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September 15th 1916

Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece,

I think you will like an early intimation that the Commission have provisionally decided to take your evidence in the first week of October. I will communicate with you at a later date as to the exact day, time and place.

more than I intended by illness, from so, so I a with the documents at hand, some of which might have been more clearly stated.

Crest Hotel

CROWBOROUGH.

*Yours faithfully,
MacNeece*

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Crest Hotel

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Crowborough

5th Sept. 16.

From

Supr General J. S. Mac Neice

to the

Secretary

Mesopotamian Commission.

Dear Mr Duff.

Many thanks for the loan
of the Vincent Commission report
returned herewith -

I return my statement
prepared for submission to the
Commission, "unaltered"
and append some remarks
on the Vincent report, which
please attach -

No one regrets more than I do
having been prevented by
sudden & severe illness, from
giving evidence, as I
believe in India with the
documents at hand, some
matters might have been
more clearly stated -

Yours very faithfully,

J. S. Mac Neice

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Crest Hotel

Crowborough

Sussex.

5th Sept. 16

Dear Mr. Duff.

With reference to your
letter of 24th Aug. 16.

On reading over the Vincent
Report I feel more than
ever convinced, that it would
be to the public advantage, that
Major Charles Melville, I.M.S.
A.D.M.S. Army ~~H.Q.~~ India,
should be brought home with
all the official and semi-official
documents relating to
medical arrangements in
Mesopotamia, and also
in India for the reception
of the sick and wounded.

Faithfully yours

J. S. Macniece
Sur. Gen.

To

R. G. Duff Esq
Secretary to

The Mesopotamian Commission
28 Abingdon Street.

Ther. Adm. Encl.

2nd Sept. 1916.

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From
Surge General J. S. MacNeeso
to the
Secretary.
Mesopotamian Commission

Sir

In accordance with
your instructions, I have
the honor to submit a
Statement relating to
Medical Arrangement in
Mesopotamia, during
the period I was
(Temporary) D. M. S. India.
for the information of
the Commission -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

J. S. MacNeeso
Surf. Genl.

Address
C/o Sir C. R. McGrigor
Buttes
39 Panton Street
Haymarket
London -

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August 24 1916.

Dear Surgeon-General Macneese,

In reply to your letters of the 22nd. instant we are expecting India to bring home all the important documents relating to the medical question.

As a result of their meeting on Tuesday, the Commission decided that they would not proceed at once with your evidence, and it is therefore improbable that you would be required before the end of September.

I will bring before the Chairman your request for Major Melville as a witness, but if you want him in corroboration of your evidence, I am inclined to think it would be better for you yourself to prefer the request when you give your evidence before the Commission.

Surgeon-General Macneese

St. Ermins Hotel

St. James Park

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Recd 22.8.16

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St. Ermin's Hotel

St. James Park

22nd Aug. 16

Dear Mr Duff.

With reference to our conversation yesterday, may I suggest that copies of all diary numbers relating not only to medical arrangements in Mesopotamia but also to Hopt ships and transport be asked for - Every day to each depart. copies of all telegrams received or issued through Chief-Quarters Staff Branch were sent. Each letter or cable had a diary number date of despatch or receipt - Force - (e.g. D Force) and the Branch to which original was sent or despatched from. If there were two Branches concerned it was marked to both -

Each Branch cut out the Cables or letters relating to Force concerned & pasted them into a Book, indexing it -

At the end of the month each Branch received a printed & corrected copy of the daily diary numbers - Of course strictly secret cables were not included only numbered; these might be asked for -

2. I would also suggest that the papers and documents prepared by the Medical Branch Army & R.S. Simla for the Vincent Comtee should be sent home or copies thereof -

3 also those relating to Hopt. accommodation in India -

4- Hopt Ships & River Hopt Ships -

5- Formation of an Anglo India Hopt. orderly Corps -

6- Hopt Train. Motor Ambulances &c

Yours sincerely,
J. P. Macneice
Sur. Gen.
etc. D. M. I. J.

The Secretary
Mesopotamian Comtee
28 Abingdon Street.

St. Ermin's Hotel
 St. James Park
 22nd Aug.

Dear Mr Duff

In continuation of my letter of this date, I make the following request to the Commission, namely that they may be good enough to ask for the presence as a witness, of Major Charles Melville I.M.S. Act. A.D.M.S. Army Hd Qrs Simla India —

My reasons are (1) This officer was my right hand during the period I was D.M.S. & he knows all the documents required and could bring them home and give evidence before the Commission —

(2) In justice to myself and the fact that I have no documents & few data to go on the request is made —

(3) Major Charles Melville could be spared as he has an Understudy, Major Fleming I.M.S.

I am

yours faithfully

J. F. MacCreed
 S. G.

The Secretary
 Mesopotamian Commission,
 78 Abingdon Street

TELEGRAMS,
"MIDOTEL,"

PORTRUSH."
TELEPHONE 14 PORTRUSH.

18th Aug. (3)

NORTHERN COUNTIES HOTEL,
PORTRUSH.

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Dear Sir

Your wire of this
date received,
desiring my
presence in London
before the Messop-
tanian Commissioners
I had applied to
secty War office
to give evidence
before the Com^{sa}
on 20th July; and

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Yesterday I
wrote to Sir Alfred
Keogh stating
above, and
asking if any
charges had been
made against me
as D.M.S. India
by the Vincent
Com^{tee} if so
to kindly state
nature -

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I propose leaving
this tomorrow
and will report
before noon on
Monday next, to you,
all being well -
address -

St. Ermin's Hotel
Westminster.

I remain
Yours Faithfully,

J. G. Macneil
Surj. General.