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and a woollen shawl. A calico turban hanging  
down behind. — Mama went to the ball the 14<sup>th</sup>

of January, came home between 5 and 6 o'clock

and stayed in bed till after our dinner.

She had on a dark green gown, white  
sleeves and diamonds. Good-bye. Your

affectionate cousin Florence Nightin<sup>gale</sup>

P. S. I Send Aunt Anne, Laura, and all of

them my love. It snows here, and is

warmer to-day. We had a grand supper

Twelfth-Night. I drew the Sweet Pea

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Sunday Embley 1829

Dear Henry

Thank you for your picture, and thank

Aunt Anne, and all of them for the book and pictures

Yesterday somebody threw some gunpowder into

the fire, and Betsy going to poke it, it flew into her  
arm, and set her gown on fire. Pop went into the room

and she says that it was all in a smoke. Some towels

were burnt. Here is a riddle. What can you

add to 9 to make 6? For instance, A gentleman

sent nine ducks to his friend; the man

who carried them stole 3. Now you must know the gentleman wrote the number of ducks on the basket. How could the man alter the number nine into six so that there was no blotting out and so that he was not found out? You

must recollect that he added something. We had a play which we acted on Twelfth Night. It was "Alfred, a Drama" in

Evenings-at-Home. Freddy, Pop, Clemence (our French maid) and I acted it.

Freddy was Alfred	}	he had on a black
Pop --- Gubba		cap and a smock
Clemence... Ella		frock. Pop had
I ---- Gandelin		a smock frock and

a pair of Freddy's shoes. Clemence had Papa's cocked hat and sword, and a large camelot cloak. I had a white shirt,



1853

Miss Nightingale

5482/2

68102

25 June

Miss Nightingale is not  
sure whether she asked Mr  
Colnaghi to send to 9  
"Carlton Terrace for the  
engraving of the Chevalier  
Bunsen left by Mrs.  
Nightingale," if there should  
be a note with it, she will



Be much obliged to Mr  
Colnaghi to put it into  
the post to her

Dear Kurek  
Matlock -

The print of the Delphic  
Sybil she will be much  
obliged to him to roll up

& send when it arrives  
to her at 5 Smith's Sq  
6 Whitehall -

Marshall Thompson's Hotel

Cavendish Sq

Friday night -

A609

been able to give you  
some comfort - & sorry  
that I cannot give  
more, dear Madam,  
as such has been the  
influx of patients under  
our care that I often  
confuse names & cannot  
recollect cases (we once  
admitted four thousand  
in 14 days) I am  
with true sympathy

Yours ever

Florence Nightingale

91855

5482/3/1  
Barrack Hospital  
Scutari  
April 3 1855

Dear Madam

I am truly sorry to  
have such painful news  
to communicate to you  
of your son. He admitted  
four hundred cases  
all suffering from  
Dysentery & Troch. Sile,  
(from both of which your  
son was suffering) in  
the week of his  
admission. He was  
very low - Hot bottles  
were put round him



& his legs rubbed by  
myself & one of my  
Nurses. I gave him  
Arrow Root & Milk Wine  
in small quantities &  
frequently. He was  
constantly attended by  
Dr. McFiggis, then 1<sup>st</sup>  
Capt Staff Surgeon in  
this Hospital. But he  
never rallied & sank  
from the effects of  
exhaustion in surgery.  
There was extensive  
ulceration of the bowels.  
Nothing could have saved

him. He had every care  
& attention. At that time  
the mortality here was  
fearful. The men laid  
white. They were too  
weak to speak much.  
But we often said a  
prayer for them. And  
sometimes I heard  
them murmuring the  
words "brother" & "home"  
even when partially  
delirious. That was  
an awful time. The  
Chaplains were very  
attentive -  
Hoping that I have



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Mrs. Alexander  
2 Star Hill  
Rochester  
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APR 18 1855

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A. 212.

Sutari Kh Hosp.  
Sept 22/55

Sir

The inclosed small  
parcels are watches &  
trinkets belonging to  
dead men, whose last  
words were that I should  
"lead them to their friends".  
Will you kindly take  
charge of them? But,  
should you find incon-  
venience in sending them  
to their respective desti-  
nations, will you simply  
stamp them, <sup>register them</sup> & send  
them per post? I enclose  
2/- for the <sup>registration</sup> stamps.  
Acceptance of remain, Sir,

A. 212.

Yr obedt servt  
Florence Nightingale



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67669  
Sutari Barrack Hosp.  
September 23/55

Sir

I deeply regret the sad  
intelligence which I have  
to announce to you -

Henry A. Night, Esq. of the  
6th Dragoon Guards, died  
this morning in Sutari  
Hospital

When you have broken  
this painful news to his  
Mother she may perhaps  
find comfort in reading  
the enclosed. Whistle

I remain Sir

Your obedt Servt  
Florence Nightingale



now Arthur is but I believe my dear Mother idleness is in some measure inherent in the family I can with safety answer for myself & I think I may for my dear Sister Sarah, at least I judge from former times & of course to the best of my recollection, now I mean not to offend her. Not one word for me says my, I cannot say now, & I must not say old, so, dear Sister Jane, or my beloved husband? yes, I will talk to you both a little, I hope you are doing well, & that my dear brother has some kind of employ which brings in a little to add to the little you I surely believe you are not very rich indeed you came into a poor family Jane when you married a Wight it is a word scarcely ever used excepting to express an unfortunate person it being a very common saying - an unfortunate, an unlucky, Wight. but a rich Wight I believe was never heard of I hope you live in such a manner together that the world may see there are happy Wights notwithstanding.

See my dear Mother what nonsense what discussions from one subject to another your poor son Arthur is obliged to write & make in one solitary letter were he to write more frequently they w<sup>d</sup> not be pardonable. but, you will say, perhaps, by writing frequently he might improve himself. I'll consider of it - I find by the letters rec<sup>d</sup> from my Sisters you are all going on much the same & that few occurrences of consequence having taken place either in the family or neighbourhood, but I sh<sup>d</sup> like to hear of some such as the marriages of the Misses also the but if I write all my wishes for the welfare & happiness of you all there



home is highly interesting to me

My address

St Wight  
Rumaon Proo Yore

11 March  
1817

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St Wight

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St Wight

MORE TO England

St Wight

SHIP LEAVING  
DIXON

INDIA  
POST PAID  
CALCUTTA

As the first ship for England 11/-



Almoiah 11th March 1817

No long time will elapse before I will write again in the mean  
time some letters from my Sisters with any family occurrences  
will be very acceptable for every & any thing about



The disparity of their years being so great & from Mr. W. having a young up family I cannot think she will be very happy but she has my good wishes If Susannah does not get a more equal match in point of years I wd advise her to remain a spinster & one of these days we will live together she being the housekeeper of an old bachelor her brother Arthur's for I am not yet married nor do I think there is any probability of my becoming so at present

Should there be any ancient manuscripts regarding our family I hope you will collect & take care of them also any family pictures of which I have some slight recollection of having seen many years ago for you must know that I have the prize but may be a false one of the Wights

in me I should wish one of these days to see my Grandfather Will as also that of Mr Wight I hope you will

be able to gratify my curiosity at some future time Now my dear brother for the present I shall conclude trusting you will make Susannah your amanuensis who I doubt not will write me a very long letter Give my kindest love to Wm, Sarah, Susan & Jane & remember me to all friends whose names I have not paper to enumerate - I hope the Spencers are getting on well as Susan says nothing about them Give my kind regards to them I believe me My dear brother

address

St Arthur Wight  
& family  
to the care of Messrs Mackintosh & Co  
Calcutta  
Bengal

Yr ever affectionate Son

Arthur Wight



To be sent by the first ship on board for

Post paid 1-1500  
KINGSTON  
POST PAID  
CALCUTTA

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Miss Wight  
Catharine Hill  
near Guilford  
Moncton Surrey  
England

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Miss Wight  
Catharine Hill  
near Guilford  
Moncton Surrey  
England



but as my informant was not well acquainted with the place he could not tell me  
particulars - Believe me any accounts of you or the people residing in your vicinity  
are more interesting to me than a long story about Monoparte or the King himself  
buying His Majesty's Palace. May I am is William coming on the Farming line I hope  
better than he was as a Governor for Sarah in her last year but a sorry account of  
his whole speculation. It is now a very long time since I had the pleasure of  
receiving a letter from him or Jane although it w<sup>d</sup> afford me very great pleasure  
to hear from them or any of you I hope they do not expect me to write  
to you all individually for you may easily conceive from this letter I  
should not be able to communicate any thing worth relating.

Hope the Spencers are still continuing to go on well & trust they  
will be able to get on in the world by their own industry. Having heard  
from Sarah such favorable accounts of them Give my kind regards to the  
Brothers who I hope are enjoying good health also to the Castworthys, Misses  
Malinowsky's, not forgetting Joseph Hockley. The Madchins & Nancy are not in  
your Quarter of the World. Now my dearest Mother I will conclude by saying  
you will give my kind love to William, Sarah, Susan & Jane not omitting their  
little ones & wishing you every happiness this World can afford & that you  
may long enjoy it. Believe me  
Your truly affectionate Son

Arthur Wight

Sutanpore Oude {  
20 January 1821 }



Handwritten signature: *John W. ...*

Dr. R. C. M. M. M.

Ethelred Hill  
near Guildford  
Surrey



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Almora 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1837

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My dear William

However unaccountable, yet I must confess it to be the case, that I sit down with some reluctance to write you a long letter, perhaps it arises from a consciousness that mine is a hurried theme all about self & self alone excepting making enquiries about the family, but as there is other subject, I must needs give you another edition of my former letters, interspersed with any new occurrences I can think of, that will be interesting to you all. Having thus continued to make a commencement, my pen must move on mechanically in noting down every thing that comes across my mind, however unconnected, until I get to the end of the paper & you can employ yourself in arranging it as it ought to be to make the whole intelligible if not in some degree interesting, for such is my wish it should, although the attempt be difficult. That I may have sufficient scope I shall go back about a year as it is that period since I wrote to you to which I have not so fully alluded. I have had the pleasure of receiving one or two letters of anterior and subsequent date I had one from you dated 19 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1836, one from you dated 15 August 1836 and one from our dear brother dated 29 August 1836. I wrote to you on the 6 August 1836, 14 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1837 & to my brother on the 14 Feb<sup>r</sup> 1837 all which I hope have reached in safety. I am still at Almora enjoying that fine view of beauty as is my little boy. I understand 2 letters in my last post my brother having designed the church some months ago but I was ever in prospect of obtaining a majority in the two churches remaining in the country. There is but little chance of recovering but a very small portion of the 4000 £ lost by the failure of a house I had entrusted to, if any, but my exertions have not decreased in that respect to accumulate a sum sufficient to give me independent means & I have lately heard that the price for the capture of Mowbray has been allowed, & we are anxiously looking for the order for its distribution, which will give me, I hope, near 500 £. I was disappointed I have been, for I have told you is a few lines all there to say - which I intended should last me to the end of this month but such being the case I must commence on another task and get on as well as I can. I have a new failing subject in them and sincerely do wish how there is the society of our family & to the pleasure & this alone, I look forward and hope to realize it ere long. When you receive this letter I intend to communicate any portion of its contents, it may be interesting to my dear brother who I trust continues in the enjoyment of good health. I sincerely hope my dear brother & your expectations of your term have been realized & that the late Mrs. Lane has not traded to your discomfiture. Any thing you write regarding yourself, Friends & how matters are going on will be of the most tedious nature will be very interesting to me. Being your last letter is dated above Almora



ago you must have allowed a whole year to elapse without writing to me & saying let me take you  
to task for this neglect I will acknowledge your time is much occupied with the Farm yet I think  
one of the last long letters Corriens might have been directed to writing to me I however will ask  
for no excuse when I know it will be difficult indeed to find one and I shall pardon you on  
the condition not only of your promising to write frequently in time or three a year but of your  
fulfilling the promise & to convince me that you feel constrained pray answer this in a very long  
long letter 3 days after its receipt you can never be at a loss for subject for every thing is highly  
interesting to me Write about our dear Mother and Sister Sarah & Sarah - it would give me much  
satisfaction to learn the latter's mental faculties were properly restored yet I much fear from what  
I have learnt from letters from the family there are no hopes of a perfect cure Write about  
yourself & your better half, perhaps you will not allow this but you are not the best  
Judge I am will say I & your family & your farm, about old Michael in short about  
every body & every thing I had written this for 2 days ago & found myself at a complete all subject  
being exhausted when the post brought me yesterday your welcome letter dated 4 March last for which give  
me & her daughter Louise my best thanks you are only entitled to a small portion having written but  
a few lines It was all very interesting to me & the greater part satisfactory yet I was sorry to find  
you were suffering from a severe cold & sincerely hope you have long since got rid of it Take  
repeated care of your health my dear William I do not expose yourself to chilling weather I would  
much rather your profits on the farm should be somewhat less than by too much exposure to increase  
them your health should in anywise suffer People in this baneful subject to colds always wear flannels  
& I do myself in the cold weather I much benefit is derived from it Should you not have adopted  
the custom from trying it I was sorry to learn that John Spruce had been in bed at breakfast  
for sometime both on his account & my poor Mother as I am apprehensive the latter may very  
soon be on this account pray persuade her to the contrary & to keep her mind at ease  
& to enjoy herself in awaiting about paying visits to you & Sarah frequently than which I conceive  
nothing can be more conducive to good health which I sincerely hope she may long be



Worship with. As I anticipated there is but little chance of poor Sam's mental faculties being properly restored indeed I feared as much when I first heard of the affliction but this is a melancholy subject & there is no use in dwelling on it. I hope you impress on Sarah's mind that all my letters are intended as much for her as for any of you indeed I wish no distinction. When you see her give my kindest wishes & I hope that she & all her family are in the enjoyment of health & happiness. My ideas are wandering home where perhaps you wish them confined more to this country by writing about self. Last month I succeeded to my brother, called Agents in India, 2000 £ the earnings of several months past. My finances notwithstanding notwithstanding increase - I have 2000 £ in the Company's funds having interest at 5 per cent & consols at about 2000 £ is my Agents hands at 7 or 8 per cent - so what with 2000 £ & interest I pay by 500 £ per annum. I am still with a horse of any kind of vehicle indeed as vehicles are used in these hills I console myself with the idea that my property in this country will enable me to enjoy myself or rather give the means of enjoying myself more when I come home - I think I shall be able to scrape together in the latter end of 1829 including my previous as Captain / for of a Major only I have no chance / 500 £ per annum. Supposing this to come to hand but we know what you think I may afford to keep on this income.

I wish I were along side of all of you now for a few hours but could not. You more questions than I can put to paper in as many days. I am afraid my face & nose will be made disfigured when they see their uncle a stout old gentleman who was born supplanted by the hair of the rattletrap or don du lion with somewhat high dark brow & unbecomingly thin visage & the only remnant of youth my hair which tells you is not yet grey but alas! I fear & then meet with one which is im- plucked out that I may appear as young as possible & when I do come I dare to say the air of my native country may eradicate in some small degree my vulgar complexion yet if this I have my doubts as I fear mine is now a standing color. But on looking in the glass I find I am not exactly that old yellow boy I have been pleased to represent myself yet I confess there is some similarity notwithstanding all these mortifying impositions & imitations. I have thank God a very good constitution I have enjoyed as much good health as falls to the lot of most people in India. It is time I got to the end of this letter for from the same penman you will perceive that I have cannot more to say & what will be somewhat satisfactory I hope that I am in very good spirits which is more to be the case on getting a letter from home & I hope this will be a strong inducement for you to answer this soon fully too immediately. Adieu to my dear William. Your truly affectionate brother

Arthur Wright





Received by the post the 21<sup>st</sup> 1828

Mr. Wright  
and Kingston Street  
to be sent by the first of the England

Wright & Co



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The late

**Albert Wight, Esq.,**

*Lord of the Manor of Brabæuf, Guildford.*



**The Interment**

Of cremated remains will take place in the Vault  
at Guildford Cemetery on Monday,  
30th April, 1906.

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**The Committal Service**

Will be held in the Cemetery Chapel at 3 p.m.



## Order of Service.



### PRAYERS.

LESSON.—I. Thess iv., 13 v.

### FROM BURIAL SERVICE.

"Man that is born," &c.

"Lord have mercy," &c.

"Our Father," &c.

### PRAYERS.

"Almighty, God, with whom," &c.

"O Merciful God the Father," &c.

### IN VAULT.

"The Committal."

"I heard a Voice," &c.

"The Grace," &c.



Sleep, my beloved, and rest;  
So thy sweet spirit pass'd  
Into the shades of night.  
And, as we watched,  
Peace, perfect peace,  
Was echoed around.

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The book is closed upon my mortal life;  
Henceforth I walk with Thee  
In realms of light:  
In the open book thy children's  
Names are writ,  
Thy greatest earthly treasure here;  
In them Thou liv'st  
For untold ages blest.



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for her top,  
I remain Madam  
your obed<sup>t</sup> servant

Florence Nightingale

A.213.

374402 Barrack Hospital

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Scutari

A.213.

December 1/35

Madam

In answer to your note  
of Nov 19, I deeply  
regret to have to inform  
you that I fear there  
must be some mistake  
in the mother's belief  
that she heard from  
her son in Scutari  
Hospital on June 30.  
Yours

Captain John Pocock  
1<sup>st</sup> Regt No 3051,  
admitted with fever  
on February 4/35, died



in this very Hospital  
from which I now write,  
on February 13/55, nine  
days only from the time  
of his admission; & has  
been struck off the  
strength of the Regt.  
from that date -

I trust that the  
Mother will find  
comfort in the thought  
that he did his duty  
& was not neglected.

During that fatal  
month, our deaths in

Hospital averaged from  
70 to 80 per day.

On the very day of  
from Corporal Pocock's  
decease, they reached  
their height, being  
that day 84. And in  
that month we lost  
1700 men in these  
Hospitals. The poor  
Mother therefore need  
not be surprised, if  
few particulars about  
individuals can be  
gleaned or remembered.  
With sincere sympathy,



5482/7.

67269

Sir

I have been desired  
to transfer the Orders  
for the "Clyde" & the  
"Cambria", if you have  
room - & accommodation  
I therefore take the  
liberty of sending the  
Orders on board for  
the chance - & will  
send the proper Orders  
before the vessel sails.

I remain Sir  
Dec 21/55. Yr obedt servt  
Frederic Nightingale



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Dec 28/  
55

Dear Sir

Might I trouble you  
to look in this morning  
at one of my Nurses  
who has not much  
to matter with her  
but who thinks herself  
much in need of the  
"Doctor"?

I shall be very  
much obliged if you  
will.

Yours Truly

Florence Nightingale



thing that was possible was  
 done here for the relief of  
 his sufferings, & to support  
 him in death. I saw him  
 myself daily up to the  
 day of his death. My  
 head nurse was with him  
 when he died. & he had  
 the constant attendance  
 of the Doctors of the Hos-  
 pital, & of the Nurse belong-  
 ing to his ward. The clergyman

Barrack Hospital  
 Scutari  
 Jan 7. 14th '56

Mrs Byers,

It is with the most  
 sincere sympathy, that I  
 am obliged to send you  
 sad news of your Husband.  
 He was for some time ill  
 in this Hospital, during  
 which, every thing that was  
 possible was done for his



Recovery, but I grieve to  
say that he died on the  
4th of January last of  
Dysentery -

It may be a comfort to  
you, though a sad one,  
to know that in his last  
days he talked much  
of his wife & children.  
He seemed extremely anx-  
ious about you, & spoke  
of you with the greatest

tenderness & affection.  
He desired that you might  
be written to, & was so  
anxious to remind us of  
writing to you, & of your  
direction, that during the  
last hour of his life, after  
he was unable to say  
more, he often repeated

No. 5. No. 5.

I hope it will be a comfort  
to you to hear that every

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that in case you should  
be in distress in provid-  
ing for your family, now  
you have lost your hos-  
pital. You can apply to  
the "Patrotic Fund," &  
if you write to me, I  
will mention you to the  
Directors of that Fund.

You may direct to me  
Miss Nightingale  
Barroche Hospital  
"Leutani"

With sincere sympathy  
for your great loss,  
believe me,  
Dear Mrs. Rogers,  
Yours truly  
Florence Nightingale



attended regularly in his  
Ward, reading to him, &  
praying with him. He had  
all the nourishment he could  
take, & if he had a fancy  
for any particular thing  
it was taken to him.

I have sent today to  
your direction, his Purse,  
containing \$1. 3. 6 & some  
copper, & his Medal, which  
I hope will reach you  
safely. I wish to add

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67545

Please to deliver to the Revd Mr. Boudier  
4 cases for Mrs. Shaw Stewart  
1 " for Major Cox  
embarked to day on board the "Ottawa"

Florence Nightingale

Scutari February 14/56



Chaplain, who both at-  
tended him frequently  
during his illness. Both  
say that he was most  
earnest in his desire that  
they should pray with him,  
which shows him to have  
been in a religious frame  
of mind, & may give you  
the assurance that in the  
hands of a merciful Father,  
he will be mercifully

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Barrack Hospital  
Sentinei  
Dec 28/56

Thos Byers.

In answer to your  
letter, I can give you the  
fullest assurance that  
your poor husband was  
dead at the time he  
was buried. He was so ex-  
tremely weak, that we  
had been expecting

his death for some days.  
I saw him a few hours  
before his death, & was  
quite aware that he was  
dying. & my Head Nurse  
was with him when he  
died. Moreover, all the bodies  
of those who die in Hospital,  
are ordered to be seen  
by a medical officer  
before they are buried,

in order that it may  
be certain that death  
has really taken place.

With respect to the  
state of the soul of  
your poor Husband, I  
have spoken both to  
Dr Blackwood, a  
clergyman of the Church  
of England, & to Mr.  
McNair, the Presbyterian



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to Lt. Col. de Troy  
Royal Artillery  
Secretary to the  
"Patriotic Fund"  
16 A. Great George St. Westminster.  
London

stating full particulars as  
to yourself & children &  
asking for this allowance.  
A printed paper will then  
be forwarded to you for  
you to fill up - by the  
Office of the "Patriotic Fund".  
& you will receive the  
proper allowance.

Healtwith, & the hope  
of meeting again, when  
the trials of this world  
are over

I remain, dear Mrs. Pigeon,  
with sincere sympathy  
for your great loss  
Yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Should you not be in  
the receipt of the allowance  
granted by the "Patriotic  
Fund" to widows & that  
granted to orphans for your  
children, you may write



Scutari

5482/12

Marack Hospital

8/8/56

Dear Sir

Hearing that the Russian  
prisoners are in some want of  
clothing & the weather being  
cold, I have taken the liberty  
of addressing to you

7 Bales containing

200 Shirts

150 Kerseys

300 pairs of which socks &

some Old Clothes

thinking that you would kindly  
take the pains of ascertaining where  
they were wanted & distributing  
them or giving them to the  
proper person to distribute -

I should have come over myself  
had it not been for the want of  
health & weather - Yours very truly

Florence Nightingale



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Barrack Hospital  
Sutani  
July 3/38

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My dear Sir

You were kind enough  
to offer some advice as  
to the nature of stores  
which I might send  
to our Mediterranean  
Command; at first  
principally you thought  
warm clothing desirable.  
If you could kindly  
give me some idea,  
from your greater  
experience, as to the



quantity & quality of  
stores to be addressed  
to the Indian Sales &c  
Whom they should be  
addressed, You would  
greatly oblige me.

Remain

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Th. Nightingale

Winton Esq. M.D.

The celebrated Miss Nightingale, who so nobly  
attended the Wounded in the Crimea -

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30 Old Burlington St  
Nov 7/56

My dear Sir  
Wednesday I shall  
have the pleasure of  
waiting upon you at  
dinner.

48 Norfolk St  
Brighton

is the present address  
of Miss Eoskine, late  
Supt. of the Naval Hospital  
at Therapia

Very truly yours

Florence Nightingale



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6823)  
30 Old Burlington St.  
London  
Dec 12/56

Dear Lord Napier

I have been moving  
about in or near town  
since your letter was  
dispatched, or I should  
have answered earlier.

I can truly say I feel  
a great interest in the  
welfare of Capt. Keatley  
& his family - & I have  
formerly done my  
"possible" to forward it -  
& if I have not interfered

in the case of the  
particular appointment  
at Mather to which  
you allude, it is  
because I do not see  
how I can do so with  
propriety, having no  
knowledge of Mr.  
Labouchere in whose  
gift (not in that of  
Sir George Grey) it rests.  
It is with regret I find  
myself obliged to say

this. For I assure you  
I have often, with  
anxiety, recurred to the  
cases of Capt. Keatley  
& Dr. Cotton, his son-  
in-law.

Believe me  
Dear Lord Napier  
ever most faithfully yours  
Florence Nightingale



5482/16.

Miss Florence Knight  
Jules

30 Old Burlington  
W Jan 24/57

My dear Sir

I have only just  
heard that Dr. Dickson  
has been appointed to  
the vacant post of  
Physician to the Embassy  
at Constantinople. I  
know that this has  
been done in opposition  
to the request of Lord  
Clarendon & Mr. Herbert  
who both wrote in  
favor of Dr. Nicoffs.

But I know Lord  
Stratford better than  
he does.

I think it my duty  
to give you this bad  
news as soon as I  
heard it myself.

Many thanks for  
your last note & little  
book. Which is very  
interesting, tho' it does  
not embrace all it  
ought to.

Believe me ever  
faithfully yrs  
Thos Wright



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V 30 Old Burlington St  
London, W.  
Feb 20/57

Madam

I regret that I am  
unable to mention any  
one for the Office you  
are seeking to fill.

If I should hear of  
any one whom I could  
with satisfaction propose  
to you, it would give  
me the greatest  
pleasure.

But as I am unable  
from being much

engaged with business  
to make the search  
generally necessary in  
such enquiries, I  
hope that you will  
not trust to my  
success but that  
your want may be  
otherwise supplied.

Believe me, Madam,  
faithfully yours  
Horace Rythdale



educated letter, asking  
for employment. But  
I know nothing more  
of her.

Believe me, Sir,  
faithfully yours  
Th. Wright

London

April 20/57

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My dear Madam  
I find that my  
occupations multiply  
upon me so much that  
it becomes impossible  
to me to recommend or  
to search out persons,  
with whom my business  
has not made  
me previously acquainted.

The only three ladies  
whom I can think of  
as at all likely to be  
suitable for you are

persons with whom I  
am only acquainted  
thru' their application  
to me for employment  
& whom I have  
never seen -

Two of them I have  
mentioned previously to  
you - I think -

1. Mrs. Kamping  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cleveland Terrace  
Kingsdown  
Peristole

formerly Matron of the  
Westminster Ho. of Correction,

refers to her Cousin,  
Lieut. W. Ray Wood, for  
his recommendation -

2. Mr. Bartlett

27 Upper Albany St  
Kingsdown Park

widow of a Medical Man,  
whose references I  
think you took.

3. Miss Macdonald  
79 Milton St  
Dorset Sq.

London N.W

writes to me a very  
good, straightforward,



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Mr. H. H. H.  
Messrs. S. Cooper  
Lingle Bank  
Liverpool

from Florence Nightingale



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29 Old Marlborough St

W.

July 1/84

these men are absolutely  
in the hands of authority  
it ought to be considered  
a real responsibility  
to educate those who  
are & have the charge

I told Dr. Pucioff that  
I thought it a pity he  
had not made his  
book more professional.  
He said it would not  
be read. But a  
professional man  
might have said so  
much that was true  
about the real causes

My dear Sir

May keep Dr. Pucioff's  
I don't want it back -

I fear, however, you  
will be disappointed in  
him - I have not seen  
the book since it was  
printed - But I saw, in  
M.C., the parts about  
the foreign & English  
Medical Army Systems,  
& about the foreign &

English Army Medical  
School. - Has about  
the French school  
appeared & one <sup>the</sup> more  
valuable - But he  
missed the great point  
of the French system,  
which is the perfect  
& practical education,  
which the French Army  
Surgeon receives, during  
eight months, at the  
Val de Grace, in Army  
Regiment - It is the  
more perfect thing I

know - For, after all,  
as to practice, there  
is about 6 times as  
much Medical &  
Surgical Practice in  
one London Civil  
Hospital in a year,  
as there is among  
150,000 or 200,000  
soldiers, <sup>in time of peace</sup> - But the  
Sanitary matters are  
what we so awfully  
neglect - And, when  
we consider that the  
life & health of



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of our disaster, which  
it would not become  
an unprofessional person  
to say.

I do not think that  
you could learn much  
from the Russian Sisters  
in your Civil Hospitals.  
I only spoke of them  
as being infinitely the  
best system I saw in  
the Military Hospitals  
of the four nations  
engaged during the War,  
French, Sardinian,

English & Russian.

I could not bring our system as all up to them for various reasons which I will tell you.

At the same time, they had not a sister to compare with some of our old surgical sisters in London Hospitals.

Mrs. Roberts for instance. But our <sup>Military</sup> Hospital system was one scene of confusion.

However, I need not say all these things to you, who know them far better than I.

Believe me

Faithfully yours

W. Nightingale

I will tell you all we have done about Netley when I accept your kind invitation to the Hospital.



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Dear Sir

Should you be able  
to come here & see me  
this evening, you would  
be doing me a great  
favor, as I much wish  
to consult you upon a  
matter of Hospital  
Furniture

Yours faithfully

Thos. H. H. H.

29 Old Kensington St.

July 3/07

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Tuesday  
Florence Nightingale

My dear Mr. Hallam  
Many, many thanks  
for your very kind invitation  
to breakfast on Friday  
on Saturday.

On Saturday I have  
a business engagement  
at that time. On Friday  
I could come, & I need  
not say how glad I  
should be. But my  
father is in town for  
a very few days. And I  
want to be with him.

12th August  
July. 1857.



I know that it is often  
impossible to you to make  
another place at  
breakfast & therefore  
I do not ask you to  
answer this note, which  
I am afraid must be  
declined.

Should you include  
my father in the  
invitation, then please  
merely say "Come" by  
Beaver.

Believe me ever  
most sincerely & gratefully  
yours, dear Mr. Hallam  
Florence Nightingale

12 July 1857

Much Careful lifting  
on our parts.

The sooner I can  
have a proof of matter,  
the better for me -

Yours faithfully Yrs  
Thightenjal

You shall have  
the recd - tomorrow.

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30 Old Kent Rd. E.

67324

Nov 9/57

Dear Mr. Herbert -

Herewith comes the  
first Draft of Regulations  
for type, including  
1. General Duties of Medical  
Officers

2. Regulations as to General  
& Regimental Hospitals

We shall require  
several proofs of this,  
before we are satisfied



with is ourselves. For  
it is an affair of  
memory & comparison.  
And therefore I would  
not, if I were you,  
trouble myself more  
than to glance over  
it, & certainly make  
no further use of it,  
before we have looked  
over it several times.  
For it is a matter of

no little time to  
put consistency, logical  
arrangement & so on  
into these Regulations.  
[The Amended Health  
Act took two years'  
preparation].

The General Hospital  
Regulations, herein  
specified, are at  
present only trans-  
cripts of my little  
Report, & will require

Florence.

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67324

Dear Mr. Herbert

Has Mr. Paumotu  
granted the Sub-Commission  
for the Organization &  
Regulations, or for the  
Regulations alone?

Any way I am  
so glad.

Would you give me  
one line from Keaton?

Yours faithfully  
H. H. Wright