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5482/24/1

67830 B

April 13/58

My dear Capt. Patton  
I can see nothing  
to add, alter or  
take away in this  
Table. It seems  
to me quite complete.  
When published, it  
will give the most  
complete body of

information on  
ventilation which  
exists. Or rather  
one more complete  
than any which  
exists -

For as a science, the  
ventilation is  
perfectly understood,  
as an art, is not  
at all.

Yours most truly  
Thightingale

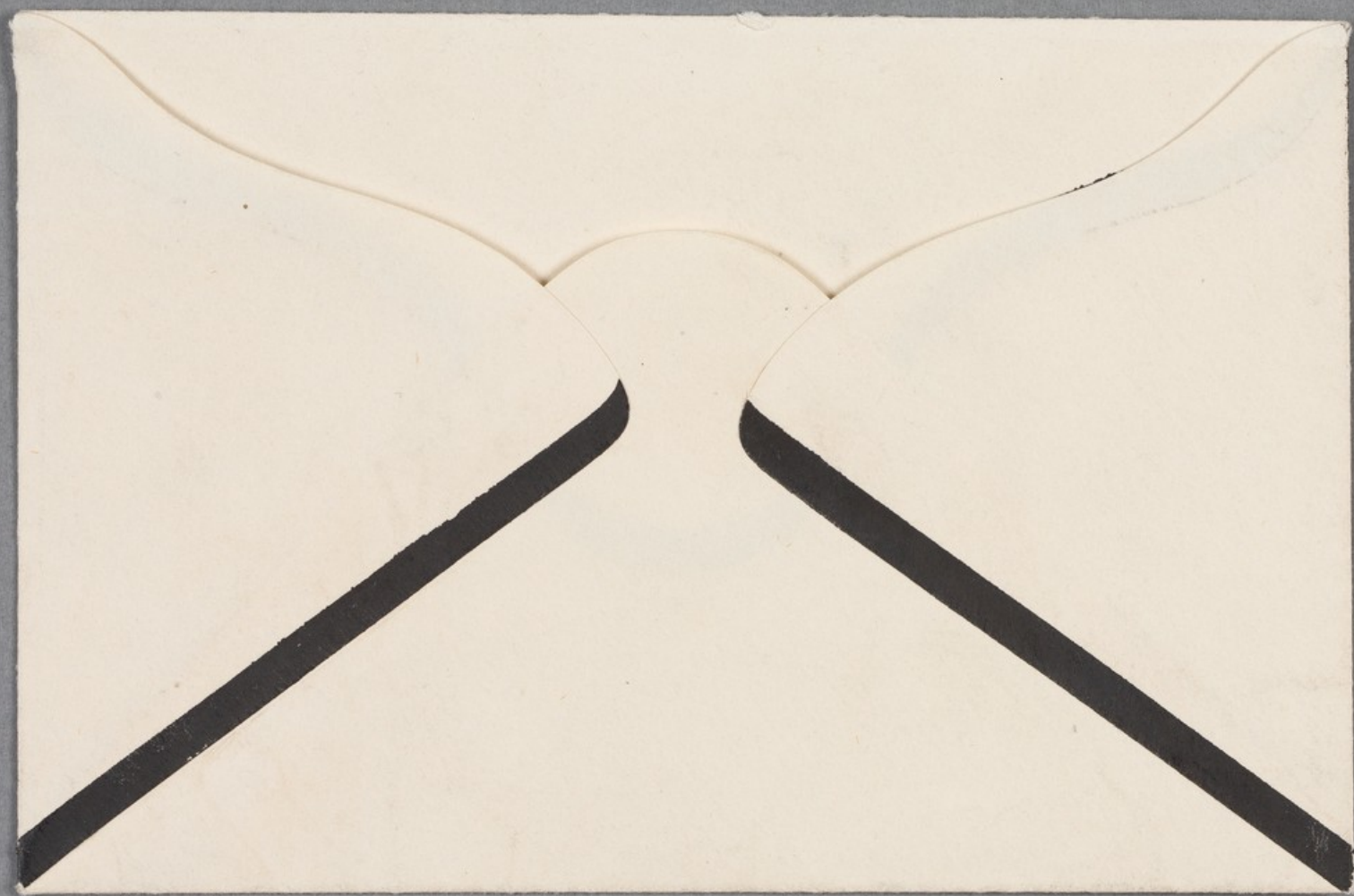
Can you hear any  
thing of what  
Capt. Daffan & Co. are  
doing on your  
Netley Report?  
Yours is to be moved  
for in the H. of C.  
I might

5482/24/2

679308

Captain Douglas Fulton U.S.





5482/25

63004  
30 Old Burlington St.  
W.  
April 15/58

Dear Sir

I am greatly  
indebted to you for  
the interesting volume  
of your valuable  
"Transactions," which  
I shall read with  
the strongest sympathy.

I send you some-  
thing of our Transactions,

which I hope you  
too will look at  
with some sympathy.

Yours very faithfully  
& obliged

Florence Nightingale



*Miss F. Nightingale*  
*Sept 28 1858*  
in that of the smaller  
one, the title is much  
too near the top &  
the printer's name  
too high from the bottom.  
And the printing is not  
quite straight-parallel  
with the edge.

Otherwise I like  
it very much.

Mr. Clough will  
call upon you & decide  
about the distribution  
of the copies.

I remain

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
F. Nightingale

5482/26

67316

Ch. Malvern  
Sept 27/58

Sir

I have received the  
two vols. sent me on  
Saturday by you. & beg  
to thank you for the  
same.

The Diagram of  
"Mortality in the Hospitals"  
(P<sup>xviii</sup> of Preface & Section  
III.) duplex & have been  
facing P<sup>xxviii</sup>.

A disc of Illustrations  
duplex & have been  
printed on a fly sheet



at the beginning of each  
Vol. & come just  
before or after "Contents  
& Digest". If not too  
late, I enclose M.S.  
for one.

As there is a double  
number of distribution  
plans; I would insert  
them in both Vols: as  
<sup>far as they will go</sup>  
placing one to face  
p. 479 in Vol 1.

I would in both Vols.  
place the Plan higher  
up the page, i.e. leave  
less Margin above the  
Title.

This too great Margin  
above the Title is, I  
think, particularly  
remarkable in the  
Diagrams, P.P. 315, 320.  
I should have been  
inclined to make  
them the same length  
as the Page, as in  
specimens I enclose.

The Vols. are not  
very well bound, but  
probably they were  
done tightly. The  
page of Illustrations  
at p. 402 is awry.  
In the cover of both  
Vols. but particularly

5482/27

Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St  
Oct 12/58

Dear Sir

I presumed upon a  
very slight acquaintance  
with you (made when  
you were kind enough  
to take me last year  
to the London Hospital)  
to send you some  
days ago a copy of a  
Report of mine to  
the War Office.

Even if you do  
not read it yourself,

I know I may depend  
upon you not to let  
any one else read it,  
as it is really  
"Confidential," and  
Secretary of State,  
(being bothered with  
such things as  
"faithful Commons")  
are jealous.

Yours sincerely  
F. Nightingale



5482/28

30 Old Kensington St  
6/11/58

Dear Sir

You will probably  
hardly remember the  
Florence Nightingale  
who now writes to  
you & as a beggar  
too.

May I venture to  
ask you (and to  
hope & be refused,  
if it is unreasonable)  
to send for me a



parcel of official  
Reports to Mrs.

Shaw Stewart, who  
was with me in  
the Crimea, & who  
is now pursuing  
our vocation at  
the Hôtel Dieu at  
Paris?

I am decisive  
that, if possible,

this parcel should  
be sent to her  
from the Consul's  
Office at Paris  
& delivered to her  
at the Hôtel Dieu.

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

The bearer waits  
with the parcel.

5482/29

67316  
30 Old Burlington St.  
6/11/58

Prof. Harrison

Please to send by  
this day's post copies  
of my Poems (both Vols.)  
to the Very Rev.  
the Dean of Hereford.

Dear Sir

Hereford and to  
The Right Revd  
the Lord Bishop of Bath &  
Wells Palace  
Wells



with the "Confidential"  
written in a large  
hand & underlined  
near the right hand  
top corner of each Sl.

Please to inform  
me how soon the Proof  
of the last N. P. sent  
for the Diagrams can  
be sent me -

Wrightwale

Sir Saml R. Wood  
informed me that  
he had received  
two copies of the  
Pecis at about  
a fortnight's interval.  
Can you inform me  
how this happened?

Please to inform me  
what progress the  
"Sanitary Contribution"  
has made -  
J. Nightingale

5482/30

67270

30 Old Marlborough Ch.  
Dec 12/58

Supers. Harrison  
Please to send  
copies of my Pecis to  
Colonel McMurdo  
Head Quarters  
Military Train  
Korfield  
Bristol

1 Vol:

J. Southwood Smith & Co  
The River  
Weybridge

2 Vols:



Sir John Richardson C.B.  
Inspector of Hospitals R.N.  
Lancaster  
Goanere  
Westmorland  
2 Vols.

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Rear Admiral  
S. C. Dacres C.B.  
2 Vols. Bath

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(The thick Vol. only to  
be sent to the first  
on the list.)

Yours faithfully  
F. Nightingale

Please to send me  
my account for  
printing the two Vols.  
of the Recis - for  
lithographing the  
Diagrams - for  
binding 4 Copies -  
for sending one  
to - immediately.

Yours ever

few have recently been so.

The defect in the Office of the Captain - superintendant or Governor there would be (in a Military hospital) that he has another command & other duties & his interests are not wholly wrapt up in the hospital: if they were I do not think he would be inclined to oppose the improvement of his hospital. it should keep up his responsibility.

I should like to write a great deal more in answer to your invaluable

5482/31/1

64778

Great Malvern  
January 8<sup>th</sup>/59.

My dear Sir John Richardson,

I have sent you a "Sanitary Contribution to the History of the British Army" that you may not think we are doing nothing. I need your contribution to us at the Birmingham Meeting last year, & was delighted with it. Your letter is a treasure to me. It is so seldom that I receive that kind of wholesome criticism. With regard to the question of a Hospital Governor, the wrong is



under very different circumstances from the Navy. At all the places where you have hospitals, you have everything required for hospitals. During war, the Army has to organize General Hospitals & requires a Head for each with absolute independent power to find everything.

In peace, the principal object of having a Governor would be only to prepare him for his duties in time of war. In fact, in time of war, without a

governor, the principal Medical Officer would have to be invested with powers & responsibilities which would virtually make him a Governor, if the hospital is to get on at all.

The Army inspecting Medical Officers have also very different functions from any which can fall on the Navy Inspectors-General, & except in special circumstances could not attend sick as you do in the Navy.

The defects you mention at Kaslar ought to be remedied. I think some

5482/31/2

64778

2.

letter, but I am not able.

Pages 11 & 12. are the only ones I will trouble you to read in the "Sanitary Contribution".

Believe me,  
Dear Sir John Richardson,  
with my kind  
compliments to Lady  
Richardson,

Yours faithfully, yours

Florence Nightingale

P.S. If you could send me any  
precise details about <sup>the Sanitary defects of</sup> the Trinidad <sup>(?)</sup>  
Baracks <sup>(where your son is)</sup> mentioned by you,  
I think I could make use of them  
so as to have a practical effect.



5482/32

Great Malvern.

Jan 15/59.

64780

Sir, Messrs. Harrison Printers  
have forwarded to me your letter  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. relative to  
a Report of mine upon  
Hospitals.

The Report in question  
was prepared by order of the  
Secretary of State for War  
& is a private document.

It is therefore out of my  
power, as you will readily  
understand, to comply with  
your request for a copy

I will gladly send you a

paper of mine upon  
Hospitals that was read at  
Liverpool, as soon as  
it is printed, altho' I fear  
it will not be of the use  
to you which you indicate  
I remain, Sir,

Your obedient serv<sup>t</sup>

Florence Nightingale

W. H. Brace Esq<sup>r</sup>



5482/33

30 Old Burlington St  
W 63155  
March 9/59

My dear Sir  
The subject of the  
removal of St. Thomas's  
Hospital is one of such  
public importance  
that I would fain hope  
you could find room  
for some further notice  
of it in your "Builder".  
It is now before the  
Ho. of Commons Committee.  
Yours very faithfully  
Florence Nightingale  
G. Godwin Esq



5482/34

30 Old Burlington St  
Sept 29/39

My dear Sir

I do not know whether you are at home but I am inclined to ask you a favor, as your many acts of kindness towards me encourage me to trespass upon you -

I have had a set of new forms prepared for Hospital Statistics. I should be very glad if the London Hospital would be so good as to fill up one set for trial. But before procuring to send them on for this purpose, I should be very much obliged to you if you would take the trouble to ascertain

& what extent the information is  
forth coming from the Hospital books.  
The following are the data required  
to fill up the forms:

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Disease

If these will be required  
the Remainings on the  
last day of any year  
(say) 1857: and the  
Remainings at the  
end of 1858. (a full  
year)  
Also the Admissions  
Discharges  
Deaths  
Discharged incurable  
& the Duration of the Cases

NB. The Age, Sex & Disease is to be shown for  
each of these headings -

If you would be kind enough to



Answer this question, you would  
very greatly oblige, my dear Sir,  
Yours very truly & gratefully  
Florence Nightingale

I am now in Hampstead, but I shall  
very soon be back in Burlington St.,  
where I send every day: so that  
anything you are good enough to send  
there for me will suffer no delay.

F.N.



Miss Nightingale

4.8.1952

5482/35

You are properly  
Applied to.

The King of Portugal  
wishes to erect this  
Hospital to the memory  
of the <sup>dead</sup> Queen - and  
consulted Alberto  
about it - who  
consulted Mr. Herbert  
who spoke to me

Yours ever most truly

F. Nightingale

I think it is rather a triumph  
for Alberto to consult Mr.  
H. about a Hospital, after  
having been thwarted by him  
about his Netley!

63164

Hamptstead NW  
22 Nov/39

My dear Captain Galtow  
Mr. Herbert told  
me on Sunday that  
you were to be applied  
to for a plan for a  
Civil Hospital at  
Lisbon -

From what I know  
of that odious place,  
it will be very  
important before you



begin, & have

1. a plan & section of the ground & its elevation above the Tago -

There is scarcely level ground of the size of a sofa in Lisbon. And there are horrible gullies in which no Hospital ought to be built.

2. the number of

beds, of course, which Mr. Herbert did not know -

3. the building materials to be used. Has there not been, since the great Earth quake, a kind of wattle stuff used?

Do not however take any trouble about or make any use of this information till



30 Old Burlington St.  
London W

May 3/60

My dear Madam

I have only to do with  
the passages in your Preface  
which are extracted from  
my letter. I would ask  
you to leave out what  
I have scored out in red.  
~~with~~ [I am accustomed  
to hear from Italian lists  
of "San Vincenzo de' Paoli"  
& "San Francesco di Paola"]  
Without any modesty, I am  
quite sure that your  
Italian is better than mine.  
I only submit the above  
to you; & really, not hypocri-  
tically, defer to your better  
knowledge, in this trifle as  
well as in all your  
translation, which I only  
desire to see, after it is



published.

Sara Cordoso was chosen  
superior of the "sisters" who  
attended the "Ambulances"  
of the wounded & sick  
soldiers after the campaign  
of Magenta, Solferino &c.  
She was well worthy of such  
a ~~high~~ post. I have heard from  
her since; & of their sufferings  
& lack of means of relief  
in the Hospitals - She has  
only just returned from  
Milan & Vienna - Nothing  
that can be said of her &  
hers is too much coloured  
for the truth. But I do not  
think she would think  
well of me for putting the  
connection between her & me  
(which I value so much,  
too much in evidence.

Believe me to be  
most sincerely & I may say  
gratefully yours  
Florence Nightingale



5482/36/2

63009

A Mademoiselle



Mademoiselle Sabilla Novelli

Casa Guaglia

Nice Maritime







5482/37

Hampstead NW  
68131  
Oct 30/60

My dear Sir

The only observation  
I have further to  
make upon Dr.

Combe is in reference  
to the statement  
that he has (in the  
"Builder") pointed out  
other sites for the  
Woolwich Hospital.

All these were  
carefully noted -



at the time -  
and examined.

And I beg to  
enclose to you the  
following statement  
upon the accuracy  
of which you  
may rely.

Yours faithfully  
F. Highmore



5482/38

67545  
30 Old Burlington St.  
London W  
Dec 24/60

My dear Miss Carpenter  
Any request of yours  
I would always fulfil,  
if I could -  
In my schoolmistress  
days, I used to see  
the great want of  
what you propose -  
At Aberdeen and  
in Ragged Schools, one  
rejoices to see the  
effect of it.

But I have the  
same objection to  
giving my name to  
what I cannot  
effectually help,  
as to being ~~a~~  
godmother to a child,  
of which office the  
obligations cannot  
be fulfilled.

You have the  
right to give your  
name to this  
good cause - I have  
not.

I have been so ill  
and so busy that  
I could not write  
myself before -

And yet I would  
not let any one  
acknowledge your  
kind note but  
myself -

Ever yours most truly  
Florence Nightingale



5482/39/1

Body & mind must  
be trained together.

Discipline, or teaching  
how to obey, is the  
most important part  
of education, as I  
can testify who have  
served in the Army.

Health & development  
of body, both of which  
are ignored in the  
present School  
System, would be  
best obtained while  
creating this habit  
of ready obedience.

67230/1

Upper Terrace  
Hampstead NW  
Dec 27/60

Dear Sir,

The evidence collected  
by Mr. Chadwick on  
the half-time system  
of school training, &  
on the advantages  
of school drill, is  
so overwhelming  
that it would  
require strong reasons  
indeed on the other  
side (which they

won't find I resist  
it.

Your own Dyke  
makes a most  
satisfactory case.

The whole of it  
is so obvious that  
no more argument  
can make it  
plainer than it is.  
But its very  
plainness affords  
a strong reason  
against it in the  
eyes of many. i.e.

against its general  
adoption at once.

Dyke, I think,  
said of one of his  
works, "It was so  
bad I was sure  
it would take."

Now this is so  
good it won't "take".

Half time & drill  
should be the rule  
in schools of a certain  
class. Drill should  
be the rule in all  
schools, male &  
female.



5482/39/2

67230A

I am very much  
obliged to you for  
having let me see  
these valuable  
papers, which I  
now return -

I have received  
the Vol: of your  
Journal, which I  
will gratefully read  
& faithfully return.

Yours gratefully  
Anne Nightingale

5482/40

74276

30. Old Burlington Street.  
W.

April 20/81

Please to send 6 copies  
of my (1<sup>st</sup>) "Notes on  
Hurling" for the Labouring  
Capers" to the Revd

Stephen Hawtrey  
Church House  
Widmore

and 6 copies to  
Dr. Larn

Southlands

charging the same Bromley  
to me. Ighiteale Kent



5482/41

67266

30. Old Burlington Street.  
W.

Thurs. Garrison April 20/61

Please I send - of my  
(deceapenny) "Notes on  
Murdering" -

6 copies to

Mr. W. A. Shields  
38 Hills St  
Peckham

2 copies to

Mr. Nightingale  
Embley  
Romsey

1 to Rev. Dickson Esq  
16 George Sq  
Edinburgh

1 to Mr. Noble  
Lieut John McNeill J.C.B.  
Grantown Hs:  
Edinburgh

1 to Mrs. Harriet Matheson  
The Knoll  
Armblyside  
and charge the same  
to Mrs Florence Nightingale



5482/42



R. B. Spain E  
24 Waterville North  
Lincoln



78751

Emory June 13

To give an autograph  
is the best thing I  
could ever do for  
you. During her  
too laborious life -

To do so, on her  
bed of sickness &  
suffering is real  
& impossible -

This Letter is written  
from Lea Hurst  
Matlock by  
Miss Florence  
Mytton.

W. B. Spain



5482/43/1

varied & other.  
four walls once a  
year - & I believe  
there is no prospect  
but of my health  
becoming ever weaker  
& worse, till the hour  
of my release -

But I have  
never ceased during  
the waking hours  
since my return  
to England 5 years  
ago labouring for  
the welfare of the

Hampstead NIN  
Oct 22/61

My dear Sir  
I very well  
remember the kindness  
of your 1800 men  
when they addressed  
me some years ago  
from Newcastle.

It is the remem-  
brance of that  
kindness which  
makes me feel now  
that I must answer

your note with  
my own hand,  
altho' ill health  
& overwhelming  
business seldom  
allow me to do so  
even to my nearest  
friends.

I have ventured  
to send you by post  
6 copies of my  
little book on Nursing,  
which you may  
find useful among

your people -  
Also two books  
on the Crimean Army  
published some  
years ago - which  
I think I may  
have sent you before.  
If so, do not  
trouble yourself  
to return them -

In answer to your  
kind enquiry, I have  
passed the last  
four years between  
four walls - only



68415

5482/43/2

Army at home  
as I did abroad.  
And no hour have  
I given of friendship  
or amusement  
during that time  
but all of work.  
So that work the  
death of my dear  
Chief, Sidney Herbert  
has been a fatal  
blow.

I assure you  
it is always a  
support giving

strength & me.  
I find a national  
sympathy with  
the Army & our  
efforts for it -  
such a sympathy  
as you express.

Believe me  
dear Sir  
sincerely yours  
Horace N. Johnson

Wm Brown Esq



5482/44

with her in the concluding  
verses a true mention  
of the best, the dearest  
the most efficient of  
my fellow workers,  
Sidney Herbert, the late  
War Secretary.

Mrs. Norton (who  
writes it) knew him &  
loved him well. And  
her friendship was not  
unworthy of him. He has  
left a wife & 7 children  
safe & happy. The baby  
is at Florence (in Italy) for the winter.  
He is far from well.

Farewell dear friend  
God bless you  
Ever yours affectionately  
Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale 54800  
London Jan 30/62  
(6 Whitehall)  
S.W.

Miss Harris

My dear friend (if you  
will allow me to call  
you so) I can never  
forget you nor all  
your kindness & use  
in Egypt. And it  
was a great pleasure  
to hear from you.  
But I was very  
sorry indeed to hear  
of your anxiety about  
your father. He must  
be great indeed.



And I can only trust  
that he may be spared  
to you many years.  
I like to think of you  
going up the Nile with  
him, as I used to  
see you (at Khartoum)  
perhaps copying  
hieroglyphics for him.

You kindly ask  
after me. For five  
years (ever since I  
came back from  
the Congo War) I  
have been working  
for the Army without  
the interruption of one  
single waking thought.

It has pleased God  
now to recall to himself  
every one of my fellow-  
workers - all men in  
the prime of life, from  
40 to 51 years of age.  
I am the last who is  
left. And I am dying,  
tho' very slowly. For  
the last 15 years I have  
been confined to my  
room. But it is not  
till the last 6 weeks  
that I have been  
unable to work (by  
writing).

I send you by parcel  
a book which I trust  
that you may like. You



5482/45

9 Charterfield St  
W. 52A39  
X Ap 19/62

Dear Sir

Would you be so  
very good as to  
inform me whether  
in the asylum of  
which I believe you  
are the Physician,  
a case of Idiocy  
from Epilepsy  
would be received?

Perhaps you would

Kindly read the  
letter (from Nesteh  
in the Crimea),  
which I enclose,  
& return it to me  
with the information  
it desires.

The writer of it  
is quite unknown  
to me -

If you would  
not receive such  
a case, would you  
recommend to me

any place where  
you think it would  
be likely to be  
received? And  
would you give me  
such information  
about terms &c  
as would enable  
me to answer the  
letter?

Believe me,

Faithfully yours  
Frederic Hightington



9. Chesterfield St.  
W

May 20/62

Repos. Griffiths & Bohn

Sir

I shall be more  
happy that my  
"Notes on Purking"  
should answer any  
purpose you may  
devise & make it  
useful. But I have  
no power over it.

You must ask  
Messrs. Harrison  
115 St. Martin's Lane  
your order & send to  
Florence Nightingale



Nightingale, L.  
24<sup>th</sup> May, 62



(III)

express my remembrance  
of all your kindness  
as it should, & to  
say how much I am

Yours ever gratefully  
F. Nightingale

I dare say you are aware  
that there is an Indian  
Sanitary Commission  
sitting. It has an  
immense body of most  
valuable evidence,  
which will interest  
you much, including  
Reports from all our  
stations in India. These  
have all been abstracted  
and digests printed

5482/47/1 Hampstead NW  
Aug 23/62

My dear Dr. Anderson  
I shall never  
forget your kindness  
to me at Palacada;  
never.

I heard with  
great pleasure of your  
return to England &  
of your promotion, of  
which I am sure  
there is no doubt  
And I heard



with still greater  
pleasure that you  
were going to Chatham.  
Because you will  
promote the interests  
of the School in every  
way. It is already  
doing much good, &  
may do a great deal  
more, & the service.

You are kind  
enough to enquire  
after my health,  
which you once  
saved.

The last twelve  
months have been

a year of bereavements  
to me, beginning with  
poor Sidney Herbert's  
death just this time  
last year. And my  
health has failed  
much more. Indeed  
since Christmas I  
have hardly left my  
bed, except to come  
here.

Thank God, I am  
still able to do some  
work. But I have  
often much difficulty  
in writing, which  
must excuse this  
note, too short to



of them for each of the  
three Presidencies. The  
Report is nearly ready.  
And Lord Stanley, who  
is its Chairman as  
successor to Sidney Herbert,  
will hold a Meeting  
in September to  
consider its final  
form.

Yrs.

Nightingale



Believe me  
ever yours faithfully  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison  
Florence Nightingale

About the <sup>as you say</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>intercepting</sup> ~~intercepting~~ <sup>sewers</sup> ~~sewers~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>required</sup> ~~required~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>cleanse</sup> ~~cleanse~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~it~~. This is an  
Engineering question, which  
only a first rate Sanitary  
Engineer could settle. In  
sanitary experience, any  
influx of sewage into a  
river is bad (even here -  
I must be worse in India)  
And any delay of water  
in a river bed requiring  
a periodic flushing is  
also bad. Sanitary Engineering

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67237

32, South Street,  
Grosvenor Square. W.

Nov 22/  
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This is all I mean to say.

Dear Sir Charles Trevelyan  
At least you will  
let me thank you for  
the precious five  
Hindustani books.  
I am afraid I  
am too old to learn  
Hindustani, tho' I  
should have thought  
nothing of it ten  
years ago.  
But they will



Remind me, if that  
were needed, of  
all the good you  
are doing in  
facilitating commu-  
nication between  
our poor men &  
the people among  
whom they have  
to live.

Swiss I could  
go out to India.

We are forcing for-  
wards the printing  
of the Indian  
Sanitary papers.  
Both because it is  
high time that the  
Commission should  
finish its labours  
& because I hope  
I put a good many  
into your hands &  
he does so. But that  
( Dreadful ) Gen. Register  
Office has not finished  
our statistics yet

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32, South Street,  
Grosvenor Square. W.

Jan 7/63

Sir  
I received this  
morning a piece of  
grey Honey Comb,  
but without any  
bill & let me  
know how much  
there was in the piece.  
Please to send me  
as much more; &  
also, reckoning that  
piece as 3 yards,  
(tho' Mrs. Knabridge)



tells me it is what  
is called  $2\frac{3}{4}$  yds as  
 $\frac{1}{6}$  per yd) two pieces  
of 5 yards; or what  
would be 5 to 3,  
— in all 13 yards,  
reckoning the piece  
sent me as 3.

Please I send the  
account with it.

I enclose a  
pattern, which  
appears to me the  
same as the piece

sent me.

Yours faithfully  
Florence Nightingale

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32 South St W 67541  
Jan 18/63

My dear Sir  
I know nothing of  
Mr Keaser of this  
except that he is  
an Army Pensioner,  
(wounded in the  
Crimea) & in the  
first stage of  
consumption - &  
wants me to get  
him into the  
Consumption Hosp<sup>l</sup>.



- the story of hundreds,  
as you may suppose,  
who come to me.

You are so kind  
in listening to my  
sighs. That I  
venture to ask,  
do you think him  
a case for Dr. Scott's,  
at least to try for  
a time what you  
can do for him?

Yours very truly  
F. Nightingale

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Which is probably  
the best known in  
Europe for its Surgical  
Cases.

I am, My dear Sir,  
ever your faithfully,  
Florence Nightingale

S. W.

4 Cleveland Row. <sup>07968</sup>  
St. James Palace  
S. W.  
Feb 20/63

My dear Sir  
It is long since  
we have had any  
communication.

Would you allow  
me to send you the  
enclosed tables for  
Surgical Operations,  
in pursuance of the  
common object we  
once had to improve  
the method of keeping  
Hospital Statistics.



They are intended  
not only to register  
cases but to enable  
the results of particular  
operations to be better  
ascertained (statistically)  
than they are at present.

I drew up these  
Tables for this purpose.  
I have had them  
tried on a large scale  
& they are found to  
answer the purpose.

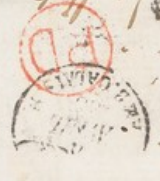
I intend to bring  
the whole subject  
before the next Meeting

of the Social Science  
Association, if there  
be long. But in the  
mean time I send  
you a set in the hope  
that, without the  
explanations then to  
be given, they will  
commend themselves  
to you, so that you  
would perhaps bring  
them before the  
Surgeons of the  
"London Hospital"  
for introduction  
into a Hospital

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Edmund Elmer. Paris.  
R. de B. de B. de B.  
Major Gen.  
Adj. Adm. L. de B.  
France



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4. Cleveland Row.  
S.W.

March 31/63

Dear Mr. Fisher  
I have got a horse  
from King's Coll. Hosp.  
(at John's House)  
who will be at  
your house, prepared  
to go to Paris at  
3 P.M. today

Could you give  
such directions as  
that the junction  
may be effected there  
(at 18 Upper Brook St.)



with Lord Ashurst's  
servant - so that  
the two may share  
your paper with a  
little patience & the  
Muse, as possible -  
if, as seems likely,  
she will have to  
enter upon her duties  
at once -

You know St John's  
House is a Society -  
which lets out  
Muses, affiliated

& itself - the Muse  
remaining the <sup>appearance</sup> ~~presence~~  
of the Society & not  
becoming the servant  
of the Patient -

Love yours  
J. W.

Dear Lady A. It is late I do  
send you Francis's autograph, which  
was sold for 1<sup>st</sup> in our Bazaar.  
I found all well & rejoice to hear  
of your being better. Robert is quite  
tired with penning at his egg & hour,  
& is writing a letter, which he says he  
will think about for 2 days. I heard no  
news in London, or about the weather.  
Hark to his Aunt's. Yours J. W.



track (whose pupil & Under  
Secretary he was) will make  
do Herbert's plan almost  
certain & be carried out.  
Under these circumstances  
you will see that no  
recommendation of any  
candidate would be of  
service; further, he must  
apply personally to the Senate.  
But at present nothing even  
in this way can be done  
till the question of Mr.  
Korymore's transfer be  
decided.

In the strictest confidence  
I may mention that the D.P.'s  
underhand conduct (in  
appointing Mr. Korymore &  
Mr. Plunkin) without  
reference to his Co. League  
on a private Committee,  
at the very time he was  
sitting upon it, to organize  
the transfer of the school to

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4 Cleveland Row  
London S.W.

April 23/83

Private

My dear Sir

Surely I "remember" you  
& all about you & am  
proud that you should  
call me your "fellow  
worker". The results of  
your Hospital at the  
Cathedral, Pabstclaw & of  
your work there will  
not be easily forgotten.  
I produced the book  
recently during that war.

But to come to your  
query at once.

Long before your  
letter, the D.P. had named  
Mr. Plunkin in place of  
Mr. Korymore. We are  
quite aware that you were



disappointed of a promotion  
actually given & well  
deserved - by the formation  
of the Army Med. Sch.}]  
But there is great doubt  
whether Mr. Konymore will  
be transferred to the Army  
Med. Dep't. There has been  
a misunderstanding (by the  
A.G.) of the School Constitution  
in the way in which he  
(the A.G.) made that  
appointment. And in future  
it is not likely that  
similar transfers will be  
permitted. The R. Commis.  
& the Med. Sch. Warrant  
certainly contemplated life  
appointments after a  
period of trial. And the  
A.G. appears not to have  
been aware of this when  
he promoted Mr. Konymore.

In all such transfers (if ever  
they occur) & in all nomination  
of Professors, the Senate should  
be consulted, & its opinion  
laid before the Sec. of State  
upon whom the School's  
appointments are made  
directly & depend.

If the proposed transfer  
of Mr. Konymore should take  
place, the proper course  
would be for the Senate  
to name the Candidate  
& to recommend one for  
a two years' trial, who, if  
found competent, would  
be appointed permanently.  
This, or something like it,  
will in all probability be  
done, i.e. if the Sec. of State  
agrees to transfer Mr. Konymore.

[But Sir J. Lewis' death  
& the appointment of Lord  
de Grey, who will in all  
things try & follow in Herbert's

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rather, to report upon its  
efficiency, & especially upon  
this question of the permanency  
of the Professorships, has  
created the deepest disquiet  
at the W.O. <sup>the question</sup> was referred  
from thence to the Committee  
(this is being the same  
which originally organized  
the Sch.) is now being  
reported upon to the W.O.  
(Operations were suspended  
by Sir J. Kew's death. Hence  
the delay.)

I may also confidentially  
mention that I sent  
in your name (privately)  
to the Members of this  
Committee in case of Mr. Lammie's

All this I commend to  
your honor, which I well  
know -



surely I consider you as  
an "old friend" & I should  
be very sorry to think that  
"little".

My strength protects  
against my writing which  
I don't much wonder at,  
for I am much of the  
same opinion myself.

You kindly ask after my  
health. I am now  
quite shut up in my  
room & have been for  
the last two years - without  
any prospect of anything  
but greater suffering  
till the end, which  
that I say it may not  
be far distant I can  
hardly say how much.  
But in the mean time

I am thankful & able  
to work & the last.

Believe me  
ever your faithful "old friend"  
Frederic Nightingale

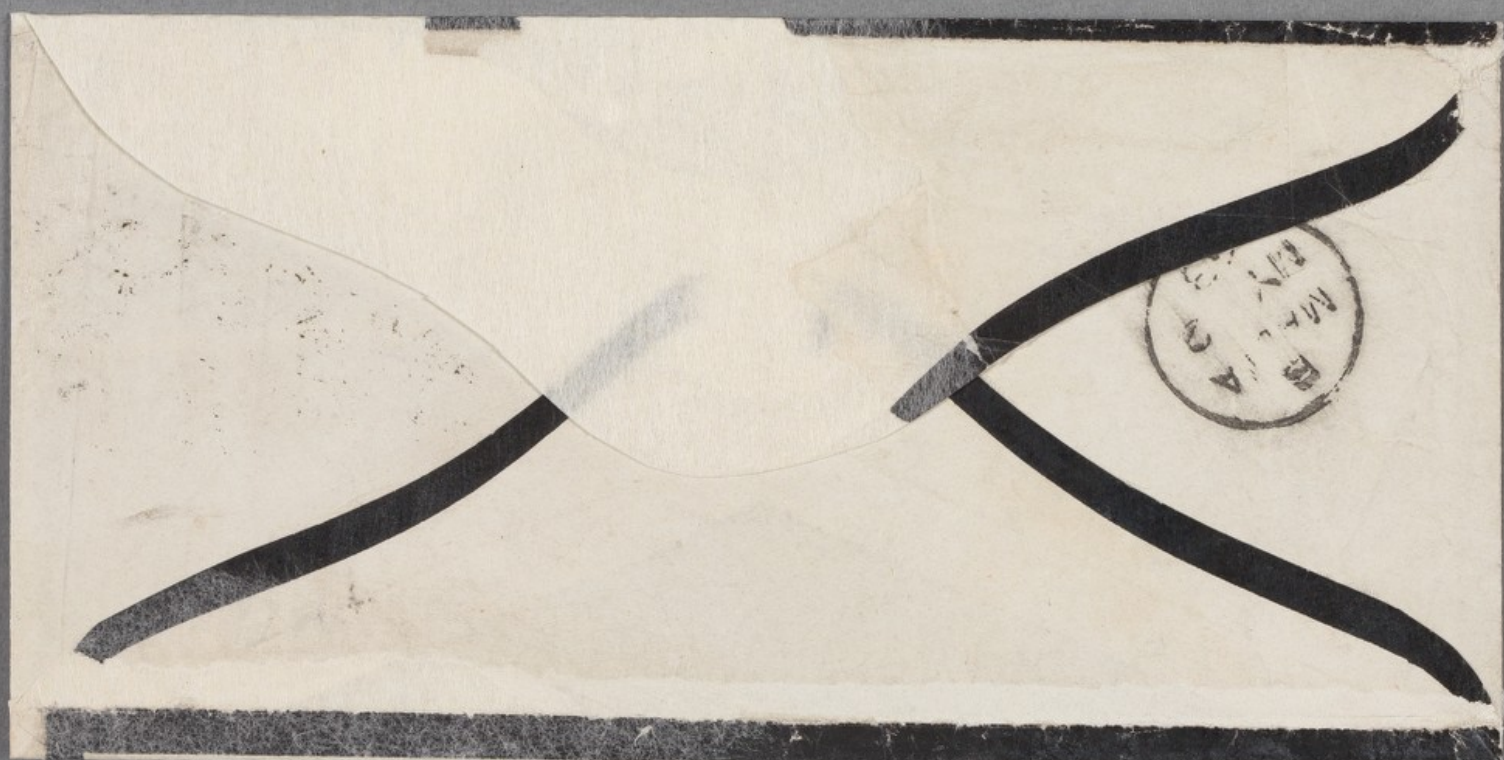
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L. P. Matthew Esq. M.D.  
(Army Medical Staff)  
Valletta Malta





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of Sir John McNeill

Believe me

Ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Professor Christison

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.  
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Hamptstead 91824  
London NW.  
July 29/83

My dear Sir  
I confess I had  
some faint hope  
that you might  
write me, receive  
yourself. But I  
scarcely expected  
it. I knew you had  
no time

If you will ask  
the Editor of the  
Edinburgh Medical  
& Surgical Journal

15208.



I give as a good  
Review of the India  
Sanitary Report, we  
shall be very much  
obliged. And I  
will, as soon as  
you have been to  
proof as I ascertain  
that point, send  
the two folio copy,  
which is not  
published, I am  
sorry to say, & not  
to be sold, & my  
great disappointment,

for Officers (whom  
of all men one  
most wants to  
interest) & people  
of all descriptions  
are asking for it  
& even complaining  
that the Govt is  
keeping something  
back from the  
press & the public.  
It will soon be  
a very rare book.

It was a great  
relief to me to  
hear no bad news

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Dampstead N.W.  
or 2 Cleveland Row S.W.  
July 31/63

My dear Sir

I am extremely  
obliged to you for  
sending me the  
Statistical Tables  
of the London Hospitals.  
They are the best I  
have hitherto seen of  
any of the great London  
Hospitals. But I  
think, without  
altering the form,



they might be drawn  
up so as to represent  
the experience

Would it be too  
much to ask you  
to send me two  
or three copies?

I would return  
one to you, with the  
suggestions which  
occur to me

Yours very sincerely

Florence Nightingale

W. J. Little Esq. M.D.

we wanted, which  
were written by ~~us~~, at  
dnd de frey's desire.

So far so good.

But what we want  
now is the appointment  
of the three Commissions  
of Health in India,  
one for each Presidency,  
& to put in connection  
with the home (advising  
Commission).

2. Any remarks of  
yours about the physical  
regime of the soldier in  
India, the dieting, the  
drinking, the want of  
exercise - a subject

Private 5482/561 Hampstead N.W.  
Sept 30/63  
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My dear Sir

I have sent a paper  
on the India Sanitary  
subject to your Section  
of the Social Science  
Meeting.

Will you be so good  
as to get some one  
who can read to read  
it?

In making this request,  
my object is rather to  
make another - which  
is, would you, in your  
introductory Address,  
draw public attention



strongly to the India  
Sanitary Question? It  
would be the making  
of us, if you would.

My paper is quite  
general, & enters into  
no details.

A powerful notice,  
on your part, of the  
Report would have  
great influence in  
hastening the Govern-  
ment's tardy steps, &  
enabling us to get  
our Working Commissions  
to carry out the  
practical measures  
in India. Which is the  
main point now.

The home advising  
Commission we carried  
yesterday. The India  
Office appointed its  
two members, Sir Percy  
Cautley & Sir Ronald  
Martin, on the Karachi  
& Hospital (War Office)  
Commission, which  
consists of

the Quarter Master General  
Dr. Luthie and  
the Assistant Secretary of State  
the Director of Works  
& a member of the Army  
Medical Council.

Also, after a great  
deal of fighting, we  
passed the instructions  
Mr. Hutchinson C.E. is to be added.

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which you have made  
so peculiarly your own  
— would tell with  
the Military authorities  
both here & in India.  
They are very difficult  
to convince, & we  
require whatever help  
we can have.

viz. as to the need of  
more vegetable &  
farinaceous diet to  
suit the climate —  
of disuse of all spirits,  
except under Medical  
advice — of more  
exercise, occupation,  
gymnastics &c &c



I venture I send you  
a pamphlet of my own on  
the popular part of the  
subject, reprinted  
(not by me) out of the  
big Blue Book - It  
is at all events light  
reading. tho' it leaves a  
smell in the imagination -

Ever yours faithfully  
Frederic Nightingale

Dr. Christow

be obnoxious.

If you were to think of these, you should write to

Dr. Gibson, D. F.

6 Whitehall Yard  
"to be forwarded" [He is out of London.]

3. Dr. Meyer has now charge of the Broadmoor Lunatic Convict Asylum (Sir J. Lubbock) - & would, I believe, find it impossible to leave.

4. Sir James Clark knows a very good middle-aged married

MS 5482/56A 1/2  
Rampstead NW

Thorne Highgate Oct 9/63

Dearest

About your doctor:-

1. I should write to Dr. Williams to recommend one, if I were you -
2. I have made private enquiries, without, of course, mentioning your name, at the Army Med. Dept.

The fact is, nearly all the half pay lies



are "blackguards" -  
& I was afraid they  
would put you off  
with me -

The two following you  
may depend upon  
as being respectable  
men, & with knowledge  
of the fact. I have  
put them in the  
order of their desirable  
rep.

(1) Deputy Inspector Genl.  
Gen. Pileau

(2) Arthur Wood M.D.  
School of Medicine  
I know neither: I wish

I did. For a man  
may be perfectly  
respectable & make  
himself thoroughly  
disagreeable -

Dr. Pileau is  
represented as a  
man about 50,  
married, with a  
grown-up family,  
& a thorough gentleman  
in his manners &  
ideas.

But I would  
not take a man  
without ~~him~~ seeing  
him - A "thorough  
gentleman" may still

Medical Man, who  
wants to go to the  
Sile; & whom he,  
Sir D.C. would  
recommend. But  
this Medical Man,  
whom he saw,  
thoroughly answers for,  
has never been to  
Egypt before - nor,  
he believes, out of  
Europe -

Ever yours  
Th.

Florence Nightingale



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67572.

32, South Street,  
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 14/63

Dear Sir

As a general rule,  
I entirely decline such  
consultations as you  
propose upon me.

But with all the  
force of conviction of  
which I am capable,  
I warn you against  
the dangerous course  
you propose.

If you wish to  
try the Water-Cure,

Go & Malvern to  
Dr. Walter Johnson,  
a safe, a careful  
& experienced man  
and not a quack.

But were it a  
case in which I  
had influence, I  
should recommend  
it to be seen by

Mr. Paget

1, Newwood Place

Hanover Sq -

the first Surgeon in

London, I had almost  
said in Europe - &  
one who, I pledge  
you my experience,  
will be more likely  
to save you "from  
the knife" than any  
one.

I am

Yours faithful Servant

Florence Nightingale

Wm Brown &



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May 30

afraid it is not likely to  
give much pleasure -

My dear Lady Blackett  
My sister holds  
autographs in horror & never  
gives any. Moreover she  
never signs her letters to  
me so that I have them  
not to give either. I am very

Sorry to refuse your invitation & I have left London. to  
friend, but you have no idea that your letter has been  
of the multitude of such delayed in reaching me -  
requests. I am replying  
three by this day's post.

Many thanks for your  
invitation to your boy but  
he is gone back to Harrow.

Believe me  
Yours sincerely  
F P Verney.

I enclose an envelope in  
my sister's hand tho' I am



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The Lady Blackett  
3.4 Portman Square  
W.

