

Telephone: VICTORIA 4066.

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Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

CORRESPONDENCE
with
GENERAL SIR JOHN NIXON.

L/31

July 6th., 1917.

Dear Sir John Nixon,

I have now gone into the question of your letter of the 3rd instant, in which you complain that the Commission have made no reference to a note affixed by you to your evidence, in which you controvert your answers to questions 11957 and 11958. I find that a proof of your evidence about this (which was taken on the 15th of November) was sent to you for correction early in December, and returned corrected but not signed by you. In the proof so corrected no note, such as you have since inserted, appeared. Inasmuch, however, as the proof was not signed by you, we returned to you for signature a further printer's proof embodying the corrections which you had already made. This further proof was, I gather from your letter, not returned to us with the note in question until some date in March.

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A witness is not allowed a second opportunity of correcting his evidence, and had it been brought to the notice of the Secretary that you had made further alterations nearly five months after your examination in a proof which was returned to you merely for signature, the matter would have been brought to the notice of the Commission. Unfortunately, however, your signed, corrected proof containing the note in question was put on one side until it should be necessary to send it to the printer for final proof. But had the matter come before me, I doubt if I could have accepted the interpretation which you put upon certain of your answers by substituting the word "them" for "it." Such an interpretation upsets the purport of my question No. 11956 and in fact to make your answer fit in to Lord Donoughmore's question No. 11957 you have to alter the question itself.

Ernest J. Ryan

John Nixon

I do not think, however, that the omission from our Report of this somewhat late disclaimer on your part, really affects the Commission's judgment in the matter inasmuch as you have accepted the responsibility of the telegram and have explained to us, in passages which we have referred to in the Report, what was in your mind at the time the telegram was sent.

However, I am most anxious that you should not feel that we have, even unintentionally, in any way misinterpreted your evidence, and I have therefore arranged that in the copies of the evidence which we have sent to the Government your note shall be included.

heropotamia
that I admitted having seen it
(Four telegrams No. 940/28 of the 7 Dec 1915 relating to the accident to the ship after its departure)
This statement appears to be based on the answers as originally sent to Question 11957. This

General Sir John Nixon, K.C.B., A.D.C.
Sedlescombe.
Sussex.

say just now do "could only have referred to my answer to Question 11958, when I admitted I saw them" the answer to that day. It appears in my notes as one of the words used. I don't recall your...

By the way I saw in... *Sedlescombe*

Sedlescombe. Sussex.

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3. July. 1917.

From General Sir John Nixon. K.C.B. A.D.C. General

John Right Honble

Sir Lord George Hamilton. C.C.S.I.

Chairman Mesopotamian Commission.

Sir.

On page 77 of the Report of the
Mesopotamian Commission it is stated
that I "admitted having seen it,
(Foreign Telegram No. 940/28 of the 7th December
1915 relating to the wounded) the day
after its despatch"

This statement appears to be
correct in the answer as originally
worded to Question 11957. This
question, which began "did you
say just now 'it' could only
have referred to my answer to
Question 11956, when I admitted
I saw 'them' the wounded the
next day. The confusion in my
mind arose over the words 'them'
and 'it'.

I desire to call your attention

to the fact that I read in your letter of the 10th inst. that you had
admitted

to my answer to question 11928 the same day
I cannot remember that I should admit,
except under a misapprehension, what
I had denied a few minutes previously.

Moreover, when in March last, I was
asked to sign to the Corroboration or otherwise
of my evidence, I signed "correct with the notes
inserted & initialled", and the note inserted
with reference to Question 11957 was as follows:
"I appear to have misapprehended these questions:
it was the wounded I saw the next day. I have
no recollection of seeing the telegram"

If I had thought that the Commission did
not accept my correction, I should have asked to
be allowed to make the amendment before then.

The position is that an admission is credited
to me which I, at no time, intended to make, &
its appearance in the report is to my prejudice.

I can therefore beg leave to request that, in
interest to me, you will be so kind as to take
such steps as may be necessary to make this
clear to the Government, that I did not
make, except under a misapprehension, and
do not make that admission of that, before the
report was published. I endeavoured to
correct the wrong impression given to the
Commission.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

John Wilson
General

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
17.2.1917.
SUSSEX.

with the last copy of my letter with the original. It is being circulated to the Commission.

Dear Sir John Nixon,
I enclose you a copy of Major William's letter with the original. It is being circulated to the Commission.

I am sorry we have not yet a printer's proof of your corrected evidence; we are awaiting this.

Yours sincerely,
John Nixon

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

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STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
TEL. 1X3 BATTLE.

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15. VII. 1917.

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

Secretary. Mesopotamian Commission.

With you kindly send me a
copy of my evidence with the last
corrections added which I
signed? and will you also
send me back the original and
also a copy of Major Williams'
letter to me and tell me
where it is - or is to be -
inserted in the proceedings.

Yours truly
John Williams

STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
TEL. 1X3 BATTLE.

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Circular of Affm. XIII
6/2/17

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

2. Feb. 1917.

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My dear Staff -

In continuation of
our conversation on the telephone,
I send you the letter I spoke of
regarding that telegram about the
wounded -

The writer of the letter is Major
Williams, who was my assistant
military secretary & holds the
same post with General Maude
in Mesopotamia now. I
wrote and asked him to let me
know what he could about
the telegram & you on his
reply. The other letter to which

is
result,

Williams refers came by the same post
& reached me yesterday. It is
supposedly of this.

The Major R.A. Casco mentioned
was in December 1955 the A.A.G.
of my Head Quarters and the
"winter" is Lt Colonel C.B. Winter
then (and I believe now) A.Q.M.G.

of my Head Quarters, & consequently
both on the administrative staff
of the Force. Winter is
still there & Casco is now
G.S.O. I of the 14th Division in
Mesopotamia.

I am sorry I did not
catch you yesterday.

Yours sincerely
Solomonson

LETTER 1048
111 BOTTLE

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3/11 8. Feb. 1917

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLÉS COMBE,
9.2.1917

Survey Mesopotamia Commission

will you kindly tell me if
the letter from Major Williams

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of February 8th

I am directed to say that Major William's letter is

being copied and circulated to the Commission.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

8. Feb. 1917.

Sunday Messopracnia Commission

Will you kindly tell me if
the letter from Major Williams
to me which I sent you ~~the day~~
or two ago has been placed upon
the Commission & taken into
consideration as evidence.

John Wood
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STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
TEL. 143 BATTLE

Sent 1.1.17

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27. Nov. 1916

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.
7.2.1917.

My dear Jeff

Dear Sir:- My humble apologies

In reply to your letter to Mr. Duff of
February 2nd. he asked me to say that the matter
will be laid before the Commission at their next
Meeting.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient Servant,

Will you please send me
later a copy of my first day's "Gonads"
of the last day's evidence.
I find in my Assistant Secretary.

General Sir John Nixon.
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

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STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
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Sent 1.1.17.

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

27. Nov. 1916.

My dear Duff.

My humble apologies
to your staff. They are quite right
other found stuffed away under
a lot of papers the proof you saw
me first, which did not contain
my last day's evidence.

I will correct & send it back
as soon as I can.

Will you please send me
later a copy of my first day's "notes"
of the last day's evidence.

I find in my travel claim I
put down 10/- as price of a
return ticket from Rotherhithe
to London in August & October

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THE MANOR HOUSE
BEECHING
WIMBORNE

I have determined it is 14/8
will you have it corrected?

Yours sincerely

John Beedon

24.11.1916.

21.11.1916

Dear Sir John Nixon,

Your telephone message of this morning informing me that you had not received any proofs of your evidence.

I find that we already have a proof of your First Day's evidence corrected by you, and my staff assure me that your Second and Third Days' evidence was also sent.

In case, however, these two latter days' evidence may have been mislaid in the post, I am forwarding another copy for the favour of your correction.

Your obedient servant,

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

Assistant Secretary

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21.11.1916

November 21st 1916

Dear Sir John Nixon,

Dear Sir,

The Commission have decided to pay you what you wish to say on your "Needs of Service", on November 21st. I will, therefore, be glad if you will be in attendance at Committee House, House of Lords, on that day at 11.30 a.m. account of Travelling Expenses, which will be duly forwarded to the Treasury for settlement.

I will forward to the address you give in form, my statement on Sir K. Barron's evidence, as soon as it comes from the printers.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Your obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary

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The Manor House
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November 3rd 1916

Dear Sir John Nixon,

The Commission have decided to hear what you wish to say on your "Heads of Evidence", on November 7th, and will, therefore, be glad if you will be in attendance at Committee Room 4, House of Lords, on that day at 11.30 a.m.

I will forward, to the address you give in Town, your Statement on Sir E. Barrow's evidence, as soon as it comes from the printers.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

Assistant Sec.

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about the 30th November
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1st December . 2. Nov. 1916 .

Dear Staff .

I return you the
medical notes proofed & sent
for the notes on Baram's
evidence this morning .

about the 20th. I received 4 P.S. &
received a telegram signed C.G.S.

about receiving great economy in
ammunition & I replied protesting
at the idea today I could not

lay down how much was to be
expended in an action - On the
24th. I received a reply

from the C.G.S. saying that the Comd.
himself had sent the telegram and
that we must take care that the

expenditure of ammunition is
commensurate with the result,
or some such phrase. That is
the correspondence I want to

get hold of. I want to
you will let me have 2 copies of
copy I send in with you? I am
Sincerely
Salisbury

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W. L. W. L.
Scalescombe.

2. Nov. 1916.

Secretary, Interprotection Commission.

I did not grasp, until I received your last letter, that you wanted my conclusions on Sir E. Barron's evidence in writing, I thought it was to be given orally. I have now written them on the main points found them. Will you let me see them in print to proof them.

You say I shall be wanted on the 7th. I propose to come up to town on Monday the 6th & shall stay at the Junior in Pall Mall - the latter I will be staying for a week or ten days at Field Place, Horsham - If I am not wanted on the 7th I shall not come to town on the 6th, but will go straight to Field Place & stay till I am wanted, but will you kindly let me know definitely before Monday? I shall be leaving here by 10 am. on the 6th.

J. L. W. L.

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

E/24

November 1st. 1916.

29. Oct. 1916.

Dear Sir:-

I should esteem it a great favour if you could return me the typewritten copy of your Notes on General Barrow's evidence, so that I can send it to the printer's immediately. I also enclose a proof of your Statement on the Medical Arrangements; would you be so kind as to correct it, and if possible, let me have it back by return.

I have inspected the files at the India Office, and can find no telegram or telegrams between March 10th and 24th, 1915 discussing the policy of advance, given in your instructions of the 24th March.

I hope to be able to forward you to-morrow the full text of the telegrams 116, and 177 in the Yellow Book, and I beg to enclose herewith copies of telegrams on High Explosives Shells and ammunition, which I trust are what you were asking for.

I believe there was another series which you were anxious to see, but I am afraid that General Duff's Staff cannot lay their hands on them, without a few further particulars; if you could let me have these I will ask them to make another search.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant Secretary

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

It is in the Yellow Book collection in the India Office.

24th March 1915. I believe it would be better to have the instructions of advance from me in my instructions of the 24th March.

Ed.

STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
TEL. 1X3 BATTLE.

THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

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29. Oct. 1916.

Dear Duff. Your E/15 of 27th Oct.
Many thanks for sending me the
Secretary of State's C/2003 for
telling me about the hunt for the
weapons about High Explosives and
ammunition.

I have found
them for A news. It is the latter half
a copy. I have found
|| of no 116 in the yellow book
collection which has been
omitted by the India Office.
I find a portion of 177 has been
omitted also. I wonder if there

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MEMORANDUM

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are any more omissions.

My reply on p 84 Vol II was to the
 Judicial Office - I was not aware that
 it was to go to the V.B. Commission.

I will be away for the 7th November
 but you will tell me the hour & the
 how to get to the Place?

Yours sincerely,

Salvatore

E/15.

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October 27th 1916.

Dear Sir John Nixon,

The Documents you asked me to get for you:-

I. The Secretary of State's Telegram of the 4th Dec. No. 0243.
Please see this enclosed.

II. Telegram from Sec. of State to India and repeated to you towards the end of April 1915, suggesting that 10,000 men might be sent to Ahwas.

We cannot trace anything as to this, other than Telegram 152 in the Yellow Book Collection, which is dated July, and only refers to 2,000 men. Query - Has the 2,000 become 10,000 in course of transmission by Telephone or Telegraph?

III. Telegrams from the India as to High Explosives and Ammunition are being hunted up by Duff's Staff and will be forwarded to you when I get them.

IV. Paragraph 26 in your "Heads of Evidence".

Is not your reply to the India Office as to questions on Medical Arrangements that which is printed on page 84 of Vol. II of the Appendices to the Vincent-Bingley Report?

I have provisionally arranged with the Commission that they will ask you to appear on Tuesday November 7th, and will then give you an opportunity of saying all you wish to say on your "Heads of Evidence": this will then be taken down verbatim and printed, and the Commission will in the succeeding week cross-examine you on what you have said on Nov. 7th, and also on the other Statements of Evidence which we are having printed for you.

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe.

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This arrangement, of course, implies that we shall on Nov. 7th only deal with your "Heads of Evidence", and allow you to have your full say on that without putting any cross-examination questions until the succeeding week.

I think this is the substance of what we agreed over the telephone.

I shall be glad to have as soon as possible your re-edited Statements on the Vincent-Bingley Report and on Barrow's Evidence, upon which I understand you are now engaged.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Copy.

Sedlescombe

23rd Oct. 1916.

Sec.

Mesopotamia Commission.

I am obliged for the printed copy of part of my Statement, for correction. I have made alterations and corrections and trust you will have them ? . Please look at para 10 of "River Steamers". I speak of an analysis being "here". I presume you are taking it out and putting it in as an appendix - is that so? —

I enclose you a further paper which I would like you to print and let me see a proof if you will.

Your question as to the three ~~pt~~ typed-written statements- The Heads of Evidence is what you asked me to make out. I thought that my evidence on these points would be oral: these? ^{there?} are evidently matters which have not been made clear to the Commission and could I not address them on these? Some matters I put down would perhaps not require entering into now.

As regards my comments on Barrow's evidence he seemed to me to suggest the wrong conclusion so often, and to contradict himself that I must in my own interest call attention to them, and in the same manner the Vincent-Bingley Report.

I will talk to you over the telephone to-day and settle about it. If not I will come up on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

John Nixon.

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23 Oct. 1976.

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Writers Mesopotamia Commission.

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you are taking it out & putting it in as an
appendix - is that so.

I enclose you a further proposal which
I should like you to permit & let me see a proof
if you will.

Your question as to the thirty-fourth
statements.

The kinds of evidence is what you asked
me to make out. I thought that my evidence
on those points would be oral: then are
written matters which have not been
made clear to the Commission & could
I not address them on those? Some matters
I put down would perhaps not require
being into now.

As regards my comments on Basson's
introduction since he seems to me to
support the wrong conclusion so often
& to contradict himself that I must
in my own interest call attention to them,
& in the same manner the Vincent
Poiry report.

I will talk to you over the telephone
today & settle about it. If not I will
come up as witness. J. J. J.

D/92

Oct. 23rd. 1916

Dear Sir John Nixon,

In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, I am returning to you your two typed statements. My proposal is, subject to what you think best, that you should see whether it is not possible to put some or all of those into a connected statement like those you have sent us under the heading of Policy, River Steamers, etc?

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

- 2. Policy
- 3. alleged activities of the staff
- 4. S. G. Hawaway
- 5. Railways and Docks
- 6. a copy of my notes, my instructions, and special points on which I was consulted

General Sir John Nixon.

The Manor House

Sedlescombe

Sussex.

John Nixon

Siddescombe.

16. Oct. 1886.

Secretary, Mesopotamia Commission.
I am much obliged to you for sending me the typed copies of my comments on General Bann's evidence and the Vincent-Bringley Commission.

I enclose you my comments on the following.

1. River Steamers.

2. Policy.

3. alleged secretiveness of the Staff.

4. S. G. Hathaway

5. Railways.

and I add

6. a copy of my notes, my instructions, and special points on which I was asked to report.

If you would be so kind as to have them typed too, I should be most grateful; as I have no copies of them and can get nothing done here.

Yours sincerely,
John Lubbock

Telephone: VICTORIA 4066.

Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

D/88

October 20th 1916.

Dear Sir John Nixon,

I am having printed and will send to you, if possible to-day, or at any rate to-morrow, your Statements, as to

1. River Steamers.
2. Policy.
3. Alleged secretiveness of Staff.
4. Surgeon General Hathaway, and his status.
5. Railways.

I am not sure what you want done with the other three typewritten Statements which we have done for you, viz:-

1. Comments on Sir Edmund Barrow's Evidence.
2. " " Vincent-Bingley Report.
3. Heads of Evidence.

They do not seem to be quite in the form in which we should print them as your evidence in chief, which we would, of course, do with the Statements we are sending.

I expect we shall be wanting to take your evidence in a week or two now: would it not, therefore, be better if we could have a final interview, when you could explain to me exactly the form in which you wish to give evidence?

The Commission meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but on any other day, except Saturdays, I am at your service.

General Sir John Nixon,

The Manor House

Sedlescombe.

Sussex.

D/67

October 13th 1916

Dear Sir John Nixon,

If you will send me in the further addition to your Statement, we will gladly have it typed at such times as my staff can fit it in.

I am returning to you herewith one of the papers you left with me; you will notice there are several gaps, where we have been unable to read your writing: perhaps you will be kind enough to fill these in.

A further section will follow tomorrow.

In regard to your letter of yesterday I have not got the Force Organisation Orders, Force "D", and I fancy we shall have to wait for these and many other particulars until we can have access to the papers which the Commander-in-Chief is bringing home with him.

So far as I can see the Commission will probably be ready to hear you in about a fortnight's time, so that we ought to hasten on and get printed all the Statement of evidence which you wish to put in.

General Sir John Nixon
The Manor House
Sedlescombe
Sussex.

Scalescombe. Sussex.

11. Oct. 1876.

Secretary. In reply to your letter of 1st of yesterday. I am
 sorry I did not make myself clear in my first
 request. Sir S. Barron implies (Question 317. n. 9
 para 20 of his answer on page 6) that the change
 from a purely prison defence to the offensive moved
 in my "instructions" of the 24th March was unknown
 to the India Office till the 2nd May when my
 "instructions" reached the India Office. The
 yellow book contains no telegrams between the
 Secretary of State and India from the 10th March
 to the 1st April. It seems to me impossible
 that India should have made such a reversal
 of policy without discussion with the Secretary
 of State. My letter of the 7th without
 was meant to be a request for the production
 of the correspondence which must have taken
 place to permit the C. C. to issue me the
 "instructions" he did issue. Can you
 ascertain that we know what that
 correspondence was?

The point in my asking for his
 of course Creedy's report was to show that
 he had reported before hand on Cochrane,
 the grave deficiencies in the medical department,
 subsequent to his departure as assistant,
 advice was made to remedy them & the
 Indian Military Budget saved some 1/2
 half a million in 1874/75.
 So long as this is brought out, it
 does not matter how it is done, but
 as the Force suffered from those deficiencies

in the most terrible way, for which need is being
 done at me, it is necessary to bring this before the
 Commission.

I have no wish to burden the Commission
 with the whole of Sir D'heave's report, but
 this is a matter of importance, and I am quite
 willing that it should be brought before the Commission
 in the way they think best.

Yours sincerely,
Jacobson

D/61

October 10th 1916.

Dear Sir John Nixon,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst. we shall not be able to examine the Commander-in-Chief until after we have examined you; therefore, any questions which you wish put to him, you may properly suggest to the Commission when you are being examined yourself. This refers to your enquiry as to the circumstances in which the Commander-in-Chief issued instructions referred to in the first paragraph of your letter.

With regard to the Secretary of State's Telegram suggesting that Nasiriyeh should be given up, I am told that this is in the Yellow Book, which you already have, Telegram 163.

With regard to Sir O'Moore Creagh's Report, I am told that this is a document of 600 pages, and it is a commentary on the Nicholson Report and evidence - another 1700 pages. In these circumstances we are very loath to be immersed in this new mass of matter, unless it is absolutely necessary; and we have not, as a matter of fact, got a copy of these documents, but perhaps you will let me know, why, if it is so, you consider this appalling mass of matter is essential? We then might then talk the matter over.

Genl. Sir John Nixon

Sedlescombe

Sussex.

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9. Oct. 1956.

Sec. Mesopotamia Com'n.

I have some more notes ready & shall
be much obliged if you will kindly tell me
whether you will be so good as to have
them typed for me -

As the evidence mentions the ~~fact~~
pamphlet containing the organisation order
of Force D at the time that I was appointed
to command. I shall be much obliged if

you will be so kind as to obtain me a copy.

S. M. J. J.

STATION, BATTLE 3 MILES.
TEL. 1X3 BATTLE.

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

7th Oct. 1916.

I am much obliged for your note D. 57 dated yesterday, saying that the instructions given me were received by letter at the India Office on the 2nd May 1915. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ascertain whether these instructions, involving an entire change of policy, were issued by the Commaundor in Chief, without any reference whatsoever, previous to their issue, to the Government of India & the Secretary of State, and, if there were any such references, I request that I may be shown them. Also I shall be glad to be furnished with the report made by the former Commaundor-in-Chief, General Sir O'Keefe Keogh, before he resigned his appointment, pointing out

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the deficiencies in the medical services in India,
in the beginning of 1914.

Further I request to be furnished with
a copy of the telegram sent by the Secretary
of State to India towards the end of July
1915 suggesting that Mesrich should be
laid up.

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Genl.

The Secretary
Mesrich Commission.

Telephone: VICTORIA: 4066.

Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

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*Reference
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7th Oct. 1916

*Tel. 107
Yellow Book*

I am much obliged for your note D.57 dated yesterday, saying that the instructions given me were received by letter at the India Office on the 2nd May 1915. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ascertain whether these instructions, involving an entire change of policy, were issued by the Commander in Chief, without any reference whatever, previous to their issue, between the Government of India and the Secretary of State, and if there were any such references I request that I may be shown them.

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(Signed) John Nixon
Genl.

The Secretary
Mesopotamia Commission.

General Sir John Nixon K.C.B.

The Manor House

Sedlescombe

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7th Oct. 1916

I am much obliged for your note D.57 dated yesterday, saying that the Instructions given me were received by letter at the India Office on the 2nd May 1915. I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ascertain whether these instructions, involving an entire change of policy, were issued by the Commander in Chief, without any reference whatever, previous to their issue, between the Government of India and the Secretary of State, and if there were any such references I request that I may be shown them.

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
SEDLSCOMBE,
SUSSEX.

1. Oct. 1916.

Dear Duff.

I will come up to
town tomorrow - Monday -
call about 11.30 to 12 and
hope to find you - I am not
your letter last night.

Yours sincerely

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
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29. Sept. 1916.

Dear Mr. Drift.

I notice questions
476 477 in Sir Edmund Bacon's
examination refer to numbers and
sick etc. I find among my private
papers some statements bearing on this
up to the 1st November 1915 as regards
strengths & up to the end of November
1915 as regards invaliding for loss.
I also enclose 2 statements as regards
attacks & deaths due to influenza
from.

Perhaps you will kindly let the
Commission see them, should they
wish to do so. Please acknowledge this
of mine sincerely.
John Bacon

I trust an official letter which I
addressed you yesterday has reached you.

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