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5483/58

10 South St August 14/93 ⁶⁷³¹⁶

My dear Sir Douglas ^{15/16}

Thank you very much
for your visit.

I am so anxious about
"Dr Russell," Lord Provost
of Edinburgh, his great
enthusiasm, his £350
a bed for "Infectious
Diseases" - his letting
out Nurses like

"Numbers" (his own
expression) - his theory
that we have too many
Nurses in a Hospital,
& that Nurses ought

like Cherubs, never to
sit down.

If you are on the
ground of "Infectious
Disease Hospitals," I
wish you could hook
him on to you. He is
going to spend a
fortune from the rates.

If such good luck
were to befall that
you should go to
Edinburgh, & you
would allow me,
I would write him

a note that you
were coming.

He is so doctrinaire.
[He lives in a Villa
near Edinburgh. He
gave me his address]

I am sending to your
house to enquire
after Frederick. God
grant she may be all
right.

Yours most truly
J. Nightingale

5483/59

My fault

I allow me to
send you this as a
tiny token of sympathy
with your work.

Good speed I is

Yours faithfully

J. Nightingale

The Rev

Thomas G. Carter

London Oct 26/95 ⁶⁷⁵⁹⁸

My dear Sir

How good you are
I thank you -

I could not resist
your appeal - tho' it is
an effort to me who
know not what it is
to have a leisure hour
to "write a few words".
I have not time to
make it any shorter.

But you will. If you
find anything in
my letter to your
occasion, you will

Kindly pick it out
& use it.

It seemed as if the most
profitable way of
answering your appeal
was to show the great
virtues of our soldiers
in time of war &
discipline - & to ask
them to ^{show} ~~cultivate~~ the
same virtues in times
of home life in peace.

As some great writer
says: We hate war,
we admire discipline

As an aid to duty.

It seemed useless
to enunciate this
without giving a few
splendid examples
which I could multiply
a hundred fold.

But I know it is
much too long.

And I generally
resist all invitations
to write, except on
ever-pressing business.

So I ask your
kindness to remedy

Pray grant my request
I pray excuse pencil
& may I be, dear Madam,
yours faithfully &
hopefully
Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Redford

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5483/60/1

April 2/96

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Madam
I trust that your kind-
ness will pardon a
stranger to you for
writing to you----You
have, I believe, an
organisation of Health
Missioners to the poor,
visiting them in their
own houses--Whatever
they are called, be so very
much obliged to you
if you would kindly
send me any printed

Rules, particularly as
to how they are trained;
- the methods & kind
of training given them;
- whether by & in
Hospitals, by lectures,
or by more experienced
ladies taking them
round the houses of
the poor, & showing
them practically what
is wanted, - or by
all three. And how
situations are appointed
for these Missioners.
Also - Whether you prefer Hospital

training or non-Hospital Missioners

I have a little
pamphlet of my own,
which began a little
experiment of our
own under a Provincial
County Council, which
is still being carried out.
But I do not ask
leave to send the
pamphlet, because I
am quite sure that
you have a great deal
more to tell me, than
if you will be so very
good, than I to say



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Mrs. Redford
Charlton-cum-Hardy
Manchester

21/4/96

5483/61

Aug. 29/98
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Gentlemen
Mr. Roundell desires
me to send you these
few lines to be added
to her "Agnes Jones"
& to ask you to
"reproduce them in
"fac simile"
your obedt. servt.
F. Nightingale

5483/62

Sept 11/96

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

Gentlemen
I am sorry you have
had this trouble. But
I have only acted
on Mrs. Roundell's
orders.

She desired me to
write out one of
these sentences for
a facsimile. And
I did so & sent
it to her. She

then decided me to
write out the other
for a facsimile
I send it to you -
And I did so on
Saturday -

She then sent me
a whole sheet of
extracts from my
letters, for her to use
- I understood in
her "paper." But I

may be mistaken in
this. And asked
me to telegraph "Yes".
And I did so on
Monday, not having
a moment of time
she told me you were ^{going}
to consider.

Received a letter of
thanks this morning
from her in her
usual gracious way
And this is all I
know F.N.

5483/63

Sept 10/98

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Gentlemen

I am sorry to refuse any
request of yours - but I
am obliged to decline
giving my address in
any public way whatever.

I should be desirous
yet more than I am
already, ^{with} requests
not only from England
but from America for
"interviews" - with

for photographs & ~~the~~
— begging letters of every
possible kind,
including requests for
some portion of my
life

F. Nightingale

5483/64

10 South St June 23/97
9 a.m.

My dear Sir

The Belladonna
plasters for the Patient
are not come -

Was your Order left at
Squire's? - Now Squire
never forgets any thing
What are we to do?

Yours Sincerely
F. Nightingale

Dr. Arncliffe

5483/65

help me? I don't
know that I know any
one now at the W.O.
Who would do it -
Would not you?

Ever yours

F. Nightingale

No 2

22/11/98

67455

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Sir Douglas
My friend Mrs. Dacre
Craven (you may possibly
remember her under her
maiden name - Miss
Florence Lees - she was
our first Probationer &
our first District Nurse)
writes to me about her
son, my Godson
Waldemar Sigismund Dacre
Craven

Will receive his
Commission as 2nd
Lieut. in the Royal
Artillery next month
(the youngest Cadet, she
thinks)

He is very anxious to get
appointed to a Field
Battery (instead of to a
Garrison Battery) as a
better chance of active service
on "passing out from Woolwich".

His mother wants me to
mention his name to the

W.O. authorities (or to Sir
Evelyn Wood if I know him
- but I don't) With Sir
Evelyn Wood those
appointments rest?

It is not a question of
preference or pay.

There is immediate hurry
if it is to be done at all,
I am told -

I am very anxious
about it -

Could you kindly

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Dec 1/98

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10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Captain Cornitago

We are glad that you
are come home. And I
know not how to thank you
for the beautiful cloth
worked by the natives
I for the delightful
Teneriffe oranges -

I am rather subdued
by a cough - but I
shall hope to see you
before long, as you
kindly propose -

We hope that your
'leave' is as long one
& that you will be
some time in London.

With best Christmas
Greetings & thanks for
your kind note
faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Poll is in high feather
& voice & forms the
gratification of many

persons - but he prefers
living in the kitchen in
this bad weather, where
many go to talk to him
& to hear him talk -
but he is silent not to
say sulky before
strangers whom he
greatly disapproves of.

He is very much grown
& has been presented with
a new cage, upon the top
of which he sometimes sits
F.N.

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Capt. Berntago

39 Grosvener St

1/12/90

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10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Capt. Armitage
How can I thank
you for remembering me
so kindly & sending me
a brace of beautiful
pheasants & a pair
of ravens wild

With every good wish
for the New Year

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

5483/67/2

Capt. Armitage
The Sports Club
St James' Square

14/1/99

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March 22/99
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

Dear Miss Knight

I am so overcrowded
with appointments, as
people here generally
are before Easter -

I had just given
away my Friday
which you so kindly
offer me - It is quite full
Could you possibly

Come & see me on Saturday at
~~Thursday~~ at 5 - &
should be so very
sorry not to see you -

yours sincerely,

F. Nightingale

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June 17/99⁶⁷⁹³²

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Capt. Armitage

I could gladly see
you if it were quite
convenient to you to
come on Thursday or
Friday at 5-30, and
if I knew soon on
which day it will be

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

ask if you shall wait for an
answer.

Capt. Armitage
39 Grosvenor St

17/6/99.

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Capt. Comiter

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June 19/99
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Sir

Thank you for your
kind note.

~~Might~~ I have an
appointment tomorrow
(Tuesday) which I cannot
possibly put off.

But might I see
you at 4.30 tomorrow
(Tuesday) for a quarter
of an hour?

Yours more faithfully
F. Nightingale

Cape Committee
The Sports Club
St James' Square
1916/20 SW

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Capt. Arncliffe

June 20/99⁶⁷⁹³²
10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Sir

Will you allow me
the pleasure of sending
you a little match box
with your initials to
accompany you on
your travels. It is a
small thing but if it
will recall us to your
remembrance, it shall be
yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

With care

Capt. Asmita
39 Grosvenor St.

20/6/99

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All hail

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July 4/99

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE.W.

Dear Lady Aberdeen

I am so afraid of
causing you instead
saving you trouble, as
would so gladly do.

Unluckily for me, I
am unable to see any
body to-day (from illness.)
Were you kindly desirous
of sending any one -

Fortunately for me, no
one came yesterday.

Yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

able to see some one to-morrow
to be
I hope

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left to continue it.
St Paul. as our leader
fought it well.

I have sent you a trifle,
wishing it could be more
for our anniversary

yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

October 15 1900

To H. Herbert Esq
President of the Balaklava
Commemoration Society.

My dear Sir

Thank you for writing
to me about the
Anniversary dinner of
our survivors of the
Balaklava Charge.

Hail to them & our
dear brethren.

The last words of a
General dying in battle
were:

"Charge: charge: On, on"
So should ours be.
Life is a battle. We can
always say these spirited
true words to each
other, and to our
successors. They are
always to the survivors
timely, never too late.

I am now entirely a
prisoner to my room
from illness: but
none the less do I
cry out to you:

"Charge, charge: On, on".
And still I can do a
little: [I have been
interrupted by business
even in writing this:]

God bless you all:
And He will bless
you. Fight the good
fight: lay hold on
eternal life.

Our brethren that have
gone before have
fought the good
fight. And we are

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10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Aug. 28. 1905.

Dear Miss Tidy,

Many thanks for
the beautiful Devonshire
wild flowers which
you were so kind
as to send me.

I hope you are

having a refreshing
holiday - -

yours very sincerely

Florence Nightingale

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we hope, grace our hearts
 this November. Miss Clarke
 was called off suddenly by
 a letter from ~~her~~ sister -
 & nothing but the judicious
 arrangement of Parsons in
 carrying off the kniver from
 the half past 6 o'clock
 breakfast, w^d have preserved
 my life another moment
 after the draw off. We
 have not the remotest con-
 ception where you have
 been since Milan, & therefore
 I

I must write our ~~more~~ wel-
 come of your return to the
 natives, my dearest, tho'
 I dare say you have had many
 & at the same time tell you
 how sorry I am not to have
 had the letters you wrote
 me from Berne, Milan
 & especially that from ^{Frankfurt} Fe-
 rre, which told us how
 you liked Spaldos & his
 little wife. but I have
 written to all the Directors
 the Posters to rate them

soundly, & have sent larger letters all round threatening us of your landing & again vigorous prosecution, if the letters are not given up. It is the more provoking as Joanna Horner & others have had their safe - & I am not sure that my case is not one of fear, authorizing England to act immediately on the offensive. The natural desire of food, inherent in the human creature & manifested in your desire for a cook, was the

first thing which apprised us of your landing & again the old cover, lithographed to "Miss Nicholson, Waverley," comes forth from its Second Thousand. Miss Clarke left us, about 7 AM this day, by Sitwell & Mr. J. Wright ditto. Last week we had Major Lebb, Mr. Weld, the Speaker, Sir D. Le Marchant, Baron Rolfe, the Mills, Mr. Keith Mackenzie, &c & much we missed your sweet presence. But you will

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am shooting in the dark.
but have a great deal to
tell you when we have
re-tied the thread between
us. Meanwhile I am sure,
contrasting these pleuritic
scenes with those left be-
hind you, you must long
since have been asleep
while I have been talking,
~~By the way, the paper is rather~~
~~disagreeable to the eye. I will~~

~~went to sleep thinking the~~
~~depression, I should give~~
~~somebody a good scolding~~
~~you, that you should give~~
~~the good looking & dismish~~
~~recollect the very people~~

The poor natives salute
you & all yours. I mean
to hold on tight to life
till I hear from you,
which will immediately
transport me to a better

world, till which time
I am in haste your ever
humble slave Th.

A day of incessant rain
has tempted S.B.C, off
Capt. Giffard to a long
day in the turnips, from
which they are just re-
turned. with the birds
they found dead from
drowning.

Once more farewell &
pardon.

At Waverly, Ever y^rs beloved
F^r

I was much delighted
At our friends' anxious wish
for our honour, Jack having
also written about certain
Paragraph in Hunt's Paper -
as without the same, I should
have missed the said agree-
able testimony to our deserts,
not having had the same spirit
of Research.

? to Harriette Nicholson

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Best Thanks to Aunt
Anne for her ^{most} hospitable
offer. I will write again
as soon as I can get time
to speak more decisively -
& briefly -

Thrs. Wm. Lloyd Garrison
Herman W. Lloyd Garrison

Florence Nightingale

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My dear Mrs. Clarkson

Though you will not remember
who the Florence Nightingale
is who is writing to you, I hope
you will not be sorry to receive
the enclosed account of Madame
Christophe, which "Aunt Patty"
has sent me, mentioning in her
letter that you might like to
hear it. Aunt Patty writes from
Lucca, where she saw Mme Christophe.
She was going on to Florence. She is
in better health. I inquire

particularly after you and Mr.
Clarkson. With the best love
of all my people, believe me,
my dear Mrs. Clarkson, your
obedient & affectionate

Florence Nightingale

Smiley. Jan 10.

5483/78/1

67830^c

Dear Cape. Fallon
Loren has appointed
himself here at 4 o'clock
today & talk over the
Chatham Kitchen - If you
could come, it might be
settled at once - Y

otherwise, we would
forward to you the kitchen-
=Conclusions we come to
for your imprimatur

Ever yours, Most truly

J. Hightwyte

Thursday 1 P.M.
30 Burlington St.

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67830^c

Capt. Douglas Patton R.E.
Board of Trade



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Please to order the carriage
~~to be here~~ for Mrs. Moore to
take her to Redmondsey -
to be here at 1.30. to day

Florence Nightingale

Tuesday Sept 6.
Hampstead

5483/80

Wed 7th Oct 1885
Oct 7th

Dear Freddy

I had already
sent over & got the
comfortable news of
your dear Mother's
journey being so well
accomplished & I have
also heard of her from
Mr Hancock who is,
I am sorry to say, now
a professional caller,
having a violent
attack of influenza.
But I was not the

less obliged to you for
thinking of me.

I assure there are few
people upon whom
such thought is better
bestowed; for I take
the deepest & most affec-
tionate interest in her
recovery.

May God grant it
may be complete, &
tell them, that she may
have patience & hope &
faith granted to her
abundantly.

I hope you continue to

like South Sea.

It seemed to me a
cheerful place.

You will like to hear
that Janet Ross has
been here today with
her husband - quite well.

I don't know what
your father does with
his evening, when he
does not go down.
Tell him he has a
lonely neighbour who
would always be glad
to see him if he is alone.

Yours dear Freddy
Very sincerely

To the Nurses

It is a noble calling,
the calling of Nurses;
but it depends on you
Nurses to make it
noble or not.

Florence Nightingale

5483/82/1

Establishment for Gentlewomen during Illness.

No. 147

RECEIVED of Mrs. Shaw

the Sum of £7 Shillings & Sixpence for

Seven Days payment in advance, up to

October 2 for her maintenance.

By order of the Ladies' Committee.

10/6

Florence Nightingale

London, Sept 25 1854

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Received

belonging to the late Mrs. John Store
the sum of three Pounds 2/6
Paid to Mrs. John Store
£3.2.0

Florence Nightingale

Sentari Sept-13/55

Received from Mr. James Quick
the sum of ten pounds 0/0
Paid to Mrs. Jane Quick
£ 10. 0. 0
Stevens Rightwals
Lutari Dec 8/55.

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27.4.55

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Abstract

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Nurses £290. 14 "
General Account 211. 12. 4

£ 502. 6. 4

Deduct

1 Nurse paid at
War Office & returned
in Account No 2 - £ 15 " "

Wine (Woodhouse)

not expended - charged

in Account No 3 - £ 54 " "

£ 69 " "

£ 433 . 6 . 4

Florence Nightingale

Signed 1855

G F N

Chas Holt / Gracebridge
Atherstone, 10th of April

5483/83/1

able to accomplish your visit to
Paris, as the Idiots at the Bicêtre
are alone well worthy a visit, &
quite equal to Dr. Conolly's account
of them.

Some medicines, which the gentleman
who sometimes attends your patients,
promised to send Mrs. Flint, but
by some mistake, not yet arrived.
I should also be very much
obliged to you for the Prescriptions
for her, which you wished her
to continue - & for the Prescription
for my sister. The old lady's
tey (Mrs. Elce) is so much better
for your lotion, that she would
be glad of some more. And
E. Allen has found so much

Ann Florence Knightbridge to
J. Pops.

My dear son

I return Dr. Conolly with many
many thanks. We have read it
with the utmost interest. It is
truly beautiful. I see his view of
Idiots agrees with that of Dr. Fowler
& so many others. That, as in the
cases of the Deaf & Dumb, so in that
of these unfinished creatures, the
sensorial apparatus must be first
provided by art, in the same way
in which, in the healthy infant, it
is done by Nature. That the
intellectual deficiencies are merely
from want of the food supplied
by the senses, which, in the perfectly
healthy infant, having such their

Appetites, are aroused & seek for their own information concerning the objects without, whereby the Intellectual faculties receive their education naturally. But, in the idiotic infant, "Comparison remains limited, judgment imperfect," not on account of any defective kind, but because the "adjustments" had not the requisite stimuli to educate themselves from the senses being, as it were, closed to natural influences - not placed in contact with exterior objects, & the "Muscular Sense" being incomplete. If now the Appetite of the Perceptive Powers can be roused, by objects being presented to them artificially,

Imitation excited, the Muscular Adjustments exercised, then the Miracle is performed - the Child learns to adjust its attention, its Senses, its Muscular power, more or less, & Intellect, more or less, follows.

I cannot sufficiently thank you for having given us the opportunity of reading this admirable book.

I have had a very good answer from Dr. Fowler, to the paper on Quakity, which you were good enough to send him. I would send it you, but that I am afraid that you would not be able to read his kind heart writing. I was truly sorry to learn that you had not been

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I should have been very
glad to have heard any
thing about Mr. Henderson's
projected foundation.

With many thanks for
your letter most interesting
to me, believe me
ever most truly yours
Florence Nightingale

(in great haste)

We are daily fighting
the battle with our
London Vestries -
the most awful of
all jobbers - & Boards
(local) of Work.

Miss Jones left
 by this morn. I
 want to add this
 & my letter to Mr.
 Fowler — & words
 are not under
 "letters" at all (at
 King's Coll. Hosp. =)

but under Moses
 entirely — i.e. rather
 more than half the
 Hosp.

I send you a
 little sketch in pencil
 I had made of my
 view of Hospital
 Nursing. And I
 can only say Miss Jones
 answers of these
 views perfectly.

It is "private," as
 you see — But Mr. Fowler
 might see it.
 Ever yours
 J.

What were the days
of the summer
in the year

Summer was the time
when the sun was in
the sign of Cancer
and the days were
long and the nights
were short

some alterations, & if
I can, abridgements
so as to enable it
to be read without
the Appendices - which
will save you the
trouble of doing so.

Yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Miss Craig.

May allow me to
thank you for your
kind wishes for the

New Year - & to hope
that you may have
many; & happier ones
than I can - But I
wish to be grateful to
God who allows me
still to carry on this
work, altho' in the
midst of heavy sorrows,
~~afflictions~~ from having
lost by death nearly
all my fellow workers
- and I only am left
to continue, (such a
poor creature as I am)
what they did do
manfully. I would not
speak so openly but that you

God's kindness encourages me -

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Indeed it is now
2½ years since I
was told that I
could expect nothing

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but an increase of
illness till my
death.

I am too so
overwhelmed with
business - such
business as can
be transacted on
a sofa - that it is
I must excuse my
delay in answering
your kind note.

But I was
unwilling that any

me should answer in
but myself & still
more unwilling that
you should attribute
my declining your
request to indifference
on I say but the
real motive -

Believe me to be
dear Madam

Sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
The great cities of the North
Liverpool, Manchester &c
are to me so interesting
that I wish I could help

Similar to the
grandmother of all
the several ~~Wills~~
Institutions for
the poor

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Autograph of Florence Nightingale's MS

Sir

In beginning a new Hospital, it is of the greatest consequence to ~~re~~obtain the necessary information. I therefore take the liberty of applying to you, in common with many others, & of begging that you will kindly take the trouble to answer the following queries.

Answer

Kitchenmaid?
Sculley maid?
housemaids?
laundry maids?
hired women?
porters?

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"And when their legs were cut off
They fought upon their stumps."

It seems to me that the
Sanitary "legs" of India
have undergone amputations
lately. Without
however poetic genius
being evolved.

May believe me
ever your faithful Servant
Florence Nightingale

22
Park Lane,
88 South Street.

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 not sufficiently.

I cannot find out. Had there is any love affair.

But indeed if I did not know her well enough to be all but sure there is none, I should not be likely to find it out now.

She herself attributes her state entirely to her brother's death.

Her father died of heart disease: her mother & brother of Consumption. She has no home.

I thought I would write you this account before you sent her medicine. In the night I made up my mind that I would ask you to look in to day

as if to see me: feeling it
impossible that I could
run the risk of such
another night for her, with
no old (woman) servant
in the house whom I
could trust.

But you will judge here
what to do: ~~what~~
about seeing her to day:
What the danger may be.

[Mrs. Swann came here
saying last night at 9
o'clock to see me.
could not see her, but
she slept in the house:
I was here till this evening.]

I wrote to the man at
Nottingham for his Acc^t
for the lithia & Port Wine.
but he said he had sent
it to you. May let me
pay it.

I trust you will not
think me unduly nervous.

May believe me
ever faithfully Yours

J. Nightingale

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adopted as the basis,
then Sir Poby Cantley,
& Sir Ronald Martin,
with Mr. Rawlinson,
will have to act on
it, when Indian
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If an India Office
Commission is appointed,
it should consist of
Sir P. Cantley,
Sir R. Martin
Dr. Lushington
Capt. Fallow
Mr. Rawlinson
But this is only for

Your own information.
The necessity of the
four Commissioners
must be urged on
the public - the names
must be left to
the W.O. and the
I.O., with whom
I am in communication.

I will not
write a long letter,
because you are so
thoroughly up to the
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My kind regards
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