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CORRESPONDENCE
with
SURGEON-GENERAL SIR W. BABTIE.



Statement passed to Harrison

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

19. Aug. 1916

Dear Duff.

I enclose herewith the Short State-
ment you suggested that I should
submit.

Yours sincerely

W. P. Roberts

R. G. Duff Key
Secretary

Mesopotamian Commission.

9th September 1916

September 6th 1916

Dear Mr. Duff

send you herewith a statement of the evidence prepared to give before the Commission.

I am without official records or diaries. I am desired by my Commission to inform you that my Staff Officer deems it right that you should have an opportunity of perusing the enclosed Report before you give your evidence before the Commission.

This statement was written before I received a copy of the Report of the Commission to require into the medical arrangements in Mesopotamia.

You will, of course, understand that the Report is entirely confidential, and it is only forwarded to you in case you would like to make any additions to the Statement of evidence, which you have already forwarded to us.

I shall return to you the Report on the morning.

As the number of copies is limited, I am to ask you you will be good enough to let me have this copy back within three days from your receipt of this letter.

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9th September, 1916.

Dear Mr. Duff

I send you herewith a statement of the evidence I am prepared to give before the Commission.

I am without official records or diaries but I have been able to prepare this statement from some notes that my Staff Officer now serving in France had in his possession.

This statement was written before I received the copy of the report of "The Commission appointed to enquire into the medical arrangements in Mesopotamia"

I have left the notes as they were written and on a separate paper I propose to add some remarks on the different paragraphs that have a bearing on the period with which as D.M.S. in India I was concerned.

I shall return to you the copy of the report on Monday morning.

Yours very truly,

W. B. B. .

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War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

11th September, 1916.

Dear Mr Duff

As promised, I return with this the copy of the Report on the Medical arrangements in Mesopotamia. I am preparing some comments on the paragraphs that affect me.

When is the Commission likely to require me to give evidence? *I would like 2 or 3 days notice if convenient.*

I am as ready as I can be without obtaining diaries and correspondence from India.

Yours very truly

W Babbie

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Dear Surgeon General Babbie,

I thank you for your
Statement of Evidence received to-day,
also for returning the copy of the
Vincent-Bingley Report.

As regards the date when the
Commission will be ready to hear you,
I shall not be able to let you know
until after our meetings this week.

Surgeon-General Babbie

War Office

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Sept. 18th 1916

Dear Sir,

The Commission having decided to call you on or about Oct. 3rd, I shall be very much obliged if you could forward me at an early date any comments you may have to make on the Vincent-Bingley Report.

Surgeon-General Babbie
War Office.

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War Office,
Whitehall,

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Dear Duff

I enclose a corrected proof of my evidence on the 13th & I hope to send that of the 17th in a day or two. Will my note on the Vincent Report be printed with my evidence? It is quoted from more than one.

Can you spare me another uncorrected proof if it is convenient to have one available.

Yours sincerely

W. Dabbe.

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War Office,
Whitehall,

October 26th 1916

S.W.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. re your note on the Vincent-Bingley Report, it will eventually be embodied as an appendix to the evidence given before the Commission.

I enclose another copy of your evidence, according to request.

Yours sincerely

W Babbie

Assistant Secretary.

Surgeon-General Sir William Babbie.

War Office.

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War Office,
Whitehall,

S.W.
30. Oct 1916

Dear Duff.

I enclose a corrected proof of my
evidence on the 17th. I am afraid that I
have added a considerable number of
notes but they are for the most part
explanatory in character or focus
facts already before the Commission.

Of course if they go beyond what is usual
they can be cut out but in that event
perhaps you would let me know.

Yours sincerely

W. Dabbs.

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War Office

Whitehall

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6th February, 1917

Sir,

I have now had an opportunity of seeing Sir John
Rehir's assessment of evidence to which are attached certain
reports made by him to me as Director of the 6th inst.
in India.

**I am directed to say that the matter will be laid
before the Commission at their next meeting.**
Commission consider it desirable I would be glad of an
opportunity of appearing again.

Your obedient Servant,

Sir,

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W.P. Assistant Secretary.

General Sir William Babbie

Secretary, War Office
Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
S.W.

War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

6th February, 1917.

Sir,
I have now had an opportunity of seeing Colonel P. Hehir's statement of evidence to which are attached certain reports made by him to me as Director of Medical Services in India.

Colonel Hehir's evidence appears to me to confirm many of the statements I made in examination and if the Commission consider it desirable I would be glad of an opportunity of appearing again.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. B. B.
Surg. General

The Secretary,
Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
S.W.

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8.2.1917.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing copy of your report on Colaba Hospital.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant Secretary.

Surgeon-General Sir William Babbie

War Office

Whitehall.