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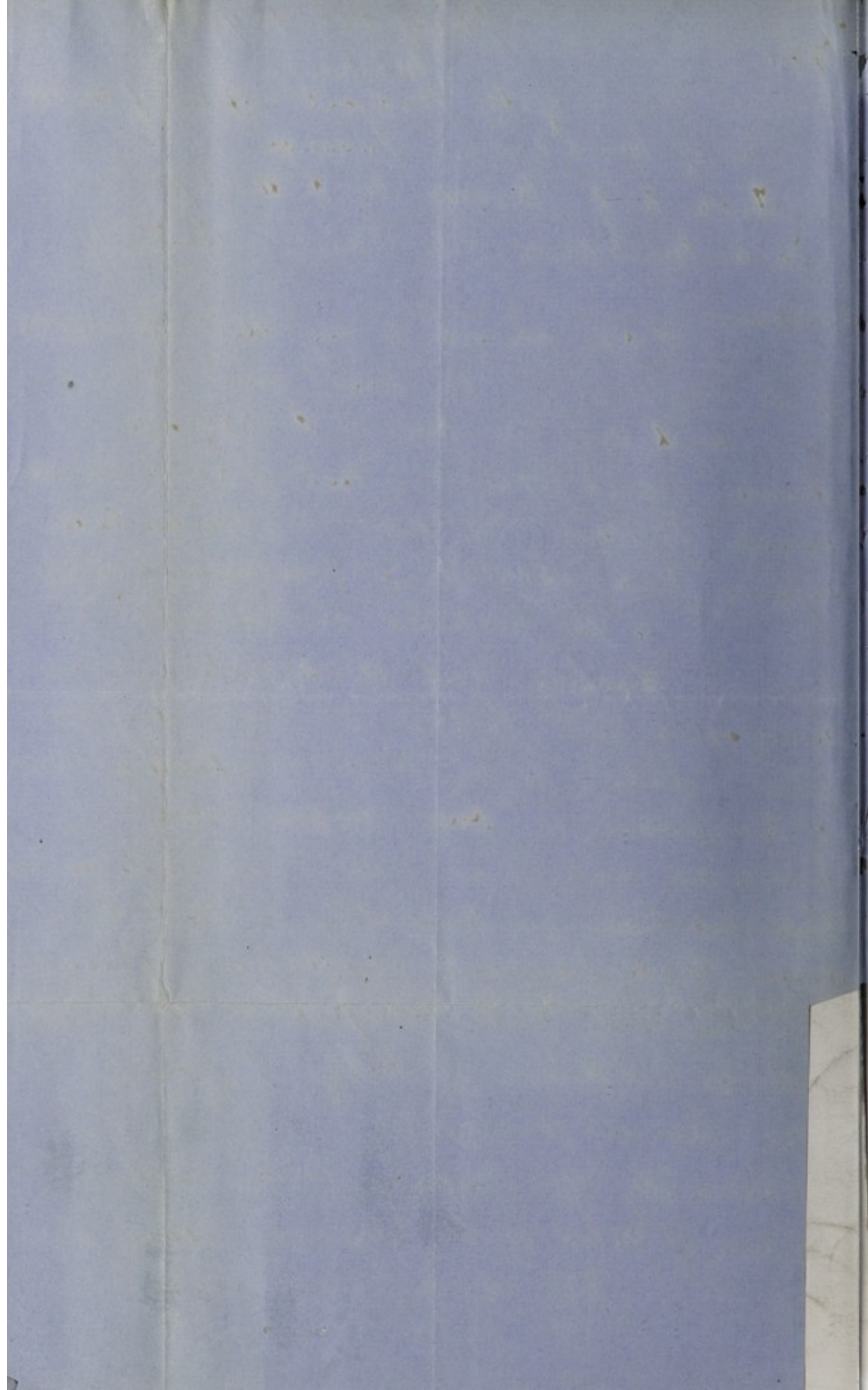
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From A. G. Throssop. M.D. H. P. N.

To the Newhaven Port Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen

I am pleased to say that the health of the crews during the past year has been good, with only one case of contagious disease which occurred last Jan'y on the smack "Bellows". The patient (Bertie Eade) suffering from scarlatina was immediately removed to the hospital provided for infectious diseases, and the smack at once disinfected with Sulphur. I might say that altho' Sulphur is the most satisfactory means of disinfection at our disposal it is unreliable and most uncertain in its results. There has been no mortality on ship-board. I have made frequent inspections of vessels and am very well satisfied on the whole with the condition of things. I found, the ^{being} ~~the~~ ^{ster} almost invariably good. Occasionally the sleeping berths used by the sailors of some of the French vessels were very dirty, but on my complaining to the



Captains this was rectified

Whilst the cholera was prevalent on the Continent the vessels coming into the port were daily visited. Mr. Reeves (the Wharf Station-Master) kindly let me know each day the hour the ships were expected.

During the summer you fitted out and furnished a hospital for ^{three} ~~these~~ patients and which is capable of accommodating twenty adults. This is certainly a step in the right direction, altho' the hospital has many defects and disadvantages. But there remains much to do. In my letter to you of March 16th 1893 I strongly advised you to provide a steam disinfecter, which is badly wanted and its absence is likely to lead to very serious results, as it is impossible to properly disinfect with the means at present at our disposal.

Quarantine should be also erected and better accommodation provided for nurses.

But you will give these wants your serious consideration and when provided we shall be in much better position to successfully meet an epidemic of Cholera or other disease than we are at present.

Gentlemen. I have the honor to remain

Yours obedient servant
Arthur G. Crosson

