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the Indian Commission.
And we are making
haste & do as much
as we can before
he comes on - But
anxiety has made
me more suspicious
than I was before -
Mr. Herbert (I cannot
bear to call him by
his new name, nor
write it) is just as
sagacious about things
however as ever
Yours sincerely
Washington

5474/34

317230

30 Old Washington St. (34)
Jan 9/61

Dear Mr. Farr
Would you be so
good as to look at
the enclosed (returning
them to me) & tell
me whether you
think it is of any
use asking for the
imperfect information
therein offered?

2. I had another
enquiry from a
London Hospital
last week, asking
if my scheme of
Hospital Statistics
were not out yet!!!

3. Mr. Herbert's
failing health (he
has disease of the
Kidney) & retirement
from the Ho. of Commons

which has cost
him a severe
struggle & greater
pang than any
body knows of -
of course makes
a great difference
to us - Altho,
at the earnest
request of those
who know him
best, he retains
office - Lord
Stanley has been
offered & accepted

5474/35

30 P.B. Co 317230
Mar 14/61 (35)

Why, my dear St. Farr,
are you not the greatest
improver that ever was?
What did I wait for
my paper from July
till March for, except
I have the names &
opinions of all the
wise men appended
to it, which goes so far
in this country? If
it were not for the hour,

of the thing, & had a
great deal of help
have printed it myself
in July. The Disputants
who wrote to me for
it then, & have been
waiting for it ever
since, will think
I am laughing at
them, if I send them
this naked skeleton
now.

But, as life has
its natural term,
even according to you,

would you tell me
how many years it
will take & have
printed ~~the~~ adoption
by the Pundits and
their several additions
to it? And don't
you think I had
better have it done
at my own expense?

Yours sincerely ever
altho' in extreme
old age

Frederic Pyhthajab.

well have printed the
paper on my own
account last December
twelvemonth.

I meant, with
your assistance & Dr.
Lutherland's, I have
prepared & printed
Hospital Book (for
distribution) & carry
out the system.

But this is
your busy year. Dr.
Lutherland is capricious
(in all his work.) And
I am non compos.
Yours ever sincerely,
J. Hightmire

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(36)

London
30. Old Burlington Street.
W.
Mar 21/61

My dear Dr. Farr
Is it an "eternal
law" that McCulloch
should print my
papers? Then I
submit.

But if it is not
would you allow me
(there are "perturbations"
even in "eternal laws")
to print the resolu-
tions of the Congress

on my own account?
So do this. I
must have the page
of the Report which
refers to them.

I observe you
have as little
"expectation of life"
I see the Report done
as I have - But
it may turn out
otherwise. ["Average"
you know I have
denounced.]

I eagerly watch at
your office to send
copies to the principal
Hospitals - with a
note signed by the
Secretaries of the
Congres.

Because, you see,
that is all which
makes the papers
likely to be practically
followed - viz. the
adhesion of the
Congres. Otherwise
I might just as

I do wish we could
have composed some
Hospital books for
the Statisticians - Several
Superintendents of
Nurses have told me
how glad they should
be to make the
"Sisters" keep such
Returns - When I
told Dr. Lutherland,
he was all agog; &
went off upon the
"Ryhs" of "Maw". Now
I don't want this
& interfere with the

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317230 (37)

30. Old Burlington Street.

W.
Good Friday 1/61

My dear Dr. Larn
1. I send proofs
of your letter & of the
famous (famous for
its antiquity) page.
Please say both
whether they will
do & how you wish
them to be "put up".
I think they should
be incorporated together.

with the paper &
not look as if they
were clipped in.
If you could verify
the "page" by the
Report, as you
make yourself
responsible for
the paper, it
would be better.

I like your Census
sermon much.
It is one of the best

public papers I
have seen. I wish
other sermons were
as much to the
purpose.

I retain you to
dinner on Wednesday
And Urin & Hummin
shall come & meet
you. But pray
come (for me)
as much before
6 o'clock as you
can.

5474/37/2
"rights" of the
Registrar at all.
They must do the
official Returning
business, if it is
ever done, according
to this system, ~~at~~
counsel. But I don't
see why the poor
women should not
have the practice,
merely for practice,
— by no means for
official purposes —
if it is good for
them — Only we must
compose Hospital

books for them (Introcs.
on ledger books).

Yours sincerely

Lh.

ML

Quarantine
Committee..

About April 161?

317230

at your leisure

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I declare the age
of the Cats & my
landlord, you won't
have me at all.

I have looked
over all your
Enumerator's papers,
which you were so
good as to lend me.
They seem very complete
but I don't quite see
how you will get all the
Railroad Travellers, for
instance - altho' it is
very astute of you to
take the sudden
Yours sincerely W. H. Wright

5474/39

317230

(39)

30 Old Burlington Street.
W.

April 6th

My dear Mr. Farr
I have drawn up
& enclosed two
Varieties of a Hospital
Book & set the
particulars required
by our forms & the
Comp. additions.

I have not
included Nos 8, 9, 10, 12.
of the latter.
I should propose to
put these in another
book.

And these Nos should
be published with
the annual Hospital
Report.

I have enclosed
the Articles for this
Summary, which
might be extended
if you approve, into
the form of a table
& put in type.

Should not these
Forms of Table be

printed on the back
of the fly sheet &
go out with the
paper itself?

What of your own
letter? It has not
come back to me.

— You have not
sent me a Census
paper & myself -
And, as nothing
will induce me

5474/40/1

317230 (40)

30. Old Burlington Street.
W.

April 9/61

had been left for the
Families in this Hotel,
I took one of the
specimen forms you
were so kind as to
give me, & wrote
the information fully
& accurately therein
concerning myself &
maid (old man. Leeson
does not sleep in the
Hotel) & sent it down to him.

I leave you to
think, if the mispage
sent up to the other

My dear Dr. Farr
As you justly said
that the perfect
working of the Census
must ~~be~~ depend
upon the detail, I
think I am doing you
a service in mentioning
how the detail was
worked here.

[I should say that
this vast Hotel, consisting
"Rushington Hotel," consisting

of three large houses,
besides this (which
is the "private" house)
is composed mainly
of family suites of
rooms.]

On Sunday morning
(the 7th) a verbal
message was sent
up to me, not by the
occupier of the Hotel
but by his fac-totum,
(a kind of house-
steward,) desiring me

I write my age (& my
maid's) on a bit
of paper - Nothing more.
This was the message,
verbatim et literatim.

I swallowed the
answer which rode
to my lips - Not
thinking it worth
while to have a
war of words with
this person - and,
after ascertaining
from his expression
that no Schedules

You are quite at liberty to make any use of this.

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Conscience, as to affording
accurate information,
when called upon to
do so by an ignorant
Hotel servant, & when
called upon directly
by the law, which
all English people
obey. And this
Observation I think
applies rather more
to the "upper" than to
the "lower classes", as
they are called.

Believe me
Sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

families occupying
apartments in these
houses, were similar
& that sent to me,
of how dependable
& valuable a
nature is the information
furnished by this
person on his sheet.

He appeared to
consider the Census
Act as an invention
designed to afford
him the amusement
of asking people
their ages - and of

drawing upon his
imagination for the
rest of the information
required.

As you know
how much interested
I am in the proper
working of the Census,
& that I had rather
the information
required of us (as
regards our healths
& houses) were more
than less complete,
I venture to suggest

that all heads of
families, whether that
family consist of one,
two or more persons,
wherever living, whether
in hotels, lodgings &c
should be required
to fill up their own
papers.

Believe me (from
my personal experience
of what happened here)
people who have not
reflected much on
the value of a Census
have a very different

NB.

The term "heads of families" should include single persons, living in Hotels & lodging-houses, all of whom should have the opportunity of filling up separate papers.

You will say that you would then have to send papers to every lodger in a two-penny lodging-house.

But might you

not place on the
superintendent's Register
the duty of ascertaining
or deciding what
class of Hotels and
lodging houses should
have separate
papers for their
inmates - the
Enumerator being
then directed to
leave the required
number?

Yr.

5474/41

317230 (41)

30. Old Burlington Street.
W.

April 20/61

Paget and I are
waiting breathless
upon your voice -
You have not
even returned me
the copy & comfort
pagely with.

Yours sincerely

J.H.

In re Angus Smith's evidence.
Ask Lutherland to tell
you the evidence I should
give about disinfectants in
the Crimea - and how A. Smith's
scheme of laying down India in
disinfectants, which he unfolded
to me by letter, strikes me -

My dear Dr. Farr
It has been "suey &
said" in various places
that women's letters
are illogical

Now Major Graham's
letter says

1. that I generalize
from one instance; &
then proceeds to do the
self-same thing

2. lays down a
principle in human

nature in which I think
all the world will be
against him - viz
that family people
are less likely to give
accurate information
about themselves
than a landlord is
to do it for them

3. ignores the only point
in our communications
viz that it is not
of travellers we are
speaking of, (those who
sleep one night in an

inn) & that a Sup^r
Registrar might decide
to what class the inn
belongs.

It would be a
curious thing to know.

I take it (in
Hotels of this character)
the proportion of papers
through, beds let by
the night, would be nil.

You have not
criticized my Apostle's
Statistics for me - and

30 O B li
Monday ^{July} 22/61

My dear Lii

I am sorry that you have been ill. I go from Kence to Hampstead on Aug 1. Could I see you here before that? Any day would suit me except Friday & Tuesday week. And we would feed you - "sleep" you, if you like!

2. I take for granted that a copy of the enclosed has been sent you. Would it be of any use & shew it at the Brit. Med. Ass.?

Are you going to the Dublin Social Science Meeting? The Dublin Hospital authorities have asked me to use the same Hosp. Stat!

Scheme at that Meeting. And
I shall do so (in a letter)
Would you advise also in this?

3. I have completed all the
inquiry which I can make
as to the Causes of Death after
Operations (in preparation
for a Surgical Stat. Scheme)

Will you look over ^{here some day} the lists
of said Causes obtained by me
from the different Hospitals -
& say 1. Whether you will
make a scheme from them?

2. Whether you would advise
this being done in time for the
Dublin Meeting? 3. Whether
you would like to moot it
at the Brit. Med. Ass., in which
case I would send you these lists

at once -

4. Thank you for your proposal about the Colonial School Returns & Disease - But all we want is to make a practical proposition for the D. of Newcastle. And this we shall do - upon your advice that we have data enough. So Luthersland Jancies had you have some of these Colonial Returns by you, which I lent you a long time ago - Is it so? If so, would you please direct them to be returned to me at once?

Ever yours sincerely
J.H.

tho' whose hands
every one of them has
passed, he is very
much mistaken.

And certainly
the most valuable
part information
not only in the
Report but in the
India Ho: will be
the printed Abstracts
of all these Stational
Replies - and your
Statistics.

I would have
written Lord Stanley
direct - but that

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Sept 17/61 (43)

My dear Mr. Tass,
Would you kindly,
at your leisure, see
Mr. Baker, at 10 Old
Palace Yard, & ask
him what was
understood with
Lord Stanley about
printing the remainder
of the Abstracts of
Replies from Indian
Stations - I understand
that it is proposed

I give only those
already in type as
"specimens" of the whole.

How can one
station be a "specimen"
of another station.

There are no two
stations alike. You
might as well say
that Mr. Rawlinson
could decipher Winchester
from reading a
description of Croydon.

Or that you could
give 30 Weekly
Returns as "specimens"

of the Weekly Mortalities
of the year & not
give the remaining
22 weeks -

Lord Stanley
expressly said that
he could not take
Dr. Sutherland's
evidence as complete,
because all the
Replies from India
were not come in.
Now, if he thinks
the Commission or any
body will read
the Replies in the
original M.S., I think,

something at my
own expense, if I
knew what.

Again, I would
have written Lord
Stanley above this
without troubling you.
But that, if he has
positively said that
"it must stand over
"till the Comm. meets
"again," he will not
alter that decision
for me -

Ever yours, sincerely
J. H. Thompson

Poor Lady Herbert was
exceedingly gratified by your
paper at Manchester.

(1.) perhaps it is
unnecessary
(2) he does not know
(I should have to
explain) that every
one of these M.S. Replies,
with the Abstracts,
Proofs & Reviews, has
passed thro' my hands,
& therefore I am
speaking "avec
Connaissance de Cause".

2. Would you also
ask Mr. Baker
whether the maps
& plans, which

Dr. Lutherland chose
as specimens, & he
has reduced &
lithographed for the
Report, I must absolutely
stand over till
the Commission meets
again, before it is
authorized & be done.
I was in hopes
that it would be
finished & ready
by November, when
the Commission meets
again, when Dr.
Lutherland comes

back from the
Mediterranean & when
he and I begin our
dixes for the Report.
for which these maps
& plans are necessary.

I think Dr. L.
might have reduced
their number. But
he says not.

Could Mr. Baker
give an idea as to
the "enormous" expense
the Stationery Office
says it would be?
What kind of sum?
I would gladly do

been done in some
place. And others, still,
that it requires
only a vigorous
effort on the part
of our Government to
do it. I refer particularly
to the absence of
almost all sanitary
civilization (or effort
to introduce any)
into the native parts
of our stations - or
among our native
"lines".

I would propose
that you should examine

5474/44/1

Hamptstead NW

Sept 28/6

317230

(44)

My dear Mr. Farr
Tonight I have
answered your two
kind letters before -
I think it would
be very desirable, as
you say, to examine
some N.C. Officer &
from ^{Indian} men. But I do not
know the Indian Army.
Col. Preathet would be
a good person to
name some.

But I think it
still more desirable
to examine somebody
who would give you
evidence about Caste,
how far it is a
religion & how far
a social institution,
how far it can be
got over & how
far you must bow
to it - in civilizing
& sanitizing our
Native troops -

As I have had
lately one of the U.S.
books of Replies to

do nothing has
struck me so do
much as this: viz.
that Caste is made
an excuse for not
feeding
not cooking for
not cleaning or washing
not housing
not teaching.
not amusing
& ~~not~~ ^{not} nursing them.

The book ^{of Replies} differs
widely as to the right
of this -

Some say that
nothing can be done
Others show that
a great deal has

But I hope you will
not let him consider
it a final Meeting.

Mr. Sutherland will
not be back. And he
must be examined
again. He wishes it
himself. I told him
his Evidence was very
tame. And he thought
so too. There is a
great deal more to
be said.

You say the Review
of his Evidence has
not yet been sent to
you. The proof (Corrected)

before the Commission 317230 2
Mr. Ballantyne 5474/44/2
Librarian to India Ho.
Canon Row

Mr. John Muir
late Bengal Civil Service
Edinburgh

At General Briggs
2 Fentenden St -
perhaps Gen. Ludlow.

Mr. Ballantyne was
13 years at Benares
as I dare say you
know -

And all these men
would know, if any
do, exactly the value

I sent upon how far
Caste is & hez an
obstacle in the way
of Sanitary Civilization.

It is really
horrible the state
of the Native (troops)-
Hospitals - without
any one sanitary
appliance, except
medicine, which
they are far better
without. And I,
for one, should vote
for destroying every
Hospital I have
read about. The

sick would be much
better out of them.

But then I be-
lieve we have
neglected the
Native lives just
as much. So we
must put back the
sick into ^{the} Hospitals.

I understand you
that Lord Stanley is
going I have a
meeting this next
month. I shall
be glad if it
expedites our
batteries of maps
& printing Abstracts.

of it - was sent back
I prefer more than
a month ago.

I too have not
yet seen Fullock's
evidence - & shall
be glad to see it.

We are very much
obliged to you for
what you have done
in forwarding a part
of the maps & plans
which saves much
time.

Would Mr. Baker
~~send me~~ send me up here,
or Mr. Lutherdale,
41 Finchley New Road,

those which he says
"are done".

I don't know what
the "proof" is which
he says "is done" now.

Because he has no
Abstracts in hand
"to do". The fourth

Vol: ^{printed} of Abstracts is
ready. But I have

already received my
two copies of it. ^{some}
time ago.

We have only one
M. L. book now not
abstracted. But
I begin in time to
make an "uproar" as
I having the power

I print Abstracts
of the ^{remaining} books, as they
come in from India

I should like to
see Dr. Monat's
Report, as you kindly
offer it. I know Dr.
Monat & his works
- which are very
good - not like
his brother's which
are "of the devil".

Have you seen
Sanyalee, India?
Sanyalee is a converted
Brahmin. And his

book touches on Cato.
I mean to get it.
And if it is worth
reading, I will
send it you, if you
wish it.

Very yours truly
Th.

Remember too that
you are to be
examined before
the Commⁿ & are
our sheet anchor.

A member of the "Institut" at
Paris asked me to send him
the first copy of our Census.
I could get hold of it. And I
thought of you & promised it
him.

appears as witness.
If he shares all the
superstitions about
Caste & will confirm
them, he had better
not appear at all.

My poor Master would
have done this directly.
But Lord Stanley (altho'
"a deal better than
nothing," as the nigger
woman said of men
in general) has not
this grace or this talent.

3. As to the British Army
Hospitals in India, they
have all the faults we

5474/45/1

317230

Hamptons NW

Oct 2/64

(45)

My dear Mr. Farr

I will answer any
"written questions" about
the Indian Hospitals &c
provided they are "written"
by you - & provided
you are pretty sure
that the sense of the
Commission will not
be - What does this
woman know about
India? she has never
been there.

2. I agree with you

that we have "scarcely
any evidence as to the
Native Army" Monat-
would do. Martin
ought to name some
one else - Mr. Luthers
could tell something
from the "Replier". But
experienced witnesses
tell more ^{if there are any.}
^{Just Dudley might do.} N.B. The "Replier"
about the native troops
are sometimes dispractical,
^{disgraceful} both to Civil & Medical
& Engineering Officers.
We look upon the native
troops, do you know?, much

as Virginians look upon
slaves.]

But I do not give
up my point as to having
witnesses about "Caste".
I was told by an
experienced & learned
Indian that we had
made the great mistake
of encouraging "Caste".
Whereas, in all India,
the native idea is that
~~Caste~~ Military Service
does away with Caste.

But I wish some
one would question
Ballantyne before he

affection so much -
which, *Cotinis aspidus*,
must work more
harm under that
climate than under
ours.

4. Dr. Lathrop will be
back in England at
the end of this month.

5. I have not yet
received the evidence,
with Mr. Baker's
Analysis.

Ever yours sincerely
J. M.

My poor Master has
been dead two months

Today - too long a time
for him not to be
forgotten - & too long
a time for the
Commander in Chief
not to have proved
himself a "snob"
and his P. Lewis a
"bruff." The dogs
have trampled on
his dead body.

Alas! 7 years
this month I have
"fought the good fight"
with the War Office
and lost it.

P.W.

as you say, which
I want to impress
upon you - but the
excuse for laziness
which all those who
are lazy (among the
European authorities
over the native troops)
find in "caste". And
it is this which I
want some practical
witnesses to settle, or
to overthrow, before the
Commission. See Ludlow
& few Briggs might
be better practically
than Ballantine or Muir,
to give evidence on this.

5474/46/1

317230
Hamstead NW
Oct 5/64 (46)

My dear Dr. Carr
I have got Mr. Pigou,
& have looked him thro'.
But find nothing in
him which will do
for your paper. Indeed
it is remarkable, for
so entertaining a book,
how little there is in
it. But, if you wish
for that period why
do you not look at
a much more able

work of his his Report
in the 5th Vol. of the
Med. Chin. Transactions.
I made large use
of it in the Preface
of my "Confidential"
Report of Lord Parnass,
which ^{Preface} I have torn
out of it & now
send to you - as well
as the account of
Walcheren - where
Mr. Geyser succeeded
Webb as Sup. Genl. -
which I have torn

out of the same (my
Confidential Report)
as these ^{bits} may save you
some trouble in
reference - Do not
return them to me.

I sent you yesterday
(by post) Gauguier's Indian.
I don't think however
there is much of
practical in it to
guide us. Please
return it to me at
your leisure.

It is ~~not~~ not what
is inevitable in the
"horrible results of Caste".

5474/46/2

Martin is so absorbed
by his one idea of
"Kill Stations" that he
will not be vigorous
on our side.

I am going on with
the Abstracts of the
Indian Replies, of which
some very important
ones, as Bombar,
have arrived since
I wrote. Now I hope
that people will forgive
that "no more are to
be printed". At least
I mean to ignore it.

317230

I have received a
copy of the "Complete
Oral Evidence", & use
Mr. Baker's expression,
with his Index - and
thank him for it.

But what alarms
me is that he should
think it "Complete".
Independently of your
& Mr. Lethbridge's
evidence, there is much,
much more still
incomplete - especially
as to native troops -
& not only that, but
as to engineering - for
water supply &c. - in

Which our Stations are
wholly deficient. It
does seem curious that
we should still be
drinking out of skins
carried by "sheepies"
here. When we think
of the old Roman
water works - and
^{when we think} of their magnificent
underground arrangements
too - that we should
be allowing native
Bazars of half a
quarter of a million
inhabitants to grow
up - as at Secunderabad.
^{x Bazaar} without one single

such arrangement,
providing ^{us} round our
own Stations.

I trust you will
let me know when
you expect your next
Meeting to take place
- as also that you
will not let a Stanley
think that it is
anything like the last.

I am going to write
to Martin to get some
effect - that you may
have an Assistant -
and ^{because} ~~at~~ Baker says
it was ^{Martin} ~~he~~ who secured
him & send me the
oral evidence. But

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at your leisure

"Such & such regulations"
(which would involve
no restrictions on
[of this they alone are the judges] commerce)
"the purposes of Public
Health?"

As it is, I can only
hope that your Public
Health Committee
will reject your
Quarantine Committee's
Report -

2. I do not admit
your definition of
fanaticism - nor that
truth can be fanatical

P.S.

An American gentleman
once asked the great
& Red Jacob Abbott
what he should do
when the Sacrament
came, if he could not
give up some darling
sin he had - & which
the Red Abbott answered
- he really could not
tell him what he
should do -

It seems to me that
this is the only answer
you can make to your

Quarantine Committee,
constituted as it is,
if it asks you what
it should do.

It seems to me
that there are two
"darling sins" which,
if it wills commit,
incapacitate it from
any righteous action.

1. Its action could
only begin, & be fair
where that of another
Committee, which
does not yet exist
ends. You are judging
of great national

commercial interests,
or rather of the
greatest ~~the~~ inter-
national interests
of all, which not a
man upon the Committee
(except yourself)
understands at all.

All that your Committee
could ever do, or
ought to do, would
be to answer some
such question as this,
proposed to it by a
Committee constituted
of the greatest merchants
in Europe - "Would

Either your "contagionists"
are in the right &
then they are not
fanatical - or your
"Non-contagionists"
are in the right
& they are not
fanatical - Both
cannot be fanatical
any more than both
can be in the right.

Quarantine follows
logically & inevitably
on "Contagion" - As
sanitary measures
on non-contagion.

Farther than this,
I do not venture
to argue with you -
because, as you say,
I am not Scientific.
Neither do I quote
the opinion of those
men (Whom you
think I worship)
such as Chadwick,
for the same reason -
He is not Scientific.
I only modestly &
really humbly say,

I never saw a fact
adduced, in favor
of Contagion which
would bear scientific
inquiry. And I
could name to you
men whom you
would acknowledge
as Scientific who
place "Contagion" on
the same footing as
Witch-craft & other
superstitions.

Th.

None the less, it would
be easier for them to
adopt our Army
Stat. forms.

It appears that
they, the Northern States,
are quite puzzled
by their own want
of any organization
(Army).

I also took
occasion to tell them
of our Chinese success
in reducing the ^{Army} ~~North~~
to one tenth of what
it was, & the ~~Constantly~~
Lick to one seventh of
what they were during
the first winter of the
Chinese War: due to my dear med.

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Rampstead NW.
Oct 8/61

(47)

My dear Dr. Farr
Your friend, Dr. Michener
of Göttingen, has written
to me & knows the fate
of a certain paper of his
upon "Sea Currents," -
which, if you remember,
you were kind enough
to send (about December
last) & the Secret. of the
Prof. Soc. (?) for him -
He does not ask for
it back, as he has a

copy of it. He only
wants to know "what
has become of it."
If the Gen. Sec.
did not approve of it,
it would be very easy
to make some excuse,
as that it does not
fall in with the
rules of the Society
to act

Yours sincerely
F. H. T. J. G. L.

I enclose you a Review
by Dr. Mühl, out of the
Göttingen Critical Journal
merely for you to look at
(if you do not care to
read the rest) the
page marked, P. 1588.
^{Please return it to me}
Did I tell you that
I had forwarded to the
War Secretary at
Washington (upon
application) all our
War Office Forms &
Reports - Statistical &
other - taking the occasion
to tell them that, as
the U. S. had adopted
the same Registrar Genl's

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Hamptstead NW
Oct 21/64 (48)

My dear Dr. Farr
I think there can
be no objection to the
ending of your paper.
I like it very much.
I like people to know
that Kidney Herbs etc
was not to save a
statesman (as his
friends would have
it appear) as to
consider his work
finished. Love &c

Herbert would, I am
sure, be glad to have
a copy.

When is your next
Indian Commⁿ Meeting
called for?

Yours sincerely
F. H. H. H.

& Burlington Co.
which is now & me
deserted - ever yours
W.

I forwarded your
answer to Mühlg
about his paper.
I think it is
rather shabby of
the Librarian not
to be able to find
up Mühlg's paper,
which we know
you were so good
as to send him

I expect dutchland & salmon
home on the 8th or 10th.

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Hampstead (49)
Nov 2/64

My dear Dr. Faxon
If you could,
without any trouble
to yourself, lay your
hand upon my
letter to you, giving
the heads of an
examⁿ for N. C.
Officers & Privates,
on the Indian
Sanitary matters -
it would help me

in arranging the
heads of my own
evidence - of which
I am sorry to say
I have done little
of late - I have
been so ill & busy.

Please to direct
it to

32 Lytton St. W.
where I shall be
on Monday

My dear Master
has been dead three

months & day. Poor
daddy Herbert goes
abroad this next
week with the
children & shuts
up Wilton - The
eldest boy going
to school - It is as
if the earth had
opened & swallowed
up even the name
which filled my
whole life these fine
~~three~~ ^{three} years -
I do not go back

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32 South St. (50)
Nov 28/61

My dear A. Farn
Would you dine
here at 6 o'clock
with Luthersland?
And would you
sleep?

I would ask
Martin D. Star
dinner too. But
he & Luthersland
agree so badly.
And nothing like

business. Men comes
out of it.

I send you my
poor Clough's books
on Pluto. If
you like to keep
them all for your
children, pray do.
I shall like to
think of them in
your hands.

I also return
a portion of your ^{Indian}
evidence. Yours ever
Th.

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32 South St W
Dec 20/81 (51)

My dear Dr. Loom
Dr. Luthersland
says he must see
you about the
maps & estimator
for lithographing
them (Indian)
which are all here.

Could you come
in to day or to morrow
& dine at 6 o'clock?
To day would be
more convenient

to me. Because,
after 5, I don't
think any more
Canadian business
will come in.
But tomorrow
will probably
be more convenient
to you. I could
give you a bed
either night.

My Clasicisme
I have had to tend
for every day on
Canadian business

from his own house
Certainly he is a
Clasicisme. But,
what a clever one!
Yours sincerely
J.H.

Chesterfield St
W
June 18/62

My dear Dr. Farr
Very many thanks
for your Policy Report.
I read it with the
greatest interest.
And, tho' I do not
presume to say it
is excellent, because
every thing you do is
excellent, it will
put the Pensioners &
Officers
on a much better
footing.

We shall be glad

I see you in India
as soon as you can
come out.

I communicated
both your note &
Police Report to Mr
Sutherland

Ever yours sincerely
J. Nightingale

9 Chesterfield St W
July 13/62

My dear Dr. Laro
Would you be so
good as to look
over my "Ordinance"
& give me your
suggestions, as you
were Godfather. I did
in the first instance,
I believe.

It is entirely
uncorrected & will
want a good deal
of correction.
Also, I have done

the Agents of the
two Presidencies
Bengal & Bombay
(Statistical Reports)
but not that of the
Madras Presidency
And therefore I
shall still have
illustrations from
this last I insert
into this said "evidence".
Yours sincerely

J. F. Wright

Would you write on
margin your
criticisms & suggestions

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may go in the
Appendix

What is really
wanted is the
Necessary Statistical
Statement to precede
the Sanitary Enquiry
& Conclusions in
the Report.

In your hands
indeed is placed
the question whether
India is to have
Sanitary reform
or not. Pardon my im-
portunity. If you could send
me the Statistical part
as soon as possible, I shall
be your ever grateful friend.

31,7230 (54) Hampstead NW
Aug 8/62

My dear Dr. Farr
You said, "Write More,
More". And I have
written "More, More",
& enclose you the
result, begging ^{for} it to
be returned to me
with the former prog.
& for you to make
your remarks upon
this one, in lieu of
the former. (I have sent it
to G. R. O.) But this is not
my object. But my
excuse in writing.

I am miserably
Anxious about the
Report ("Indian Sanitary")

There are so many
(political) contingencies
on the cards - not

one favourable to us -

that it would have
been very important

I have got the

Report presented

this session - now

I get it presented

by next February to the

Ho. of C.

Lord Stanley wants

I have a meeting early

to consider the Report
next month. We

have had his

corrections in upon

our part of the

Report three months.

If we could get

your Statistical

introduction, our

Draft would be

^{revised} corrected in two days

& sent to press.

By the beginning

of next month the

whole matter must

be in the corrected

proof.

Any general
Statistical details

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Hampstead NW
Aug 12/62

My dear Mr. Carr

I do not understand
from Lord Stanley's
note that he wishes
for a Meeting until
he is ready with
the Report.

What he wants is
the Report.

And we thought
to expedite matters
by sending your
part with the
Statistical &

Sanitary part to
proof, & get a
proof of the whole
so that you & Lord
Stanley might see
how the whole
stood. That is all.

But if you prefer
sending it direct
to Lord S., he will
take means to have
it put in connection
with the part
already in type.
Then we shall have

proofs of the whole.
And a meeting
will be held.
Thereafter I discuss
the Report.

But every day's
delay counts for a
year

Yours sincerely
Th.

Lord S. is gone
abroad till next
month. (September)

There are a great
many more materials
(to be done afterwards)
I shall be too
glad to pay for
the clerical labor,
only esteeming
myself too happy
in getting your
criticism

Yrs.

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Hampstead NW.
Sept 13/62

My dear Dr. Farr
You may perhaps
remember (or more
likely you may have
forgotten) that the
Colonial Office
employed me, or
I employed the
Colonial Office
(which is the more
correct?) & come
to some conclusion
about the relation

between education &
proletariat in our
uncivilized Colonies.
How far can we
educate savages
without killing
them?

I send you the
Ceylon School papers,
with three forms,
which I enclose,
& ask you to be kind
to criticize the forms,
as to whether they
are fit for tabulating
the facts for use,

comparing them with
one or two of the
Returns - & also
how to put the
put the Returns
in hand at your
Office - I of course
praying therefore.

I hope you
yourself will take
no farther trouble
than just to look
over the forms -

And you will
eternally oblige yours
very truly
J. Nightingale

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32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

Nov 4/62

My dear Mr. Laro
Could you kindly
further the growth
of your own child
by causing the enclosed
Diagram to be
made out? The
middle one in pencil
is the Mortality of
the Infants for
1859-61 (3 years)
the three divisions

of Alexander's name
as before -

I want to publish
it & say:—

"This is how he
found the Army
(Kidney Herbs)
This is how he left
it.

You see we are better now
than the Civil population
ever found

Th.

(Symptoms)	Chest &c	Other	All
0.96	4.2	3.4	8.56

Oh if we could do
the same for the
Indian Army

I need hardly say
that I would gladly
pay (for any such
information) a fee,
such as would be
given to any less
celebrated actuary.
Yours sincerely
J. Nightingale

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32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

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Nov 15/62

My dear Mr. Farr
I am (sadly &
unwillingly) doing
a Third Edition of
my "Notes on Hospitals
for Parkes," which
was promised 18
months ago before
my misfortunes.

In the Weekly for
Feb 21, 1852, you gave
a Table of the Mortality
of the Andon Hospital

Could you give us
such a table for
such a number of
years, as would
enable a general
life-table of the
London Hospitals to
be calculated
(excluding the question
of age, of course)

It would tell
very much, if we
could shew that
each Hospital
has its own life-
risk - & would

add another argument
to the case against
those Hospitals.

Could a similar
case be made for
a few of the best
country Hospitals
in open districts?
This would be very
useful in the
comparison. But
at all events the
London table
would tell its
own tale.

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Dec 4/62 317230

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My dear Mr. Linn
Thank you very
much for your Indian
Diagrams which are
startling & painfully
striking.

1. Would it not be
well to add the
Some Army Comparisons
(executed just now by
you & which is at
this moment in Mr
Hamrick's hands)

of both these valuable
Diagrams?

2. We have it on
evidence that the
Mortality in the
Indian Army might
be reduced to 20
per 1000. Might
there not be a
(square) diagram
to show the effect
of this?

3. Our improvement in
Statistical Aesthetics
is not so conspicuous
as our improvement
in Statistics. Our
Statistical art is
somewhat in the
same state as Art
before Cimabue. Could
it not be improved?

4. I send the
"Abstract" of Indian
Statistical Reports.

Ever yours sincerely
F. W.

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To H. Farr.

Indian Army San. Commissioner.
1862 or 1863 - 317230
Sir Hope Grant also then
Commander-in-chief at Madras.

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Statistical

The "defects of the existing organization" can be quite well "pointed out" in the Report

But - it would have been most desirable, if possible, to call out evidence & prove that other classes, under the same climate, do not suffer as soldiers do.

So far brought out by the 1st R. Lau. Comm. struck the public so much as this: that the soldier at home was nearly the most unhealthy of all trades - People who could understand nothing else, understood this. The book of diagrams again struck every body.

If something of the same kind could be done here - a comparison between soldiers & civilians in tropical

climate, it would do more to
convince such men as Sir Hope Grant
than all the rest put together -

The fallacy about the destructive
effect of Night Duty being the cause
of the Soldier's Mortality ^{at home} has dis-
appeared in the minds of Military
men since the first Commission.

Could not the fallacy about
Climate being the unavoidable cause
of the Indian Mortality do the same
before this Commission?

Drainage.

It is most important to have
Rawlinson on Auction upon how
this is to be done -

ready for Berlin -
I have no time or
strength - unless
you thought the
Surgical Operations
Tables would do,
with a paper of
which the enclosed
is an uncorrected
proof - in which
Case I must ask
you to get somebody
to translate it
into French - I have
no time.

You will see that
your own proposition
occurs on the second
page - & extended.

over your
signature

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Hamstead NW

Aug 7/63

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My dear Dr. Larn
I am extremely sorry
for the Berlin Congress.
I believe there is a
dead set of Dr. Napoleon
& the Austrians to put
it down. Engel perhaps
does not look upon it
quite seriously enough.
What a curious
Germanizing ^{brain} process
his letter shows. Also
why Germans cannot
succeed at liberal
institutions as we do.

He is thinking (or writing
down) of the subjective
good effect upon his
own character of
political vacations.

We in England should
just lay our heads
together, as we did
in James II's time,
& say, this shall not
be.

And this objective action
won't follow directly.

However, one thing
he says is perfectly
certain, viz. that all
this vacation opposition
has the effect of
advertising the thing

much more than our
own utmost effort
could do.

So it will be with
the attacks upon
the India Report
at Newcastle &
elsewhere. But
why are you not
there to answer
them? There will
be no one ^{else} to do so.
Why did not
Berlin time its
meeting better?

I don't think I
could get anything

is untrue. And I
have no mind for
any farther
scrimmage. With
a person contemptible
in every point in
which I have
seen him.

Ed

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(62)

Nampsted NW.
Aug 13/63

My dear Dr. Varr
I send you the
paper for Purkin
with many thanks.
This in type, I need
not say it is quite
new. And I am
sorry not to have
had time to get
a revise. However
I have no doubt
you will make
it better than the

original.

I am overjoyed
to hear your success
about the Austrians.

That was your
personal influence,
against the political
screw. Also, that
the Crown Prince is
a friend. It is
a great thing. I
hope it may do
much good, after
all.

I am afraid
rail roads do more

good than Sisters of
Charity - &
international
conferences & exhibitions
than philanthropy.

Believe me
ever yours
Christiana

I hope you mean
to read my paper
yourself.

I write this word only
not to let you go to
Berlin without a word
of regret.

Would you tell
Stanford to send me
up here 12 copies of
my paper as soon as
possible - to be paid
for, of course -

7 Oakhill Park
Rampstead
N.W

Ever yours sincerely
Thriftinjal

5474/63 ³¹⁷²³⁰ Rampstead NW
Aug 28/63 (63)

My dear Dr. Farr
I cannot tell you
how vexed & mortified
I have been with all
this. It has quite
knocked me up. You
ask say, they "must
have been singularly
"guided - by somebody".
We know very well
who that somebody
is. He has been at it
for more than two
years. If you wonder

that an "ill conditioned
beast," as he was justly
called - was by the -
could prevail against
several persons of
much more than
ordinary ability, industry
& honesty. Flattery
falsehood does give
a man such an
immense advantage
(over truth). Did not
the one traitor prevail
against the 11 faithful
in the greatest tragedy
in history? Yet there

is no sign of his having
been a clever traitor.
An old Irishman
once warned me to
have no doings with
a certain person,
because "he can 'lie' &
you cannot." Was
not that profound?

I have been
warning ^{them} against
this scoundrel any time
these two years. But
he was always on the
spot. I was not.

I cannot tell you
the grief this affair
has caused me.

with him - as to the
Constitution of the
Residence Commission,
if you care to see
them. They are, of
course, Confidential.

He is the greatest
government under
God's. And he is the
only man I felt so.

I have also seen
Ad Stantley more than
once during these busy
days. And, with Sir
J. Lawrence's command,
we feel ourselves
empowered to begin
the "Home Commission", &

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32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

Dec 10/63

Confidential

My dear Dr. Larn

You may be sure
that I have thought of
nothing else but our
India business during
the last busy two days.
And, in order to get
you an instant, I send
you 1. a letter of Lord
Stanley's, and 2. the
part of my answer -
we shall not get Col.
Norman's paper. But
never mind. The

March 2d 1862
H. C. C. C. C. C.

best thing that can
happen & as is that
they should produce
their complaints ^{against us} in
the Ho. of C. And had
Stanley has already
engaged my services
in person to prompt him
in February. He has
also ~~also~~ engaged to
produce in the Ho.
of C. the scheme of
Restrictions which
we wished the "Home
Commission" to send
out to India -
Since then, I have

had the great joy of
being in constant
communication with
Sir John Lawrence, &
of receiving his
Commands to do
what I had almost
lost the hope of being
allowed to do - viz.
of sending out full
statements & schemes
of what we want.
The Presidency Commission
I do.

I should be glad
to submit to you
copies of papers of
mine, which he
desired me to write
& which he took out

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I father our plans
upon it.

Mr. J. Lawrence, Esq.
far from considering
our Report exaggerated,
considers it under
the mark.

And, tho' I have
not seen Mr. Norman's
furious attacks upon
us, I have (now in
my possession) the
Cholera Commission
Report, dated July 1862,
Public Works Department
papers, dated August
& September of this year,
which give an idea
of a state of things of

32, South Street,
Cross Street Square, W.

which we had no
idea, have given
no idea. I send
you an extract of
the former. [The I.O.,
vice in its generation,
(?) keep these a dead
secret. And I am
indebted to Sir J.
Lawrence & Sir C. Trevelyan
for them.]

Please return me
all these papers, &
consider them really
"Confidential"

Ever yours sincerely
Th.

A thousand thanks
for your bottle of ink.
What should we be
without pens, ink &
paper? — Cato? —

Th.

Remember, we shall
want you in February
when we are all
to be blown into
atoms.

100.111111 100.111111
100.111111 100.111111

32 South 4th W
Dec 22/65

Private

My dear Dr. Farr

I was busy all Saturday, Sunday
& Monday with a for. Rod de Poy-
I screw up the W.O. to accede
to Sir J. Lawrence's Sanitary wishes.

With regard to your question:—
there is no Civil Hospital of a
large size in England which can
be called "a model".

The Herbert Hospital is a
model for a Military Hospital
i.e. having respect to the character
of the ground, the Barrack system
is there applied in a model
manner.

But I am not sure that

did the ground allow of it,
it would not be better to
arrange similar Double Pavilions
in the shape of a square,
with open corners, as in the form
of Portsmouth Naval Hosp^l (p. 98)

For a Civil Hospital, I think
the entire separation between
the sexes, & the single Pavilion
far preferable, as in the
Karibidiere. The defects of
the Karibidiere are its three
floors, its Pavilions too near
each other, & its abominable
artificial ventilation. Which
neutralizes half its good.

In a Civil Hospital, each
ward (& each floor consequently)

should be as separate &
complete in itself as a family
living on a flat in Paris.

This is why I prefer the
dormitory plan.

The Rucker Infirmary is a
good adaptation for a small
Civil Hospital of the Garrison.
(p. 93)

Ever yours sincerely
A. Nightingale

You don't want a Cat! Do you,
for your young people - a
Persian, not thorough-bred,
1½ months old.

I ought to send a copy of my "Notes
on Hospitals" to Warrentzapp. Can you
tell me his address, & how to send
it? Did you see him at Berlin?

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