep a correct detailed account of the expenditure of any Medical Comfts they may draw from the Commissariat; and where it is found necessary to issue them to Burghers, or men of the different Levies a separate account must be kept; as, in that case, the expense will have to be borne by the Colonial Govt. and the Medical Officers statement, signed by the Commanding Officer of the division, will be required as a voucher.

Para 3 Infuture all Medical Comfts drawn from the Commissariat, and not properly accounted for will be charged to the Medical Officer who made the demand.

Para 4 The Dy. Govr. Genl. has directed each Commissariat Officer in charge of a division to be allowed a small supply of Home-Brandy, Hollands Jeff, and Malt liquor; and when the demand for the sick is larger than was anticipated the Medical Officer in charge of the division will give notice to the Commissariat Officer to provide a further supply.

Para 5 Each Medical Officer when ordered out on patrol will take with him his pannniers and Surgical Ins.ts with a supply of such Medicines (Ready prepared) as he is in the habit of using in his own practice - and he will take care to have Dressing Ligatures, and Splints &c - ready for any Emergency that may arise.

In addition each Medical Officer will take his Canvas bearers for wounded men, which he can secure under his boat hose above the pannniers; and, as those that have been recently constructed are provided with shoulder sticks for the bearers, he will get a couple, men told off - for each bearer ready to take charge of any wounded man that may fall disabled by the enemy; and on no account are

wounded

men who left behind where there is a probability of carrying them away; for whence men be hard is to treat their dooms, as the Rebels never spare anyone that falls into their hands disabled.

Para 7 A field Hospital will be established near the Genl Dr Camp at Fort White to which the sick & wounded of the divisions arriving in that neighbourhood and other Stations.

Para 8 The Northern division, will, on the first instance, be on their march of that post, and submit a Dragoon from into the Mountain range and Cumberland march to the Camp at Fort White, the sick, and wounded will be sent there for treatment.

Para 9 The Medical Officer in charge of the detachment advancing from Shiloh, will, in addition to his Medical arrangements, make a requisition for a tent for the use of the sick.

Inspecting
Dr Inspr Genl of Hosp
& Staff

Dr Atkinson Staff Surgeon 1st Class
King Williams Force, for Wd Buttons division

Dr Campbell Surgeon 73rd Regt
Buffalo Guards - Attd Dr Dennison

Surgeon Phenix R. B 91st Regt
Fort Beaufort - Attd Campbells division

Surgeon Siddle & Ass Surgeon Allen C. M. R
Cookhouse Force - Wd Cameron's division

1. A Surgeon Dr Pitt of Cameron
Shiloh - Detachment advancing from that post

Grahamstown 28 Augt 1857

Sir -

As the advance of the troops into the Amatola mountains appears now, from the Governor's proclamation of to day, unavoidable - I take leave to bring under your notice, and beg most strongly to recommend before favorable consideration, the desirableness of letting off a certain number of men, or having bullocks to accompany each division, and act as bearers for the wounded -

From the nature of the ground, thro which the troops will have to make their way, no wheeled carriage, or even pack horse, I am given to understand by those who have been engaged in military operations in these mountains can possibly pass; and, as the Kaffirs invariably mutilate every unfortunate man that falls, maimed into their hands, it is desirable to have and always at hand to carry off the wounded -

By such an arrangement additional confidence will be given to the men, and the necessity for the ranks of the advancing columns being thinned by men falling out under the pretence of assisting their wounded comrades obviated -

I propose that ten camel bearers, with four men to each bearer, should accompany each column of 500 men that advances into the fastnesses of the mountains and I would recommend one mule to carry, and another to be provided with a bill hook, or small hatchet

To prevent confusion it would be desirable to have the men ~~disemployed~~ on this duty numbered and told off, and placed under the direction of one or two non commissioned officers, who would

would receive their instructions from the Surgeon in charge of the division to which they were attached.

In this way prompt and efficient aid would be afforded to the wounded, and they would be removed as speedily as possible from the scene of danger.

If the horses remain longer the casualties and there is no knowing what casualties they may meet with, means must be provided for removing the sick and wounded to the rear; and they to remove the necessity of having horses, or mules provided for the two hospital waggons - one of which is stationed at present at Colonel Somerset's Camp on the Kolah Kuppy - and the other at Fort Hare.

Should you consider it advisable to substitute the hire of Bullocks, as bearers for the sick, Inadvertent, the Surgeon Major of the R.B. 4th Regt, state to Lt Col Campbell of that Corps can procure them at the rate of Rs. per diem and their rations.

I have the honor to be
&c - &c -

Signed Robert Hall M.D.
Dy Inspector Med. Staff
& Principal Med. Officer

To Lieut. General
Sir Lord H. F. Berkeley K.C.B.
Commanding the Troops
Cape of Good Hope

Grahamstown 28 August 1847

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a return of medical comforts issued at Shiloh and the Fort Peddie, between the 16th of Septr 1846 & 20 July 1847 to Burghers, Hottentots and others, and request to be informed how to dispose in this and similar cases as to be met:-

The sick and wounded of the Burghers & native levies receive medicine and surgical aid from the Medical Department: but, where their cases require Medical Comforts, and there is no regular Hospital Establishment, I do not feel that I am justified in making the value of such comforts a charge against our Regimental Hospital without the previous sanction of the Lieut General Commanding.

Where there is a Regular Hospital Establishmt and Burghers and others are admitted into it they are, of course, charged with the same stoppages as the Soldier, and the amount has hitherto, I believe, been made a charge against the Colonial Government by the Commissioners.

I have &c

Signed

Captain Burke
Mdl & Inspr

Shiloh & Beaufort

3 lb/6 ozs of Tea @ 5/-		£ 1 - 16 - 10½
4 lb/10 ozs of Sugar @ 6d		2 - 3 3/4
1 lb - of Arrow Root @ 4/-		4 - -
		£ 1 - 3 - 2½

Note

Believed the paid out of the Mil. Chest made a charge against the Colonial Govt but the levies taken out by the Governor must have this benefit in future. and it is forbidden, by the Governor to be extended to Civilians.

Graham's Town 2 September 1847

Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 13th July last enclosing a demand for certain articles of Medical Comforts (noted in the margin) amounting to £4-10-, which had been drawn by the Sick at Colesberg the 18th for the use of the Sick at Shiloh and the Forts-port, I have the honor to acquaint you, having called on that Officer for an account of their Expenditure, that I have sanctioned the sum of £3. 6. 9¾ to be made a charge against the Regimental Hospital of the R.B. of the 45th at Fort Hare, and that amount will be be paid into the Military Chest there by Surgeon Warwick of that Corps

Ten bottles Sherry £2--
Sugar 20 lbs @ 6d -10
a dozen porter 10/6 2
£ 4:10:

The remaining sum of £1- 3. 2¾ - for Comforts issued to Burghers & others you will observe by the enclosed document the Lieut. General Commanding has been pleased to sanction to be paid out of the Military Chest, and made a charge against the Colonial Government

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Hall Capt

To Charles Palmer Esq
Commissary General
Cape Town -

Mem. Copy

Head Qrs
Grahams Town Sept. 1st 1847

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th August requesting to be informed how the expense of medical comforts supplied to Burghers or Hottentots is to be defrayed.

I am directed to inform you that the only persons entitled to receive Medical attendance & comforts are the Men belonging to Native or Provisional Levies, that are under Military authority, they are to be put on the same footing as regards Medical attendance, as the Regular Troops, and the expense of Medical Comforts supplied to them where there is no military Hospital, will be defrayed in the first instance by the Commissariat. — I have the honour to be &c &c &c

F. Bartelot Captain
Mil. Secy

To John Hale Esq. M.D.
P. M. O.
&c &c &c

Nahanni Town 2d September 1867

Memorandum

With reference to the 2d Para. of the Department order of the 20th ult. I am instructed by the Military Secy. to inform you "that the only persons entitled to receive Medical attendance & "comforts are the men belonging to Native or Provisional "Levies, that are under Military authority; they are to be put "on the same footing as regards Medical attendance as the "Regular Troops, and the expense of Medical Comforts "supplied to them where there is no Military Hospital, will "be defrayed in the first instance by the Commissariat"

To substantiate these charges the Coroner called for in para 2 of the Department order will be necessary and must be transmitted to me for approval.

The above instructions of the Military Secy. have reference solely to the Offrs. & Men that have been organized and regularly placed under Military authority, which the Medical Officer will always be able to ascertain from the Officer in Command of the Corps or Station: But there may be Burghers and others in the field against the Enemy on Commando, serving under leaders of their own selection agreeable to the provisions of his Excellency the Governors proclamation of the 28th ult., who may be wounded or taken sick far away from any but Military Medical aid, and, altho' it is not required as a duty by the authorities, the Dr. Inspector thinks no individual Officer

wounded

would see a fellow creature perish for want of a fortune, or leave him behind if wounded to the Mercies of the Rebels if he have the means of carrying him off.

John Hale M.D.
Dr Inspector Genl of Hosps

Dr Atkinson
1st Class Staff Surgeon
King Williams Town.

Dr Atkinson will have the goodness to communicate this Memorandum and the order of the 20th Inst to
Asst Surgeon Payne R. Brigade
" Lark 7 Dragoon Guards
& S. Surgeons Black & Pendleton where they can be
King Williams Town.

To Dr Hobb at Shiloh

P.S. Notice that you have not accounted for two pounds of Brown Sugar of the quantity that was drawn by you at Colesberg. To prevent confusion these ought to be charged in the Hospital Accounts of the 45th Regt; but it stands in your name as on hand and you will have to account for it hereafter.

His Excellency the Governor, to whom your letter was submitted has strictly prohibited the issue of Medical Comforts to Civil Inhabitants from the public stores, and you will be guided by this decision not only with regard to Comforts but Medicines also the demand for which made upon you for the Number of sick under your care has been very large. Wales

King Williams Town 15 Sept. 1847

Memorandum

Para 1 – Surgeon Eddie, 6th Mounted Rifles will proceed to Fort England during the absence of 2d Class S. Surgeon Hadamary – in addition to his other duties –

Para 2 – Staff Asst. Surgeon Mandeville will be attached to and do duty with the Regt. Provisional Levy, attached to Lieut Col. Bowler's division

Hale
Dy. Insp. Gen. of Hosp.

Hd. Qrs. Camp King Williams Town 22 Oct. 1847

Medical Memorandum

The undermentioned Medical Officers will make a careful and minute examination of the men under their care prior to any movement in advance of Lt. Colonel Somerset's division beyond the Kei, and send to King Williams Town any men labouring under disease, or whose health may have been so much impaired by the exposure and fatigue of the previous part of the retreat as to render it probable that they will become ineffective in the field

Asst. Surgeon Allen C. M. Rifles
" Surgeon 73 Regt
Staff Asst. Surgeon Black

John Hale
Dep. Inspector Gen. of Hosp.

Lt. Somerset's Camp

Head Qrs Camp King Williams Town

22nd October 1847.

Memorandum — Surgeon Power R.A. 91st Regiment will be pleased to transfer to Ass.t Surgeon H. Barker of the R.A. 45th the Marquee, Flanders tent and Spring Cartes which he received for the use of the Sick on the Camp on the Debe Flats, taking Mr Barker's receipt in duplicate for the same one copy of which he will transmit to the Qrs Inspector Genl of Hosps at Head Qrs.

Para 2 — Mr Power will proceed with Dr Campbell to the Hd Qrs of his corps at Fort Beaufort where he will re-open his Regimental Hospital. Previously to his quitting the Camp on the Debe Flats he will make a most minute and careful inspection of those men that are to be left behind either for active Service in the field, or for the Camp on the Umhlangene Flats and will take back with him to Fort Beaufort all those of the 91st, or to Fort Hare those of the 45th, who are either labouring under disease, or whose health has become impaired by the previous fatigues, and are likely to be rendered inefficient in the field.

Para 3 — Dr Barker will accompany the men of the 91st and 45th to the Camp on the Umhlangene, at present commanded by Major Smith of the 73rd where he is to be stationed until further orders.

He will take the Marquee, Flanders tent and Spring Cartes along with him for the sick, and a detachment of Kaffirs chief with information of leave from King Williams Town.

Para 4 — Dr Campbell, Surgeon 73rd Regt & Dr Leech Ass.t Surgeon 7th Dragoon Guards will accompany Major Smith's Corps to King Williams Town. Dr Campbell will bring with him the Hospital Waggon, and other Hospital Stores at present in his possession.

Jas Hale
Dy Insp.r Genl of Hosps

The following alterations in the distribution of the Medical Department are submitted for the consideration and approval of the Brigade Commander.

Staff assistant Surgeon Black, from Captain Scotts Camp to Waterloo Bay to relieve Ass.t Surgeon D'Munro 91st Regt.

Ass.t Surgeon D'Munro from Waterloo Bay, on being relieved by S. A. S. Black, to barracks to relieve 2d Class Staff Surgeon Hodenarc in the Medical charge of the 91st Regt.

2d Class Staff Surgeon Hodenarc from barracks Town, on being relieved by A. S. D'Munro, to the Camp on the Kaukla to relieve Ass.t Surgeon D'Hodgson in the Medical charge of the 73rd Foot.

S. Ass.t Surgeon D'Cameron from Shiloh to King Williams Town

Lobe Hale
D.y Inspector Gen.l of Hosp.ls

H.d Q.rs Camp on the Kaukla
4 Dec.r 1847

H.d Q.rs Camp 4 Dec.r 1847

Sir,

Be kind enough to send you will issue an order to prevent Waterloo Bay to relieve Ass.t Surgeon D'Munro of the 91st Regt in the Medical duties of that post, from whom you will receive over the detach.t Medicine Chest and records belonging to the Station, granting him a receipt in duplicate for the same ~~and you will forward one~~

You will take with you your portable case of Capital Lin.s and your Bill book & pencils; and frequent you will use all convenient despatch in proceeding to your destination, after the receipt of your official order, as other arrangements in the Med.l Depart.t depend on your movements.

I have &c
Shea

S. A. S Black
Captain Scotts Camp near Fort Hardinge

Hd Qrs Camp 4 Decr 1847

Sir / On the arrival of Staff Asst Surgeon Black at Waterloo Barr you will hand over to him the Dispensary Medicine Chest, and records of the Station, taking his receipt in duplicate for the same, one copy of which you will transmit to me. You will then proceed to Madras Town with as little delay as possible and relieve 2d Class Staff Surgeon Hodgson in the Medical charge of the 91st Regt. You will take with you the portable Cos. of Capital Ins. that were issued to you after your arrival to Waterloo Barr, as Mr Black will bring with him the one that has accompanied his profession

I have &c

Signed J. S. H.

To Manuel
Asst Surgeon 91st Regt
Waterloo Barr

Hd Qrs Camp 4 Decr 1847

Sir / On the arrival of Asst Surgeon Dr Manuel you will be pleased to hand over to him the Medicines, Stores, and Records belonging to the 91st Regimental Hospital, at present under your charge, taking his receipt in duplicate for the same, one copy of which you will have the goodness to forward to me.

You will then, with all convenient dispatch, proceed to the Cantonment Town, and relieve Asst Surgeon Dr Hodgson in the Medical charge of the 73rd Regt

I have the honor to be &c &c

John Hall
D. S. G. H.

2d Class Staff Surgeon Hodgson
Madras Town

Hd Qrs Camp 4 Decr 1847

Sir - On the arrival of 2d Class Asst Surgeon Hodgson you will be pleased to hand over to him the Medicines - Stores and Records belonging to the 73rd Regimental Hospital, at present under your charge, taking his receipt in duplicate for the same, one copy of which you will be pleased to transmit to me - The portable case of Capital Instruments which you have in your possession you can either hand over to Mr Hodgson, or, in the event of his not requiring them, leave them at the Medical depôt in the Hospital at Grahams Town to be your pay thro' taking a receipt in duplicate for them - one copy of which you will forward home

I have &c
J Hale

Dr Hodgson
a.s. 73 Regt
Hd Qrs Lagatongha Kaffraria

Hd Qrs Cameron the Kaffrs
4 Decr 1847

Sir - On the receipt of the Official Order for your removal from Shiloh to Kings Williams Town you will have all convenient despatch in proceeding to your destination. You will hand over the Detachment Medicines that you took with you to Shiloh, and any other public stores that you may have in your possession with the description of your portable case of Capital Instruments to Asst Surgeon Hodgson taking his receipt in duplicate for the same. One copy of which you will be pleased to forward to me. The portable case of Capital Instruments at present in your possession you will take with you to Shiloh Kings Williams Town as soon as your Baggage and property which have recovered after the accident on the Kowie shall be

I have &c
J Hale

Dr Cameron
Asst Surgeon
Shiloh
Port Elizabeth

The following distribution in the Medical Department is submitted for the consideration, and approval of the Lieut. General Commanding.

2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Jameson from Port Elizabeth to Grahamstown to relieve 2d Class Staff Surgeon Minto who will replace 2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Jameson at Port Elizabeth

Grahamstown
11 Decr 1847

John Hall
Dy Inspector Genl of Hosps

Grahamstown 11 Decr 1847

Sir
By this days post you will receive orders to proceed to Grahamstown for the purpose of relieving 2d Class Staff Surgeon Minto who is ordered to replace you at Port Elizabeth – as the period between your departure and Mr Minto's arrival will not be of many days duration you can explain to the Officer in Command of the Station Detachment the mode of obtaining Medical aid, as pointed out in the Hospital Regulations, should he require – I wish you to use all convenient despatch in coming up to Grahamstown as a Board of Survey on the stores has just completed its labors which would facilitate the transfer.

I have &c
Hall

Dr Jameson 2d Class Staff Surgeon
Port Elizabeth

Memorandum -

Dr Atkinson will have the goodness to forward the New Detachment Medicine Chest at present in his possession at King William's town to Capt. Adjt. Surgeon Nicholson at the Kaffir Mouth, as well as the portable case of Capital Knife out of the Surgical Field ~~Chest~~ Case which was sent into Store at King William's town by Adjt. Surgeon Dr Hadson of the 73rd Regt, calling on Dr Nicholson for a receipt in duplicate for the same - one copy of which he will be pleased to forward to the Dr Inspt of Hosps - Dr Atkinson will direct Dr Nicholson to return the unserviceable case of knives and the detachment Medicine Chest now in his possession, and he will take the earliest opportunity of sending them into Store in Graham's town

John Hall
Dr Insp. Genl of Hosps

Graham's town
11 Oct 1847

Grahams Town 19th Decr 1847

Sir.

Having received instructions from England to consider 2d Class Staff Surgeon Reitz the senior Medical Officer to proceed home on duty from this Command, in consequence of his having served 20 years abroad consequently - I beg leave to submit his name to His Excellency as the Medical Officer to take charge of the detachment of the 62d Regiment proceeding to England from Cape Town; and request that he may be ordered to proceed direct to Cape Town on being relieved by 2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Jameson who has been ordered up from Port Elizabeth for that purpose

I have the honor also to submit the following alterations in the distribution of the Medical Officers for approval -

1st Class S.S. Dr Atkinson from King Williams Town to Grahams Town, when the duty on which he is at present engaged by order of the Principal Medl Officer shall be completed -

Staff Asst Surgeon Dr Frazer from Cawood's post, to Port Elizabeth.

Asst Surgeon Allen C. M. R. to have charge of the depot of his Regt in Grahams Town, and visit the detachments in the Bathurst district -

I have &c
Hale

Dr Dr Mackenzie
a a Genl

Nahum's Town
20 Oct. 1864

Memorandum

Staff Asst. Surgeon Black will be pleased to afford medical aid to the detachment stationed at Cumards' post when required to do so, in addition to his attendance on the detachments at Water Boy and Fort Davis

John Hall
Dy Inspector Genl of Hosp.

Staff Asst. Surgeon Black
Water Boy

Mahanoi Town 20 Dec 1867

Medical Orders

Medical Officers in charge of corps, and hospitals, are requested to have no time in making out the usual returns, and histories of other cases, of any Invalids they may have to bring under the notice of the Dy Inspector General of Hospitals during his tour of Inspection, and he begs that the prescribed forms may be strictly adhered to, to save both time and trouble.

Jas Mackie
Dy Inspector Genl of Hosp.s

Dr Atkinson 1st Class Staff Surgeon - King Williams Town
Ass.t Surgeon Before Cmd.t
Dr Clap S.S. Endowed the class 73d Regt Do
Dr Mulagh Surgeon 1st Brt Brt Peddie
Surgeon Power - RB 91 Regt Brt Beaufort
" Parker 7 Dr Guards - do
" Harris RB - 45th Brt Kore
Ass.t Surgeon Brunner 91st Regt
" Irwin 27 Regt
Surgeon Eddie - C. M. R.
Ass.t Surgeon Paynter R Brigade

Grahamstown 10th January 1848

Medical Department Orders

Para 1 - Asst Surgeon Irwin will close the Hospital of the 27th Regiment in the Drostry Barracks tomorrow, and will place his sick and such as require Hospital treatment on the Sick Roll of the Cape Mounted Rifles to which corps the Hospital is to be transferred from the 12th Inst inclusive

Para 2 - Surgeon Liddle will take over the Hospital in the Drostry Barracks and open it as the Regimental Hospital of the Cape Mounted Rifles from the 12 Inst -

Para 3 - as the same Contractor will continue to supply the Cape Mounted Rifles, that supplied the 27 Regt, it will facilitate the settlement of the accts of the latter Regt if Surgeon Liddle would take over the sick Roll - and charge Rolls of Rations of the 27th from the 1st of the month, and embody them in his quarterly return of expenditure -

Para 4 - Asst Surgeon Irwin will bear no time in forwarding the various returns and reports that will be required of him before the 27 Regt embarks for England

John Hall MD
Dy Inspector Genl of Hosps &
& Principal Med Officer

Secure
Urgent

Scutari 4 October 1854

Medical Department order – Scutari 4th October 1854

Staff assistant Surgeon Fitzgerald will take the first opportunity after the receipt of this order of proceeding from Gallipoli to Scutari and on his arrival he will report himself to Dr Menzies the Principal Medical Officer for duty in the General Hospital there.

John Hall
Inspector General of Hospitals

Staff Assistant Surgeon Fitzgerald
Genl Hospital Gallipoli

Scutari 4th October 1854

Medical Department Order

1st Class Staff Surgeon Dr Jamison will take the earliest opportunity of sending 1st Class Staff Surgeon Dr Carr, and every disposable Medical Officer from Varna to Scutari with directions to report themselves to the Principal Medical Officer for duty in the General Hospital there where their services are urgently required at present — and he will direct Mr Tucker Purveyor to lose no time in shipping at the Purveyors Store with the exception of an equipment of 150 patients which will be sufficient to retain at Varna in the present reduced state of the garrison there — Dr Jamison will direct Apothecary Mackintosh to send down to Scutari a large proportion of his Medical & Surgical Stores — and he will order the Cutter to proceed at once to Scutari with all his apparatus —

Bandages & Tripods are much wanted here — & the Inspector General of Hosp Stats is greatly disappointed to find Mr Tucker, Purveyor, did not obey his instructions of the 3 Sept & send down a portion of them by the Racer transport

John Hall
Insp Genl of Hosps

Dr Jamison
Staff Surgeon 1st Class
Varna

Scutari 6th October 1854

Medical Department Order

Dr Dumbreck Dy Inspector General of Hospitals will be pleased to take measures for sending down to Scutari by the 1st opportunity that offers, the following order — 1st Class Staff Surgeon Dr Anderson, 1st Class Staff Surgeon Dr O'Flaherty, with instructions to report themselves to the Principal Medical Officer at Scutari for duty in the General Hospital there where their services are urgently required.

J. Hall
Insp. Genl. of Hospitals

Dr Dumbreck
Dy Inspr Genl of Hosps
Head Qrs Balaclava

Sentari 6th October 1854

Sir

Your disregard of the instructions I gave you about sending stores down to Sentari has put the service to the greatest possible inconvenience, and has added greatly to the sufferings of the sick and wounded here –

As I have been compelled to report your neglect of duty to the Commander in Chief, I shall be glad to be favoured with any explanation you may have to offer.

I have &c
P. S. Hale
Lt. Gov. of Ordnance

Mr Santer
Purveyor to the Forces
Varna

I have enclosed to Dr Jameson in a duplicate copy of the Mest. Deptl. Order of the 4th Inst. SH

Scutari 6th October 1854

Sir

I am favored with your communication of the 2nd, and regret to hear that Cholera continues to prevail so extensively in the Army. I approve of all the arrangements you have made, and I request you will have the goodness to keep the Director General duly informed of the Sanitary condition of the Army.

The Original Invoice of the Stores on board the Bendigo sent down to Scutari from Varna with instructions to Mr Ward to look out for the Vessel's arrival and land them at the former place, authority for which I gave him, as the Stores were addressed to me, instead from Dr Smith. But it appears he took no steps in the matter, and it was not until my arrival here, that I found this abundant supply of Stores was still on board Ship & the Sick, thus entirely inconvenienced for want of these.

It will be necessary to have these Stores, and those that remain on board the Soldiers Fleece sent down here by the Earliest opportunity at least such proportion as you do not want

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and Hospitals are not to be kept permanently established in the Crimea you will not require many stores beyond those you have on board the John Martin merchantman.

Mr Ward having finished to look after the stores on board the Medway, and Mr Tucker's request to my Office to send down the hospital stores from Varna has superseded the service here in keeping your Commissariat Empty, indeed has added to the discomfort of the sick wounded in a manner that it is distressing to contemplate – Indeed we have been compelled either to purchase or draw on the Turkish Government, which will have eventually to be paid for at an extravagant rate, there is no doubt – for articles that we have in abundance of our own here, they only available – and on the spot – But what can one do when compared with such people as Mr Ward & Tucker –

Mr Moore is more fortunate than his conduct deserves, and I request he may be sent down here with sick, to be wounded, with instructions to report himself to the Principal Med. Officer for duty, & I shall take care that he has a written order for the duty

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obt & humble Servant
J. Hall
Dep. Inspr Genl of Hosps

Dr Dembeck
Dr Genl of Hosps
Balaklava
Crimea

The Medway having arrived at Constantinople on the 7th Oct. this letter was rec.d
Ind. —

Scutari 7th October 1854

Sir

I request you will have the goodness to give directions that the Medical Stores on board the Medway, and Golden Fleece Transport Steamers may be sent down to Scutari by the earliest opportunity as the sick and wounded are suffering great inconvenience for want of them — I write to the Purveyor here to get the Stores landed from the Medway and sent have the original Invoice of them for that purpose, but the Purveyor refused Scutari without his knowledge & it was not until my arrival here on the 3rd Inst that I found they were still on board ship and the sick & wounded compelled to make use of substitutes for want of them

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Hall
Inspr Genl of Hosps

The Dr Medical General
Balaklava
Crimea

Scutari 7 October 1854

Dear Sir.

Enclosed I send you the 1st of a Treasury Bill of Exchange for £150 drawn in my favor, and made payable to your order, which I request you will be good enough to credit and place to my credit.

When received I should wish you to purchase £400 Consolidated Annuities and add it to the Stock Standing in my name. The receipt for the transfer you had better retain until my return to England, but you will be good enough to write and let me know what you have effected upon the purchase. I am down here on duty & look upon the Sick Hospital, which I regret to say is increasing, as shortly you will be good enough to address your letters to me at Quarters upon my arrival at Balaclava, as my stations is uncertain. The fall of Sebastopol was a pretty sight in its way, and I hope this will accelerate the sick home with the satisfying the good people

I remain with kind remembrance to Mr Charles & Lady Mary

Yours very sincerely

J. Hall

Charles R. McGregor Esqre
17 Charles St
St James' Square London

Mr Matthew and Mr Franklyn left the Andes & stepped onboard the Transport Megaera anchored below & sailed for the Crimea H

Scutari 7th October 1854

Medical Department Orders

2nd Class Staff Surgeon Matthew, and Ass't Staff Surgeon Franklyn will report themselves to the Principal Medical Officer at Scutari for duty in the General Hospital there -

Mr Matthew will bring on shore from the Cambria all the Equipment, Medical and Surgical, at present in his possession - and as both his & Mr Franklyn's Servants are urgently required they will lose no time in complying with this order, the receipt of which they will be good enough to acknowledge by the bearer

John Hall
Dep. Gen. of Hospitals

2nd Class Staff Surgeon Matthew
Ass't Staff Surgeon Franklyn
Cambria Steamer

Nantare 8th October 1857

Sir –

The "Cambria" Steamer having anchored here yesterday, I thought the services of 2nd Class Staff Surgeon Matthews and Staff Assistant Surgeon Franklyn, might be made available in the General Hospital here during the urgent pressure of sickness and great want of medical aid, and I sent the enclosed order on board for them to land and report themselves for duty to the Principal Medical Officer, when to my utter astonishment I found on personal inquiry on board, that they had removed into the Tonning Steamer – I am sorry to be obliged to call on them for their reasons for so doing from whose authority the change was made – and you will not fail to make the services of both available on the very first occasion, and you will order them in writing, to report themselves personally to the Principal Medical Officer here should they be sent down with sick, or wounded men –

I have the honor &c

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

John Hall

Surg. 2d Class

Dr Cambrick
Dr Hoff for info of
Mr Dr Blackburn
Owen

No 6 – Mr Smyth – Asst Surgeon 1st class – with whom the Cambria
with him the Crew of HMS Tonning

Scutari 9th October 1854

Lieut Col Le Marchant
57th Regt
Captain Hammond
Rifle Brigade
Lieut Hickman 50th Regt
" Nicholls
R.A.
" White
50th Regt
" Lockhart
49th Regt
Ensign & Lieut Fermoyle
Coldstream Guards
Asst Surgeon Wildbore
Coldstream Guards
" Allison
R.A.
" Saunders
R. Brigade
Staff Asst Surgeon Cockburn
Paymaster Fortune
50th Regt

Asst Surgeon Elmes
Ensign Sillery 4th Foot
30 Regt } Transmitted 11 Oct 1854

Sir

I have the honor to inclose Duplicate Proceedings of Medical Boards held on the Officers named on the margin, amongst whom, I am sorry to say, there are five Medical Officers, and 2nd Class Staff Surgeon Dr Baxter, whose health has been much impaired by a severe attack of Fever, proceeds to England the day after to-morrow in Medical charge of Invalids on board the "Libertas" transport No 95

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
John Hall
Director General of Hospitals

Dr A Smith
Director General
Army Medical Depot
London

Asst Surgeon 1st Class - Wilde, whom to the Crimea on the Immediate
" Line the Crimea Dis 5 Mar 2 since Chatham Orders

Scutari 11 October 1854

Sir

I have the honor to enclose an application from Mr Assistant Surgeon Evans to be appointed to the 18th Royal Irish —

I forward this application but it is necessary I should mention our extreme Medical Staff will not admit of any one being withdrawn from it without inconvenience —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
John Hall
Director General

Dr. Smith
Director General
Army Med. Department
London

Enclosure 1st Royals — with return letter

Sebastopol 15th October 1854

Names of officers on whom Medical Boards have been held who were recommended for home to England and copies of the Proceedings transmitted this day to the Adjutant General - Head Quarters Crimea - to Dr Smart Director General Army and Ordnance Medical Department - London, and in the case of Assist Commissary General Strickland One copy to Dr C. Gordon Smith at Pera -

Lieut Peter Forsyth - 13th Light Dragoons
Ensign Alexander Fitzroy 19th Regiment
Ensign Hugo S. Light 63rd Regiment
Lieut W. Brook 30th Regiment
Lieut D. G. Sprott - 93rd Highlanders
Captain and Paymaster E. H. Hepburn 95th Regt
Asst Commissary General Strickland
Lieut R. Lawrenson 17th Lancers
Lieut The Honble George Wortley 8th Hussars

J. Hall
Surgeon 1st Dragoons

Asst Surgeon 1st Dragoons - with return to the Crimea

Simla 11 October 1854

Wrote to Mr Hale at Delhi, with directions for the letter to be kept in the post office till called for – Inclosed letter was an order for £100 payable three days after sight to the order of Lieut Colonel Ouseley, drawn on Charles R. Mc Gregor Esqr Comy Agent 17 Charles Street St James's Square London – Wrote to Mr Mc Gregor by the same post requesting him to honour the order of Mr Hale when presented, and inclosing the draft to Colonel Ouseley – Received from the Treasury Bill Exchange for £150 drawn on the Government of India in favor of Lieutenant General Ouseley – Wrote to Mr Mc Gregor – Lord, and made payable to Mr Mc Gregor – Office in the Commissariat Department – These two offices will be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of the memorandum –

Dec 25th Clothing Surgeon Macleod is ready to embark on board the hospital ship and the medical charge of the troops proceeding in the Bulldiana – He tells me he has purchased that amply sufficient for the medicine chest he intends to provide the Himalaya – Wrote to the Commissariat to acknowledge the receipt of the memorandum –

Dec 26th Wrote to Major Reeve & Royal, with a memorandum of the Regiment in the Commission – Received from Major Reeve the Commission – Wrote to Mr Macleod in the Medical Board – Received the same also acknowledging the receipt of the memorandum –

Yours Sincerely

No 8 – Mr Smyth – Asst Surgeon 1st Sikhs – with whom the Commission in the Himalaya, and Lieut Colonel Ouseley, and the Commissariat Authorities at Delhi, have been in Mr Hale's hands – B

Scutari 19th October 1854

Medical Memorandum -

1. The "Himalaya" Steam transport will sail for Balaklava Bay tomorrow afternoon - Mr Wexford Purveyor in Chief will have the goodness to give directions that the Medical Comforts ordered for the Army in the Crimea are put on board - Invoiced, and duly consigned to Mr Sumner Purveyor in charge at Balaklava -

2. Mr Stagger Purveyor's clerk will embark in the Himalaya, and on his arrival at Balaklava report himself to Mr Sumner, Purveyor, for duty -

3. Mr Coles Medical clerk will also embark in the Himalaya for service in the Inspector General's office in the Crimea - These two officers will be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of this Memorandum -

4 - 2nd Class Staff Surgeon Macleese is hereby directed to embark on board the Himalaya, and take Medical charge of the troops proceeding in her to Balaklava - He will take his case of Surgical Instts and hand to the Medicine Chest belonging on board the "Cornwall" to the Himalaya - He will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this order by the bearer -

5 - Asst Surgeon Green 1st Royals, will return in the Himalaya to join his Regiment in the Crimea, and on the passage he will assist Mr Macleese in the Medical duties on board - He will also acknowledge the receipt of this order -

T. Hall Genl of Hosps

No 6 - Mr Smyth - Asst Surgeon 1st Royals - will return to the Crimea in the Himalaya, and have the care of his sick during the passage - and report himself to Mr Macleese on his arrival at Balaklava

Confidential

Scutari 5th October 1854

My dear Smith –

I received a duplicate order from Dr Hall, as I have already informed you, to embark on board the Empress Steamer at Balaklava for this place on Sunday afternoon, the 1st Inst. & to arrive here on the 3rd. The last, dark and tempestuous night I was happy to be able to inform you I was doing better than I could have expected & I trust you, under many difficulties, have done, & are doing for them, according to circumstances & the proportion of your professional duties, the whole business of making arrangements for their reception has fallen upon me & I have not time to prove my unfitness to much experience & caught yet to be employed in a strength of mere magnitude for which I am physically unfit – Mr Tucker has not carrying the orders sent to him on the 3rd of September to forward the greater portion of the Hospital Stores from Varna to Scutari has complicated the arrangements very much, as my order has not yet been acted on & has not before left Varna applied specially to have the Stores sent out in the Tasson transport & the Bombay Transport, they remained literally have been without a single article of furniture, and now we are in want of bedsteads, straw, & mattresses of all kinds for the use of the numerous sick under

Lieutenant. I send you enclosed a letter which I received from 1st Class Staff Surgeon Dr Jameson, on the subject of the stores, the day Lord Cunning Balaklava, and you may imagine my surprise and vexation to find that nothing had been done up to that time done by Mr Luther on the matter. I have written to Dr Jameson since I arrived here urging expedition and directing him to despatch every disposable Medical officer for duty on the General Hospital here, and I expect their arrival as well as the stores by the Bombay Transport now hourly looked for from Burma.

I enclose a Morning State for your information, and begs to inform you that to day we are going to transfer 500 poor Convalescents to an old Line of Battle Ship, which has been procured by Admiral Boxer, fitted up as a Convalescent Ship and moored within the Seraglio point, to protect her from the Southerly gales which blow with great violence here, I understand, in the Autumn. In a day or two we shall be able to send home about 170 invalids in a vessel that has already been fitted up, and several women whose husbands have either died or been killed in action, and who, poor creatures, are an embarrassment to us just now in the way of Barrack accommodation. I have got over an additional portion of the Barracks, & by moving Dr Reid's Apothecary stores into the Turkish Pharmacy & taking off the Hospital

we shall be able to make provision for any sudden influx of sick from the Crimea, and we may now look for the arrival of more wounded, as the siege operations it was reported, when I left on the post, would commence on the 3rd. and in two or three days with the heavy train of artillery that would be brought to bear on the works a breach there say would be made ~~in two or four days~~ - and if the Garrison should an assault I fear there will be numerous casualties to attend to - We are much in want of medical men and have been compelled to employ two Civilians and some drafts from the Turkish School of Medicine, but there no doubt by this time you have dispatched a further supply of assistants - the former arrived very opportunely and are a very good batch of recruits

1st Class Staff Surgeon McGregor is now superintending the Sick in Barracks, but he says his health will not admit of his taking the field, and he told Dr Mungo he was too nervous to operate, so he, as you say, is a broken reed that cannot be depended on - In a few days I think if I can manage it go down to the Dardanelles and look at the Hospital there; but our establishments are so raw & incomplete I am unwilling to form new ones if I can possibly do without it. We may however have to occupy the Dardanelles if the Army come into winter quarters at Sebastopol, as they would not be able under that contingency to allow us to occupy so large a portion of the Barracks as an Hospital as we do at present

The men of the Kinkulame troops have upon all occasions proved themselves so utterly worthless that they will be removed altogether and replaced by more efficient men — As it is, we get credit for a number of men who are either incapable or unwilling to serve besides which they are so drunken & dissipated that they are objectionable characters to have in our Hospitals — Mr Morse of the 1st Dragoon Guards was brought to a General Court Martial on the 30 September for neglecting his duty — The opinion of the Court as kept the next day I do not know; but a more grossly shameful exhibition of drink I never heard of, & if he escape dismissal he must, I should say be severely reprimanded —

Cholera continues to prevail in the Army and is most fatal among the new comers — 50 men had died between the 26 Sept & 1 October — This excludes the whole force as all the sick were sent into Balaklava where we got possession of the place, and obtained house shelter for them — the day Sept 2nd Cadogan, Mackay — S. & S. Reid were attacked with the diarrhoea — Mr Mackay dangerously — The Army were sitting there ~~[illegible]~~ on those days when Sept which took place towards the chilly nights & very dews, which tide, first breaking down the health of the whole force, & it was fortunate there was a force fact for a speedy termination — Otherwise, as it is painful to think what might have been, we dare not find it assumption to [illegible] the weather proved bad — [illegible]

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Lines before Sebastopol
20 November 1854

My Dear Dr Smith,

Your very kind private letter of the 29th of October reached me just as the mail was closing the other day, and I had only time to send you a line of acknowledgments but I assure you I am fully sensible of the kind and generous support you give me on all occasions, and in every thing, and so far as you are concerned I have nothing to wish for; but all departments of an army on active service in the field must have difficulties to contend with, and ours unfortunately embracing subject most likely to tell with the public were seized on, magnified, and falsified to ~~tell with the public~~ enlist the sympathies of the multitude against us, and that, as the writers, I have say, well knew when they penned their paragraphs, it must be owned, they have most effectually done.

The impression has been made on the public mind, and no explanation will erase it, and so far as my own opinion and feelings go should be disposed but the matter be a five days wonder; but when those in authority call for explanation the case is different and I shall be most ready & willing to afford every information & explanation in my power, as I do not feel conscious of having neglected my duty in any one particular; whatever newspaper writers may say, or however much present appearances may prove false & garbled representations may be against me -

We, as you very properly observe, have had many difficulties to contend with, some, from the nature and constitution of our establishments, that could not be avoided; others, that might, and ought, by proper concord between Departments, have been obviated -

It cannot scarcely be credited that the first intimation I had of the march of the different Regts and Divisions of the Army into Varna to embark for service in the Crimea was the deposit of their sick by hundreds in the Hospital Square of that place - No adequate provision, of course, had been made for their reception, nor could it be done in a moment - The Divisions as they marched in embarked & literally left their sick in a almost on the beach, and I had on a sudden to form two Encampments one on the north, and the other on the south side of Varna, in addition to the general Hospital, for the accommodation of about 2000 sick that were left behind

An equal disregard of all medical arrangement, so far as I was concerned characterized the embarkation of the troops - Some ships had two or three medical officers on board others none - Some had medicines others none. All was clamor & confusion, for you must bear in mind that Cholera was still raging in our ranks, and those embarked, and sent off at once to Balljuk Bay became alarmed and urgent for aid, and at the twelfth hour I had to make the best arrangements I could, but these were by no means satisfactory either to myself, or those making demands on me for assistance

It was a state of things monstrous, and almost incredible, that I, the head of a very important branch of the Army on Service, should not have had the intended movements of that Army made known to me when once they were decided on. I do complain of this and say, and say that the Quarter Master Genl. failed in his duty by keeping me so completely in ignorance of that which it was so important for me not only to know, but to know in sufficient time to make the requisite arrangements for the comfort, and welfare of the Sick. Of not being thought worthy of trust prior, I cannot complain, but when the movement of the Army was decided on by the Commander in Chief, I contend that it was the duty of the Quarter Master General to have communicated the order home in common with the Commanders of Divisions & Brigades - this not having done so was the cause of great confusion, & disconfort to the Sick - Even the name of the Transport told off to convey the Medical stores for the Expedition was not made known to me until within four days of her departure, & had I not learnt it accidentally from Lord Raglan previously I could not possibly have got the stores put on onboard in time for the depot to have sailed with the Expedition - In like manner I begged and entreated that the Ambulance waggons might accompany the Army - but the thing

hoop packed, and they were left - some twelve of them that had been put onboard the London steamer were re-landed to make room for half a Squadron of Lancers which did not embark - and if it had proved not have been a thousand to one against the Army as the weather - I pointed out that Canvas Bearers could only be used for short distances, and that if the Army moved into the interior wheeled conveyance would be absolutely necessary and that the moral effect of the men knowing and feeling that they would not be left to perish on the field of battle or by the way side would be beyond price - but my representations were disregarded - And the miserable scenes we witnessed morning after morning in collecting and getting off the sick are not to be described - It was sickening and heartrending to have to implore the commissariat to unload carts to carry off the miserable victims of this sore

This duty generally devolved on Dr Dumbrack & myself; as soon the Regimental, and Divisional Medical Staff moved on with the troops and left their sick at some appointed spot by the way side generally ~~[illegible]~~ general the General Hospital! Mental Enough God knows! for we had frequently to see the last services of humanity hurriedly performed over unhappy beings, who were either dead, or nearly so when they arrived at the place of rendezvous But there is no use dwelling on this unpleasant subject - Ask Dr Dumbrack when you see him and he will give you a lively description of our daily toil

I am sorry to lose Dr Dumbrell, but his health absolutely required it, and I believe he remained longer than he ought to have done in order that he might not embarrass the service. He is a conscientious, safe, good, and right minded man - I wished that all were like him; but we have, as you rightly suspect, traitors in the Camp - men who clamor, and make innumerable out of small little difficulties and bring us into disrepute unnecessarily with those in authority -

I was down in Scutari when Mr Ford arrived, and considering that she his proper place I directed him to remain there, & I am glad to find you take the same view of his duties - I see by a letter from Mr Ford that Mr Hard has applied to the Sec. at War to be allowed to retire - I suppose the adoption of the greater part of my instructions to Purveyors by the War Office decided him, as I am confident he, and perhaps, others thought they were to be a department under the War Office independent of the Medical Department - Poor old Gentleman it is a pity he did not go before - It would have saved him, and the Department much trouble and vexation -

I think Mr Fitzgerald will make a correct useful Purveyor, if careful disposed to provide for him - perhaps one of the best we have - I am glad you do if Sergeant Holmes the Steward & main Stay of the General Hospital at Scutari could be made a Clerk

for his good Conduct & exertions it would stimulate other more Commissioned Officers in that Situation to act with more Zeal, & vigor - This I submit for your Consideration -

By this mail I will send you answers to the Queries Prince Napoleon brought out from you as well as copies of two letters addressed to Lord Raglan one enclosing a list of the wounded after the battle of Inkerman, and the other in reply to a despatch of the Duke of Newcastle to Lord Clarendon about the General Hospital at Scutari which Lord Raglan wished me to answer -

I send you also a copy of a memorandum which I issued to the Medical Officers concerning the imputed neglect of the wounded after the battle of Alma, & I feel assured their answers will be satisfactory to you - I trust likewise to be able to send you, if not by this, by next packet an equally satisfactory refutation of the slander about the Colombo Steamer, I have received answers from two out of the four Medical Officers who were on board and they repudiate with scorn, and indignation the imputation on their humanity, & very properly too I think -

Mr Mc Gregor ought to thank me for making him do his duty in the way I was compelled to do - and I must do him the justice to say I was well satisfied with his activity & energy in getting the Barrack Hospital at Scutari put into order, and from a note Lord Raglan

[illegible] from Lady Stratford's [illegible] days he has been
[illegible] Lieut. Colonel with the rank of Brigadier
[illegible] or Commander in Chief [illegible]
[illegible] Brigadier General [illegible] has not
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[illegible] Staff Surgeon Dr Anderson [illegible] Brigadier General [illegible] attention
[illegible] Brigadier General [illegible] Major Menzies will [illegible] him [illegible]
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[illegible] on the 7th and marched to [illegible] the
St without [illegible] – It had [illegible] the previous day [illegible]
[illegible]

were wet, thence, in all probability, much of the sickness –

The drafts that came out in the "Valarous" & "Susa" were landed in the morning in equally unfavorable weather, & have no doubt are adding their quota to the sick lists of their respective corps. A kind of fatality seems to attend the arrival of troops here for the 97 Regt. arrived from Grove yesterday in the Bonnie Stamer and was landed in the heaviest rain I have seen since I came here – The men were kept out in it for hours, and when they got their tents and pitched them the grounds were saturated with wet and they could not lie down. Fortunately they were near where they could obtain drift wood from the wrecks, and make large fires to sit by – A luxury not procurable here, for there is not a stick of wood anywhere and the men have great difficulty in getting sufficient wood to cook their food with, and no means whatever of obtaining it to make fires to sit by – If the charitable people of England would subscribe to purchase fuel & warm clothing for the poor fellows on the bleak hills above Sebastopol there would be some use in their charity, but that would not create admiration in the newspapers not even if told that the men in the trenches were frequently compelled to eat their pork raw and that they depended chiefly on their rum issued for support – No wonder that Bowel complaints are common, and if we do not obtain efficient shelter soon numbers must perish – The Quarter Master General's Department has written for hoards & tents to hut the men, but if we are to remain here during the winter they are later late in their arrangements, besides that if the planking were even here there is no means of getting it up from Balaklava – It is as much as the commissariat transport can manage to get the daily food brought to camp – I have recommended that we should follow the example of the Turks and dig holes in

on the earth and cover them over — but such has never been done before that the Inspector Commissariat
the mischief
side where the Hospital Office
The Dr. Lager Gas and Brewery of Darton
and Offaly, but so far and open well
are with a dwelling of the Zetoftke Mining, and the
at cycle. Something be proved to Government at Gad
improve, very almost a peak poles the roads
neighbours. It be there government to pass
by permanents as Fort Opening
at the be from the Gad Cale in the Dry pail
tents, or shallop.

Hilcigs
Captain Gwatkin Commandant of Burlington
Bay, at the notorious barrows obtained in print
and is answer of the Commissariat by the Government
and Parcel

The cells of the Ambulance
but the way it hospital Dispensary
Hillsborough is to fully open and open
the notorious the Dispensary Hillsborough
Government establishment off on the Hospital
supplies for the service.

Sir, I hold from opinions the accuracy you make
inquiry in the Office you to Hillsborough a circular
issued in 1834 asking the opinion of Medical Officers
on the subject of employing invalids in Military
Hospitals, and should like you to look at my
answer — Then it was done all, now it would
and, I think, find it very good ale, for the kind of
Intemperance was introduced into the Hospital economy
cannot endure, and take to the other ale the

cause the mischief and dissatisfaction that will be occa=
sioned when the War Office screw is put on again -

I maintain the sick and wounded at Scutari
had all they required, and you will see when the
Hospital accounts for the Scutari Hospital are audited
some people will stare, & say is it possible

It is a fine thing to be the uncontrolled
distributor of £10,000, but that is no affair yours -
It will do little good to the Soldiers which is to be
regretted - I verily believe many people subscribed
for the sole purpose of writing a letter to the Times,
and seeing their names in print

I am writing you a long rambling
letter I fear - forgetting that you have no time to read
it, but it is wet cold and uncomfortable in
my tent, and I don't know what to do - my
legs are benumbed up to the knees so I will
get into bed, and say good night -

Ever yours sincerely
J Hall

D. Smith

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Lines before Sebastopol

20 November 1854

My Dear D. Smith,

Your very kind private letter of the 24th of October reached me just as the mail was closing the other day, and I had only time to send you a line of acknowledgment, but I assure you I am fully sensible of the kind and generous support you give me on all occasions, such as in every thing, and as far as you are concerned I have nothing to wish for; but all Departments of an army on active service in the field must have difficulties to contend with, and most unfortunately embracing support most likely to tell with the public were seized on, magnified, and falsified to tell with the public that the sympathies of the Institution against us, and that, as the writers, I have no, and know when they penned their paragraphs, it must be owned, they have most effectually done

The impression has been made on the public mind, and no explanation will erase it, and so far as my own opinion and feelings go I should be disposed to let the matter lie a few days longer, but where there is authority calls for explanation the case is different and I should be most ready & willing to afford every information & explanation in my power, as I do not feel conscious of having neglected my duty in any one particular, whatever newspaper books, may say, or however much present appearances from false & garbled representations may be against me

We, as you very properly observe, have had many difficulties to contend with, some, from the nature and constitution of our establishments, that could not be avoided; others, that might, and ought, by proper concert between Departments, to have been obviated -

It cannot scarcely be credited that the first intimation I had of the march of the different Regts and Divisions of the Army into Varna to embark for service in the Crimea was the deposit of their sick by hundreds in the Hospital square of that place - No adequate provisions, of course, had been made for their reception, nor, could it be done in a moment - The Divisions as they marched in disembarked & literally left their sick in almost on the Ground and shed on a Sudden, upwards of two Entrenchments one on the North, and the other on the South side of Varna, in addition to the general Hospitals, for the accommodation of about 2000 sick that were left behind

We equal disagreed of all Medical arrangement. So far as I was concerned, characterized the Embarkation of the Troops - Some ships had two or three Medical Officers on board others none - Some had medicines others none - All was Clamour & confusion, for you must bear in mind that Cholera was still raging in our ranks, and those Embarked, and sent off at once to Bulgaric Bay became alarmed and urged for and, and at the twelfth hour I had to make the best arrangements I could, but there were beyond means satisfying either themself, or those making demands on me for and -

It was a state of things monstrous, and almost incredible, that I, the head of a very important branch of the Army on Service, should not have had the intended movements of that Army made known to me when once they were decided on. I do complain of this and say, that the Quarter Master Genl failed in his duty by keeping me so completely in ignorance of what it was so important for me not only to know, but to know in sufficient time to make the requisite arrangements for the comfort, and welfare of the Sick. Of not being thought worthy of trust prior, I cannot complain, but when the movement of the Army was decided on by the Commander in Chief I contend that it was the duty of the Quarter Master General to have communicated the order time in common with the Commanders of Divisions & Brigades. His not having done so was the cause of great confusion, & discomfort to the Sick. Even the name of the Transport Hired Off to convey the Medical Stores for the Expedition was not made known to me until the four days after her departure, & had I not learnt it accidentally from Lord Raglan previously I could not possibly have got the Stores put on board in time for the depart of the Expedition. In like manner I begged and entreated that the Ambulance waggons might accompany the Army, but the thing was

Forts packed, and they were left. Some twelve of them that had been put onboard the London Steamer were re-landed to make room for half a squadron of Lancers which did not embark - and if it had proved not have been a thousand to foot to offer the army to the vagaries - I fancied and that Cannon Powder could only be used for short distances, and that if the army moved into the interior wheeled conveyance would be absolutely necessary and that the moral effect of the men knowing and feeling that they would not be left dismounted on the field of battle or by the wayside would be beyond price - that my representations were disregarded - and the miserable results be witnessed morning after morning in collecting and getting off the sick & wounded who deserved - It was sickening and heartrending to witness the commissariat & medical carts to carry off the miserable victims of the war.

This dirty Gonsalez devolved on Dr Dunbrack & myself, as well the Regimental, and Dr Mussomed Medical staff moved on with the troops and left Gonsalez ~~Dunbrack~~ at Lomer appointed spot by the wayside Gonsalez ~~Dunbrack~~ Lomer the General Hospital - & General Enough God knows! for we had frequently to see the last services of humanity hurriedly performed over unhappy beings, who were either dead or nearly so when they arrived at the place of rendezvous.

But there is no use dwelling on this unpleasant subject - Ask Dr Dunbrack when you see him and he will give you a lively description of our duty till

have thought to lose Dr Drumbrick, but his health absolutely requires it, and I believe he remained longer than he ought to have done in order that he might not embarrass the service. He is a conscientious, hope, good, and right minded man - I feared that we were like him; but we have, as you rightly suspect, traitors in the Corps - men who clamour, and make remonstrances and grievous difficulties and bring us into disrepute unnecessarily both those in authority -

Mrs Drew in Sentare when I first arrived, and considering that she has proper place I intended him to remain there, & I am glad to find you like the Lower man of his duties - I see by a letter from Mr Wreford that Mr Board has applied to be his assistant & he allowed to retire - I suppose the adoption of the greater part of my instructions to Surveyors by the Home Office decided him, as I am confident he, and perhaps, others thought they were to be a Department under the Home Office, independent of the Medical Department - Poor [illegible] gentleman it is a pity he did not go before - It would have saved him, and the Department much trouble and vexation -

I think Dr Fitzgerald will make the correct useful Surveyor, if you feel disposed to decide for him - perhaps one of the best we have - I am glad Mr Jones if Sergeant Holmes the Steward Hence Stay in the Female Hospital at Scutari would not be more

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Upon my return I made Lindsay answer to the Lowries, poor Spence brought out immediately as early as Capnis of his return Lordship & Lord Raglan one enclosing a part of the wounded after the battle & Inferno, and the other in reply a despatch of the Duke of Newcastle to Lord Clarendon about the General Hospital at Scutari which Lord Raglan wished me to answer — He was on a horse [illegible]

I send yesterday a Copy of a communication which I forwarded to the Top Officers concerning the imputed neglect of the wounded after the battle of Alma, & I feel assured their answers will be satisfactory to you — I think whenever the abuse and [illegible] may be thus, by each party, explained away before taking up the Slander about the Colonial Stamp, I have received answers from two out of the four Medical Officers who were on board & they repudiate both the and misrepresentation & misrepresentation & have [illegible] & I think [illegible] & I spoke [illegible] & I spoke [illegible]

Brother Fraser might be [illegible] me for making him do his duty on the way Lord Cardigan compelled to go — and I must believe the Portuguese Lady made [illegible] with his retirement & energy in getting the Barrack Hospital at Scutari put into order, & it from a note Lord Raglan

send home from Lady Stratford yesterday he has risen into high repute with the new authorities, who show little judgment or discrimination in preferring him to worthy modest Menzies – Menzies, perhaps, has not enough of what is called vulgarly the Devil in him for the station he is in – Dr Cumming I do not know, but as he has previous official experience I have no doubt he will manage better – I am sorry to see the death of a very promising young Surgeon at Scutari 2d Class Staff Surgeon Dr Anderson – He was an attentive good Officer and Menzies will miss him sore –

I have sent down 1st Class Staff Surgeons Oglebody – Carr, and Tice so that Menzies will be relieved from much of the detail of Supervision which he had formerly to attend to in addition to his office labors

I think I mentioned to you that one supply of medicines which came out in the "Prince" Steamer, and was brought up here in her has also been lost – I have written to the Chief apothecary to make out a fresh demand and transmit it to you direct – I fear we shall require it as there is much sickness in the army, which, from the severe duty, and exposure the men have to undergo, is not likely to decrease –

The 46th Regiment which landed a few days ago has got Cholera, and is losing men daily from it. It landed on the 7th and marched to Camp on the 8th without tents – It had rained the previous day, and the ground

[illegible] with [illegible] unhappily, which [illegible] [illegible] have been done before. The troops that came out in the Valparaiso, I have since learned in the morning on squeezy unfavorable weather, & have for days with adding Marquette & the sick & other respective [illegible] to land, of [illegible] seems to attend the arrival of troops here. One for the 97th Reg. arrived from Greece yesterday in the Bonnie & [illegible] was landed on the heaviest [illegible] I have seen since I came here. The poor people kept on board two days, and when they got their tents and pitched them the poor [illegible] [illegible] with wet and they could not lay down [illegible] opportunity [illegible] where they could obtain dry wood from the wrecks & made large fires to dry [illegible] & [illegible] comfortable here, for there is not a stick, dry or [illegible] anywhere and the Turks have great difficulty in getting sufficient [illegible] to cook their food with, and no means whatever of obtaining the smoke from it. But the charitable people of England would [illegible] to purchase [illegible] warm clothing for the poor fellows of the black hole, [illegible] [illegible] there would be some use & sense in their charity, but that should not create alienation in the [illegible] if I told that the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] greatly complained that their work [illegible] [illegible] & that they depended chiefly on their home [illegible] for support. It is wonderful that Bread Corporals are common [illegible] of us do not obtain sufficient shelter from [illegible] must perish. The Quarter Master General's Department has written for tents & tools to put the [illegible] in, but if we are [illegible] here during the [illegible] they are rather late in their arrangements, besides that if the plunderers were [illegible] here there is no means of getting it up from Bulkleva. It is as much as the [illegible] can manage to get the [illegible] [illegible] to camp. I have recommended that we should follow the example of the Turks and dig holes [illegible]

in the earth and cover them over — But even this should have been done before wet weather commenced —

The Dr. has got an abundant share of abuse and obloquy, but so far as I can see their arrangements are in advance of the rest of the Army, and so you will see it will conclusively be proved — However, it will not improve our cause to pick holes in the coats of our neighbours. But I am grieved to see such wanton experiments as those of landing men in wet weather, at this season of the year late in the day, and without tents or shelter —

Captain Grant, Commandant of Ambulance indignant at the notoriety his corps obtained in print, and is anxious to be examined by the Commission.

The idea of the Ambulance is good, but the way it has been conducted out has been defective. It was a mistake to employ pensioners at all. I hope the notoriety the department has obtained will end in the permanent establishment of an Hospital Corps recruited expressly for the service.

How opinions change — If you make inquiry in the Office you will find a circular was issued in 1834 asking the opinion of Medical Officers on the subject of employing nurses in Military Hospitals, and I should like you to look at my answer — Then it was save all, now it lavishly, and, I think, foolishly spend all — for this kind of extravagance now introduced into the Hospital economy cannot endure, and will not be tolerated hereafter

prevent the mischief and dissatisfaction that will be occasioned when the War Office screw is put on again -

Meanwhile the sick and wounded at Scutari had all they required, and you will see when the Hospital accounts for the Scutari Hospital are audited some people will stare, I say is it possible

It is a pity they blue the uncontrolled distributor of £10,000, but that is no affair of ours -

It will do little good to the Soldiers which is to be regretted - I really believe many people subscribed for the sole purpose of writing a letter to the Times, and seeing their names in print

I am writing you a long rambling letter I fear - forgetting that you have no time to read it, but it is wet cold and uncomfortable in my tent, and I don't know what to do - my legs are benumbed up to the knees so I will get into bed, and say good night -

Ever yours sincerely

J Hall

S. Smith

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