

Letter book as Inspector General of Army Hospitals, Portugal, including copies of the correspondence re Surgeon Ross's accusations of neglect of the sick in General Cameron's brigade, and a plan of medical arrangements for the field

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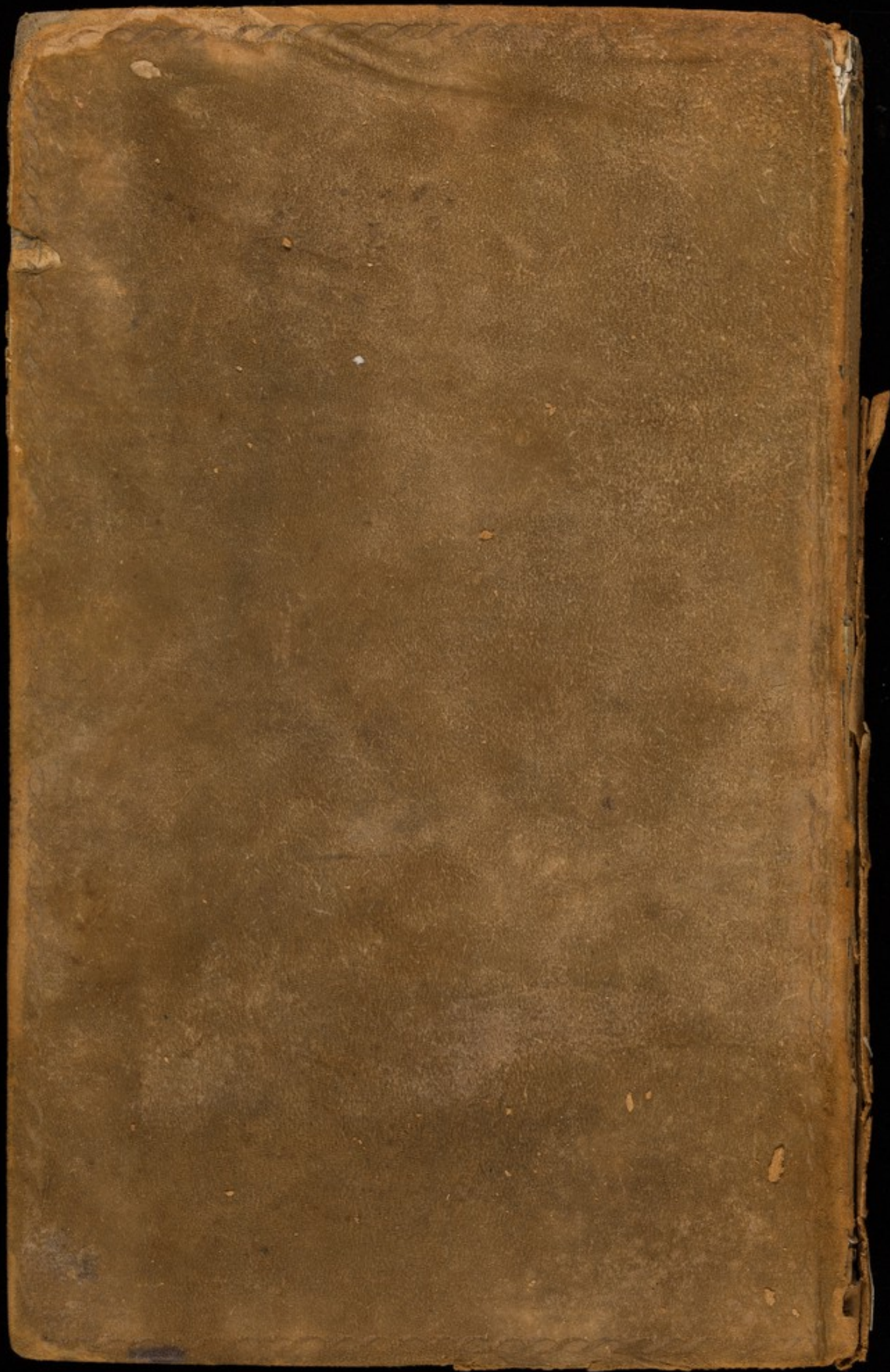
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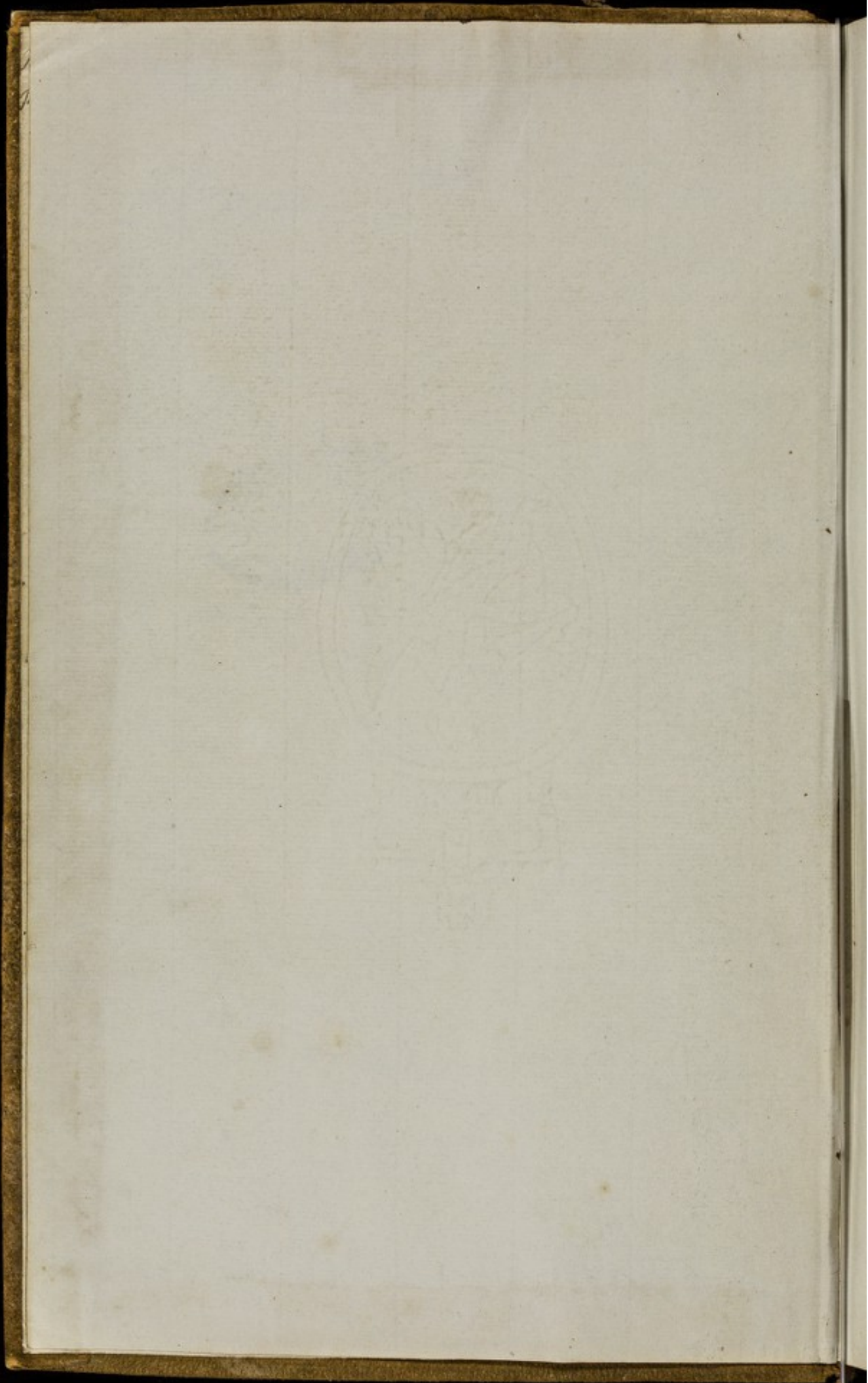
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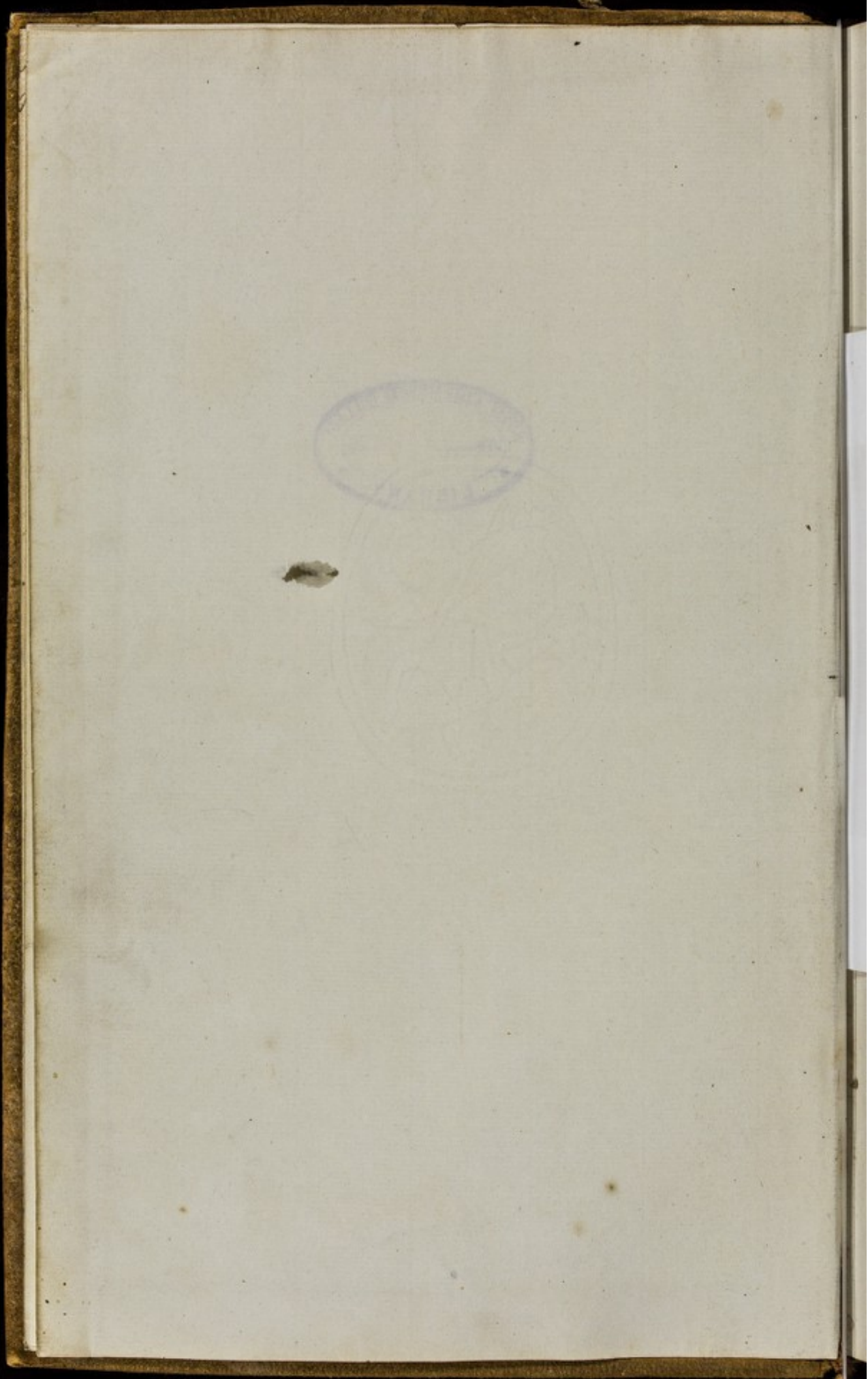
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Abrantes June 15th/809

Sir

I have just heard that the 20th Light Dragoons have been struck off the strength of this Army & are on the point of leaving the Country. I have never seen them or been near them since the Army began to return from the north of Portugal, it was otherwise my intention provided I had found that there was a vacancy for an Asst. Surgeon in the Corps to have recommended Hospital Mate Barry for the step. From the Commanding Officer Major Blake you will probably have an opportunity when the Regt. arrives in Lisbon of ascertaining how Asst. Richardson actually stands in the Regt. and if an Asst. Surgeoncy is to be disposed of I am sure that you know the merits of Mr Barry too well to make it necessary for me to say any thing in his praise, I have &c

To R Thompson Esq
Inspector of Hospitals
H. O. M.

Wm. Ferguson
Depy Inspector
of Hospitals

Abrantes June 15th/809
Sir Yesterday for fear of losing a day sent you a very hasty note to apprise you that a further supply of Purveyors & Apothecaries Stores would still be required at Abrantes. Almost all the Bedding in the Division of Purveyors Stores lately arrived under the charge of Depy Purveyor O'Reilly is wanted at the present moment for Regimental & Brigade Hospitals and as I calculate on nearly 400 Sick being left here when the Army moves, we shall

not have sufficient left to answer that demand still left to carry forward & form fresh Depots of Sick at the next suitable halting place. The necessity of a further supply & that as soon as possible will therefore be self evident. The same remarks proceeding from the same reasons & the same demands apply in every respect to the Apothecaries stores lately arrived which it will be necessary to renew & replenish without delay. This altogether foreign to the above I beg leave to remark that Hospital Mate Walsh who has been inserted in all my returns of the Staff as belonging to the Army in the Field has never yet been ~~seen~~ heard of at any of our Quarters. A Mr Harris Hospital Mate reported himself to me to day but excepting the Officers who came along with the Stores from Lisbon he is the only new arrival with the Army.

I have the Honour to be Sir

Yr Obedt Servt
J. A. Thompson Esq
Inspector of Hospitals
M. Ferguson
Depy Inspector
of Hospitals

Sir
Abrantes June 15th 1809
I beg to inform you that intelligence has just been received of the death of Surgeon Parker 5th Bat 60th Regt. I know not who is the eldest Ap^l Surgeon with the Army having no return of the dates of Commissions but I believe it is Burk of the 97th who ranks in the regular Service from the year 1802. I have never heard how Dumoulines the apistant of the 60th stands

but at all events I beg you will recommend the
Senior to Sir Arthur Wellesley as it is certainly
of consequence to ensure the promotion from
casualties to the Army actually serving abroad

I have the Honour to
To A Thompson Esq^r
Inspector of Hospitals
Wm Ferguson
Deputy Inspector

Abrantes June 16th 1809
Sir A Representation having been made to me
of the want of Medical Assistance in the 2^d Line
Battalion R. G. L. I have to request that if Assistant
Surgeon De Bremen can be spared from the Duty
at Lisbon, he may be ordered to join his Regiment
without delay. I have the Honour to

To A Thompson Esq^r
Inspector of Hospitals
Wm Ferguson
Deputy Inspector
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Abrantes June 16th 1809
Sir A Representation having been made to me of the want
of Medical Assistance in the 2^d Line Battalion R. G. L. I have
to request that Apt. Surgeon Rathye may be ordered to join his
Regiment without delay.

Assistant Surgeon Williams having presumed
without any authority whatever to carry out of the Field
a set of the Capital Surgical Instruments which had been
lent him, I have to direct that you will cause him to leave
them at Oporto and further call upon him officially to explain
so extraordinary a piece of conduct, I request to hear from
you on the latter part of this letter at your earliest
convenience. I have the Honour to be Sir de

To W. R. Moel Esq^r
Surgeon to the Forces
Wm Ferguson
Deputy Inspector
de de de

Sir

Coimbra June 11th 1809

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 8th Inst. In compliance with the directions therein contained I have visited the Detachment & Regimental Hospitals at this place.

In the Detachment Hospital I found 305 Sick of different ~~Regts~~ Regts. Every attention seemed to have been paid to the Men by the Physician to the Forces D^r. Larchin & the rest of the Medical Gentlemen left in charge of them. The Hospital Bedding left by the different Regiments seemed very bad & appeared not to have been washed for a considerable time. The Portuguese bedding was very bad when issued. There is still a great deficiency of Bedding. There, being no change, accounts for the Bedding not having been washed since received by the Purveyor.

The regimental Hospital of the 3^d Guards being very bad I have given directions to D^r. Larchin to receive the Sick of that Regiment into the General Hospital.

The Hospital of the 9th & 23^d Regts is good & the Sick of those Regts appear to be well attended by an Asst Surgeon Milne of the 9th Regt. The Bedding in this Hospital is better than the others. I therefore have not ordered the Sick of this Brigade into the General Hospital.

I have given directions to D^r. Larchin to move his worst cases into the General Hospital (now occupied by the Portuguese) as soon as the new Portuguese Hospital is ready which I am informed will be the case on Wednesday next.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a state of the Sick in General Hospital.

Lt Coppinger who has charge of recovered Men^{here} has my order to send to their respective Regts such men as are fit to be moved. The number amounts to 84.

I have the honour to be Sir &c

To His Excellency Lt General

Sir Arthur Wellesley K.B.

J. Cotton

Major General

Extract from Genl. Cotton's⁵ Private and confidential Report.
Coimbra June 11th 1809

In consequence of your letter of the 8th Inst.^t which I received yesterday I visited the General Hospital St. Bento as well as the Regimental Hospital 3^d Guards at the Convent Boa Ventura and that of Genl. Camerons Brigade at the Convent Trindade. I send herewith an official Report.

D^r. Larchin who attended me round the Hospitals last night & this morning seems to have paid every attention & really I think the General Hospital is in as good order as circumstances will allow. The Bedding issued by the Portuguese is very dirty & there is not sufficient for the bad Cases. I have ordered D^r. Larchin to apply for more. Instead of Straw I have recommended to him to get Mats which are more easily procured & better than Palliasses stuffed with Straw. The Regimental Hospital of the 3^d Guards being very bad I have ordered the Sick to be moved to day into the General Hospital. The Brigade Hospital at Trindade Convent is tolerably good & the Men well attended by an Ap^t. Surgeon (Mr. Milne) of the 9th as these Men are likely soon to be out I have not thought it worth while moving them into General Hospital.

The Col^l of the 4th Reg^t who commands the Portuguese here informs me that on Wednesday he moves all the Sick into a new Hospital. I have therefore ordered him to have the Portuguese Hospital, Bedding & cleaned & washed by Thursday night and I have directed D^r. Larchin to move the Acute Cases about 150 into it on Friday it is a remarkably good Hospital. The Convalescents, Punished Men & those with sore feet are I think sufficiently accommodated in St. Bento. Perhaps the Doctors were apprised of my visit, but as far as they are concerned I can find no fault as to cleanliness & attention to the Sick. The Regimental & Portuguese Bedding is certainly very bad, but when the Sick are moved into the Hospital I mentioned they will be very comfortable.

Abrantes June 18th 1809

Sir

Early in May an order was sent from the Adj^{nt} General's Office at Coimbra directing the Sick in Caldas to be brought forward to Leiria and Dr. Graham Apothecary to the Forces officially reported to me for the information of Sir Arthur Wellesley that the order had been complied with. I find however by a late letter from Mr. Thompson that there are still some sick remaining at Caldas and I have to request that for the satisfaction of the Commander of the Forces you will by any means in your power obtain me information of who and what these Sick are.

I have the Honour to be Sir
To Staff Surgeon Burnall
Yours &c

Abrantes June 18th 1809

Sir

There being a very great deficiency in the original Surgical Materials which then Acting Apothecary Bennett brought from with him from Lisbon & Hospital Mate Duigan having stated that they were taken out by you for the use of the Hospital at Coimbra I have examined the last Sick Return from that Depot & not finding therein a single case that would in the smallest degree appear to require the use of Capital Instruments

I must request that you will immediately explain your reasons for so ~~extravagant~~ ^{going} ~~an~~ ~~expense~~ ~~of~~ ~~procuring~~ them Sir &c

To Dr. Graham
Apothecary to the Forces

Yours &c

Wm Ferguson
Depy Inspector

Abrantes June 19th

Sir

I have to direct that in obedience to the General Order of this day you will consider yourself as attached to Division No 1 of this Army & report yourself for Duty to the General Officer in Command.

You are to hold the immediate Medical Superintendence of all its health concerns, and as was formerly ordered in Brigades, transmit to me, Monthly & Weekly Returns of the Division according to the Form which I have given you.

Health inspections of the different Regts. more particularly where Epidemic diseases prevail are to be made frequently and at your own discretion. and Returns of the Medical Staff of Regiments with a report on the state of all their Surgical Instruments and equipments are to accompany every Monthly Return.

I have &c Wm Fergusson
 To Staff Surgeon Gunning Depy Ins.
 " " Jervis
 " " Bell
 " " Higgins

Abrantes June 20th 1809

Sir

A Medical Officer being wanted at Thormar to take care of some Men belonging to the Cavalry Division of the Army who have been left there with sick Horses, I have to direct that Hospital Mate Bennett may be appointed to that Depot as soon as he can be spared from the Hospital Duty at Coimbra. He will be supplied with Medicines by requisition addressed to the Principal Medical Officer at Abrantes where there is a General Hospital with a

Depot of Apothecaries Stores established, but when
he quits Coimbra it will also be necessary that
he carries with him a letter of service from
you in order that he may be duly acknow-
ledged by the Commanding Officer at Thomar.

I have the Honour to be Sir &
To Dr Larchin
Principal Medical Officer
do do Coimbra.
Wm Ferguson
S. J. of H.

Sir

Abrantes June 21st 1809

I beg leave to inform you that the two Cisterns
at the St. Antonio Convent have been taken possession of
by the Engineers Department by particular orders I under-
stand from the Commander of the Forces I request you
will be pleased to represent this circumstance to His
Excellency and represent the circumstance procure his
authority for their being opened for the accommoda-
tion of the Sick as it will be impossible otherwise to take
proper care of them.

I have the honour to be &
To The Hon. Chas Stewart
Adj. General
do do do
Wm Ferguson
Dep. J. J. of H.

Abrantes June 21st 1809

Sir

In consequence of your official the verbal report
to me, in answer to my repeated official enquiries,
that all the Sick at Caldas had been removed from
thence to Leyria I communicated the same to the Com.
of the Forces but it now appears from a Report dated
Caldas June 14th that there are no fewer than 59 Patients

still at that Depot. I have therefore to direct that
you will immediately repair to ^{the point of} ~~the point of~~ ~~the point of~~ ~~the point of~~
~~tell you are officially relieved.~~ All the instructions
^{In Robt to Lisbon} which were formerly given you for your guidance
in Leyria are to be observed at Caldas and I have
to direct desire that you will not fail to ac-
knowledge the receipt of this letter also report to
me the day of your Departure from Coimbra
& that of your arrival at Caldas

I have the honour to be &c

To Dr Graham

Apothecary to the Forces
He is &c

Wm Ferguson
Depy Inspector
He is &c

Si A. G. O. Abrantes June 21st
In reply to your Letter of the 21st re-
quining that the Engineer Department may
be directed to give up one of the Cisterns in the
Convent Antonio for the use of the Sick, I
am directed by the Commander of the Forces to
acquaint you that he has no objection to
that being complied with, provided the Medical
Officer in charge of the Hospital is responsi-
ble that the Cistern is kept regularly filled
& that the expence is borne as an Hospital charge
under this limitation one of the Cisterns will
be delivered over for the use of the Hospital

I am

To Wm Ferguson Esq.
Dy Inspector
of Hospitals

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant
Charles Stewart
Adj. Genl

Sir

Alcantas June 23rd 1809

His Excellency the Commander of the Forces not being satisfied with the information my last letter to D^r Larchini required respecting some alleged conduct of Staff Surgeon Ross in the Hospital at Coimbra I am directed to call your immediate & earnest attention to the following questions.

Had you any communication with Staff Surgeon Ross on the subject of the Hospitals in Coimbra? — What was the nature of it and of Mr. Ross's declarations in Reply? and do you think that Mr. Ross was induced thereby to visit the Hospitals?

Have you reason to know or believe that Mr. Ross while he was taking notes in the wards of the Hospitals addressed any of the Patients or servants of the Hospital & gave them reason to believe that he did it for the purpose of making a representation respecting their grievances.

The above are to be answered on honour and communicated to me as soon as possible I have the honour to be Sir &c

To D^r Graham

Apothecary to the Forces

Or &c

Wm Ferguson
D. T. H.

Sir

Alcantas June 25th 09

No Apothecaries Stores having arrived and as I am apprehensive that the Army may be obliged to march without a proper supply, I beg that they may be expedited by all possible means.

As the Campaign is likely to be conducted on or

very extended scale & the Regular Divisions of Apothecaries Stores being deficient in the due quantities of almost all the essential articles, are not well calculated to supply the wants of an Army in the Field I would suggest that a Magazine chest containing an additional assortment of the most useful stores should be sent to the Army with every Division. A Magazine according to the enclosed invoice ought to accompany this Army on starting for it is impossible with our present means of carriage to move complete Divisions into the Interior of Spain & equally impossible to extract from the present Stock at Abrantes what the Army requires to carry with them. I beg therefore that the articles detailed may be sent to Abrantes ready packed addressed to the care of Mr. Lardner with whom I shall leave in the event of the Army having marched proper instructions for having them ^{forwarded} I have the honour to be &c

To A. Thompson Esq.
Inspector of Hospitals
Wm Ferguson
W. J. H.

Sir
Abrantes June 25th 1809

As I am now preparing

Invoice for the field Magazine & Medicines to accompany the Army Required at Abrantes June 25th 1809

Unknown. To be sent by

Colonel Kipp

Campbell 1000

Cadet Sapon 100

Campbell 1000

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Sir

Abrantes June 25th 1809

As I am now preparing an official statement to the Medical Board, of the conduct of Staff Surgeon Ross while in this Army, in order to justify myself for having reported to the Commander of the Forces that I considered him an unfit person to be allowed to continue it, and as in that statement it will be necessary for me to advert to Mr. Ross's conduct in Lisbon & Oporto which led to his being sent home on your representation to Sir John Craock last March, I beg to submit to you, as my superior Officer, whether that part of it as concerning an Officer under your direction at the time, & occurring under your immediate eye would not be more properly explained by you than by me. I shall therefore withhold my statement for a short time in order that I may receive your answer which I pledge myself to transmit whatever it may be, provided, that it notices all the leading points of Mr. Ross's behaviour. I have the Honour to be
To A. Thompson Esq. Wm Ferguson
Inspector of Hospitals &c. &c. &c.

Sir

Abrantes June 26th 1809

I am directed by the Commander of the Forces to transmit the following extract from General Orders to you and request an immediate answer thereto as the Return alluded to has been repeatedly & urgently called for.
June 20th

Sir

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Abrantes June 26th 1809

I have been commanded by the Commander of the Forces to inform you that a Division of Purveyors and a select assortment of Apothecaries Stores, both under proper Officers, are wanted immediate to accompany this army, for the conveyance of which on their arrival at Abrantes a suitable number of Carts will be provided. His Excellency has directed that the above Stores are to move in the rear of the Army along with the great Commissariat Depot which I understand cannot leave Abrantes for 10 days or a fortnight. It is to be hoped therefore that they will arrive in good time but at all events proper Instructions adapted to every emergency will be left with the Principal Medical Officer here to whom it will be necessary for the Officers in charge to address themselves.

Acting Apothecary Guigam is to go forward immediately with all the Apothecaries Stores that can be spared in order to meet any sudden or eventual calls.

I have the Honour to be
To A. Thompson Esq.
Ins^o of Hospitals
de m^{re}

Wm Ferguson
D. J. H.

Sir

Abrantes June 26th 1809

On a reference to the Adj^t General respecting an unsatisfactory answer from Staff Ap^t Surgeon Barry on some points relative to the sick concerns of Coimbra I have been directed by the Adj^t General to inform you that in the event of that Officer coming to Lisbon for the purpose of embarking with the 20th L^t Dragoons you are to call his attention to the enclosed copy of a letter. He is not to be presumed ~~as to be unable to~~ ~~in case he should have previously received it at Coimbra~~ ~~by which that he has found & officially~~

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questions which by the highest authority have
been prepared to him — I enclose my official
letter to Mr. Barry on the above together with
his answer for your guidance —

I have the Honour to be
To A. Thomson Esq. Wm Ferguson
Inspector of Hospitals G. J. H.
Adm. on

Abrantes June 26th 1809

Sir

I am directed by the Commander of the
Forces to transmit the following Extract from Gene-
ral Orders to you, and request an answer may
as soon as possible be sent thereto, as the Return
alluded to, has been already called for at the Adj.
General's Office.

Abrantes June 20th

"The several Departments of the Army will also
transmit on the 25th inst. a list of the Officers serv-
ing in the Department and of their appoint-
ments and removals which had taken place
during the preceding six Months."

I have the Honour to
To A. Thomson Wm Ferguson
Inspector of Hospitals G. J. H.

Sir

Abrantes June 26th 1809

I have been commanded by the Comman-
der of the Forces to inform you that you are to
send forward to the Army every disposable Medical
Officer without delay & that in the present state
of your Hospital in particular which is not
liable to any increase of sick, he relies on your
retaining as few as possible.

An application having been made by the
Commanding Officer of the 3^d Regt. of Buffs thro' the

Adj^t General for the return of Dr Aire to the
Duties of his Reg^t, I have to request that
that Officer may be sent to his Corps when
his services are no longer wanted in Oporto

I have the Honour to be &c
To M. R. Morel Esq. Wm Ferguson
Surgeon to the Forces D. J. H.

Sir

Abrantes June 27th 1809

In compliance with the orders of His
Excellency the Commander of the Forces commu-
nicated thro' the Adj^t General I beg to inform you
that I have directed the Apothecary of the General
Hospital here, to comply with the request of the
Letters & requisition from the Lusitanian Legion
of which the enclosed are Copies

I have the Honour to be &c
To M^r Col^l Bathurst Wm Ferguson
Military Secretary D. J. H.

Sir

Abrantes June 26th 1809

I have been commanded by the Commander of
the Forces to inform you that you are to send
forward to the Army every disposable Medical
Officer without delay & that in the p

Abrantes June 27th

Sir

Capt^m Plata of the Independant Company
H. G. L. and Commandant of Santerem having
reported to me that since your arrival there
the British sick in the Town Hospital have
been much neglected & their Wards in a parti-
cular manner in a very dirty state, which, with
much apparent justice, he attributes entirely to

your neglect of Duty, as they were formerly in
a very different condition while under the
direction of Staff Ap^t Surgeon Wilson I have
to request your immediate & earnest attention
to the above for if I was to make a re-
port on the same to the Commander of
the Forces and if the accusation in any
degree was to be made good against
you, your punishment & disgrace would
be the inevitable consequence.

I trust you will not be unmindful
of this salutary warning and

I am

Sir Your Most Obedient Servant
To Staff Ap^t Surgeon Welsh Wm Ferguson
G. J. H.

Abrantes June 27/80

Sir

As Senior Surgeon of the Troops in
Thomar I have to request that you will
not leave any sick in the Hospital at
Thomar without proper British servants
& more particularly to non-commissioned
to bring them up to the Depot at Abrantes
when recovered - Great neglect of the sick
& confusion amongst the convalescents has
already occurred in several quarters from
the neglect of the above

I am Sir &c Wm Ferguson
To Surgeon Robinson G. J. H.
16th Lt Dragoons
or Senior Medical Officer Thomar

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Sir

Abrantes June 29th 1809

I have to request that you will immediately appoint a proper person to go in charge of the Purveyor's Stores which are to set out from this place in the course of a day or two along with a Commissariat Convey of Ammunition, for the Army. By communicating with Mr. Ogilvie Dep. Com: General you will be duly informed of the exact time of the Convey's departure & also be supplied in compliance with the orders of the Q. M. G. with Carts for the conveyance of all the Stores, whether belonging to your own or the Apothecaries Department.

I have the honour to be
To Mr Dep. Com: Purveyor O'Reilly
Yr Obedt Servt
Wm Ferguson
D. J. H.

Sir

Abrantes June 29th 1809

I have to direct that you will by every means in your power send to Lisbon by Water all the Patients under your care at Santarem that are likely to continue long ill that can be moved with Safety, those in a state of convalescence are to be retained at Santarem untill they can be sent back to their Regiments & when the whole of the above service is finished I have to direct that you yourself return to Lisbon. In order to facilitate the execution of these orders you ought duly to communicate with Capt^{ro} Plata the Commandant of Santarem of Mr. Thomson Inspector of Hospitals Lisbon.

I am Sir &c Wm Ferguson
To Hospital Mate Welsh
Yr Obedt Servt
D. J. H.

Sir

¹⁹ Placentia July 12th 1809

I have the honour to submit the enclosed letter and to request that you will obtain permission for me to employ the writer of it as an Assistant in the Hospital Department on the daily pay $2\frac{1}{6}$ or such other sum as His Ex: may deem proper. Notwithstanding my most earnest and constant applications to the Inspector of Hospitals at Lisbon for further Medical Aid, I have not seen a single Officer of the Apothecaries or Purveyors Department since the Army left Abrantes. All these duties have consequently devolved upon me while the original Medical Staff of the Army is exhausted and distressed beyond measure by the formation of so many Hospital establishments in the Country thro' which we have passed. Some person is at present wanted to conduct along with the Army a small assortment of Surgical Materials which I propose purchasing here and in the absence of all other disposable Medical Officers, the Petitioner, into whose character I have enquired, as he must understand the management of Medical Stores might answer the purpose. I have the honour to

To Lt Col: Balthurst

Military Secretary

Signed Wm. Ferguson
B. V. S.

Sir

Placentia July 12th 1809

The Apothecaries Stores from Abrantes not having arrived and the original stock of Regiments being too scanty both to supply the sick left behind here and to carry forward into the Field, I have to request that you will obtain for me His Excellency's sanction to purchase whatever I may be able to find in this place and also to authorise Surgeons of Regts to adopt the same mode

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for keeping up the full complement of their Field
Panniers untill they can be supplied from the
Public Stores.

I have the Honour to be
To Lt Col Batturst (Signed) Wm Ferguson
Military Secretary
L. or O.

Sir
Gloucester July 11th 69
I have the Honour to return the enclosed
Memorial of Acting Surgeon Stanford which
was referred for my opinion.

I have no hesitation to say that he is
entitled to the indulgence he seeks or to the
full Bat and Forage of a Regimental Surgeon
as he is in fact performing all the duties
and incurring all the expenses by taking
the Field, which the surgeons Bat and
Forage is supposed to cover. The same
Rule and Reasoning is equally applicable to
the Cases of Acting Surgeon Beattie 1st Batn
Detachments, Acting Surgeon Moore 2nd B. L.R.
and Acting Surgeon Taberner 1st Bat. N. G. I.
all of whom came into the Field in
charge of a Regiment and I have been
obliged to insist on their keeping up the
full appointments of the Rank.

I have the Honour to be
(Signed) Wm Ferguson
Depy Insp^t
of Hospitals
To Lt Col Batturst
Military Secretary
L. or O.

²¹ Placentia July 15/809

Sir

I have taken the liberty of offering the following observations which as they relate to the health and welfare of the Troops may be deemed worthy of your Excellency's attention — Many Men have lately been sent into Hospital both here and elsewhere in a state of the utmost filth, some with no shirt at all and others with only one that had not been washed for any discoverable length of time — Greater attention to cleanliness and the state of the Men necessities seems therefore called for in some Brigades of the Army and bathing whenever practicable at an early hour of the morning, but at no other time, ought to be universally practised during the hot season — The worst species of contagious fever is infallibly generated amongst Troops by the neglect of personal cleanliness —

In some recent instances the prevalence of bowel complaints has been supposed with much seeming justice, by the Surgeons of Regt. to originate in the want of salt. Now killed Meat without salt cannot possibly be wholesome and I have lately seen that the mode of issuing and collecting the Rations the Ration has been productive of much annoyance, exhaustion and disappointment, ^{consequently disease} to the

Soldier.

I trust it will not be thought that I have gone out of my line to make the above remarks & that at all events the motive will be a sufficient apology

I have the Honour to be

To His Excellency Signed Wm. Ferguson
J. J. F.

Sir Arthur Wellesley K B
~~He is~~

Placentia July 15th 1809

Sir By the same Mail that carries this letter I have addressed to the Medical Board collectively a statement of what appeared to me to be necessary as resulting from the attack which Staff Surgeon Ross has made upon me - There can be little doubt from the specimens I have enclosed and others which Dr. Shapter can produce or can bear witness to as well as from various letters to different persons in this Army, I have seen, relative to the affair between us, that he has already according to his custom made my Conduct the Subject of the most malevolent accusation in every supposable shape. I have therefore conceived it necessary, loaded as I am with Public Duty to take Public notice of it - I have in the strongest manner repeatedly urged Sir Arthur Wellesley to detain Mr Ross here in order that he might be brought to a Court Martial - This he has declined but he has expressly and distinctly authorised

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me to state his perfect approbation of every
part of my official conduct since I came
under his command. My Character in this
Army can only be known from others.
The opinions of the whole of my Medical
Brethren are now before you and I
can only further refer you, which I
feel I ~~could~~^{can} with confidence, to Sir
Henry Burard & Sir John Chaddock the
late Commanders of the Army in this part
of the world and was the deceased Sir John
Moore now with us I could with still
more confidence appeal to him, but
his Adj. Gen. Brig. Gen. Clinton can
bear testimony to the opinion of the
deceased Commander. I am now
on the point of resigning my trust
into the hands of another for Dr Frank
is hourly expected. I have laboured
under much difficulty and many might
have executed the duty more ably, but I
will affirm none more zealously and de-
votedly, for my brother Officers who have
lived with me have seen that I have con-
tributed my utmost labours, the labour of
my day and nights to the Public Service.

I have the Honour to

(Signed) Wm Ferguson
To J. Knight Esq
Insp. Gen. Army Hospitals
Deputy Inspector
of Hospitals
to be so

Sir

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Placentia July 17th 1809

I have to request that the warrant of His Excellency the Commander of the Forces may be procured for the Deputy Paymaster General to pay into the hand of Staff Surgeon Meade the sum of 2000 Dollars - It is intended that in the absence of the Purveyor of Hospitals, M^r. Meade shall act in his place until he comes up & pay for a quantity of Hospital Stores of which His Excellency has authorised me to purchase

The surplus of the Money, if any remains, will be carried by the Purveyor to the General Hospital Account

I have the Honour to be

To Lt. Col. Balthurst

Military Secretary

[Signature]

(Signed) M^r. Ferguson

D. J. H.

Placentia July 15th

Sir

I have been directed by the Commander of the Forces to inform you that where any Stores are issued to the Portuguese Army or Government, the enclosed Form of receipt is always to be required & to be preceded by the accompanying form of Requisition -

I have the Honour to be

M^r. Ferguson

D. J. H.

Form of Order

Sir

You will please to issue to His Excellency the Right Hon^{ble}. John Villars or any person appointed by him to receive them the following Stores for the use of the Portuguese Troops etc

Signed

Form of Receipt
Received of His Excellency Lt. Genl. the
Doubtless Sir Arthur Wellesley K. B. the follow-
ing Stores for the use of the Portuguese
Troops at —————

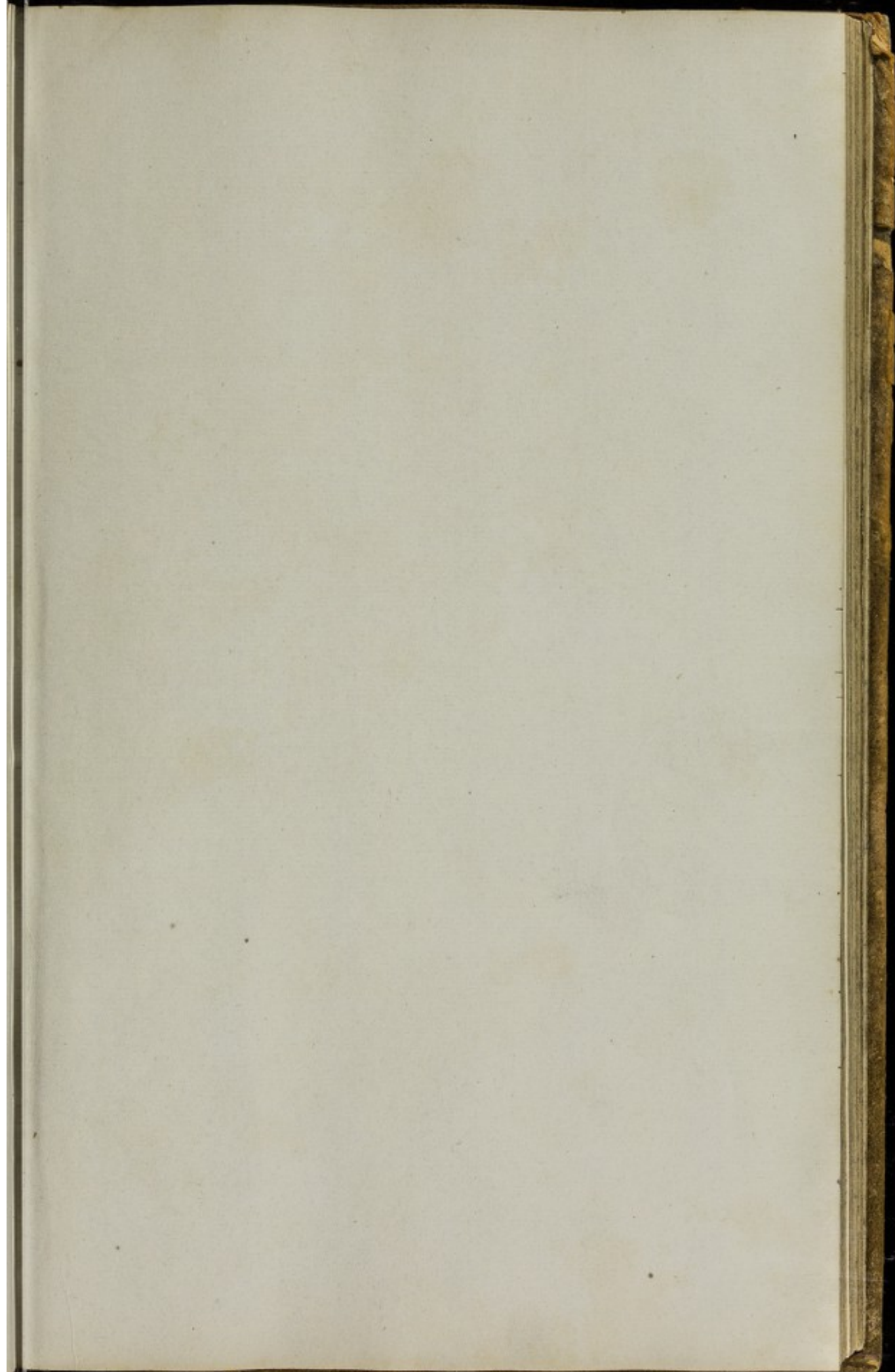
Placentia July 17th 1801

Sir I have to request you will obtain
permission from His Excellency the Com-
mander of the Forces to engage one or
more Spanish Assistant Surgeons to assist
in attending upon our Sick for as long
a time as their services may be actually
required in Placentia at the rate of £
100 per Day

I have the Honour to be
To Lt Col Bathurst (Signed) Wm Ferguson
Military Secretary Deputy Inspector
of Hospitals

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the
County of ...
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. ...

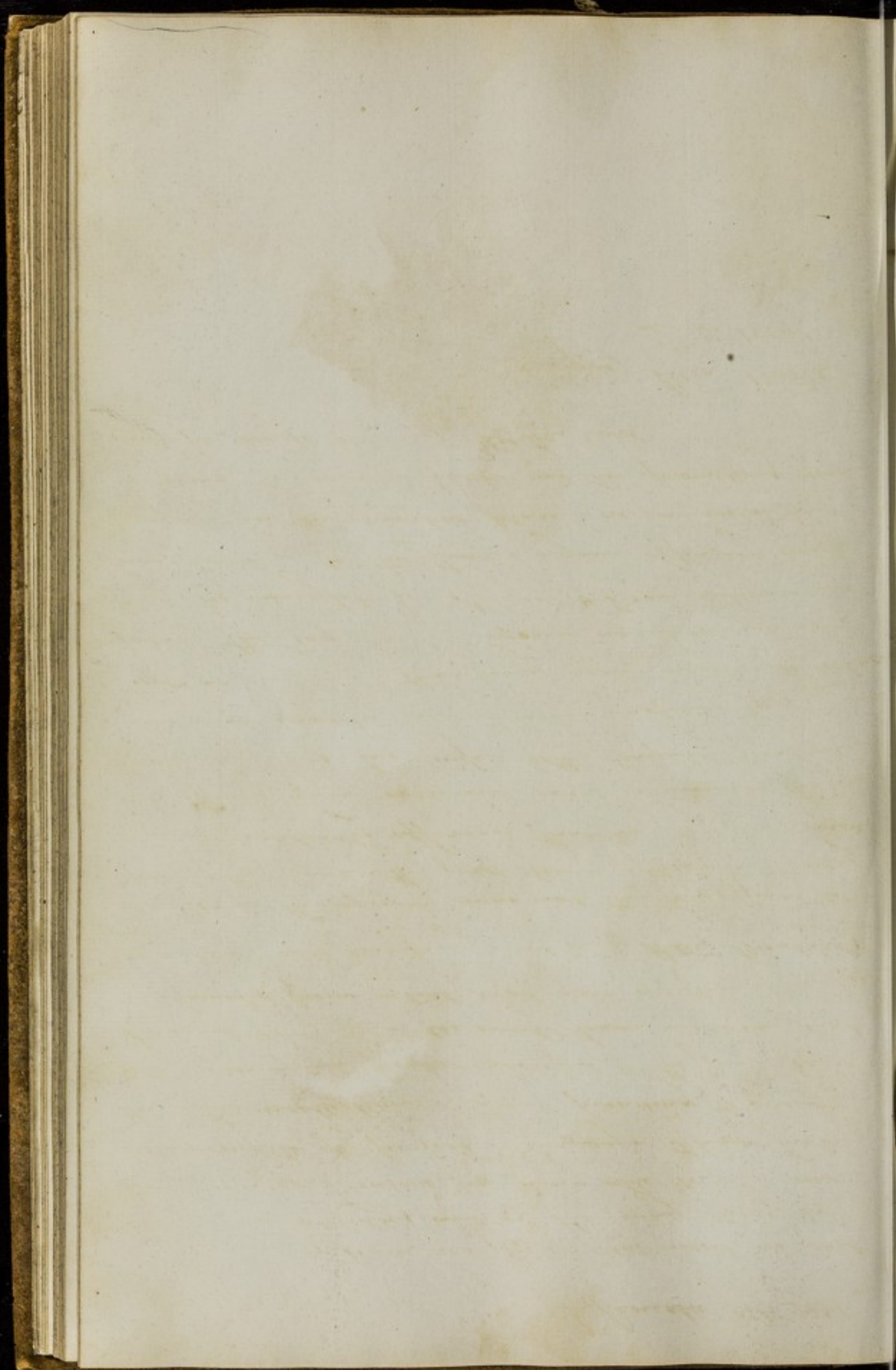
Very truly,
Yours,
J. B. ...



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not been Photographed.



Dear Sir

Sanche Oct. 1888

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I have read your statement of what
took place at Collet and on the way there & I
have much pleasure in being able to give my
testimony to its perfect accuracy. I have not
the least recollection of your pursuing to other
depos in your pocket addressed to the fair &
then at Simione - we could have no idea that
the family from what was said in their manner
of eating and drinking had had their breakfast.
The dog in the room was not the dog I had to
quail by the fair. The first being a female & me
and I positively affirm that the dog you have
was shown your over and over again by the
fair and also by the little boy who said he
was not wanted and I believe when my house
that or for some thinking you ought to believe
taking the dog I should be obliged & I can likewise
be sure in the market place as we were just
leaving to come back and in promising you
that he would be sent by the car
I am on

(Signed) Rich. Bucke
27.4.5 Regd

Mr Campbell returned yesterday and informs me
 that the Men had been well treated and attended,
 that seven Men had been admitted, which number
 added to the eleven left by Mr. Kidd, makes in the
 whole 18. I have received into the Hospital here 13, three
 are 5 now remaining at Saraga with seven, who, according
 to the opinion of Mr Campbell are not likely to recover and
 whose situation, would not admit of being removed.
 I have been very particular in my enquiries
 with respect to the murder of Men who have been report-
 ed to have died and found that Mr. Kidd did not
 lose any, whilst he was at Saraga, and of course
 formed by a corporal of the 9th who is in the Hos-
 pital that from the time of his admission on
 the 16th May to the time of his discharge on 14th June
 only one Man died belonging to the 28th Regt. On
 further enquiry a Man in the Hospital and who
 was at Saraga thinks there was another Man and
 but he cannot positively say. There were some
 French and Portuguese died, but nothing is
 known about them.

When Mr Kidd came away the Men
 were left under the care of the Surgeon of the
 14th Regt. who stay about 4 or 5 days, he
 went with his Regiment, and they were then left
 under the charge of a Portuguese Physician and
 Surgeon: at the stipulated price of two Testons per day
 according to an agreement made with Mr. Kidd
 I wish you any further satisfaction
 let me know and I will write to the Bishop of
 Saraga upon the subject

(Signed) W. R. Wood

To Wm. Ferguson Esq
 25th June
 of Montreal

As the French by their losses, may be reasonably supposed to have originated from

that source -

To receive from them a well advised
 and General Staff to move along with
 the Army and act as Commanders of

Headquarters *

(Signed) Sir J. H.
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Extract from Staff Surgeon General's
 Official Letter & Report June 22nd 1809
 General Hospital Surgeon

Admitted from the 29th April to the 4th May - 220
 Admitted 4th May to the 11th - 23

Discharged from the 4th to the 11th May - 243
 In the above period died - 135

Made out to 22nd Graham on the 15th May 1809. 107

To Sir J. H. (Signed) Staff Surgeon
 J. H. Surgeon Reg. (Signed) Staff Surgeon

* To allow each Regiment in succession as they arrive
 at Coimbra four days rest, more & might be useful

The Regt would scarcely answer the purpose -
 To permit in time of the East with Hospital

holding one or more Mules laden with Blankets and
 empty Packs cases to be attached to each Regt -

Sir

Yours June 13th 1809

In consequence of an application made
 to me by Lieut. Col. Trent, previous to the receipt of your
 letter, respecting the number of sick of the British Army
 at Braga, I immediately dispatched Mr. Campbell to
 ascertain the number of Men that were in the Hospital,
 under whose charge they were left, what treatment
 they had experienced after Mr. Kidd left them, and the
 expenses incurred for Medicines, Medical attendance and
 subsistence -

Memorandum submitted to the Commanding General -
 1st It confers the Regt. to one Capt for
 Hospital Equipment & to leave here whatever
 cannot be carried forward in that Capt's
 2d To form a Depot of Apothecaries and Sur-
 veyors at Abasco, from which com-
 munication may be had and supplied on the line
 of the Army.
 3d Wherever the Army goes beyond these
 Depots to forward one Division of Surgeons
 and another of Apothecaries there to be in-
 stant and move along with the great
 Commissariat Depot - 25 or 30 Capt
 will be required for that purpose.
 The State Medical Staff or Company
 cannot under ordinary circumstances
 carry Medicines for more than a Month
 as one of them must be filled with in-
 struments and surgical Materials.
 According according to the inevitable
 rule of all warm climates, with constantly
 present after the Month of June, and from
 as certainly, whenever the Army is near
 the vicinity of Mexico. These
 limitations of Hospital Stores must therefore
 be great and if our sick be supplied from
 the resources of the inhabitants, we run the
 risk of introducing into our Hospitals the
 pest and contagion of the Country. The
 Cuban Fever, which for many months has

forwarding received Men to their Regiments.
 accurate Returns must be sent to
 Mr Thomson Inspector of Hospitals & Dispers
 for the information of the Surgeon General
 early specifying names, with (written names)
 in full, Regt & Battalion of Regiments, & also
 of entries, discharges & deaths, & you must
 impress on the Contractors the necessity of
 being most exact in all their particulars
 when they forward their Monthly account
 to the Surgeon which is always to be done
 by them on the 25th of every Month -
 Weekly and Monthly Returns the first
 on every Monday that occurs on the 20th of
 every Month to be sent to me & the Inspector
 of Dispers otherwise there is an opportunity
 to Staff Surgeon General (Am Surgeon)
 &c &c &c
 The same Order has been & will be circulating in America
 & Spain &c &c of the Surgeon General's Office

I have the honor to advise that you will
 remain here with the sick of the Army
 that are to be left in the Portuguese Guard
 Hospital and under the care of the British
 Surge Staff. The sick are to be treated
 by the regular Medical Officers but you
 are to consider yourself as the organ
 of official communication & conference
 Medical Officer on all points of service that
 may arise relative either to the treatment
 of the sick or their behaviour in Hospital
 You will constantly communicate with
 the senior Military Officer who is also to be
 left on the same duty & in conjunction with
 him use every means in your power for

Legna April 26/1809

To Mr. Pickens

Phylogenia to the
existing modes

And there as there No. 99

I do hereby certify that the treatment of the sick of the British Army under 2nd Lt. Arthur (later) was most excellent in the Hospital at Strymon under the management of Dr Arthur (later) and others. The space of two months, he did not lose a day. I am very much interested in the patient, the dysentery, and other ailments of the British Army, and other ailments of the British Army.

Sept 3/1888

Science relative to Language & Labor

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Sir

Comd'r May 31st 1809

I have been commanded by the Commander of the Force to inform you, that a Depot of Ammunition and Ammunition Stores is to be formed as soon as possible at Abasco; a Detachment with a suitable Establishment is also required to attend the Army and may join by the same route. It is intended that another Depot along the line of the Tago be to be established which may be fed and supplied from the provisions one at Abasco; the necessity of sending a suitable number of Officers along with the Force in order to meet their eventual calls will therefore be understood from the above.

To A. Thompson Esq.
Inspector of Hospitals
May 31st 1809

I am directed by the Commander of the Force to acquaint you that a Party of 1000 men will be sent to Abasco for the purpose of taking possession with one or more Hospitals. Notes if they can be obtained immediately to be sent to Abasco for the purpose of taking care of the sick that may be left there when the Army moves - I have the Honour to be Sir
Yours faithfully
Wm. Ferguson
1809

Sir
 In the present probability of the Army
 going further up the country & being long
 absent from the General Depot at Tiber
 they to request to you the necessity
 of having a supply of Ammunition & Car-
 tridges there brought forward as soon as pos-
 sible, thus being more of the latter and only
 a very small quantity of the former now
 with the Army of Tiber we
 To Mr. G. N. J. Crasack
 (Command) Mr. Tiber

Sir
 I am directed by the Secretary to
 Mr. John Crasack to inform you that he
 has made application to the Admiral at
 Tiber for a Transport to convey there
 to Montego Bay or to the Army or what
 over part of the Coast it may happen
 to be & that he relies on your expediting
 by that conveyance Ammunition & Car-
 tridges of every kind
 some Surgeons of Regiments and
 apothecaries or ignorance of the General
 Order on the subject have left their Regi-
 mental Ammunition Chests in Tiber, have
 been instructed to take steps for getting
 them forward by the same conveyance
 of which the Admiral is aware

To A. Thompson Esq.
 Inspector of Hospitals
 St. J. M.
 (Mr. Tiber)

Legaria April 24th 1809

Chorto, was the Regimental one, which would
have answered perfectly if the Paymaster of
Regiments could have redeemed their drafts
forage of 10th of March, but they have left a
great deal unpaid at Orango & Chorto -
which does no possibility of clearing but
for you to take it on your account and
draw from the Regiment. The Machine
will be kept a going - The 10th of received
will then I believe cover every thing and not
involve you any further in accounts, as there is a
great considerable surplus of present resulting
from them - and I have advised Cooper to reside
here to prepare the accounts, Main at Chorto -
I have to proceed with me forward -
Cooper is now at Orango - Landing
& wishing to proceed & allow to supply the
deficiency in the original stock of Regt. the whole
Army having been ordered to march by route.
I am for forming a large Depot at a -
places which can give and supply two other
smaller ones at Bella Bella and Alcantara,
but as yet I can come to no distinct idea, or plan
till I know further from Mr Arthur, respecting
the wants of the Army

(Signed) Wm Ferguson
D. J. M.

between the Photographer and three Tailors.
Oporto May 13th 1809

"Some of your officers and People have even
come near me - push them on by all means
and send me what ever more you can
Oporto May 13th 1809
(Signed) Jim Ferguson

"Fitzhens I have gone on well but the
labour must kill me if unrelieved. My
cousins and surgeons must both be sent
forward, I am determined upon it and have
already wrote to Russell and Morel to join
me
(Signed) Jim Ferguson
Oporto May 14th 1809

"We shall have few or no public accounts be-
cause there you already know of - the shortage
of the men covering every thing - Bacon of
found here on my arrival the day before yesterday
day I also found a most reasonable addition
to my staff in Cook - the Hospital Notes
and the two Clerks - Bacon is put in Oporto
as Dr. Curwen.

Coritiba May 28th
With regard to your accounts I scarcely know
whether I have been right or wrong - we
have had no money in the City and con-
sequently all the Hospitals have been much
distressed: my Plan as there was no Curwen's
staff till the other day when I found Bacon at

Commandant of the Town, for the purpose
of being employed in the charge of French
sick & wounded Prisoners of War on their foot-
cage to England. Any other Medical Officer
of the Rank of Captain Surgeon or Hospital
Aide that can be spared from the Duty at
Lisbon are also to be employed in the same
service.

I have the Honour to be Sir

To A. Thompson & Co. Wm Ferguson & Co. J. H.

London 7th June

I have been directed by the Com-

mander of the Forces to acquaint you, that
a Physician with one or more Hospital Aides,
if they can be spared, is immediately to be sent
to Alcantara, to take charge of the sick in that
District. I have the Honour to be Sir

Wm Ferguson
J. H.

Extract of Letter to John Thompson Esq. Surgeon Wm. Ferguson

Caldas April 21st 1809

I am really in want of a Surgeon & Surgeon's
Aides but God knows how you are to send them.
A conveyance by sea to Montego would exactly
suit, provided the Admiral would furnish a vessel
& I believe that application has been made.

I hope there will be no difficulty with

the Account of the sick left at Caldas, you

must consider them as General Hospital Patients
regarding the difference when you come to settle

I have been directed by the Commander of the
 Force to inform you, that if Monsieur Le Comte
 de Fontenay are now at Lisbon, or within your
 cognizance, they are to be directed to present in-
 mediately to Oporto and report themselves to Col. Trent

for
 Lisbon, is wanted for the sick Depot here.
 Luckily the greater part, more particularly the
 though on a more contracted scale, at Oporto
 in store here, and they are to find fresh ones,
 be carried on the backs of the Mules are to be left
 the Regimental Surgeon therefore that cannot
 carry from this place. All the equipment of
 a single Co. shall be permitted to attend the
 considerable, for the Co. has not that not
 better judge than we, but they ought to be
 at Oporto: Of the quantities, you will be a
 being a requisition for the Materials of a Depot
 of the same sent you by order of the Artillery Regt.
 Coimbra 30th May

for the purpose of relieving Staff Surgeon should
 carry Graham is to be sent forward to Coimbra
 practice of Portuguese Physicians, and Apothecaries
 is now required at Legua to superintend the
 of the Office of that Rank (Physician)
 Braga 21st May 1809

left to carry forward to the enemy, one of whom
will also, in all probability, be taken from us
before we get up to them. I mention these things
to you, not in the way of complaint, but
because it is proper that they should be known.
You may rely upon my making the most
of what I have, and I know that I can
also rely upon your sending me, for the
most important service, every surgical Officer
that can possibly be spared."

Córdoba 7th May 1809

"You may easily conceive that I am not a little
anxious when I anticipate the delays of wounded
which their operations must bring upon me, with
out a single Article of Quinquina or other beyond what
the staff surgeons carry in their Carrioles and the
Regimental surgeons in their Carbs. I catch at
every one I think qualified to assist on so im-
portant an occasion, and as Juanillo Operative
I think would have been very useful, which are
utterly buried at Leyda, I beg that he may be
relieved by one of the Physicians from taken."

Quito 13 May

"I have no intelligence of the Captain at Mandago."

"I can only beg of you to send me every possible
assistance, for in the battle we may expect
daily to fight, I must necessarily expect to
have a serious addition to the number of my
wounded. My staff is reduced and fast reducing
by the calls upon them. Most of the Hospital there
have been left when the wounded fell."

Office of Extract of Letters and Papers relating to the
 time to establish the

Calcutta 22nd April 1809

"We are all in a little hurrying to move forward,
 and Mr. John sent for me this morning in some
 anxiety about our probable future wants, saying
 his positive commands on me to do my utmost to
 get the Surveyors started forward. Now you are to
 do it, I know not, I only know, that in the event
 of an action, whatever comes will be most acceptable
 to you. If you could spare any of the Hospital Staff
 they too would be most welcome."

Calcutta 30th April 1809

"Any thing in surgical shape will be most
 welcome, particularly Staff Surgeons and their
 families."

Calcutta 2nd May 1809

"I am sorry to say that my Staff casually

diminished in number, while new calls upon

them seem to arrive hourly. I am well with

myself, as absent at Rio de Janeiro and returning

was obliged to leave to assist the Portuguese, then

being only one Physician and one Surgeon belong-

ing to the native Establishment. There has been

taken away by authority and attached to the 20th

Division, and this was dispatched last night.

also by authority, to damage to assist the Portu-

guese, and more particularly from Major Patrick,

who in a late affair there has had his arm and

fully shattered near the shoulder joint. One more

Staff Surgeon must now be left here, as we shall

be obliged to form a Genl Hospital, then being

no room in the Portuguese Town Hospital for

our sick. You see that I have thus only three

left

a General or Brigade Hospital.
 No 4. The sick at present occupied by M. Genl.
 Wilson's Brigade are to be occupied as Hospital for
 the sick of the different Regts. who left in Brigade
 Hospitals.
 No 5. Staff Surgeons attached to Divisions with
 make a distribution of the sick to the different
 Brigades and with order a sufficient number
 of Surgeons of each Brigade to remain in the
 sick to attend the sick. This order is not
 to prevent the Surgeons of their Brigades which
 have already got Hospitals in the town of Orleans
 to from continuing to occupy them - Surgeons
 of Regts. are to make requisition upon the
 Surgeons then for Bedding for the sick in
 the Distribution of a Blanket for every Patient
 in the sick.
 No 6. A sufficient number of Officers & Non-com-
 Officers of each Brigade are to be left in charge
 of the sick at Orleans according to the Orders
 of the 19th & 24th of May and 2d of June.
 No 7. The Officers commanding Companies
 are at all times to leave with the Surgeons
 in charge of Hospitals in which the Men
 are left, the command of Hospitals is which
 the Men stoppage at 9 o'clock for each
 Man left behind, from the day that the Men
 will enter the Hospital to the following 24th of
 the Month. At seven on Friday after the 24th
 of every Month the Surgeons in charge of
 Hospitals are invariably to send to the Paymaster
 of Regts. by the mode of conveyance furnished
 out in the order of the 24th inst. the account
 of stoppage for the Men of each Regt.
 who have been in Hospital under their
 charge since the 24th of the preceding Month
 according to the printed form.

No. 2. The order No. 3 of the 3rd May in re-
 spect to Men taken sick on the march
 referring to the order No. 11 of the 24th April
 by the late Commander of the Force is con-
 sidered. The Commander of the Force
 being convinced that from circumstances
 it is impossible to carry it into execution
 No. 3. In future the Genl Officers commanding
 any Brigades & Divisions will direct that
 Men taken sick upon a march, may be car-
 ried on with the order will be given for forwarding

Abroad, June 26th 1809
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 any Brigades & Divisions will direct that
 Men taken sick upon a march, may be car-
 ried on with the order will be given for forwarding

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change of them according to the instruction order
in General Order of the 19th May for the Hospital at
Braga.

93 The Senior of the Officer left in charge of sick
at the different Hospitals must take the command
of the whole and command with Head Quarters
No Convalescent must be removed from any Hospital
station without orders from Head Quarters

Alentejo June 12th

94 When Bedding is required for the sick, every
Regimental or General Hospital that cannot be
supplied by the Hospital stores, the Surgeon
in charge of the Hospital must make a request
in writing for what he requires to the Com-
mandant of the Brigade or the Commanding General
The Officer of the Commandant will make a
request upon the Magistrate of the place
for what will thus be required by the Surgeon.
The Surgeon will give his receipt for the Bedding
and he will be responsible for the whole of what
the Magistrate procured him.

95 Mem: - The Senior Officer in charge of the sick
at Oporto & Coimbra will once a week send
by the post to Head Quarters a return of the
sick specifying the number of recovered Men

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degree depend on what they carry with them.

Corte May 24

The different Brigades will send to forthwith the

proportion of Officers, non commissioned Officers & Hospi-

tal Quarant required to take charge of the sick in

Hospital according to the instruction directed by the

General Order of the 19th inst.

Cortez May 29th

90 The use of cash to carry baggage of any description

is again positively forbid and it is equally forbid

to have guards with any baggage. The loss

of all baggage & effects therefore cannot under

change of Regimental surgeons are to be left

at the General Hospital at Coimbra. There will

be only one cart attached to each Regiment

and that to carry them who may fall sick

on the march. All Hospital & surgeons

now due in Coimbra to be paid as soon as

possible & hereafter where Reg^t leave sick in

Hospital they are always to settle with the

Hospital up to the 24th of the month.

Coimbra June 1st

71 The Paymaster General will advance to the dis-

posed at Coimbra the sum of three hundred pounds

on account to be repaid by the surgeons when

he will receive the Hospital & surgeons from dis-

posed Regiment.

Coimbra June 2nd

72 When men sick are left in Hospital at any place

the strictest attention must be paid that Officers

and non-commissioned Officers must be left in

18 On the arrival of the Army at Acerra where the
 ships with Medical stores have been detained, every ship
 given whether staff or Regimental is to review and
 completed all deficiencies in any part of the original
 field Equipment directed in General Order.
 The Company General will replace on application
 any of their public tools that have been so injured
 as to become unserviceable. General Officers commanding
 Brigades are requested to facilitate as much as possible
 the conveyance of what has been ordered, during the
 approaching month as the success of the sick and
 preservation of the wounded in the field must in a great

19 The different Brigades will leave at Braga such
 when as are not able to march in change of an
 also Surgeon from each Brigade till an Hospital
 can be established there. Officers must always be
 left in charge of the sick of Brigades in the pro-
 portion of one Subaltern for 30 men, one Captain
 & one Subaltern for 100 - a Surgeon must be left
 with the sick of each Brigade if the Number left
 should be under thirty & a Sergeant and Corporal be-
 sides the Officer for each thirty men above the number.
 Braga May 19th

20 Return of the sick of each Brigade to be sent in
 Day-march of Regiment.
 to be left with each patient to the 24th instant by the
 as soon as possible.

and in the absence of the staff surgeon
all his duties as directed in General Order
are to be performed by the senior Medical
Officer of whatever rank.

Corinthia May 6th 1809

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Mm Ferguson Esq: Deputy Inspector of
Hospitals is to have charge of the Me-
dical Department in the field until
further orders.

May 7th

Regimental Surgeon of the Brigade
about to move will immediately report
the number of sick they intend to leave be-
hind to staff surgeon. ^{them} Heel charged with the duty
of superintending. An ap^d surgeon from each
Reg^t will remain with the sick till they are
sufficiently given over to one or more ap^d surgeons
according to their numbers for brigade will
remain in Corinthia to take charge of them
subsistence till the 21st inst: at the rate of
10th per diem for every man must also be left
in the hands of the Brigade ap^d surgeon.

May 8th

18
The sick of the Brigade about to move are to
be deposited this evening at 5 o'clock at the 1st Bomb
Company under the care of staff surgeon. Heel
who will be then to receive them.

The Paymaster General will issue 100 Dollars
to the senior Medical Officer left in charge of
the sick over and above the 10th per diem for diem

by the Staff Surgeon attached to Bungalows
of the Medical Department of the Army
on the 20th of every Month to the Head
Weekly on Sunday Morning and Monthly
3^d Bungalows sick Returns are to be sent in
allotted by the Asst. General.
officer baggage & for which a Guard will be
Commanded for instructions relative to moving
you concerned are to send an Officer to the
2^d whenever Head Quarters move all per-
Barracks under Major Genl. Murray.
H. E. J. Bay General Langworth and
Major General McNeill.
27th 31st — and 45th Regt.
Bay Genl. 2^d Bungalow
Bay Genl. 9th day.
97th Regt. and 1 Comp. 5th B. 60th Regt.
2^d B. Detachment, 2^d Bn. 16th Portuguese Regt.
4th Bungalow
Bay Genl. Richd. Howard
15th B. Detachment, 10th B. 16th Portuguese & 29th Regt.
6th Bungalow
Bay Genl. Cameron
and 1 Comp. 5th B. 60th Regt.
9th Regt. 12 B. 10th Portuguese Regt. 83rd Regt.
7th Bungalow
Bay Genl. A. Campbell
and 1 Comp. 5th B. 60th Regt.
7th Regt. 11 B. 10th Portuguese Regt. 53rd Regt.
5th Bungalow

Major General McFerris.
H. G. J. Bay General Langworth and
Colberg under Major Genl Murray.
2. Whenever these questions move all per-
sons concerned are to send an Officer to the
Commandant for instructions relative to moving
officer baggage & for which a Guard will be
allotted by the Asst General.
3. Baggage & Return are to be sent in

Evening places upon which subject the
Company General will receive Direction
viz. Rio Mau, Teyua, Corimbua
One Officer and twenty men of the 30th
Regt are to be stationed at Rio Mau and
conduct the details of the Duties there. The
Senior Officer in charge of the sick and
Convalescents at Teyua is to conduct them
at Teyua, and an Officer will be esta-
blished at Corimbua for the same purpose.
No 4th Return to be sent forthwith to
the Quarter Master General of East or Barb
in use with Corps, for what purpose re-
quired, where got and by what authority.
G.O. Corimbua May 1st 1844
Buz Genl Campbell will do the duties
but to move the detail the same as
yesterday.
No 1 The Army will be engaged and will
stand in line from the night as follows.
14th 20th 30th 40th 50th 60th 70th 80th 90th 100th 110th 120th 130th 140th 150th 160th 170th 180th 190th 200th 210th 220th 230th 240th 250th 260th 270th 280th 290th 300th 310th 320th 330th 340th 350th 360th 370th 380th 390th 400th 410th 420th 430th 440th 450th 460th 470th 480th 490th 500th 510th 520th 530th 540th 550th 560th 570th 580th 590th 600th 610th 620th 630th 640th 650th 660th 670th 680th 690th 700th 710th 720th 730th 740th 750th 760th 770th 780th 790th 800th 810th 820th 830th 840th 850th 860th 870th 880th 890th 900th 910th 920th 930th 940th 950th 960th 970th 980th 990th 1000th
Buz Genl Campbell
Guards 2 Bat^m 1 Company 3rd Bat^m 60th Regt
Buz Genl Campbell
3rd or Buffs. 66th 1st 2nd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st 32nd 33rd 34th 35th 36th 37th 38th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 43rd 44th 45th 46th 47th 48th 49th 50th 51st 52nd 53rd 54th 55th 56th 57th 58th 59th 60th 61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th 69th 70th 71st 72nd 73rd 74th 75th 76th 77th 78th 79th 80th 81st 82nd 83rd 84th 85th 86th 87th 88th 89th 90th 91st 92nd 93rd 94th 95th 96th 97th 98th 99th 100th
Major Genl Campbell
3rd Brigade
5th Comp. 5th Bn. 60th Regt. 60th Regt. 60th Regt.
Guards - 87th Regt.
Major General Thorne

the Officer and non-commissioned Portuguese
 along with such weakly men as may be
 judged by Surgeons of Corps unable to bear
 the fatigues of the march to be left along with
 the sick. A further Medical Officer to be
 selected by the Deputy Inspector of Hospitals
 to superintend the sick left under the care
 of the Portuguese Medical Staff.
 G. O. Coimbra May 3rd

13. No 1. Returns to be sent by the General Officer
 and other Individuals entitled to that
 name and by the Commanding Officer of Corps
 stating the number of natives of Portugal
 that have been hired to serve in lieu of
 Porters, and of the number given by each
 Corps and of the names of the several Officers
 in whose services they are employed.

13. No 2. Heavy Men should be taken in
 on a march, measures are to be taken for
 the care of him according to the mode
 pointed out heretofore in the General Order
 particularly paraphrased No 11 of the G. O.
 24th April and the commanding Officer of
 the Company will send a non-commissioned
 Officer with him to the nearest Place. Magis-
 trate or others pointed out.
 No 3. Chetok are to be established at the post-

matters in his (the Genl) hands; who must be
 further empowered and instructed by the Medical
 Officer to employ a native Practitioner, when
 this is to be paid in the same manner and
 according to the same rule as that laid down
 for sick left in Country Quarters in England.
 Should the sick of a Bazaar be too numerous
 to be brought within the compass of the above
 arrangement they must be collected together and
 left under the care of an assistant surgeon from
 the Regiment that leaves the greatest num-
 ber or can but share a Medical attendant, the
 Doctor always furnishing sufficient funds
 for their subsistence as above.

Whenever sick Officers are left in the neigh-
 bourhood of Hospitals they are to assist the
 Medical Officer whom applied to in all
 matters relative to Convalescents more par-
 ticularly in forwarding them to their Regt-
 and the furnishing of necessaries under

Leyna April 30th

12 The sick of the Army in Leyna to be left
 in the General Hospital there under the
 same arrangement precisely as that laid
 down for sick at Caldas and the sick of the
 gades in the rear that cannot be brought
 forward to Genl Hospital at Leyna to be
 regulated according to the General Order
 of the 24th.

Director of Hospitals, the sick of the Regt. in
 Calabar, Quana, Oloros and the neighbourhood,
 are on the march of the Troops to be sent in
 to the Country Hospital there. Now are to be
 sent that can possibly be carried forward, and
 in these Brigades where there is a staff Surgeon
 they must previously be examined and approved
 by him. They are to be accompanied by a
 Medical Officer from each Regiment who
 is on no account to leave them till he has
 them properly delivered over and the non-commiss-
 sioned Officer who attends them must take care
 that they bring their necessaries. The sick
 to be considered by their Regiment as men sent
 into general Hospital and rated in the Regt.
 mental Paymaster books accordingly. An Offi-
 cer and Guard to remain with the sick for
 the purpose of forwarding them to their Regt. when
 cured and he must remain till the last, as long
 as there is a probability of the men recovering
 and being restored to their Corps.

Letter April 24th

11 In the event of them becoming so ill as to
 make it impossible to carry them forward in
 places where there are no Hospitals, they are
 to be left under the protection of the *Jus de Fora*
 of the place. Subsistence at the rate of 10
 pence for as many days as the Surgeon
 may judge necessary to be left by the Regt.

Sumner April 8th

Two Carriages are to be supplied by the Deputy
Commissary General to be attached to each Divi-
sion. Men taken suddenly ill on the march
Their Carriages are to be under the charge of a Major
-cal Officer of the column and of a subaltern &
20 Men to be furnished by the rear guard in the
immediate rear of which these cars are to
move. None but soldiers of the above Divi-
sion are on any account to be taken on them
As the Officer commanding them is mostly absent
by command to allow no soldier of baggage
whatsoever not worn the lightest to be put on
them.

April 12th

The Commissary of each Brigade will pro-
vide a Cart to carry up such Men as may
suddenly fall sick upon the road agreeable
to General Order. Three Cars are for the
purpose to be allowed for the convenience of 4000
thousand stores.

April 20th

A Field Officer for Brigade will inspect the
sick along with the staff surgeons or senior
Medical Officer every morning and make his
report to the General Officer commanding the
Brigade.

Calden April 21st

An arrangement having been made by the
Deputy Inspector of Hospitals with the Surgeon

of the staff surgeons posted to the different Regiments of the Army & one Mule to each regimental surgeon or principal Medical Officer.

Lunenburg April 6 1809

The sick of the different Regiments to be collected and left under the care of one or more Assistant Surgeons according to their numbers when the Army marched. This arrangement to be carried into effect under the direction of the respective staff surgeons now with the Army in the Field. Any Cases likely to continue long will should be immediately sent to the General Hospital in Lunenburg.

Lunenburg April 7th

An Officer of each Brigade will be left to take charge of the sick. Guards may be formed by the Convalescents or such non-effective men as the State can spare. Substitutes to be left by the Day men of Regt. in the hands of the Medical Officer in the charge of the sick for every fraction up to the 24th unit, and it is to be clearly understood that on that day all these Brigade Hospital are to be given up & the sick who remain will be sent to Lunenburg where Mr. Thompson Director of Hospital will make arrangements for their accommodation. An Agent Order for Cash to be attached to the rear of Columns for the purpose of bringing forward men & thereby then taken it is here omitted.

of 10th Dr. Regt. to be regularly drawn by the
 Surgeon from the Paymaster. As it has been re-
 presented by the Deputy Inspector of Hospitals that
 a difficulty frequently happens of procuring
 fresh Meat and Fuel for the sick in regt.
 mental Hospitals, Surgeons of Regiments and
 Corps are directed when they cannot furnish
 meat in the Market, to state the circum-
 stance to the Commissariat Department who
 will direct their contractors to furnish the
 quantity wanted at the contract price, the
 Surgeons paying for the same on delivery.
 The sick afford, having no access to a mar-
 ket or Contractors stores, an exception to the
 above. They must be victualled in the ships
 boats, but a stoppage of 4th Dr. Regt. is also
 to be regularly made against them by the
 Surgeon being the balance between 6 stops
 for the ship's ration and 10th the fixed & regu-
 lar stoppage for them in Hospital; such
 stoppage of a being absolutely necessary for the
 payment of several wages, including the pay-
 ment of extra Comforts &c. and it is to be clearly
 understood that whenever Men are placed on
 an Hospital Establishment a stoppage amount-
 ing to 10th Dr. Regt. is always to be made.

General April 2

In consequence of the passing resolutions
 of Deputy Inspector Surgeon the Commanders of
 the Forces directed a Sheet to be attached to each

station, to whom the first mentioned is to be referred for, and to have the set direction of conveying the wounded. To enable him to do this the Commissioned Officer, are to be attached.

The General Hospital staff to occupy any station which the country may offer near the Regimental, that may afford cover & security for performing operations. By this it is meant that in the very nearest Church or building of sufficient capacity, the Field Hospital is to be placed and that there the Army have a right to expect that the Hospital staff will be found.

To facilitate the prompt formation of these Field Hospitals, of so much consequence to the preservation of the wounded, every staff surgeon to be provided ~~to be provided~~ with a ~~Journal~~, containing a select appointment of Surgeons & their Mule already appointed to the carriage of the Light Surgical Field Chest is presumed to be amply sufficient for the conveyance of both.

Extract from General Orders. Lisbon March 15
2. A Cart will be allowed to each Regiment for the conveyance of the following Articles viz One Medical Chest and Canteen of Utensils and 20 lbs of Soap.
Lisbon March 22

3. All men in regimental Hospitals are hereafter to be struck off the ration Return, and a discharge

urgency of the case when the Army moves.
 When the great importance of this Agency is
 of shot is considered, in the event of the Regiment
 being from being exhausted, it is to be hoped
 that the required quantity of Conveyance
 will not be deemed exorbitant.
 The Equipments of the Regimental Gun-
 crews are to be of three kinds.
 1st Of the Regimental Medicine Chest, with
 Bedding and Contents of Utensils, in a Cart, which
 is always to be had recourse to when the Regi-
 ment has the use of a fixed Hospital.
 2nd Of two Field Carries, containing
 a due assortment of Medicines & Instruments
 according to a given schedule, fitted for
 conveyance on a Mule and adapted for
 short & immediate service. This Equipment
 is never to be brought into use, except when
 the Regiment is actually in the Field, and
 to be preserved entire and untouched in Quarters.
 This of the greatest consequence, being adapted
 solely to the exigencies of the Field or for ac-
 tive services when Carth cannot be employed
 or would be ^{too} slow in conveyance.
 3rd Of a Haversack carried by an Orderly, who
 on every march and movement is to be indispensa-
 bly attached to the surgeon, with a pouch as-
 sortment of Medicines & Dressings, prepared for
 immediate use.
 In Action, one of the three Medical Staff
 of a Regt. to be indispensably present with the Troop.
 The other two to be in the nearest possible safe place

Plan for

of Medical arrangement for the Field.

Sullivan

A Staff Surgeon to be attached to each Division of the Army, to move therewith, and to hold the immediate Medical superintendence of all its health concerns, according to the following regulations.

Staff Surgeon ^{Chief} has been attached to the Advance Division of the Army under M. Genl. Cotton.

Staff Surgeon ^{Subs} to the Division commanded by Major General Murray.

Staff Surgeon ^{Quinn} to the Division to the of Major Genl. MacKenzie & Wilson both

quarantined together.

Staff Surgeon ^{Ball} to the Reserve.

Hospital ^{Staff} will be attached to the above Surgeons in number proportioned to the nature of the service when the Army moves. As present

they would be of no use in Cantonment.

Until Field Hospitals are formed on the General Hospital Plan, the Physicians or Physicists to remain at Head Quarters, but to be considered as at all times ready for any Medical duty and more particularly to assist the Regimental Surgeons with their services when required, in any part of the Army.

An Apothecary, with a regulated assortment of Hospital Stores to be also at Head

Quarters and to be allowed three Cans for the con-

Quinto June 19th 1809

Mr. Ship's Letter to His Excellency Sir Arthur Wellesley, a copy of which I yesterday received from you, astonished me.

I am happy to have it in my power most fully to comply with the changes that he has thought proper to bring against you, by declaring, upon my Honor that order from the War, in the Month of Coimbra and Oporto, both of which, I have by your order lately superseded, having been neglected. I do affirm that no other were omitted by you to invade the unfortunate with Medicines, Bedding & Medical Comforts &c as far as the nature of our situation and local circumstances would admit and I have further to declare it to be my opinion that the previous arrangements which you have thought proper to make, relative to the duties of the Staff and Regimental Surgeons in the Field as well as in Quarters are excellent, and calculated to produce, if properly attended to the most satisfactory effect and are such as have, to my personal knowledge, given universal satisfaction to the whole Medical Establishment

I have the Honor to be Sir
To Mr. Turgotson Esq
(Signed) Wm. A. Marshall
Chief Inspector of Hospitals
Quinto June 19th 1809

very important notwithstanding every attempt
to conceal it, that he had parted with him
with much regret, both he and his lady
have requested me to be silent on the sub-
ject, for I could not avoid showing evident
marks of disgust and abhorrence at such
a transaction and I consider it as my
duty to make you acquainted with it in
the first instance, that you may be
acquainted with Mr. Gunning on the sub-
ject when he was furnished with author-
ity to call on the Judge & force to put
in Regiments Comps for the Normans
(I presume) I believe it was not expected
that his own advantage or pleasure was
taken into the account and I have no
doubt that the Commander of the Forces
would be much surprised were the state-
ment presented to him and which I
request you will discuss with it.
I presume least your Authority may not
be sufficient to make him part with his
Friend - I believe me to be
Dear Sir -
(Signed) Thos. Bp
Inspector of Hospitals

Mr. Gurney came to the house of the
Judge de Forer, which is my daughter with an
Officer of the 45th Regt. Mr. Drake, he came there
as I have stated for the purpose of getting con-
firm articles for the wounded Frenchmen and
the Judge de Forer on this as an all occasion, showed
the greatest readiness to forward the business, not-
withstanding which, it was with some difficulty
I could prevent Mr. Gurney from observing him
his sister stated to be very strong, and in the
instance perfectly unnecessary as I could see no reason
for procuring a writing now tedious than into
compliance. The family had given Breakfast,
as had the gentlemen yet they were prevented
when to take a cup of tea, during which time in
of the Judge's friends of which he has given an
abstracted the notice of the circumstances of the
Hospital at Birnie, who asked advice each
a day could could be purchased, this was
too evident in him to be misunderstood and he
was immediately requested to accept of him which
he seemed much inclined to do although Mr.
Bark and myself could very thing we could
to disengage him from it he was requested if he
could not reconcile it to himself to accept of the dog
to take the use of him while in the country, to this I
likewise objected as the Judge is very fond of hunting
& of his dog. With the Medicine I secured the
Note of on the subject which I sent, it was sent
by a doctor who understood his heart of the busi-
ness as well that he attempted to prevent on the
interference to ask the Judge independent of me
and I was obliged to threaten to confer him of
his business request sent by Capt. Richardson &
declined positively being that which I considered as

Dear Sir
 In my letter of the 13th I
 stated to you that Mr. Gunning had come over here
 from Europe for the purpose of procuring certain
 articles for the use of the wounded Frenchmen in
 der his charge and with which by the execution of
 the law he was immediately furnished. It
 is not without an extreme degree of regret & relate
 to you our part of his conduct of which I am
 furnished you cannot approve and reflecting
 which you must feel the same sensations I have
 done and lament that he did not offer his
 opinion to be overruled in an instance, where
 he was so probably in the wrong; and that
 every Officer in the Department should have
 committed himself or equivocally as he will
 be chosen to have done in the following manner

For reply to your inquiries relative
 to the state of the Reading furnished to Regt.
 previous to their taking the field, under
 the command of the Excellency the Right
 Hon. Lieut. Genl. Sir Arthur Wellesley
 I have to inform you the
 chief part had never been in use and
 that the small portion which had
 was clean and in good order.
 I have the honor to be
 Sir Frederick Dr. (Lt. Genl.) for the General
 Surgeon to the Force
 to be so

Yours
 J. C. Gunning

29th June 1809

Postella General

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Hospital Mate Bennett was attached as Acting Apothecary and some other Hospital Mates were attached to Regt.

Return of Hospital Staff at Shraga, May 19th 1889

Thos. Forbes
Thos. Field
Gunnarus Hyggens

Thos. Forbes
Thos. Field
Thos. Jones

Weekly Return of the Sick and Wounded of the Majesty's
Troops in the Hospital at Legua from 22 to 29th May
1809 inclusive

58	Received
15	East Return
22	Drice admitted
22	Discharged
51	Died
22	Total
22	Heard
7	Something at
1	Depository
3	the Legs
17	Generals
1	pullings
17	Correlations

(Signed) Wm. Graham M.D.
 Recd. of the
 Wm. Graham M.D.

Return of sick of the 1st Brigade of the Line in
Convents of St. Trinidad June 11th 1809

31	Texas
9	Quarantine
2	Cypharia
5	General
5	Misc
2	Alimentation
2	Revisited
22	Consolation
84	Total

(Signed) Mr. John
Capt. J. J. J. J.

Return of Men admitted, discharged and
died in the underectioned Hospital between
the 25th day of April and 24th day of May 1809
inclusive.

Station	Admitted	Discharged	Died
Texas	247	184	1
Caldas	192	122	5
Quarantine	14	"	1
General	154	50	"
Total	607	356	7

Regiments	Names	Companies	Died
29 th Regt	Robt. Fullen	(Capt. Delmon)	11 th May
28 th "	James Dwy	" James	26 th "
97 th "	J. Gillon	" Commissionary	19 th "
5 th "	J. Hunt	10 th de	3 th "
83 rd "	J. Huger	3 rd de	3 rd "
83 rd "	E. Haywood	3 rd de	1 st "
27 th "	E. McGraw	2 nd de	12 th "

(Signed) J. J. J. J.
Surgeon to the Forces.

who commands the Portuguese here
informs me that on Wednesday he
moves all the sick into a new hospital
tent. I have therefore ordered him to
have the Portuguese Hospital
bedding be cleaned and washed by Thomas
and I have directed Dr. Larcher to
move the sick into about 150 tents
it on Friday it is a remarkably good
hospital. The convalescents, I wish
never to share with you just as I think
sufficiently accommodated in St. Barth's.
Perhaps the doctors were afraid of my
visit, but as far as they are concerned I
can find no fault as to cleanliness and at
tention to the sick. The Regiments
and Portuguese bedding is certainly very
bad, but when the sick are moved into
the Hospital, I mentioned, they will be
very comfortable

very comfortable

[illegible]

84 Pick of Genl. Cameron's Brigade not included in
the above (Signed) Geo. T. Jackson MD

The Col^l of the 4th Regiment

ing them into General Hospital.

I have not thought it worth while now

as there Men are likely soon to be out

by our Dep^y Surgeon (Mr. Moore) of the 9th

is tolerably good & the Men well attended

Regade Hospital at Trinidada Convent

to day into the General Hospital. The

I have ordered the sick to be moved

of the 3^d Guards being very bad

stuffed with straw. The Regimental Dis-

really procured & better than Callaghan

to him to get Math which are more

instead of straw. I have recommended

ordered Dr. Lachin to apply for more.

is not sufficient for the bad cases. I have

by the Portuguese is very dirty and then

stances will allow. The bedding issued

Hospital is in as good order as circum-

attention & really. I think the General

this morning seems to have paid ~~great~~ ^{every}

me toward the Hospital last night and

Dr. Lachin who attended

report =

Trinidada, send herewith an official

General Lachin's Regade at the Convent

of the Convent Boa Ventura and that of

of the 9th Regt. The Library in this
Hospital is better than the others. I
therefore have not ordered the sick of this
Battalion into the General Hospital.

I have given directions to

Dr. Trencher to move his worst cases into the

General Hospital (now occupied by the

Portuguese) as soon as the new Portuguese

Hospital is ready which I am informed

will be the case on Wednesday next.

I have the honour to thank

you for your state of the sick in

General Hospital.

I wish to inform you who have

change of recovered men here has my

orders to send to their respective Regiments

such men as are fit to be moved. The men

be amount to 81.

I have the honour to be

Yr. Obedt. Servant

J. Cotton

Major Genl.

Extract from Genl. Cotton's private and

confidential report.

Cornwall June 11th 1809

In consequence of your letter of the 8th inst.

which I received yesterday I visited the

General Hospital of St. Vincent as well as

the Regimental Hospital of the 3^d Guards

to be well attended by an Asst Surgeon-Major
is good and the risk of these Regts is
The Hospital of the 9th and 23rd Regiments
of that Regiment into the General Hospital
directions to Dr Lachin to receive the sick
of the 3rd Guards being very bad. I have given
The Regimental Hospital

since received by the Surgeon
for the Bedding not having been washed
Bedding. There, being no change account
found. There is still a great deficiency of
Portuguese Bedding was very bad when
been washed for a considerable time. The
seemed very bad and appeared not to have
Hospital Bedding left by the different Regts
Gentlemen left in charge of them. The
Dr Lachin and the rest of the Medical
to the men by the Physician to the force
Every attention seemed to have been paid
found 305 sick of different Regiments.

In the Detachment Hospital
sick at this place.

visited the Detachment and Regimental Hos-
with the directions therein contained I have
letter of the 9th instant in compliance
knowledge the receipt of your Excellency's
I have the honour to ac-

Yr

Cumbria June 11th 1809

Conduct towards your Staff. I will shortly
 refer you to the whole Staff (in Rpt or
 edit) - Every gentleman in it, I am
 sure will express himself anxious to a
 agree for your long being at the Staff
 - from a conviction that we are
 can do more, to meet the wishes and
 promote the happiness and welfare of
 every one, than yourself.
 With sentiments of the greatest re-
 spect and esteem from your self as a
 public or private character -

I remain

Yours

John, (signed) John Lubbock
 Esq. 18th/1899

Sir
 I have the honor to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in
 answer to your communication, I feel no hesi-
 tation in saying, giving it as my opinion that
 the whole of your arrangements relative to the
 Staff of the Army have been highly judicious,
 and that every attention has been paid by you to
 their comfort and welfare.

I am farther of opinion that they
 have suffered no inconveniences but what were
 occasioned by local details altogether inseparable
 & inseparable from the nature of the
 Service; and finally, on our consideration of
 all the circumstances I do not think or believe
 that more could justly have been done.

Wm. Langford Esq.
 By J. Langford Esq. (signed) Thomas Nass
 Esq. 18th/1899

as head of the Department in and of the Dick
or wounded soldier. I have the honour of
being intimately acquainted, believe, with every
gentleman on the staff (Mr. Ross excepted) who
is out in the country and I can assure that
I never since have heard any one gentleman
except himself but in disinterest directly the
views of those entertained by Mr. Ross.
If you are anxious to give me
some particulars - I will consider them as
under two heads; first - your conduct in
the management of the sick concern of the
Army - secondly - your conduct towards
the gentlemen who have the satisfaction
of serving under you - and in doing this
I shall do it with fairness, and
guided by the motives, unpermeated changes
Mr. Ross made against myself.
1. As to your management of the sick.
Here I must preserve, as well as Mr. Ross,
that I also have some experience in the
Army, having entered it in the year 1793
and I can truly say, that I have never
over such efficient measures for the accom-
modation of the sick, so frequently brought
forward as by yourself - The men of the
five Regiments, and of two Hospitals which
under you, I never had the charge of have
at all times, had at the moment, what
was absolutely necessary, and as soon as
possible afterwards - what comfort or accom-
modation the country or your House could
supply -

2. As to the second head was that of your

being denied by you, suffered from being de-
 prived of the comfort and protection to which
 they are entitled. I have no hesitation in say-
 ing that the sick of this part of the Army
 have been exposed to inconvenience, ~~whatsoever~~
 which from the state of the country or
 the nature of the service in which they were
 engaged, could have been avoided. I am
 of opinion, and all the other Medical
 Officers of the Sangua fully concur with
 me in it, that your arrangements for
 the accommodation of the sick of the Army
 serving in Portugal, are judicious, liberal
 and capable of affording to the sick of the
 Army comfort, comparable with the situation
 in which he is placed. I have even wit-
 nessed in your great zeal, and experience
 from you the warmest support in the ex-
 ecution of any duty connected with the good
 of the service. I have the honor to

To Mr. Ferguson Esq.
 Surgeon 87th Regt

with y^r friend
 D. M. O. Sangua

I have duly received the letter which
 you did me the honor to address to me
 respecting charges preferred against you
 by Staff Surgeon Ross. I must confess
 that nothing could exceed my astonishment
 at learning that satisfaction existed in
 the mind of any one as to your conduct
 or that any one gentleman on our staff
 could entertain the opinion that the in-
 most possible had not been done by you

used my intention otherwise, to have again
occurred as Boasack, for the fugitives above
mentioned

I am Sir Dawson Kelly Capt
Adj. Adj. 2. M. G.

For
Dawson 15 Jan 1874

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, and in reference to the charge made against you to the Commander of the Forces viz. for disarming the sick & old of this Army of the Condo and protection they are entitled to. I beg leave to observe to observe under all the circumstances attending so rapid a march, to any knowledge, every possible arrangement and accommodation was uniformly made and every possible attention and respect has been given; I declare that I am totally unacquainted with any instance that the sick & old, has been deprived, either of comfort or accommodation, except what was occasioned by local obstacles; and it is my firm opinion that it was not in the power of any Medical Officer, to have performed more for the sick attention, and comfort of the sick than has been done by you

To
Wm Ferguson Esq
Adj. Adj. 2. M. G.

Castle Franco Jan 15th

In answer to your letter of the 10th instant desiring me to inform you whether the sick of the Brigade commanded by M. Gen. Wilson had, in consequence of a bad dysentery for the management of the sick of the Army in Portugal

allowed to repeat what I have heard you
express, long before the present question
arose "that free economy consisted in a
due attention to the wants of the sick
& old". Bearing those facts strongly
in mind, I must conclude, that the
whole of the charges are unfounded &
inferred from the worst motives.

I have the honour to be

Very truly
Yours

Henry Johnson
to the doctor

G. J. H.
H. H. H.

Albany, ~~June 10~~ June 19th 1809

Dear Sir

I'm reply to your note of
this morning. They to state that perfectly
recalled the circumstance of your calling upon
me at Leinster, relative to the disposal of
the sick then about to arrive with the
brigade of guards and Brig. Gen. Cameron
Fugate

It is also fresh within my
memory that the anxiety you expressed
upon that occasion induced me to relinquish
as doctulish, the command of 11000 men
& the Tumbaga, which had been evacuated
by the doctor that morning and which is
to him Ferguson for
G. J. H.

In reply to the communication
 you did me the honour to make, relative
 to charges preferred against you of so serious
 a nature, as invitation to the want of
 the sick of this Army, I can positively affirm
 that in no instance connected with the
 Health concerns of M. Gen. Hill's Brigade has
 any thing occurred, during the period that
 I was duty with it as Principal Medical Officer
 which could in the slightest degree counte-
 nance such accusations. I can further as-
 sert, that in the regulations for the General
 Hospital at Oporto (where I have taken
 since its formation a considerable share of
 the duties) every thing was attended to which
 could be devised for the accommodation of the sick
 & as the Brigade belonged to, bore the same
 just part of not the whole of the losses, in
 the engagement at Oporto: from my own
 knowledge I can say that the measures taken
 for the removal & accommodation of the wounded
 were the most prompt I have ever wit-
 nessed, or could have imagined. It being
 clearly in my recollection I may be here

Discharged 15 June 1809

L.

Leith 15th June 1809

Lieut

In reply to your Letter of

the 10th instant wherein you call on me to give
my candid opinion on the subject of the Medical
Arrangements you make when the Army goes
the Field, I beg leave to observe that I always
considered both your general and private wishes

known to the Staff and Regimental Surgeons, in
every respect well calculated to provide for the

comfort and accommodation of the sick, and un-
der the existing circumstances, in my opinion,
no better could have been adopted. During

the time I was acting with the Guards, the Sur-
geons never expessed to me the slightest objec-
tion to any of your regulations, and since the

receipt of your Letter I have communicated with
the Surgeons of the 24th, 31st and 40th Regiments

on the subject thereof, who are unanimous
in approving of every order and instruction they
received respecting the concerns of the sick, and

they come on this service

I have the Honour to be Sir

Arthur Bell

Surgeon to the Forces

Copy
of
the
original

To Sir Ferguson Bay

unavoidable, but that the whole should be
placed the following morning, on which day
the baggage marched, and I gave Assistant
Jungson these instructions how to
act: but during this delay the sick of the
9th Regt suffered little or no inconvenience
as I procured for them from the Quar of the
Convent excellent Mash and other comforts
and am confident that Mr. Steph's report is
not founded on formal observation as he can-
bairly did not enter the Convent during any
stay there.

With regard to the verbal in-
structions I have at different times received from
Mr. Jungson I can most safely state that
they have always had the good of the service
in view, and I may further state that after
a period of more than fourteen years service
it has never fallen to my lot to witness
the conduct of any Officer which has been
more influenced by an ardent zeal for the
wellfare and comfort of those committed to his
charge. I am Sir &c

To Mr Cook Esq:
And^r Mr Browne
Jungson to the Forces
Jungson 9th Regt
H. H. H.

comfort and accommodation that could

possibly be procured

I have the honor to be

Yr friend

Wm Cook Esq

James June 12

Sir

I have just received Mr. Ter-

guthen letter to you, and a copy of one from

Staff Surgeon Ross to the Commissioner in Chief

and in compliance with your own promise to

inform you that in conformity to a Divi-

gual Order, the Hospital equipment of the

2^d Bat^{on} of the 9th Reg^t were given over to

them in consequence of the Company not

having been able to procure a Car to forward

them, and the one formerly attached to the

Reg^t for that purpose being left at Coon

in transportation being impracticable.

On the arrival of the fugate

at Coimbatore a Requisition was made to the

Chief Magistrate for Ghara, Debbang and

Attends for our sick (by order of Mr. Ferguson)

which was to have been issued early the

next day, however some delay having oc-

curred I waited personally on him to enquire

into the cause and was assured that it was

Shugren to the Forces

Mr Cook Esq

To

I beg leave to state that the sick men of
Genl Cameron's Brigade sent back to Cornelia
from Sabacal under my charge on the 7th inst
were returned over to Ap^t Shugren. Mine of the
9th Reg^t who informed me that the whole of
them were well provided with every necessary

In compliance with your order
I enclose in the above
Sanctuary June 12 1864

Shugren to the Forces

Mr Cook

To Mr Ferguson Esq

this Army. I have the honour to be the
wearer the comfort of the sick and wounded of
and with great firmness and feeling to
them with zeal for the good of the service,
this staff you have been actuated at all
to observe, since I had the honour to join
leave to state, as far as I have been able
for justice to yourself I beg

in enclosed.
ward of the 23rd Reg^t whom report is here
from Sabacal under the care of Ap^t Shugren
to send back more sick men whom the most
ward in abundance, that I did not hesitate
had so little doubt of every thing being pro-

requisition according to your verbal order to
 the Company for 9 hours which he pro-
 posed me as soon as it could be procured, and
 the weather became fair - and to the fur-
 de for bedding & blankets, in this ap-
 plication I was assisted by Surgeon Brown
 of the 9th Regt. who speaks the language.
 when first we actually procured at the
 time and the remainder furnished the next
 morning the 5th June - at an early hour
 I visited the Hospital that day and saw
 Mr. Milne of the 9th Regt. left in charge of
 the sick of the Brigade who informed me
 that he was to get in the course of the day
 every thing required.

You had at that time left
 the Town and trusting to the promises of
 the Magistrate and to the preparations
 actually were going on, I saw no occa-
 sion to report to you, or call for you as
 distance the day preceding.
 I here acknowledge that your
 instructions to me were sufficiently to appear
 the Magistrate, that if they did not sufficiently
 comply with my requisition, I was without
 delay to report to you for the information
 of the Commander of the Force, who would
 certainly take the most serious notice, and I

taken to alleviate it, and under the existing
circumstances it was totally impossible to

have done more.

Your written instructions

consider from my experience of fourteen

years in the service, to be clear, explicit

and well calculated for the comfort and

wellfare of the sick of the Army, and

since I joined the Brigade at Ghent, I

have upon all occasions adopted those

means you therein pointed out to me.

When the Brigade embark

ing in Board at Ovar, the Cars, which

carried the Regimental Hospital Bedding

were discharged, and on the march of the

Brigade from Aveiro, Cars could not be pro-

vided, I then judged it necessary, to re-

commence it being left in the Surgeon's

store, or it otherwise must have been

lost, notwithstanding a General Order

of the 29th May for it being carried on

to Coimbra

I immediately upon my arri-

val at Coimbra, I made application by

I have shown your letter
to the Medical Officers of the Brigade who
unanimously agree in the above opi-
nion, and believe with me, they have
received every support from you, the
nature of the circumstances would admit,
and do not think any thing more, real
ly beneficial to the service, could have
been done

I have the honour to

Yours faithfully
J. W. Ferguson Esq

G. J. T. Esq
Singapore 29 May

~~Admiral~~
Singapore June 12 1809

Sir

I had the honour to receive
your letter of the 10th instant with its en-
closure this day, and am sorry to find so
malicious a charge suggested by Mr. Ross.
without any reasonable grounds, and I
must think, that if Mr. Ross had con-
sulted and fairly enquired into the burning
he would have found, that if the sick of
Brig^d General Cameron's Brigade did suffer
any inconvenience that every step had been

comparable, and the only reasonable
one that could be made, the accom-
panying them together in the
Portuguese hospitals under the su-
pervision of a British Medical
Officer, &c. &c. as much as the
Medical Staff was kept together for
more active service and the sick
they could have been in any other
way from the local difficulties of the
country. After the different engage-
ments the wounded were quickly re-
fully treated for and when the value
branches and increasing obstacles pre-
vented the Hospital staff from accompa-
nying them. Portuguese still no in-
convenience should have been felt by
the sick, the different towns & villages
being equal to supply them, in-
clude, with feeding and other needs
as the Depot of Medicines and Lin-
iments at Louro gave every one
an opportunity of supplying them-
selves with such articles as had been
used or rendered unnecessary during
the march, of which as the senior
Medical Officer with the baggage
I would suggest

22.
gives me pleasure to add that they
most decidedly concur in the opinion
and statement which I have
ven above

I have the Honour
to Mr. Ferguson Esq (Lieut) Richd. Beatham
Esq Surgeon of the
Army at the
Barracks at the Regt.

Yours
Dorchester June 12

In reply to your letter
for requesting me to give my opinion
on the Medical Administration
made by you for the Army in the
Hospital and to the Inspectors and com-
mittee the sick officer has received some
it has been actively employed, I have
great pleasure in saying they have
fully met my ideas on the subject
and that if in any instance the sick
have suffered it must be attributed
rather to inattention on the part of
the Medical Attendance, than to a
fault in the original plan.

When the Army took
the sick each surgeon was supplied
with a proportion of Medicines and
Hospital stores equal to all probable
contingencies, the provision for these
Men who will stick on the road was

I have consulted with
all the Medical Officers of Bangalore
General Hospital Bangalore and it

which could be bestowed on them.
fort and attention to their situation
have been left without all the com-
pensation and that the sick in no case
ment every possible facility has been
consideration as head of the District
resides on your, or of your own
I can fully declare that in no case
now immediately under my charge
In regard to the sick

object in view
the accomplishment of the important
been such as were best calculated for
view; and that they have invariably
formed our principles the most judi-
that I conceive they have been
my, they most clearly to state
convenience of the sick of this
made by you for the comfort and
of your own date bearing my
In reply to your letter

18th June 1849

Sir

Albion 11th June 1809

I'm sorry to hear of
the Medical Officers of the Brigade
of which I have the pleasure
of instructing the wounded charges in
dear against you, & feel very great
satisfaction in stating, that we
have in every instance received the
most ready assistance and support
from you as the superior Medical
Officer with the Army in the dis-
charge of our professional duties;
I from the best of our opinion you
arrangements have at all times been
such as to contribute most effectively
to essentially to the comfort of the
sick as far as the circumstances of
situation and the continual move-
ment of the Army would admit
of. I have the honor to be
(Signed) W. Hammond
Deputy Inspector of Hospitals
Burgon 66th Regt

must be deeply hurt. I have much va-
 luation in again visiting, that
 during the constant communication
 between us with respect to the sick of
 my own Regiment, I have received
 the ablest and most cordial support
 & advice towards their comfort; in-
 deed after a service of nearly 22 years
 which I have almost complicated in
 the Army, during which time I have
 never met one whose attention and as-
 surely seemed more devoted to the health
 & ease of the Soldier than you; & should
 any public investigation of your con-
 duct be elicited either by yourself or
 any other person I shall be most hap-
 py to attend & express my opinion of
 the professional discharge of ~~my~~ your
 duty since I had the honour of your first
 acquaintance.

(Signed) Wm Wallace
 Surgeon General

To

Wm Ferguson Esq.

Depy Inspector of Hospitals
 &c &c &c

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 10th inst.
calling on me as Surgeon Major of the
5th Brigade to state whether under the
circumstances in which the Army has
been placed, any inconvenience has
been experienced by the Sick in my
change which was not perfectly un-
avoidable; in reply to which I have
to declare as my decided opinion in
which I am most heartily joined by
the other Medical Officers of the
garrison that no operation or alteration
has been warranted in any instance
on your part, or that of the Depart-
ment under your superintendence,
which could contribute to the com-
fort of the Sick in any degree.
I assure you it gives me infinite
concern to think that we will forever
be maintained in charge should have
been made against your character,
however as the best of Men cannot
escape through life unimpaired nor are
free from attacks of the malicious vent
disposed, in this case the your feelings

Atlanta 11th Jan 1869

Sir

Chief Inspector

Wm. Darguison

I have the honour to be

your

be afforded on so important a sub-

ject that the fullest information may

Medical Officer of the Brigade in or-

quity, before you give it, with all the

well considered, that you will con-

of the forces of the fact that it may be

your answer before the Commander

they have been done, as I intend to lay

and believe that more could be pro-

avoidable and easily whether you think

gained by local obstacles altogether un-

re suffered more than what was occa-

sion have suffered any inconvenience

has not been given, whether your

stances every possible facility & assist-

stances whether under all the circum-

sent and your experience of the fact

to say from your knowledge of the in-

cal Officer supervising a Brigade

St. Thomas June 8th 1809

Sir

I have read the letter you
did me the honour to submit to me,
but before I offer any observations upon
it I have only most earnestly to request
that an inspection of the sick at Coton-
bra in the Hospital of St. Rocco, Doa Sen-
tine & Trinidad by a General Officer
may be ordered without delay

I have the honour to be &c

To His Excellency

Genl Arthur Wellesley M.P.

Adjy. Genl

St. Thomas

(Circular)

St. Thomas June 10th 1809

Sir

I charge of the most

serious nature having been made against

me to the Commander of the forces viz

for having from vile motives and by

the adoption of a bad system deprived

the sick of this Army of the comfort

and protection they are entitled to &c

call & upon you as the Principal Mem-

of them will be left to be in charge
of the Portuguese dungeons to whom
they cannot make themselves under-
stood were these people disposed or ca-
pable of affording them assistance
and which is rarely the case; such
is the system adopted in this country
and it is by such a system which is
called economical that more lives have
been lost than could have been saved
by government. I have not gone out of
my way to look for charges against
Mr Ferguson the Deputy Inspector of
Hospitals. I have gone into the meanest
hospital where they store me full
in the face and where there is no
make victims of such a system demand
protection & compensation and that
their situation should be made known
to the Commanders of the British Army
that it may be rectified without
delay. I have the honour to be &c

(Signed) J. H. Hop
To
J. Ferguson Esq. M.P.

Mr. Foxwell
St. Martin's Alley N.B.

practice the review of Dr Jackson. For
specter of Hospitals and to manage
the Sick and Wounded Soldiers of our
Army on service without a regular estab-
lishment and General Hospitals. As
a proof that my disinclination is
founded on the sound principles of hu-
manity & justice to the soldier and to the
service it is only necessary to step into
the Hospital here belonging to the 9th
General Cameron's Brigade and look at
the Sick & Wounded of the 9th and 83rd Regts
amounting to between seventy and eighty
Men independent of those in the Gen-
eral Hospital many of them in severe
dome in a dying state and without
Medicines, and without straw under
or Blankets over them. Mr. Miller the
only Asst Surgeon with the 9th Regt. pre-
sent in this country is detained here
behind his sickly Colts. to take care of
these Men, as at Shraga he will most
likely have orders to give them over to some
other Surgeon from whom they will again
be transferred to another till at last they will

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the letter your Excellency did me the honour of writing to me yesterday. I shall certainly lose no time in complying with the Orders I have received. I think it necessary however to apologise your Excellency of my determination not to suffer the business on which I addressed you to fall to the ground, for although I have the highest possible respect for your decision and that of His Excellency ^{to Genl. John Craddock} I have however a still higher for my own character, the public service and common justice all of which I conceive to have been violated in this instance through the great machinations and malicious misrepresentations of Mr. Ferguson Deputy Inspector of Hospitals who very naturally wishes to get rid of an Officer older and more experienced in the service than himself, and one who disapproves most decidedly of the late attempt made by the Inspector General's Department to reduce to

Yr

London June 5th 1809

of the representation I have made.

I have the honour to be

Yours very truly

Wm. Lushington
Secretary to the Admiralty

Mr. Secretary to the Admiralty
Whitehall

Member of the Medical Board

the health concerns of this Army.
I have these have not been in my
magis in my hands because the Staff
under me both General and Regiment
had have always displayed their
best real, activity and intelligence
I freely acknowledge the responsibility
that is attached to my place but
in the midst of an arduous campaign
alleged to be unaided by any Officer of
my own or superior rank. I have
felt it no small personal annoyance
to be thus employed in odd defence
when my whole time is scarcely
equal to the public service. For
once I have deemed it my duty but
never officially called upon. I shall
never again consent to notice either
the attacks of Malice or those occasionally
less mischievous ones arising from
stupidity, folly or misapprehension with
which all men in public positions
must expect to be assailed.
I shall conclude by stat-
ing that as I have pledged myself
to Sir Arthur Wellesley and to Mr
Ross so I have now pledged myself
to you to substantiate in the future
in the manner whenever called
upon the truth and justice

a due regard to the peace and good
conduct of the service & I could have
acted no otherwise than I did. I have
marked I have details an affair
with Staff Surgeon Guining that
occurred in September 1808 and I have
marked I have another that occur-
ed soon thereafter. I have marked
I have is a statement of Mr. Ross's
conduct as witnessed by myself while
left at Lisbon during the winter.
I have marked I have another state-
ment of his behaviour to his superiors
Officers Mr. Forbes and I have
I have contains the reasons why
the Inspector of Hospitals sent
him home last March.

I feel that I have
borne my duty in advising the Com-
mander of the forces not to admit
Mr. Ross into the Army of Portu-
gal. I trust it will also appear
that on every other point of service
I have not been unwarranted of
what was required from a soldier
to my station. My ^{official} correspondence
book will show how much it
has been my aim to preserve vigi-
lance efficiency and discipline in all

I come now to the most
personal attack made by Mr. Rep.
of having from the most unworthy motives
sugared the commander of the forces
against him. When I found Mr. Rep.
forced upon me at Corinth & certainly
did repent to give Arthur Wellesley
that I conceived his temper and dispositions
to be so bad as to make it impossible
to conduct the service with him, that
they had already been found so in-
ferior as to oblige Mr. Thompson
to send him home about three
months before and that the im-
mediate effect of his presence here
would probably be a Court Martial
with Staff Surgeon Forbes on well
"as otherwise involving our Staff in
"ridiculous squabbles and contentions" all of
which in the most explicit and official
manner communicated to Mr. Rep. The
accompanying will show that with

no system or object but the mere
votion and comfort of the sick
and wounded soldier by any and
every means in my power.

by and protection of the Bishop of
Sagua Director and Manager
of the Hospital where humani-
ty, zeal and good dispositions could
not be doubted. I need not surely
explain that I could not explain
them than a Medical Officer for
so small a number of Patients at
a time when the Army was again
on full march as it was supposed
to meet another enemy at the dis-
tance of 300 Miles, but the Return
I speak for themselves and require no
comment from me. That our sick
could not possibly enjoy the same com-
forts they would have done for quarters
at home I sincerely regret but ^{from} ~~from~~
that under the existing circum-
stances of an almost total want of
money, of anxious warfare in every
part of a Country as soon well be ima-
gined, and of a singularly un-
lucky season, that every thing was
done that could possibly be accom-
plished. The accompanying testi-
monials marked I then on this head
from the Medical Officer of the Army
when, on inspection of which many
be allowed to be competent judges
as they are expressions of an almost una-

was formed at Calcas under native Medi-
cal Officers with one British Medical
Officer to act as the organ of official
communication with ~~other~~ ^{ourselves} and
~~thence~~ ^{thence} the official ~~Officers~~ ^{Officers} with
thence. About ten days after another
was formed at Tegua on the same
principle. The ~~other~~ ^{other} marked letter
will ~~show how it was conducted.~~
At Cerinba as the Army advanced
the sick were committed entirely to
a British Hospital staff under the
direction of Staff Surgeon ~~and~~ and
at Oporto in like manner, the treat-
ment of the sick and wounded was
committed to Staff Surgeon ~~and~~ ^{and} the next
Hospital establishment was at Braga
where as at Tegua and Calcas the na-
tive Hospital resources were called in
aid of our over-sight & diminished
Hospital staff but always with
British Medical Officers to superin-
tend as before until the sick were
reduced to 11, when with the abso-
lution of the Commander of the forces
of recalled Staff Surgeon ~~and~~ ^{and} to the
most important duties of Oporto
and confined them eleven to the ~~hundred~~

views with him and to enter into a
most ~~frank~~ frank correspondence and
discuss the reason with therefore
be known why I did not immediately
attend the sick of General Cameron's
brigade, or, when no difficulty was in-
ferred, witness in the official grouping
of Col. Jackson the Medical students
of Corinth & the staff and Regi-
mental Surgeons of the Brigade. but
on this head I need not repeat further
on your line the General Order at O-
rto will show the intention there
that at Corinth will prove that I
had not been indebted to the pro-
bably want of the sick and the out-
going documents of letters to
position here to which the adjoint-
ed document was in letter a
from Staff Surgeon Cook and Surgeon
Morton afford a further evidence of
that was necessary.

I come now to notice the
change of leaving Men to be in
Portuguese Hospital under the circum-
stances which Mr. Ross intimates -
The Staff which was attached to me
to which I was obliged to accept being the
smallest I believe ever known for an Army
marching a great distance to attack the
enemy & the Hospital Establishment

No. which was supposed to be better adapted to existing circumstances.

On the afternoon of the 3^d

of June General Cameron's Brigade

marched into Columbia & to my great

dissatisfaction without their Master's

for Baggage which ~~was~~ ^{was} the

General Order on the subject they

had been obliged to leave at Annapolis

they further, the like the rest of the

Army they had left their sick at Quantico

produced, a very numerous list of fresh

cases. When I heard of their coming

had with great difficulty secured an

hospital for them, and hurriedly met

them on their entrance into the Town

where I gave the fullest directions to

Staff Surgeon Cook superintending the

Baggage how to act. The sick were
not there come up but the documents
marked No. will amply elucidate this
affair without further explanation
from me. *It was then I first saw
Staff Surgeon Cook in Columbia by
whom I was apprised in the most in-
known manner & during the short time
I remained there about a day & a half
the engaged beyond my utmost powers
in official business of every kind obliged
by reason of his impotency and attacks
to suffer no less than five official inter-

therefore again called in aid of our
 regimental equipment & ~~was found~~
 to be fully adequate to the uncertain
 and fluctuation of all the sick & wounded
 ed. The movements of the Army de-
 ring that period until its return
 to Combarca are well known; in the
 space of 19 days they marched near
 by 400 Miles in as rapid and arduous
 a service as ever was performed. The
 sick on the return ^{of the Army} were ~~not~~ deposited at
 Juquila, (where I was first appointed of the
^{from his duty} ~~the~~ sick being embarked at Juquila a
 sea port between Ochoa and Combarca)
 but as it was found that they could all
 be brought forward to Ochoa except eleven
 Cows, the great Depot, containing near
 500 sick & wounded, was formed in
 the latter town. ^{There were received}
 an accession to my staff of Staff Sur-
 geon Cooke & Hospital Major & The
 General Order was then given out
 while the Army after a halt of
 three days began again to march
 southwards but without any further
 destination being known. On arriving
 at Combarca the Army had been
 relieved at Ochoa of all its actual sick,
 the effect of the late severe service still
 manifested themselves in the encampment of
 the sick list and it being further found
 that the Country by the constant passage
 of Armes was utterly exhausted of its re-
 sources, the Commander of the forces an-
 nulled the order No and gave out that

*There are still
 from his duty

numbers will show that I lost no time
in applying urgently for further assistance
of every kind authorizing in as far as
I was able the future want & urgency
of the service. The Army proceeded
to Coimbra when Sir Arthur Wellesley
assumed the command and very soon there
after advanced with great rapidity a-
gainst the enemy. Thousands of his
wounded sick were left at Coimbra but
as there were no Quackery officers with
the Army beyond those brought up in
the original equipment of Regiments
the Commander of the Forces directed that
they should be supplied with Bedding &c
from the resources of the inhabitants and
Mr. Noel Surgeon to the Forces with
a suitable staff was left as Principal
Medical Officer to see the arrangements
carried into execution. From his fa-
mily and Hospital Mate Jervis
it will be seen how much I relied
myself with the Magistracy of the place
to procure the necessary supplies.

On the 9th May I quitted
Coimbra along with the Commander of
the Forces and the actions of the 10th 11th
and 12th of that month ~~followed~~ ensued.
We were still without Hospital stores,
for tho' it was known that the Calistao had
long before that time been dispatched from
Lisbon no further tidings of her had been
received, the resources of the Country were

**Mac Ship*

The letter of Mr. Hoop in the proper place.
About the middle of last
March, the Army then consisting of
five Regiments went into Cantonment
in the neighbourhood of Lisbon. A
Medical Staff in the formation of which
I was not consulted, was appointed by
Mr. Thompson, Inspector of Hospitals
and the Major General having put me
in orders as the Principal Medical Of-
ficer with the Army in the Field, I
presented to him the Plan of Medical ar-
rangement marked Letter A No 1 to which
he subscribed his approving signature
and directed his Adjutant to mould
it into a proper shape for General Or-
ders. The other General Orders according
to their number and the nature of the
Service were at my suggestion given
out in succession to the Army. Early
early in April the Army having re-
ceived an accession of numbers broke up
from its Cantonment and marched to
witness the great battles of the Capital when
the actions of the 1st and 21st of August
had been fought last year. They were
at first surprised to be only a measure
of men extended and approximate defense
but when it went beyond their hopes the
enclosed communications to Mr. Thompson
and Mr. Gwynon the Surgeon at Lisbon
marked Letter B according to their wishes

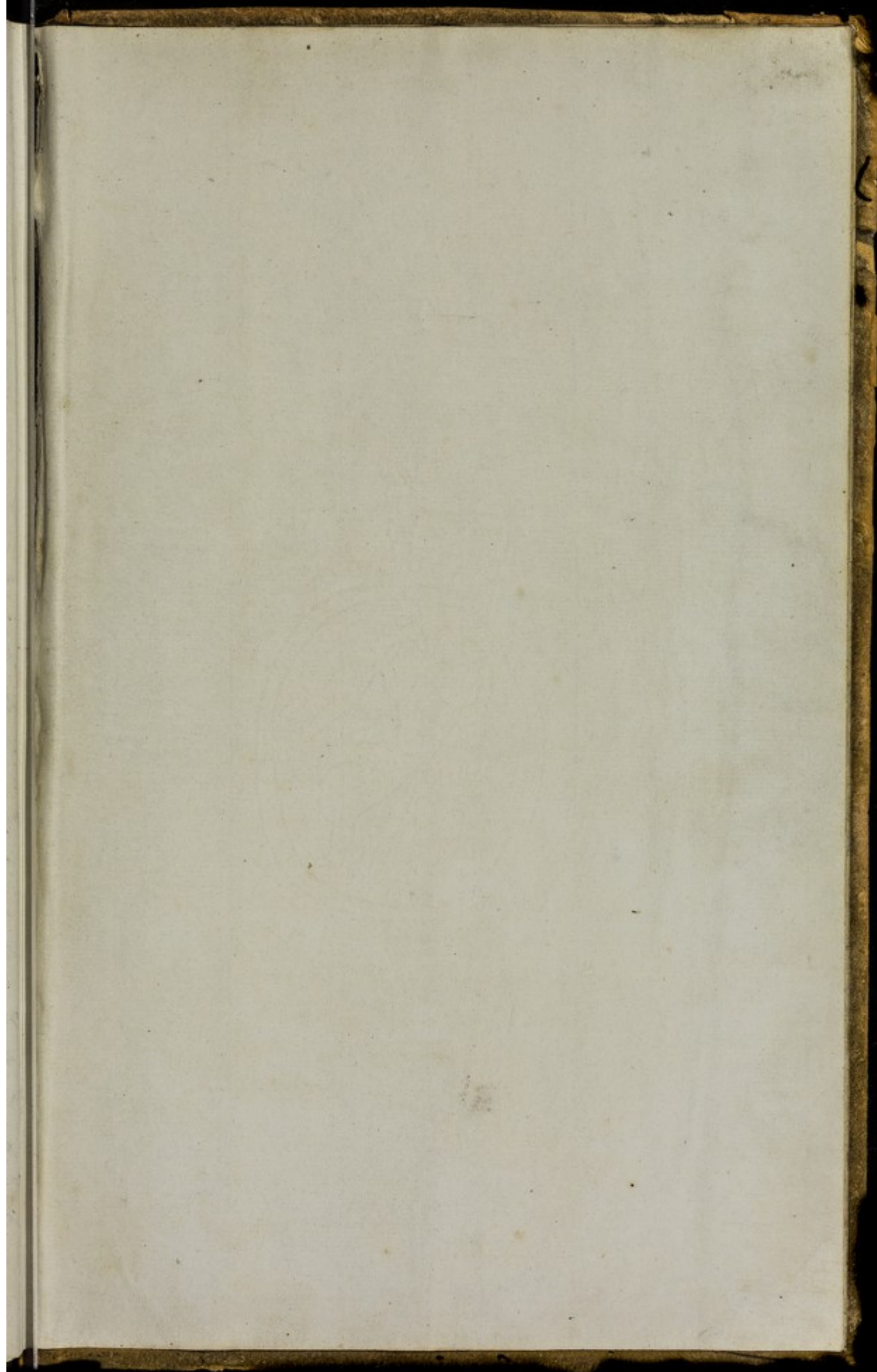
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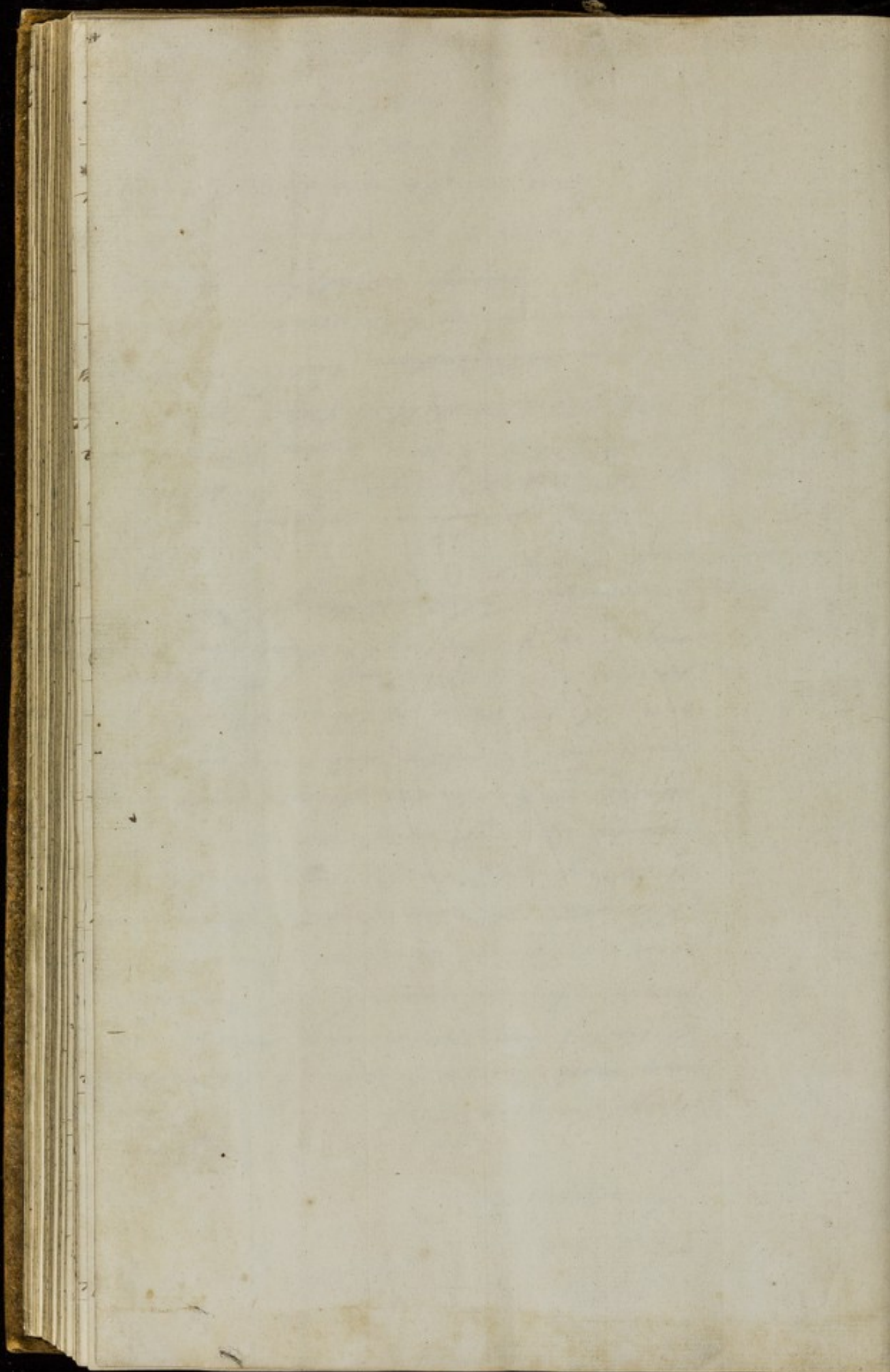
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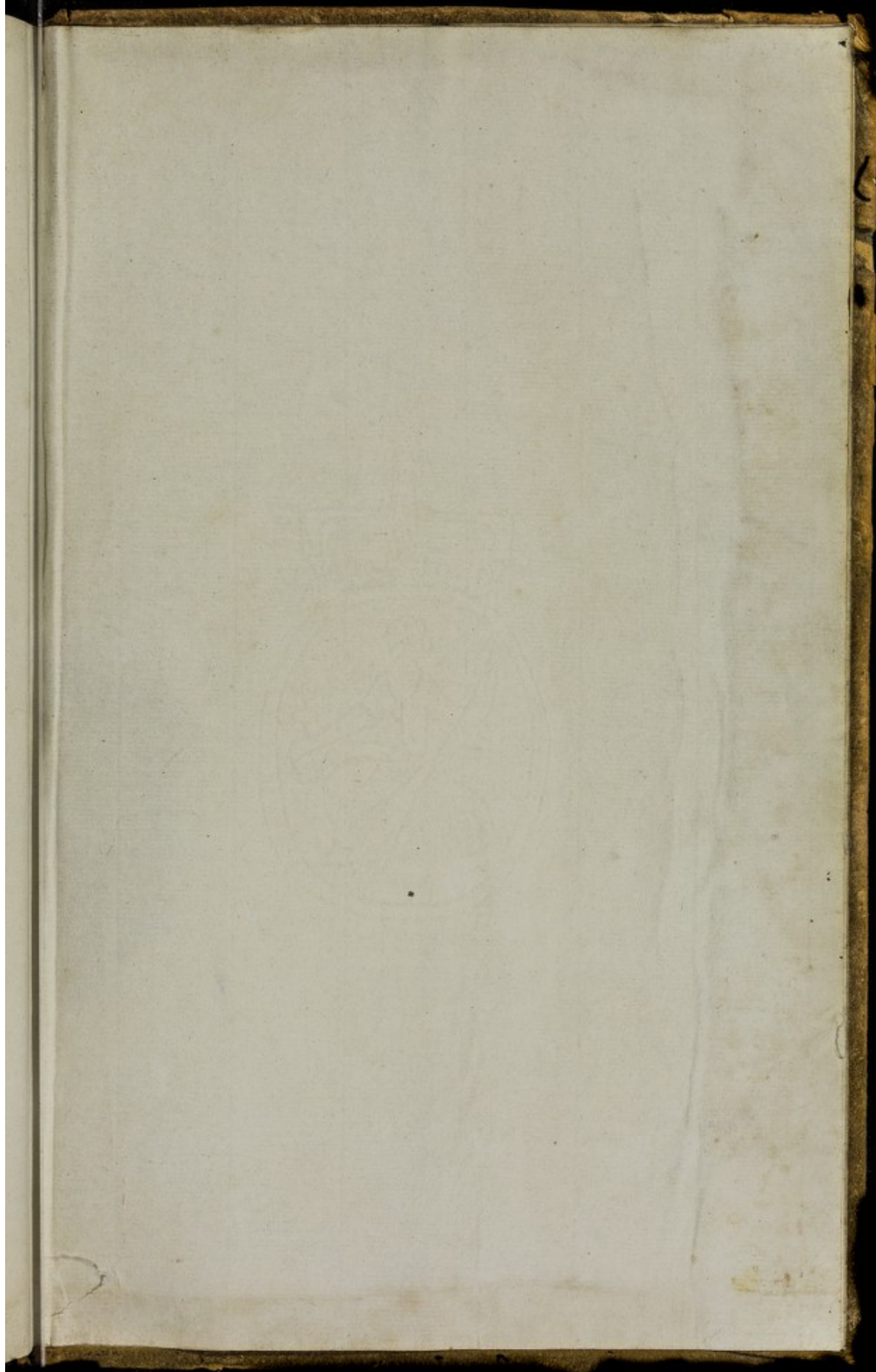
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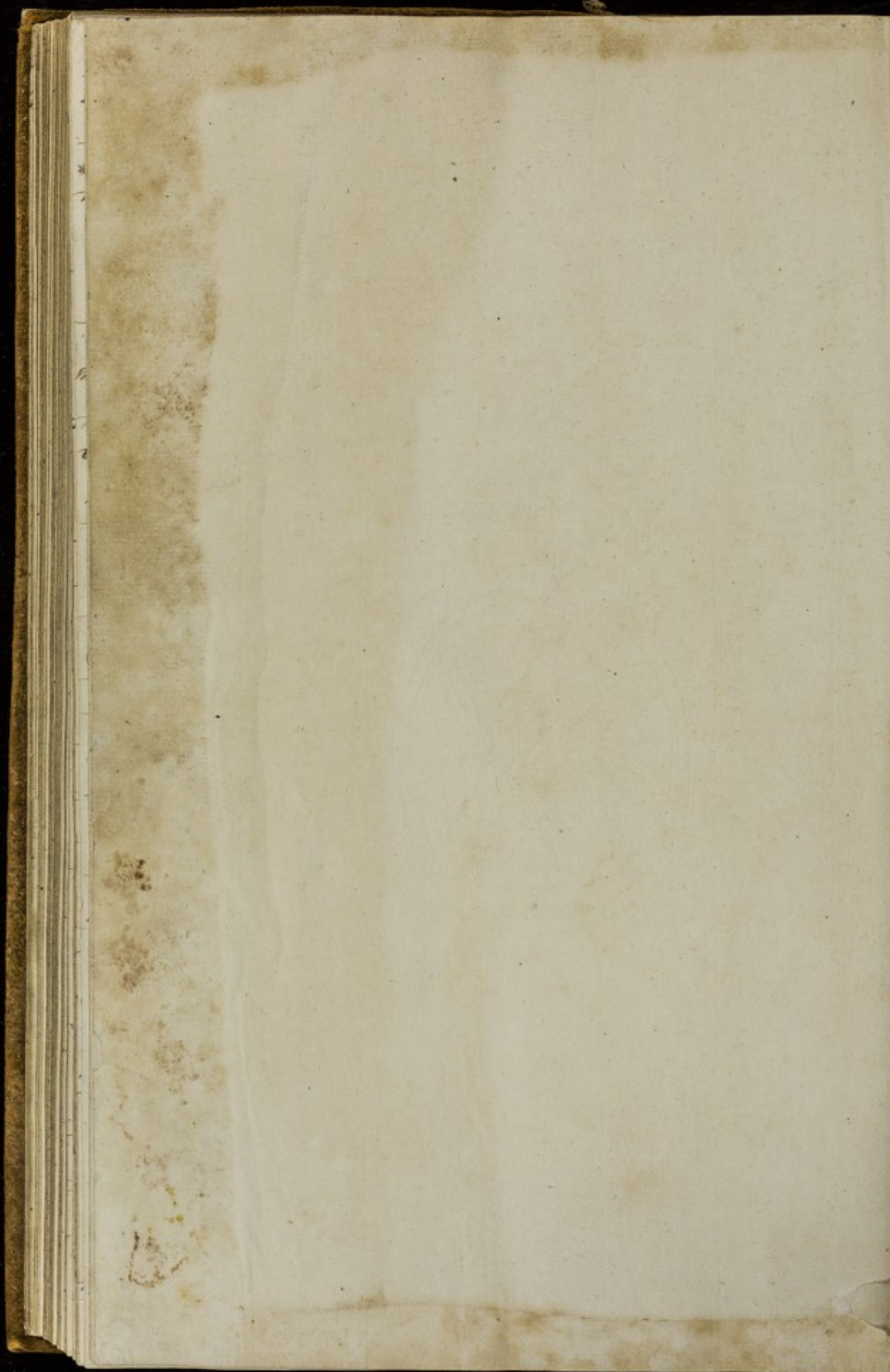
The enclosed letter from
Staff Surgeon Ross dated June 5th has
been sent to his Excellency Sir Arthur
Wellesley for consideration several very
heavy charges against me having
been received at the Head Quarters of
the Forces. I have deemed it my duty
to address you on the subject. It is
a matter of great importance both
as regards the public service and com-
mon humanity and I have
been at the Head of the Medical De-
partment in the field of the Army
my it is further right that you should
know how I have discharged that most
sacred trust.

The accompanying docu-
ments with the following narrative of
all that I have done since I left London
will I trust establish that I have
to your satisfaction but it also bears
me to show in like manner from be-
lieving I possess what kind of Man
my answer is in order that when
he makes similar accusations against
me or other Officers you may be en-
abled justly to appreciate their value.
I shall take the opportunity to your notice
in their due order of time and remark upon











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