

Letters to William Farr (1807-1883), statistician

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private secretary,
whom he sent here
to me - as well as coming
himself - before starting
ever yours sincerely
J.W.

I think I told you that
we can't get "copies of"
(any of) the Indian attacks,
altho' I sent a Stanley
to Sir C. Wood for them.
They are venomous. [I
have seen some of them]
But when Parliament
meets, Sir C. Wood is
to lay them before the
House - in a civilised form
and we are to answer them.

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32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

(66)

Jan 2/66

My dear Dr. Larn.
I have not laid aside
(one of my hearts) what
you said in your note
of Dec 22. about the
"Weekly Table" in Calcutta
&c. It is so very important.
We have been engaged,
without interruption,
since Sir John Lawrence
went; & by his desire, -
in drawing up a kind
of general scheme of
what is wanted in

Indian Stations -
water supply
drainage
construction of Barracks
Means of employment
etc etc etc -

This is now gone to
pres. W.O. and J.O. On Tuesday
the joint Commission
for which I have toiled
& moiled, holds its
first Meeting - to
discuss the proposed
Barrack plans for
India & the general
scheme above alluded
to.

Dr. Luthersland will
propose the "Weekly
Table." And, if carried,
you will be applied to
for a form.

I hope, if there is any
thing different from
the English form
necessary, you will be
ready with your
scheme.

Sir John Lawrence's
presence at the other
end is an immense
thing for us -

And I shall moil
& toil at him & his

As Sir John Lawrence
knew that we would
use the greatest
dispatch in forwarding
of India all that we
wanted his help in.

Ever yours sincerely
Thynne

Private

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32, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

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My dear Mr. Carr

On Tuesday the
proposal to have your
Weekly Table for
Calcutta, Madras &
Bombay, with an
ultimate view to its
extension throughout
India, was carried
at the joint I.O. and
W.O. Commission—
as the best means

of carrying out the
recommendations as
a registration of
your Royal Commission.

And I am told
that (with unusual
promptitude) the W.C.
drafted an official
letter the same day
to the Registrar-General,
requesting a form for
the purpose, with the
view of assimilating
the registration of India
to that of England.

If you could send
us a copy (of this what
you propose) here, with
your instructions for
carrying it into effect
- also what you wish
to have said in the
section devoted to
Statistics - of the
"Recommendations"
which in accordance
with Sir John Lawrence's
desire, we are
preparing for the press
- to be sent to India;
it would greatly
expedite matters -

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52, South Street,
Grosvenor Square. W.

9/1/64

Dear Dr. Lator

As I have not heard
from you, I sincerely
will this section on
the Registration as a
basis!

Please give to your
sympathy your
decision, so that it
may be embodied in
a Bill.

And send us all
the forms referred to
in it.
Yours faithfully
Wm. of the (now) Faithful
Thompson

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113rd Park St. W.

Feb 24/64

My dear Dr. Farr

I send two letters of
your friend Dr. Mühl-
brenner the India Army
Sanitary Report. [I send
him a copy of the two
folio vols.] Please to
return the letters to me

[The intermediate
letter, to which he refers,
was an immense
German letter which
he wrote to me,
defending the Scherwig

Abolition of independence

But as I feel more
strongly on that subject
than the Germans them-
selves, & have actually
translated many
hundred pages of
untranslatable German
in this sense, I was
able to tell him how
violent a party I was
in for him -]

Yours sincerely
Th.

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115 Park St. W.

Feb 18/64.

My dear Dr. Carr
I have first to
thank you for your
"jolly" little note. Stand
on the true practical
principle. Second, to
thank you for your
truly witty ^{replies} ~~articles~~ in
the M. Times - But
I also greatly enjoyed
the two adverse
articles - it is the
only comfort &
amusement I have

I see men shewing
themselves up in that
way.

I send a copy
of "Notes on Hospitals"
for the "Lancet," as
you desire - And
I hope I see it
distinguish itself -

Ever yours truly
Th.

Third: I have to
thank you, & more
particularly, for your
Census Report, which
is really grand -
And, also for the
copy of your letter to
Mr. W. Cooper about
the honour due to
the Registrar General,
in which you may
be sure I fully
concur. If I have
an opportunity, I
will say so. But
I am not much
in that line now. Th.

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conclusions are at
variance with your
statistics.

You will now
understand Ristow's
letter in the "M. Times".

I say too, let us
have the whole matter
out - the more
discussion, the better.
Let us know whether
they are kidding or
cursing the people
in Hospitals.

But I am not so
sure that the R.C.
Report will not
damage us for the moment.

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115 Park St. W.

Feb 23/64 (71)

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My dear Dr. Larn
Your informant was
well informed about
the R.C. Hospital
enquiry -

Mr. Kimow, for the
R.C., selected Dr.
Ristow, of St. Thomas,
& Mr. J. Holmes of
St. George's to make an
investigation & report
of all the Hospitals
in England & Wales.

the principal Hospitals
of Scotland & Ireland
— and some of the
continental Hospitals.

It has been already
going on for some
Months. And a
great part of their
Report is in proof.

It is voluminous —
& goes into foundation,
construction, administration,
general plan, & minor
details, with general
Statistics. Crispin
& Holmes divided
England between them.

Ireland, Scotland & the
Continent — they took,
as suited the convenience
of each —

A man, in whose
opinion I have great
Confidence, has glanced
at the Report, & says
that, "though it will
have all the prestige
of the P. C. & D. back
it," he does "not fear
the result" — that it
contains gross blunders,
& that both Crispin
& Holmes are thoroughly
inexperienced.

I take it, then

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Made at Sir John
Lawrence's desire,
& which would
already have reached
him, were we not
still waiting for
Mr. Rawlinson's letter.

Neither have I ever
thanked you for Mr.
Nammick for his
packet of Berlin
Internat. Congress
papers, which he
was so good as to
send me - Will
you kindly do so?
Ever yours E.W.

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65?

27. Norfolk Street.

Park Lane. W.

March 30/64

My dear Dr. Lardner

Dr. Luthersland thinks
you might like to see
the enclosed, which
is a copy of some
statistical correspondence,
(or rather part thereof)
sent me from Calcutta.
Please return it to
me.

Ever yours truly

Thos. Nightingale

Wrote to Mr. Stanley about
the Returns. But pray

Let us set to work at
once. With the Reply,
as you propose. Y^{rs}.

I am sorry to hear
of your grief. I do
not find that mine
close my heart to those
of others - and I should
be more than anxious
to hear of yours - you
who have been our
faithful friend for
so many years. I
had heard of your
father's death, but
not of any other loss.
Sidney Herbert has
been dead three years
on the 2nd. And there

Private, Nampstead
Aug 5/64 (73)

My dear Mr. Carr
I will attend to
what you wish (about
the Bath Meeting) &
in the mean time I
send you a copy of the
first fruits of your
R. India Army Sanitary
Commission, with your
Section on Registration
in it. [Probably you
have received a copy
already] Sir J. Lawrence
has been writing home

most impatiently for it.
And I have sent him
copies direct by D. M.'s
Book post. [It is
understood that some
time in the course of
the present Century
he will receive them
officially from the
Ind. Off. It took the
members of the Comm.
7½ months to sign
their names to this
document.]

You are aware of

India

the fruits of your
A. Commisⁿ in the
Creation by Sir John
Lawrence of the three
Presidency Commissions,
(of which the Bengal
one is working actively.
He sometimes sends
me its Minutes)
and in his willingness
to carry out any
suggestions sent him
by the home Comm.
— indeed he is more
willing to hear than
they to pray.

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two Army Sanitary
Inquirers have been?

I had not heard
about Dr. Thomson.
I am very sorry.

Over yours sincerely,
overflowingly
J. H.

I sent Sir L. Lawrence
your Registration papers
by Book post with
copies of the "Supplications".
Depend upon it, he will
register all India.

The thunder of the Indian
Military authorities has been

three years have been
nothing, but a slow
undermining of all
he has done (at the
W.O.) This is the
bitterest grief. The
more personal craving
after a beloved
presence. I feel as
nothing. A few years
at most - & that
will be over. But the
other is never over.
For me, I look forward
to pursuing God's work
soon in another office

worlds. I do not
look forward with
any craving to seeing
again those I have
lost (in the very next
world). Sure that
that will all come
in His own good time
— cause of my willingness
to work in whichever
of His worlds I am
most wanted, with
or without those dear
fellow workers, as
He pleases. But this

does not at all
soothe the pain of
seeing men wantonly
deface the work here
of some of His best
workers.

But I shall bear
your faith in mind
— that good works
never really die.

Alas! poor Sullock.
But I think his
work was done. May,
if you speak of him,
remember, had it
not been for him,
where would our

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heard. It was nothing
but an echo of Col.
Baker's paper - the
complaining of our not
having incorporated the
years since the Mutiny
(which they did not
send us) in the statistics
- of our not having
taken into account the
diminution in Mortality
of late years -

Sir J. Lawrence sent
me word of this.

The India Off. were
to receive this & more.
But they have subsided
& make no sign. This

it must have been
at least two months
before the end of the
deposition that they
received it, & Sir C.
Wood promised &
threatened to lay it
before the Ho. of C., he
wisely held his tongue.
And no soul has
heard of the receipt
by the S. O.

Th.

a copy, obtained from Ad
Bumare, & the Rep of Ohio,
(Kirkpatrick by the way are as
bad as Yankees) who gave
it to the Federal Govt.
Where my faithful Minister
(Inspector Genl) found it in
the very act of being
re-printed, notwithstanding
their solemn promise & the
contrary, re-captured it,
& solemnly wrote home
about it.

You will not wonder
that I am absurdly cautious
after this -

Ever yrs
J. W.

Private

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Hampstead N. W.

Sept 28/64

(74)

My dear Dr. Lator

You ask me for any of
my books (on the Crimean
War) for Mr. Whit, U.S.

I have sent to your office
what poor Lincolnton Herbert
used to call my "Cockcombs",
viz. the black & the green
folios, containing calculations
& diagrams, mainly, or rather
wholly yours. May put
these at his disposal.

I have the greatest
difficulty in getting a copy
of my "Evidence before the
R. Commission" at all. And

the only form, in which I
can lay hold of it, is in
the old Edition of my
"Notes on Hospitals" Captured
as you see, from Mudie's.
For the Editions (2) are
entirely out of print.

If he chooses to have
this, it is much at his
service.

I also send, but this is
not at all at his service,
my "Confidential" private
Report to Lord Panmure.
If he wants it merely
for the figures, as actually
the figures, again, mainly
yours, I will destroy it

without using it any farther
he may have it. But you
must answer for him.
I never take the word, from
sad experience of a Yankee
on a R. Catholic Convert.
And if you can't answer
for him, please send me
back the Vol. to 115 Park St.
It is full of imputations,
too true, upon individuals
which time makes it
more instead of less
undecidable, & being joined
now. I don't know whether
you know how repeatedly
the Federal Govt have
applied for this - how it
has been uniformly refused
- how the Rep of London have

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I fancy you would like
 to know how they propose
 to carry out your suggestions.
 And if you would send
 me any observations, I
 would gladly forward
 them.

Believe me
 ever yours very truly
 Florence Nightingale

31230

27 Norfolk Street
 Park Lane W.
 Dec 6/64 (75)

My dear Dr. Lush

I send the method
 proposed by the President
 of the Sanitary Commission
 of Madras for
 collecting Birth & Death.

It is proposed that
 the forms shall be
 filled up by Native
 Village Officers & Native
 Police -

that the filled up forms
 be sent by them to the
 Public Health Officers of
 District or City (this

Officer is a purely inspecting Officer & see that the Health Machinery is kept in operation)

This Officer is to tabulate the Returns under the general supervision of the District Magistrate - in the same way as the Criminal Statistics are now tabulated -

The President of the Madras ^{Res} Sanitary Commission (or Commission) is the Registrar Genl of Births & Deaths in the Presidency - & to keep up direct inspection of the Civil & Military Registration, by means of his Health Inspectors - (Officers having large districts similar to Military Circles)

Returns to be made monthly by the Public Health Officers to the President of the Sanitary Commission for his Annual Registration Report - & be published with his Health Report for the Military & Civil population of the whole Presidency.

Entoments & inform
themselves of all
Births & Deaths - &
& send Certified
info at the end of
each week to Public
Health Officer

7. Census of Entoments
to be taken.

May let us have
any observations of
yours upon this.

Mr. John Lawrence
started for India
a twelvemonth this
very

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

Dec 9/64

My dear Dr. Lush
I am very glad to
find that you think
the (Madras) general
plan for Registration
will answer. But it
has no reference to
the details which I
have no doubt will
be carried out in
conformity with the
"Regulations" as far as

practicable -

I now send you the
Madras proposal for
registering the Deaths &
Births in Cantonments.

1. The Cantonment Sanitary
Committee [to be
appointed under the
Act] to keep the
Registers in their Office
2. The Public Health
Officers of the Cantonment
to be Registrars without
fee.
3. Father or mother to

report Birth of child
within 15 days.
Neglect entails fine up
to 50 rupees.

4. Some person present
at Death to report
to Registrar within
8 days, under penalties
up to 50 rupees
5. Persons giving
information of Birth
or Death shall sign
their names in
Register Book.
Registration incomplete
without this.
6. Police Officers of

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

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day. And how much
he has already done
for us. I believe
he would receive &
adopt with ease
any proposal of the
nature you mention.
And I should not
feel the least scruple
in forwarding it to
him directly &
privately. We never
get anything done
in any other way.
Ever yours sincerely
Thompson

1. The P.O. Savings Bank allows of the accumulation of Capital by working men
2. Mr. Gladstone's Insurance & Annuity Act enables this accumulated Capital to be vested periodically in two ways
 - a. as Annuity
 - b. as Insurance
3. It would apparently be very advisable to add to this facilities for purchasing small freeholds
4. The first step to enable this to be done is to remove every legal obstacle, at present existing, to title, purchase, registration, transfer of land, within the specified limits - so that land could be as freely dealt in & as easily identified as any other commodity
5. A limit must however be fixed, so that the existing law of primogeniture & entail should exist as at present - subject only to the exceptions to be mentioned.
6. in these exceptional cases, women must

inherit freehold, even without will.

7. it would be unadvisable to apply the enabling law to the whole surface of the County. It should be limited to cities, towns, populous places, villages - indeed to all groups of population & to a certain distance beyond the outskirts or defined legal boundaries of these groups - in order to provide for increase of population.

8. within the limits, the law should declare that the leaseholds of all lands & of houses built on them shall, in future, go together - i.e. that the lease of the land & the lease of the house must never be held by two different people - an existing abuse which has had a fatal influence on the interests of working classes in towns, as well as on town & house architecture - so that English houses are about the worst built in the world.

9. having then abolished by law separate leaseholds & introduced perfect freedom

of trade in land within the prescribed limits - leave the price of freeholds to settle itself on the principle of supply & demand - granting every legal facility, as already stated.

10. You will thus have land, where it is wanted as an investment by the working man for house or cottage-building brought into immediate relation with his savings in the P.O. Savings Bank - & an investment offered which, of all others, the working-man most covets.

11. In all places where there are constituted authorities, the existing law provides that houses must be built, after the plans are approved by the authority. In villages this would hardly be necessary.

12. The objects aimed would be:—
a. a new outlet for savings
b. improved social position & independence (by giving the man an object in life)
c. all such men would have votes.

N.B. It is assumed that none of them would vote for a "Radical" to take their property from

them - & no man of this class would
believe he was a "slave," because he was
told so from the hustings.

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sparing of time have
lowered the rate.

The W.C. Commission
meets on Friday to
sign Dr. Keitt's doom
(answers, I mean.) If
possible, it would be
a great advantage to
us to have your
opinion by that time.
Believe me

Ever yours sincerely

Dr. Keitt's Report - 317230
(78)

27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane, W.

4/1/65

My dear Dr. Larn
I send you back
a Review (with your
proof) of the answers
to Dr. Keitt's Report.
In looking over Mrs
Sturges's Tables, you
may possibly find
some illustrative
matters which you
would like to add
to the Review. If you

add anything, please
return the Review as
soon as you can.

It would be very
curious, if the Mortality
& Invalidity, in Mr.
Strachey's Tables, could
be compared with
the Mortality &
Invalidity, separately,
of the years preceding
1858. Do these
figures not lead to

a suspicion that the
Indian Mortality
was augmented in
former years by the
low rate of Invalidity,
if there were such,
compared to the high
rate since the
Mutiny? If so,
it is to be feared
that sanitary
improvement has
had little to do with
the low rate,
&

the conclusions in his
note. And, if the
second note means
anything but that he
wants a vote, it means
that he retracts all
he said in the first.

He appears to me
to be continually
generalizing thus on
insufficient or ill-
directed premises, &
drawing unfounded
principles for conclusions.

Then, he always ignores
that, after Chemistry
has done her very best
to compound for us

Private

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W

23/1/65

My dear Dr. Carr

I have received a
poor paper from
St. Mary's Hospital
& shall of course vote
for Dr. Edward Smith.

Can you tell me a
Governor who is going
to vote for him?
Whose name I may
put in? Are you a
Governor, & may I

use your name? & send
the paper to you? The Election
is on January 31.

You ask me what you
I think of his Diet
theory. You must
please take what I
say with several grains
of salt. I have
not yet had time to
finish his book.

It appears to me, if
it is intended to be
physiological, not to be
physiological - if
intended to be practical,
not to be practical.

Take it & compare it

with Leon Rappair's
article on diet in
"Good Words" for January
(?) And Rappair strikes
you at once as Master
of his subject - the
other not.

As an illustration
of what I mean, I send
you Dr. E. Smith's
Indian Diet, which
doubtless you have seen,
& the note which
accompanied it. I
pointed out to him
that the statements
in his own pamphlet
did not at all bear out

exactly the best diet,
Nature often says
she will have none
of it. And she will
have something else.
And that it is experience
only, not Chemistry,
which is the ultimate
appeal.

But for all this, Dr.
Edward Smith is so
immeasurably superior
to those writers who
go on without observing
or concluding or
generalizing at all

- vide 1. the wretched
Medical Evidence at
the Holborn Union
Inquiry; 2. about St. Thomas'
~~de~~ ~~by~~ ~~re~~ ~~re~~ removal.
That I should always
vote for Dr. L Smith's
success -

Yours ever sincerely
Wrightenale

Please return me his
Indian Diet & Correspondence
at your leisure.

"It is composed of 6 Members,
with 3 of whom" he (my
man) is "on a good & will"
3 others on a bad footing.
He shall see what can be
done, but at first try
the succession of Mac Culloch.
There is much of a lottery
in every election - the
probity, ignorance and
indifference of the
electors being an unknown
but enormous element."

"I have paraded to day
some members of the
Academy morale about
Dr. Larr, and it seems to
me that his prospects are good

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(80)

27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

9/2/65

My dear Dr. Larr
I enclose myself with
not having told you
what I have done
about you & the Institut.

The members I have
written to say:

"To be sure Dr. Larr
ought & must be
of the Institut."

(Unfortunately I know no
members of your Academy
And I can only work at
it indirectly.)

"Parti'ing do Vilain"

has been "instantly lectured"
(by one of the men I wrote to)
"about Dr. Laro, and what
he (~~that~~ man) knows of
him; and he will work
jealously. There is one
danger. Mac Culloch was
Apoie's stranger, of whom
there are only six, and
for whom they choose
flashy people, of the
Brouhaemite class,
noisy hollow drums
who in their time have
made a noise, such as

"frivolous & superficial
great men, like Guizot,
Thiers & id genus," can
hear. "Dr. Laro who is a
much superior man
but works officially."
"But it must be tried,
and if it cannot be, we
must try to make him
correspondent of the
Academy; the correspondents
are proposed by the
different sections. In
Dr. Laro's case it would
be the Section d'économie
politique et statistique."

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27. Norfolk Street.

Park Lane. W.

22/2/65

My dear Dr. Carr
A friend of mine reads
me the following query,
with regard to Government
Annuity schemes for the
poor:—

"Might not the poor
use their security for
the benefit of the poor
farming them out to
Bankers & money-dealers
so as to obtain a higher
rate of interest than
is given in the Funds."

10012 10012 10012
10012 10012 10012
"the sacrament, in short
to become a dealer
in money for the
benefit of the poor."

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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J. Nightingale
1865

27 Norfolk Street - 3172.30
Park Lane W.
23/2/65 (82)

My dear Mr. Fox

I am delighted with
your Tables & paper on
Government Life Insurance.
I predict that you & Mr.
Cladstone will do away
with the (Public House)
Society.

Would it not be
advisable now to write
a very popular Tract,
(annexing to it the
Tables) such as the
working classes can
easily

J. Nightingale

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understand, & circulate
it among all the parishes
in England, so as to
inform the working men
of the benefits they
may derive from it.

I look at p. 15, and
I think that any man,
with ordinary industry
& who can keep out of
the Public House, may
be able to purchase an
annuity of £30. And
so by degrees Poor Rates
will diminish & become
"beautifully less."

Ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Yours very faithfully
F. Nightingale

"St. Paul ought to
I hope will be
named Correspondent."

"I think it will be done;
only in election one is
never sure before the end."

This is what I hear;
I don't know what
they call "tolerably."
I am disappointed

Ever yours sincerely
Thos. Digges

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27. Norfolk Street.

Park Lane. W.

25/2/65

My dear St. Paul
I have heard from
Paris about your "Weekly"
— the gist of what I
have heard being that
if you agitate for it,
you will get it.

"The Weekly Diet is
not made out.
but Naupmann
could get it made.
He is an intelligent
scoundrel, and
if the Registrar-General

"Can explain to him
the utility & importance
of the thing, and if
Lord Cowley will
interest himself
in it & poke his
oars, it will be
made."

Aufmann has published
lately "a Report of the
Inspectors of Mortality,
on the Mortality of the
last 10 years in Paris."
No doubt you have this.
He is going to lend
it to me.

2. About your affairs:-

"Dr. Laro's" affairs
are going on tolerably.
It was from the
beginning hoped
to propose him
for a foreign
member. They have
now made their
choice - Gladstone
Stuart Mill
Whewell.

They will name
Gladstone, because
they adore Ministers;
- having mostly
been to themselves,
and are in general
a superficial crew
of politicians. But

I compare their
aspiration of well-
Chosen sites ^{of stations} with
the facts they reveal.
But they are doing
their work bravely.
Let us help them.

Yr.

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

March 29/65

My dear St. Leger
I am always for the
assault; you know -
it will be more
advisable to obtain
the returns you ask
for. Let us take
the Malakhoff.

The only point which
occurs to us, on looking
at your forms, is -
whether you should

not keep the invaliding,
separate from the
time-expired column.
But of this you are
the best judge.

Mr. R. Cunningham
sent forms out to
Bengal & Madras
in 1861, I think -
Mr. Baker has a
copy, no doubt, of
the Minute on Letter
to the India Office,
forwarding the forms.

asking for the latest
statistical details.
And no notice was
taken of them.

in haste

Yours truly

F. Wightman

I have a multitude
of printed papers, ^{private}
from Sir J. Lawrence's
^{head} Quarters, by India
Mail, just arrived.
And it really is
melancholy & ludicrous

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

April 4/65

My dear Dr. Sars

I have received the
enclosed Table from
Canton this week morn.
Dr. Luthersland thinks
it will be in your
line. Ray returned it
to me when not
wanted.

The Table is by Dr.
Bryden of the Medical
Department. [There was

no time, the Coasting
letter says, to calculate
the percentage before
mail.]

Thank you 1000 times
for "Government Insurance
& Annuities." Depend
upon it; you are the
great "Bill" - not the
Union Chargeability Bill
- You are the great
President of the poor
Lords - not Mr. Villiers.

Your Lord Stange has
moved for your Return.
We hope to see soon
your reply - Probably,
in the course of 10
years, the Return
may come in.

Ever yours sincerely
W. P. M. Wright

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

April 5/65

My dear Dr. Lister
As I sent you one
imperfect Bengal Lable
yesterday, so I send
you another, received
only this morning, (by
the Bombay mail,)
dated 6th March - the
other being dated 22nd
February.

Please return it to
me, when not wanted

A propos

of your "Pain Rules" for
Annuitants & Insurances,
would it not be
better to page your
last page about
"P.O. Savings' Bank"?
It is referred to in
the text as p. 20 -
but there is no p.
20 on it.

You have no idea
how stupid some
people, particularly

servants, are. I doubt
whether many mistresses
take the same pains
that I do, with the
education of their
servants. And yet
I am afraid few
would understand
"Pain Rules".

Ever yours sincerely
F. H. H. H.

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27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.

April 8/65

My dear Dr. Laro
I send you St.
Bartholomew's, tho'
no doubt, you have
received a copy.
Please to return it
to me, with your
remarks. I think
the saint deserves
the greatest credit.
But, before I praise

the Saint & worship
at his shrine. I
should like to have
your judgment
whether there is
anything more he
ought to do, before
he is canonized by
us. (Which, you
know, is a much
more critical thing

than his being
canonized by Rome.)
Ever yours sincerely
W. H. Whittrill

I want a great many
more of your "Fair
Ruler" for Government
Insurance & Annuitants.
Are they to be bought?
I cannot find
that they are. Th.

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27. Norfolk Street.

Park Lane. W.

April 10/65

My dear Dr. Linn

I send you two
more Indian Statistical
Tables - arrived by
last mail. But they
don't seem to take
any account of the
evolution.

Please return me,
with your comments,
the whole of these (4)
Statistical Tables.

Ever yours sincerely

J. Hightupale

Q. Commisaries actually sent
forms to India & he filled
up for the years following
those for which they were
able to find Returns at home;
and that no reply was
ever sent, altho' the
publication of the Reports
was delayed for nearly
2 years in waiting for
them.]

4. I point out that the
sanitary state of Stations
is not to be estimated
solely by Mortality, but
by the diseases attacking
persons there - and that,
viewed from this point,

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94 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

May 10/65

My dear Mr. Anon

Both Dr. Listerland and
I have gone over your very able
reply & compared it with
the Despatch. Your reasoning
on the facts is conclusive.
Would it not be advisable
also, to bring out (at the end)
terse the points at issue?
The great body of the public
do not understand a
word of the controversy -
(no more, in fact, does the
Government of India)
and the Bill shall fizzle

shows that all that this
class of people want is
to get something & say
~~what~~ they do understand.

It is easy to lay hold of
the general impression
that the R. Commission
told a falsehood. It is
not so easy for the same
people to understand
how it was that the R.
Commission did not tell
a falsehood.

A few roundly true
assertions, prominently
put forward, either at
the beginning or the end,

would meet the case -

Would something as follows
(proposed for your consideration)
do? - - - - -

1. To point out & establish
briefly what the death rate
was, up to the time of the
conclusion of the inquiry of
the Commission - quite
terse - the fewer words, the better.

2. To point out that the
publication of the Govt. of India
is based on returns obtained
since the close of the inquiry
of the Commission - and for
too short a period to be
reliable, as yet.

[3. To point out that the

and I Dr. Keble separate
- but called for together.
But this is a matter for
Lord Stanley I decide.

Ever yours most truly
J. Nightingale

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it cannot be said that
any of the Stations, sent
forward by the India Co.
as well chosen, are healthy;
as, at all of them, fever,
dysentery, Cholera have
prevailed.

5. That, whatever sanitary
improvements may, in the
extirpation of the pest of
India, have been carried
out, it is quite certain
that the Statistical Reports
published in Vol. II of the
R. Commission Report, show
that all the Stations were,
at that date, suffering
from diseases, the result
of bad sanitary condition -
and that the condition of a

great many of them was
had indeed.

[6. That, whenever the R.
Commissioners had any
evidence in proof of
improvements having
been carried out, they
noticed it - & were only
sorry they had so little
to notice of this kind.]

7. That the new evidence
brought forward by the
India Govt., in their Despatch,
is confirmatory of the
conclusion of the R.C.,
as to the possibility of

lowering the death rate
to the ratio estimated by
the R.C. - and that after
this Despatch, the public
will have every reason to
be indignant, if the high
death rate of the British
Army in India is not
swept away.

Lord Stanley should sign
alone - or with you.
We agree that it would
be better to have the two
Replies to the Government
of India

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Private

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June 9/85

34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Carter

As you & I have gone
together about the Insurance
Working Men question,
What do you think of the
enclosed?

You know how isolated
I have been from No. of C.
men since Sidney Herbert's
death. So this is a thing
which could only be proposed
thru No. of C. men.

The whole has been
suggested by your own
work.

Could you give me a
competent opinion on

Whether it is feasible?

Could you suggest any means or man by which or whom it might be prepared & carried forward?

[It does not mean Social Science Meetings] & not in my name.

I have taken means to have immediate copies of your Reply to the Govt of India, when printed.

My dear friend Hilary is less suffering - more quiescence in the disease -

More prospect of its being prolonged. No hope of recovery.

God will decide.

I cannot join the cry of Satisfaction at prolonged life. But, as I say, that is for God.

Neither she nor I have any prospect but that of increasing suffering until death. But how much more I dread it for her than for myself.

Am yours sincerely

Thightenale

Please not to mention the enclosed to any one, till I have heard what Mr. Gladstone says of it. {Mr. Villiers approves}

If you have it already, }
please return me }
my copy. }
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July 7/65
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34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

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My dear Mr. Rast

I send you the second
copy I have been able to
lay my hands on - in
order that you may get
it noticed in the "Times",
(which, I believe, was
your intention,) together
with the Return of Deaths
de Queen's Troops 1856-64
which you called for.
(8 June. No. of C.) But
the "Times" will not say
anything right, unless
you tell it how -
ever yours
F. Nightingale

Private

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Hampstead N. VV

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Sept 2/65

My dear A. Laber

There has been nothing in the
"Miner" (nor in any newspapers I know
of) in reference to your reply to the
Govt of India.

I think it of the utmost importance
that you should have a short faithful
paper, which would certainly force
attention to it; as the Birmingham
Greeting.

Tell the object of your
doing so. But always give Sir
Lawrence credit for practical
support (which he always gives)
to us.

See your paper - while
scattering people's illusions
unmercifully - have a practical
bearing

The newspaper paragraph about the Herbert Koepf was written by the same hand apparently which informed us last year that the Koepf was a ruin, & this year that it was to be given over for a Barrack - which report was believed in even by Mr. Huxson of Paris. The fact is, that the building has been given up to the handed over to the Mayor in Chief for kick.

I don't think I even thanked you for your letter about the Herbert Koepf, so precious & grateful to me. Yours are almost the only letters I have had about Vienna, Herbert, which really soothe my wounded soul.

Our dear friend, Hilary is dying painfully - the only comfort is how she lives thro' each 24 hours. But the suffering is much less acute. And the wandering of mind much less painful.

Believe me
ever yours

Please address if you are so good
as to write

34 South Street W.
(as before.)

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Sept 6/65

Dear Dr. Farr

I cannot say the
gratitude to God with
which I write that
"our dear friend," as
you have often called
Hilary Carter, was
released this morning
early. The end was
peace - but the
suffering had been
cruel. I know scarcely
a human being of
whom one feels so sure

Letter from Florence Nightingale

that she is gone & a
higher & more perfect
service.

My thoughts turn to you
in this, as they have
done in many
previous sorrows.

Would you kindly tell
Mr. Hammeck & Mr.
Clode, as from us?
Some weeks ago I
had a very kind
note from Mr. Hammeck
of enquiry & concern
about her, which I

sent to her family,
because I knew it
would give them
pleasure.

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Sept 14/60

34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Dr. Kerr

The enclosed has been
sent me from Simlah
for your opinion.

Please give it me

Yours truly

Th. H. H. H.

could drag the liberal
Bill - especially in the
Poor Law - thro' the Cabinet.
That was his great power
with us. No one will
be able to manage this
Cabinet now. He was
a humbug - but he
knew it himself. &
I was not a muff.
[Sir P. Lewis was both
a muff & a humbug.]
He was, at least, the
most liberal man we
had left. I have lost, in
him, a powerful friend.
I have spoken of a

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Dec 13/65

34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Lush
I thank you for the
enclosed. You have hit
the right nail on the head,
as you always do. Still
there is a Weekly Return
of stock - horses, cows,
sheep, pigs (it goes to
by leave not to include
cats) with Death &
Cause of Death (among
which I do not include
John Bull's love of
Butcher's meat) no fool

will be done. And the
Recent Catle. plague
would be a benefit, if
it brought this about.

Ad Palmoxton is a great
loss. I speak for the
Country & myself. He
was a powerful
protector of me
especially since Sidney
Herbert's death. I
never asked him for
anything - you may be
sure I did not ask

him often - but he did
it - for the last nine
years. He did not do
himself justice. If the
right thing was to be
done, he made a joke,
but he did it. He
will not leave his
impression on the age -
but he did the country
good service. Except
L. Napoleon, whose death
might be the greatest
good or the greatest evil
I doubt whether there
is any man's loss which
will so affect Europe.
He was the only man who

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his successors

Clarendon

Russell

Granville.

As Clarendon it is said
the Queen wishes - & she
has been corresponding
with him privately -
perhaps by Lord Russell's
own desire -

But I believe the real
question is under which
(if any) of these, ^{you} consent to.
Mr. Gladstone will remain
in office & be leader
of the H. of C.

Not one of these then will
manage the Cabinet as

Ad Palmerston did.

But I dare say you have more trustworthy information than I have.

I would Ad Palmerston had lived another lifetime. He should have got something done at the Poor Law Board, which he shall not now -

Ad Russell is so queer-tempered. I quite dread his Premiership, if it comes.

Ever yours most truly

P. Nightingale

Murphy (or rather the massacre) of Enfans
Brouck by the fan-fangled Sisters of Charity.

3. Please thank Mr. Clode
for his two numbers of
The Brit. Med. Journal
They are very interesting
(about the Indian question)

4. I sent your note
(about Dr. Pick) to
Capt. Patton at once.
It is well worth trial.

5. I am thankful you
have got the cattle
enumeration into your
hands -

ever yours truly
J. Nightingale

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(96) Dec 5/66

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Lister
You must have thought
me dead, or demented -
I hope not ungrateful -
for not having answered
your many kind letters
before.

1. I sent your instructive
remarks on the (Indian)
First Annual Report
by the first mail after
I received them.

And I am sure they
will do good.

[I will return you
Major Graham's letter]

I have no doubt that we
shall receive permission
to make use of the
(published) Report.
Sir J. Lawrence is perfectly
liberal.

And I will send you one.
In the mean time, you
have done him the
greatest of good services.

2. About your babies:—
I know no book such
as you desire.
The thing for you I do
would be to apply to
the Anti-Slavery
Commissioners, who will

make you out a Report
immediately—without
any enquiry whatever &
without any facts
whatever.

What a fine thing that is
to be able to do!

If the facts are wrong,
"do much the worse
for the facts."

There is no book giving you
what you want about
European babies. There
are plenty of books
which "think" so & so.
No book which really
tells one facts—& no
woman that I know of
all the horrid things I ever saw in the

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35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Dr. Rats
I am afraid of keeping
your valuable boxes,
but you should want
them.

The Vienna description
of child management,
minus a considerable
amount of the case
bestowed in Germany
on children - plus a
considerable quantity of
Opium - will afford