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at African Dept.

For your own pleasure

By *[Signature]*

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(Revised on 28<sup>th</sup>)

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COPY letter dated the 17 of August 1918

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Copy Letter dated 12th August 1915.

"I am very glad you asked me about Nairobi & S. S. I. Nursing conditions. I know the Nursing arrangements are shocking, but the authorities are hopelessly neglectful. [The P. M. O. is a cousin of A. J. Milford and never sees a stroke of work. The Indian Expeditionary Force has a Colonel Johnson in charge. These are the people who are responsible. Mr. Milne was my chief and he sent me a letter to see in which an offer was made from home to send out nurses and a note was appended signed by Col. Johnson saying "No nurses required:" he has employed partially trained and other-wise unsuitable nurses for the hospitals near the fighting where the bad cases are to be found, while at Nairobi which was too far from the fighting to be able to receive patients when really ill, was well staffed with excellent nurses.

\* There were nine of us for 20 patients at Nairobi and at Kapte- working under the greatest difficulties with 70 patients only 3 Sisters have been encouraged to take leave and I left in deep air, because it was simply a convalescent home and I was not allowed to either go or send my nurses to help at these hospitals.

\* I feel it is useless to write all I see and least of mismanagement and criminal carelessness. At Kapte all the patients are said to be recovering and at Voi though there is a fully trained Sister in charge there is not even a head nurse and she is so lazy that the patients say she might as well not be there. While at Nairobi the officers Hospital expect a 7 course Sister with

champagne and grumble because they sent me to the hospital. I called on Dr. Milne and Col. Johnson several times to ask them to let me visit these hospitals to see that the nurses had the necessary equipment and staff. The former accepted and promised everything but the latter refused, but nothing came of it from either of them. There are about 20 Doctors in Nairobi (I. M. S.) and there are plenty of girls of the shop girl type who would be very useful under a capable Sister, but as I say I gave up in despair and I think the answer would be if you wrote to offer Nyren's that they don't require any. Dr. Milne ought to have replied. I through the Colonial Office who left just before I did they gave 3 months notice, but I think he was the lazy to write. When I left only 4 soldiers had died of disease since last August and 2 of them were Syphilitic and so fell an easy prey to typhoid. The men feel very bad when down with Malaria, but they don't die of it. I think I could have done good work if only, I had been allowed and Dr. Milne had to promise me and pretend to let me do things. For instance he asked me to interview a woman who applied to be allowed to go to a probationary. She had she said been trained at St Thomas Hospital, I discovered that she was a fraud and reported her guilt for any part of responsibility. She was sent forthwith to have charge of a Hospital of 70 beds. There is a Hospital for Officers near Nairobi with 4 convalescent Sisters & Necessaries and a Matron & beds only. Now they want to a woman to organize the Nursing and with power

to ask for an average of 2 trained nurses for each hospital. Besides local practitioners, she should visit and report if the equipment is inadequate. The main trouble is because there is no boiler for the sheets, cloths etc. they return from the wash tub verminous. To sum up. Our men suffer a great deal of misery, but not for the want of good nursing,

until

\* It is useless sending nurses there is a system to see they are comfortably housed and provided with necessities, also with power tap stoves in case of unseemly conduct. She ought to visit these hospitals about once a month each, and be head of a Department. She ought to be able to speak Swahili and get the ways of a tropical country. Please forgive untidiness I to nearly 11 P. M. and I have a lot of packing to do."





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Downing Street,

7th September, 1915.

My dear Stanley,

I have your letter of the 20th of August in which you enclosed extracts from some letters received from East Africa indicating that there is an inadequacy in the nursing arrangements in the Government and Military Hospitals in the Protectorate.

I have telegraphed to East Africa asking what truth there is in these charges and I have also written a despatch enclosing a précis of the information which you sent me. No doubt I shall be able to write to you again shortly.

(Sd) A. DONAH LAY.

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6 Sept. 1915

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83, Pall Mall,  
LONDON, S.W.

29th September 1918.

*Dear Sir,*

Many thanks for your kind letter of yesterday's date, and for the enquiries that you are making about the nursing arrangements in the Protectorate.

I shall be much interested to hear the result.

*Yours sincerely,  
Arthur Stanley*

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