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BALLINGALL PAPERS

(MS 3082-3)

Identity Statement

Dates of creation of material: 1801-1855 (predominant 1821-1855)

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 1 box plus 1 volume of bound transcripts and 2 original (empty) boxes

Context

Name of Creator: Sir George Ballingall (1780-1855)

Biographical History: Sir George Ballingall was Regius Professor of Military Surgery at the University of Edinburgh from the end of 1822 until his death in December 1855. After attending four literary sessions at the University of St Andrews Ballingall followed a course of medical studies at the University of Edinburgh between 1803 and 1806 (re-matriculating in 1816 to study chemistry and military surgery before formally graduating in 1819). He received his diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, on 17 December 1805. Ballingall gained his expertise as an army surgeon between 1806 and his retirement on half-pay in 1818, during which time he saw service in India and witnessed the capture of Java in 1811 and the occupation of Paris in 1815. An elephant's skeleton he prepared and sent to the anatomist John Barclay from Bangalore became the subject of a caricature drawn by Edinburgh artist John Kay as a comment on a controversial proposed professorship of Comparative Anatomy. The equally controversial professorship of Military Surgery was to occupy much of Sir George's time and effort during his tenure in the post, as he fervently sought to impress upon the political authorities of the day the necessity of teaching military surgery as a separate discipline, and to establish similar chairs or lectureships in London and Dublin. Much of his correspondence was devoted to this aim, often, despite support from certain colleagues, in the face of frustrating indifference on the part of the authorities. He also took a keen interest in the running of the Army Medical Department, particularly during the disastrous Crimean years. He assembled preparations and exhibits, incorporating the collection of Sir Rutherford Alcock, to be displayed in a museum attached to the class of military surgery, and some of the dry preparations (bones) still survive. His M.D. thesis, *De Apoplexia Sanguinea*, was completed at the University of Edinburgh in 1819. Most notable amongst his published works is his *Outlines of Military Surgery*, first published as *Outlines of the Course of Lectures on Military Surgery* in 1833.

Administrative history: In February 1996 Jo Currie of Special Collections noted that the letters 'were contained in two stippled board boxes, with brass hooks, on the outside of which the words on the first box (2) "Papers and cases used in illustrating

lectures” have been scored out and the words “Chair of Military Surgery” substituted; and on the second box (4) “printed Miscellaneous papers” has been scored out and “Chair of Military Surgery” substituted.’

The first box is marked on the inside of the lid in Ballingall’s hand:

‘1. Correspondence relative to the Chair of Military Surgery: Professional’ and the second box ‘2. Correspondence relative to the Chair of Military Surgery: Non Professional’. The manuscripts are no longer ordered according to this distinction, but the empty boxes have been retained and placed at the shelfmark MS 3083.

In March 1995, Dr Roger Cooter, of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, in Manchester, when researching in Special Collections, dictated the papers onto tape, and produced transcripts of about 70% of the documents, following the order in which they had been placed in the original boxes. These transcripts (which due to having been made at speed may not be, as their author acknowledges, accurate in detail) have been placed with the letters at MS 3082.11.

Custodial history: The custodial history of the papers is largely unknown. In February 1996 they were transferred to the Special Collections department of Edinburgh University Library from the University Archive as accession E96/3, and it is conceivable that they had been transferred to the Library along with other manuscript material from the Department of Anatomy at the University of Edinburgh in the 1960s. In the absence of accession records, however, this provenance remains hypothetical.

Content and Structure

Scope: The bulk of the papers consists of correspondence from and to Ballingall (MS 3082.1-2) mainly concerning his own course, museum, books and income; chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin; and military medical matters, especially with reference to the Crimean war. The remainder includes memorials, testimonials and items mostly relating to military surgery (MS 3082.3-10), Dr Roger Cooter’s 1995 transcripts (MS 3082.11) and the original boxes (MS 3083).

Content: Correspondence and papers, 1801-1855; transcripts and original boxes.

System of Arrangement: Correspondence is arranged alphabetically within each category by sender or recipient, then chronologically; papers are arranged chronologically where possible.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access: Closed. Consultation is by request. Daily manuscript collection times are at 9.15 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (also 4.30, term time only) and requests should be made in advance.

Language: The predominant language is English, but some letters are in French.

Finding Aids: Handlist in the Special Collections Department (H53).

Allied Materials

Published works by Ballingall, including his *Outlines*, pamphlets and articles published in medical journals, are also held in the Special Collections Department.

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Letters from Ballingall (alphabetical by recipient)
MS 3082.1

Bird, Dr James*

3 July 1854. On chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin. Fols 1-2
4 Oct. 1854. On government funding for a chair of military surgery. Fols 3-4
12 June 1855. As 3 July. Fols 5-6

Committee on Endowments of the University of Edinburgh

25 Aug. 1853. Accompanied a memorial. Compares his career, experience, status and pay with those of his predecessor Dr Thomson. Fols 7-9

Graham, Sir James Robert George (1792-1861), first lord of the admiralty, 1830-34 and 1852-55

13 June 1854. On how the 'elite' of medical graduates prefer the army to the navy, to the detriment of the naval medical service. Fol. 10

Hawes, Sir Benjamin (1797-1862), whig M. P., 1832-52; under-secretary for colonies, 1846; under-secretary for war, 1857-62*

5 Sept. 1855. Reply to letter of 27 Feb. 1855 re grant of £30 for reprinting the catalogue of the museum attached to the Class of Military Surgery. Fol. 11

Herbert, Sidney, first Baron Herbert of Lea (1810-1861); secretary to admiralty, 1841-5; war secretary 1845-6, 1852-5 and 1859-60

6 May 1845. Reply to letter from deputy secretary at war re Ballingall's memorial of 10 Apr. 1845. Fols 12-13

Lee, John (1779-1859), principal of Edinburgh University, 1840-59*

31 July or 1 Aug. 1855. Re Ballingall's leaving to the University items in the collection attached to the Class of Military Surgery. Fol. 14

McGrigor, Sir James, first baronet (1771-1858), army surgeon; director-general of the army medical department, 1815-51*

21 Mar. 1831. Re Ballingall's career and state of health. Fols 15-16
28 Nov. 1844. Regarding Ballingall's salary. Fols 17-18
8 Apr. 1845. Accompanied a memorial. Fols 19-22

Maule, Fox, second Baron Panmure (1801-1874), secretary at war, 1846-52 and 1855-58

n.d. Requesting that lithographs of drawings of 'conveyances for sick and wounded soldiers' be sent from the war department. Fol. 23

Miller, James (1812-1864), professor of surgical science, University of Edinburgh, 1842-64*

n.d. [between 1853-55.] On how courses of military surgery should be conducted. Fols 24-25

Morrison, A., baillie*

15 June 1855. Re Ballingall's leaving to the University items from the collection attached to the Class of Military Surgery. Fol. 26

Panmure, Baron [see **Maule, Fox**]

Peel, Sir Robert, second baronet (1788-1850), home secretary, 1822-27, 1828-30*

7 Oct. 1822. Re Ballingall's candidacy for the Chair of Military Surgery. Fols 27-28

Raglan, Baron [see **Somerset, Lord Fitzroy**]

MS 3082.1 (continued)**Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland (President)**

23 Mar. 1854. On a professorship of military surgery in Ireland. Fols 29-32

Scott, Dr John (1797-1859), East India Company 1818-23, 1845-*

16 Sept. 1854. Re the Class of Military Surgery. Fols 33-34

Smith, Sir Andrew (1797-1872) M.D., inspector-general and superintendent of Army Medical Dept., 1851; director-general of Army and Ordnance Medical Dept., 1853-8*

19 Feb. 1852. Re possibility of a lectureship in military surgery in London. Fol. 35

5 Mar. 1853. Congratulates Smith on director-generalship. Requests approval of Department in replacing six-month course with three-month summer course. Fols 36-37

n.d. Incomplete. On the teaching of military surgery. Fol. 38

n.d. Fragment. Fol. 39

Somerset, Lord Fitzroy James Henry, first Baron Raglan (1788-1855)*

5 November 1831. Reply to letter of 11 October re Ballingall's removal from the half-pay list. Fol. 40

Unknown Correspondents

28 January 1855. Regarding Ballingall's Museum. Fols 41-42

11 Sept. 1855. Regarding sending copies of Museum catalogue to War Office. Fol. 43

14 Sept. 1855. Regarding a memorial sent by Crimean surgeons to Minister of War. Fol. 44

Letters to Ballingall (alphabetical by sender)
MS 3082.2

Admiralty

17 July 1854. (Signature unclear.) Reply to Ballingall's letter 'of the 13th Instant, respecting the position of the Assistant Surgeons of the Royal Navy'. Re encouraging young doctors to join naval service; includes envelope. Fols 1-3
 17 July 1854. Copy of above. Fol. 4

Alcock, Sir Rutherford (1809-1879), army surgeon and diplomat (responsible for making many of the preparations housed in Ballingall's museum)
 7 Nov ?1843. Invites Ballingall to comment on the preparations to be housed in Ballingall's museum. Comments on government policy. Fols 5-6

Allan, Robert

11 Apr. 1850. About his continental trip and visit to **Baron Larrey** in Paris. Fols 7-8

Armstrong, Robert

10 Jan. 1844. Reply to Ballingall's letter of 21 December. Re professorships of military surgery, Armstrong's work on climate, hiring of Dr Davidson as assistant, facilities at R. N. Hospital, Plymouth. Fols 9-10

Army Pay Office (G. Thorpe 'for the Cashier')

5 Apr. 1823. Marked 'copy'. Affidavit for Ballingall's military allowance returned with request for further details. Fols 11-12

Ballingall, General

30 Nov. 1822. Requests intercession with Lord Melville on behalf of 'David' (?son) to secure Adjutancy of Woolwich Division. Includes copy of letter from **Sir Robert Peel** to Captain Conroy recommending Sir George Ballingall to the Duchess of Kent for Chair of Military Surgery. Fols 13-14

Bell, Sir Charles (1774-1842), professor of surgery, Edinburgh University, 1836

29 Mar. 1833. Compliments Ballingall's book. Fols 15-16

Beveridge, Hugh Tod Spalding (d.1894), M.D. Univ. Edin. 1841, staff surgeon, Royal Navy

25 Aug. 1855. Writes from H.M.S. *Hawke*, stationed in the Baltic. Comments on equipment and conditions in the Baltic, plentiful detail. Also pen-and-ink sketch of a sickbed on board ship. Fols 17-21

Bird, Dr James*

26 Oct. ?1850. Enquires whether Ballingall plans a new edition of his *Outlines of Military Surgery*, as Bird intends to publish on the same subject. Fols 22-23

9 Nov. 1850. Gives reasons for publishing on tropical diseases rather than military surgery. Refers to his papers in *Lancet* and *LJM*. Fols 24-27

30 June 1854. On his proposed lectures on military surgery. Fols 28-30

2 Oct. 1854. Reply to Ballingall's letter of 3 July, thanking him for his offer of copies of items from his Museum. Asks for names of artists or photographers to make the copies. Fols 31-33

11 Oct. 1854. Reply to Ballingall's letter of 4 Oct. Re establishing courses of military surgery in London. Fols 34-38

14 Oct. 1854. Re 'defective medical organization and arrangement of our Army Medical department in the Crimea'. Fols 39-40

14 February 1855. On approaching the War Department about establishing courses of military surgery, tropical medicine and military hygiene in London, based on problems in the Crimea caused by 'want of efficient staff -- Medical and Commissariat Departments'. Fols 41-42

17 Mar. 1855. Re memorial sent to Lord Panmure, also memorandum concerning equipment and facilities for Turkish Contingent; re his lectures on inflammation, ulcers and gangrene. Fols 43-44

MS 3082.2**Bird, Dr James*(continued)**

20 April 1855. Sends plan of proposed course in military surgery, with letter. Fols 45-47
6 June 1855. On receiving copy of Ballingall's Introductory Lecture. Fols 48-49

Bombay Medical and Physical Society

Jan. 1848. Confers honorary membership on Ballingall; includes envelope. Fols 50-52

Brisbane, Sir Thomas Makdougall (1773-1860), general

22 June 1846. On Brisbane's unwillingness to approach the Duke of Wellington re establishing chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin. Fols 53-54

15 Oct. 1846. On approach to Lord Lansdowne re above. Lansdowne's reply enclosed. Fols 55-58

25 May 1853. Refusal to approach government re above. Fols 59-60

Burnett, Sir William (1779-1861), army surgeon, physician-general of the navy

18 April 1845. On making Ballingall's lectures a required course under Admiralty regulations for candidates entering the navy. Fols 61-62

7 Oct. 1845. Agrees to let Ballingall teach course in summer. Fol. 63

30 Mar. 1846. On benefits to naval officers from Ballingall's lectures and publications. Fols 64-65

29 Jan. 1852. On conferring of brevet rank to certain assistant surgeons. Fols 66-67

21 Mar. 1853. Says Ballingall's lectures are still a required course under new Admiralty regulations. Fols 68-69

Burns, Dr John J. D., ship's surgeon, H.M.S. *Hastings*, Baltic, 1855

14 Aug. 1853. Accompanied copy of report on government prisons. Fols 70-71

8 Feb. 1855. Accompanied letter from Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and schedule of Naval medical grievances. On his plan to convert old naval vessels into hospital ships, details. Fols 72-73

Cahill, S.

25 Oct. 1843. On receiving a copy of Ballingall's letter to the Premier. Fols 74-75

Castle, Henry J.

12 Jan. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for copy of his letter. Fols 76-77

Cathcart, Charles Murray, second Earl Cathcart (1783-1859)

9 May 1853. Re chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin and **Sir de Lacy Evans** raising the subject in Parliament. Fols 78-79

Childs, G. C.

5 Dec. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 80-81

Clanny, William Reid (1776-1850), physician and medical writer

18 Dec 1843. Thanks Ballingall for his 'admirable printed letter'. Fols 82-83

Clark, James

n.d. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's pamphlet. Fols 84-85

Cockburn, Alexander

22 Jan. 1855. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's letter to the Secretary at War. Fols 86-87

Cooper, James

28 Oct. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of copy of Ballingall's letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 88-89

28 Aug. 1844. Acknowledges receipt of the catalogue of Ballingall's museum. Fols 90-91

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Cowan, Charles**

- 27 Jan. 1855. On Ballingall's museum and governmental support for the teaching of military surgery. Fols 92-93
 12 Feb. 1855. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's introductory lecture. Asks whether Secretary at War has replied to Ballingall's request for £30 grant. Fols 94-95
 31 Mar. 1855. Accompanied a letter from Sir Frederick Peel regarding Ballingall's letter on portable hospital buildings. Peel's Letter enclosed. Fols 96-98

Cowan, Dr James, assistant surgeon, 55th regiment

- 4 Dec. 1855. Headed 'Camp of 2nd Division, Crimea'. Sends 'a few specimens, illustrative of gun-shot injuries of the bones' received during the siege of Sebastopol. Fols 99-100

Dartnell, Dr George R.

- 14 July 1855. On various case histories he plans to send to Ballingall. Fols 101-2

Deas, Sir David (1807-1876), naval surgeon; inspector-general of hospitals, 1855-

- 18 Jan. 1855. On conditions in the Crimea, plentiful details. Fols 103-6
 25 May 1855. As above. Fols 107-10
 27 May 1855. As above. Fols 111-12

Douglas, Sir Neil (1779-1853), lieutenant-general

- 16 Oct. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's 'Pamphlet on Schools of Instruction for Military & Naval Surgeons'. Fol. 113

Dumbreck, Sir David (1805-1876), army medical officer*

- 4 Aug. 1855. Upon receipt of a copy of one of Ballingall's works. Fols 114-15

Evans, Sir George De Lacy (1787-1870), general, M.P.

- [These letters appear to have reached Ballingall via 'Mr Martin', probably **Sir James Ranald Martin**, and may be copies].
 9 Aug. 1849. Re 'honours and rewards to the hitherto excluded officers of the Medical Department'. Fols 116-17
 13 Aug. 1849. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**, activities of **Rutherford Alcock**. Fols 118-19
 Dec. 1852. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's work and promising to raise the question of a professorship in Parliament. Fols 120-21
 10 Mar. 1853. On professorships of military surgery in London and Dublin, housing for Ballingall's museum. Printed enclosure headed 'Military Professorships of Surgery'. Fols 122-4
 10 Apr. 1853. Re 'the printed Paper you sent me relative to the Lectures in Dublin'. Fols 125-6
 n.d. ?As above. Fol. 127

Evans, Dr Oliver

- 14 Feb. 1855. Comments on Ballingall's letter to the Secretary at War re half-pay. Accompanied printed sheet on 'Claims and grievances of Naval Medical Officers'. Fols 128-9

Fergusson, William (1773-1846), military surgeon, inspector-general of military hospitals

- 23 Nov. 1843. Thanks Ballingall for pamphlet, discusses his own unpublished work. Fols 130-31

Fergusson, Sir William (1808-1877), surgeon, professor of surgery (London)

- 29 Oct. 1843. Re Ballingall's letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 132-3
 27 April 1844. Re ?hopes of instituting a school of military surgery in London. Fols 134-5
 24 Oct. 1844. Re new edition of Ballingall's book and state of teaching hospitals in London. Fols 136-7
 8 Aug. 1849. ?As 27 April. Fols 138-9

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Fitzroy, Henry (1807-1859), under-secretary of home department, 1852-55**

12 Feb. 1853. Headed 'Whitehall'. Reply to memorial. Refuses Ballingall's request to be allowed to retire on an allowance of £450 p.a. Fols 140-41

Fleming, J.G.

4 Nov. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel** on instituting chairs of military surgery. Fols 142-3

French, J.

?2 Nov. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Promises to send some statistical tables and a case history. Fols 144-5

Gairdner, Dr John (1790-1876), medical reformer

24 June 1854. Comments on need for better treatment of soldiers. Fols 146-7

Graham, Robert

21 Aug. 1852. Returns a letter from Sir William Burnett. Fols 148-9

Grant, Robert Edmond (1793-1874), professor of comparative anatomy and zoology, London

Nov. 1843. On governmental neglect of military medical instruction and medical institutions in general. Accompanied a paper on the subject. Fols 150-51

Guthrie, George James (1785-1856), surgeon, writer on military surgery

18 Nov. 1838. Points out inaccuracies in Ballingall's book. Fols 152-5

18 Jan. 1855. Thanks Ballingall for his pamphlet, apparently on the Army Medical Dept. Fols 156-7

2 Feb. 1855. On the difficulty of getting his and Ballingall's views across to the authorities. Fols 158-9

?3 May 1855. On the Army Medical Dept and the Sebastopol enquiry. Fols 160-61

11 May 1855. Acknowledges receipt of lecture and paper. Remarks on Lord Panmure. Fols 162-3

1 Oct 1855. On proposed discussion with Lord Panmure re professorships. Fols 164-5

Hall, Sir John (1795-1866), principal medical officer in Crimea, 1854-6

24 March 1855. Writes from siege of Sebastopol. Acknowledges receipt of printed copies of Ballingall's letter to the Secretary at War. Gives details of conditions in the Crimea. Fols 166-7

Halliday, Sir Andrew (1781-1839), physician and medical writer

9 Feb. 183--. Praises Ballingall's published lectures, discusses War Office and other matters. Fols 168-9

Hamilton, Dr James

11 Mar. 1834. Re Ballingall's Chair of Military Surgery. Fols 170-71

Handyside, Peter David (1801-1881)

12 Oct. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for copy of his *Outlines of Military Surgery*. Fols 172-3

Hargrave, ?William

27 Mar. 1854. Re chair of military surgery in Ireland. Fols 174-5

Hawes, Sir Benjamin (1797-1862), whig M. P., 1832-52; under-secretary for colonies, 1846; under-secretary for war, 1857-62*

27 Feb. 1855. Headed 'War Office'. Affirmative reply to request for £30 to reprint Museum catalogue. Fol. 176

10 Sept. 1855. Headed 'War Office'. Authorises payment of £30 for above. Fol. 177

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Hende, Dr William**

22 June 1851. Re the New European Barracks and Hospital at Hong Kong. Fols 178-9

Hosack, J.

15 Dec. 1843. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 180-81

Hume, Dr J. D.

24 Sept. 1855. Re portable latrines and method of ventilating huts. Also list on separate sheet of daily rations during Arctic journey. Fols 182-4

Hume, Joseph

4 May 1847. Thanks Ballingall for *Outlines*. On improved conditions for soldiers. Fols 185-6

Hunter, Dr J.

20 July 1855. Headed 'At Sebastopol'. Details of French, British and Russian medical procedures in the Crimea. Fols 187-8

Irving, James

16 Oct. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for *Outlines*. Comments. Copy of Roman inscription. Fols 189-90

Kennedy, Sir James Shaw (1788-1865), general

2 Oct. 1855. Details of transport and supplies required for armies in the field, with reference to the Crimea. Fols 191-4

Larrey, Dominique Jean

31 Oct. 1833. In French. Re visit from pupil of Ballingall's, thanks Ballingall for his book of which Larrey proposes to publish account in a French journal, sends copy of his own book; includes envelope. Fols 195-7

2 Nov. 1846. In French. On his membership in the Medico-Chirurgical Society, thanks Ballingall for citation in the introduction to his course, other matters. Fols 198-9

24 Mar. 1850. In French. On his appointment as surgeon in chief, Mr Allan's visit, unveiling of his father's statue at Val de Grace; includes envelope. Fols 200-202

11 Jan. 1852. In French. Has sent ambulance service information, mentions treating wounds, urges Ballingall to become a corresponding member of surgical society; includes envelope. Fols 203-5

25 June 1852. In French. Re Ballingall's becoming member of the Societe de Chirurgie de Paris, other matters. Fols 206-7

Lee, John (1779-1859), principal of Edinburgh University, 1840-59*

20 June 1846. Replies to a letter from Ballingall requesting assistance with a claim. Fols 208-9

Lee, Dr Robert

18 July 1853. Re Ballingall's *Syllabus*. Fols 210-11

?Lester, Charles

21 Oct. 1843. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 212-13

Liddell, Sir John (1794-1868), director-general of medical dept., royal navy

15 Aug. 1855. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's work on military surgery. Fols 214-15

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Linton, Sir William (1801-1880), army surgeon, deputy inspector-general of hospitals, 1st division, Crimea**

Oct. 1854. Headed 'Camp of 1st Division before Sebastopol'. Details from the battlefields of the Crimea. Fols 216-19

23 Apr. 1855. Headed 'Camp of 1st Division, Heights of Balaklava'. Account of conditions in the Crimea. Fols 220-22

16 Dec. 1855. Headed 'Scutari'. Medical and other news from Crimea, also on separate sheet lists of expenses at Smyrna and Abydos. Fols 223-6

Liston, Robert (1794-1847), surgeon

22 Oct. 1844. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's book. Fols 227-8

Logan, I. S.

15 Feb. 1855. On the running of the Army Medical Department and transport for the sick and wounded in the Crimea. Fols 229-234

McGrigor, Sir James, first baronet (1771-1858), army surgeon, director-general of army medical department, 1815-1851*

5 Oct. 1824. Re Ballingall's lectures. Fols 235-6

27 Nov. 1826. Re the class of Military Surgery. Fols 237-8

26 Oct. 1830. Headed 'Army Medical Department'. Declines to make military surgery class compulsory. Fols 239-40

6 May 1831. Informal note preparing Ballingall for an unfavourable decision from the Secretary at War. Fols 241-2

27 Oct. 1831. Returns an unfavourable answer to Ballingall's letter of the 20th. Fols 243-4

15 Oct. 1838. Section missing from 2nd folio. Re records of army medical department. Fols 245-6

16 Oct. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 247-8

4 May 1846. Re Ballingall's book, lectures and state of health. Fols 249-50

26 Mar. 1850. Headed 'Army Medical Department'. Agrees to recognise summer course of lectures in military surgery as equivalent to winter course. Fols 251-2

26 Mar. 1850. Copy of above. Fols 253-4

29 Mar. 1855. On 'gross mismanagement' in the Crimea. Fols 255-6

31 May 1855. On enquiry into problems in the Crimea. Fols 257-8

McIntosh, Dr J.

15 Jan. or Feb. 1833. Thanks Ballingall for copy of his book. Fols 259-60

Mackenzie, Kenneth (brother of Richard Mackenzie)

25 Oct. 1854. Answer to Ballingall's letter of condolence on the death of **Richard Mackenzie**. Fols 261-2

3 Nov. 1854. On the death of **Richard Mackenzie**. Fols 263-4

Mackenzie, Dr Richard

4 July 1854. Headed 'Constantinople'. Medical and military details from the Crimea. Fols 265-8

16 Aug. 1854. Headed 'Camp of 79th Highlanders'. Plentiful details of conditions in the Crimea, including figures of mortality from illness amongst troops; includes envelope. Fols 269-73

McKinney, D. R.

24 Aug. 1855. Headed 'Camp before Sebastopol'. Re a memorial sent to Lord Panmure. Fols 274-5

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Maclachlan, Dr**

- 4 Jul. 1836. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's Introductory Lecture and Museum Catalogue, discusses military hospitals. Fols 276-7
- 23 Oct. 1843. Received letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. On establishing schools of military surgery in London and Dublin. Fols 278-9
- 22 Jan. 1855. On the death of Maclachlan's son and Ballingall's letter to Secretary at War. Fols 280-81
- 21 May 1855. Re Ballingall's lecture, Maclachlan's letter to Dr Smith. Fols 282-5

Maclagan, David (1785-1865)

- 18 Oct 18--. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's book. Fols 286-7

MacLaren, George D.

- 25 Feb. 1844. On the Course of Military Surgery. Fols 288-9

McLennan, Dr John

- 26 Aug. 1855. Re Ballingall's son. Fols 290-91

McWilliam, James Ormiston (1808-1862), medical officer

- 1 Aug. 1844. On the Course of Military Surgery. Fols 292-3
- 31 Aug. 1844. Various matters. Fols 294-5
- 22 May 1852. Confers corresponding membership of the Epidemiological Society on Ballingall. Fols 296-7
- 1 July 1854. On chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin, and the Naval Medical Service. Fols 298-301
- 6 Sept. 1854. On outbreaks of cholera. Fols 302-3
- 16 May 1855. Re 'civil element affair', Ballingall's old pupil Lawson. Fols 304-7
- 21 May 1855. Re **Sir John Liddell**, identity of 'Philo Medicus', other matters. Fols 308-11
- 21 July 1855. On the admission of assistant surgeons into the boardroom (naval medical service). Fols 312-15

Madden, Dr William Herries

- 14 Mar. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for testimonial and pamphlet. Fols 316-7

Managers of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (Peter Bell)

- 31 July 1850. Acknowledges receipt of letter. Fols 318-319

Martin, Sir James Ranald (1793-1874), surgeon, inspector-general of army hospitals

- 21 Jan. 1844. Comments on Ballingall's 'Remarks on Schools of Instruction for Military and Naval Surgeons'. Fols 320-21
- 5 Feb. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for printed papers. Fols 322-3
- 27 Mar. 1844. Re Bell's Memoir in Johnson's Review. Fols 324-5
- 4 Apr. 1844. As above. Fols 326-7
- 22 Apr. 1844. Re the teaching of military surgery. Fols 328-9
- 29 ?June 1844. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 330-31
- 10 Sept .1844. Re printed papers. Fols 332-3
- 23 Oct. 1844. Acknowledges receipt of Ballingall's book. Fols 334-5
- 10 Mar. 1853. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 336-7
- 4 Apr. 1853. Re letter to **Sir De Lacy Evans**. Fols 338-9
- ? Apr. 1853. Re 'professorship question'. Fols 340-41
- 12 Feb. 1855. Re problems of the army medical department. Fols 342-3
- 21 Mar. 1855. Re military staffing issues. Fols 344-5
- 29 Mar. 1855. Re ?book to be presented to Chairman of the Crimean Army Committee. Fols 346-7
- 6 May 1855. Re **Dr William Tyler Smith**, former editor of publication in which Ballingall's work has appeared. Fols 348-9

MS 3082.2 (continued)**?May, George**

27 Nov. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter. Fols 350-51

Miller, James (1812-1864), professor of surgical science, University of Edinburgh, 1842-64*

14 Mar. 1853. Re chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin. Fols 352-3

Mills, John

27 Mar. 1844. Re establishing chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin, other matters. Fols 354-7

2 June 1844. On a distinction conferred upon Mills, other matters. Fols 358-60

Milroy, Dr Gavin

1 June 1852. Re Dr Bowerbank of Jamaica. Fols 361-2

More, J. S.

30 Dec. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 363-4

Morrison, A., baillie*

25 June 1855. Re Ballingall's museum. Fols 365-6

Parisian Medical Society

21 Feb. 1851. Confers honorary membership on Ballingall. Fols 367-8

Partridge, Richard

21 Dec. 1843. Sends model of a preparation in the Museum of the Middlesex Hospital. Fols 369-70

Peel, Sir Robert, second baronet (1788-1850), home secretary, 1822-27, 1828-30*

20 Nov. 1822. Headed 'Whitehall'. On behalf of George IV, appoints Ballingall to the Chair of Military Surgery. Fols 371-2

16 Oct. 1847. Thanks Ballingall for his 'Remarks on Schools of Instruction for Military and Naval Surgeons'. Fols 373-4

'Philo Medicus'

15 May 1855. Acknowledges receipt of lecture and letter to 'the late Secretary at War'. Fols 375-6

Piazz Smyth, Charles (1819-1900), professor of astronomy, University of Edinburgh, 1846-89

24 July 1846. Returns books. Fols 377-8

25 May 18--. Comments on the remarks on the regimental system of hospitals and service in Ballingall's lecture. Fols 379-80

Pitcairn, G.

27 Oct. 1843. Regarding Ballingall's letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 381-2

Prior, James [?Prior, Sir James (1790?-1869), naval surgeon, deputy-inspector of hospitals, 1843]

6 August, 1855. Thanks Ballingall for Introductory Lecture, comments on government and military medical matters. Fols 383-4

Rae, Dr William [?Rae, Sir William (1786-1873), naval surgeon, inspector-general of hospitals and fleets]

29 Sept. 1854. Thanks Ballingall for documents, discusses medical and military matters. Fols 385-6

24 May 1855. Thanks Ballingall for lecture, discusses military medical matters. Fols 387-8

MS 3082.2 (continued)**?Roe, James**

14 Nov. 1843. Re the establishment of chairs of military surgery in London and Dublin.
Fols 389-90

Rogers, C.

19 Mar. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for his pamphlet, comments. Fols 391-2

Russell, Sir James, lieutenant general

13 May 1853. Thanks Ballingall for copy of *Lancet*. Fols 393-4

Scott, Dr John (1797-1859), East India Company 1818-23, 1845-*

10 Mar. 1851. On attempting to make military surgery required course for assistant surgeons entering East India Company. Fols 395-6

13 Oct. 1851. As above. Fols 397-400

29 Sept. 1854. On the Course of Military Surgery. Fols 401-2

12 Mar. 185--. As above. Fols 403-4

Smith, Sir Andrew (1797-1872), army medical officer, inspector-general and superintendent of Army Medical Dept., 1851, director-general of Army and Ordnance Medical Dept., 1853.*

10 Nov. 1843. On establishing a class of military surgery in London. Fols 405-6

9 Feb. 1852. On the University of Dublin and as above. Fols 407-8

16 Mar. 1852. On establishing a class of military surgery in London. Fols 409-10

7 Mar. 1853. Re the Course of Military Surgery. Fols 411-12

14 Nov. 1854. Sends copy of warrant. Fols 413-14

8 May 1855. Headed 'Army Ordnance Medical Department'. Seeks medical personnel.
Fols 415-16

Smith, Dr William Tyler (1815-1873), obstetrician

20 Aug. 1849. Mentions Ballingall's letter to **Sir De Lacy Evans**, to appear in *Lancet*.
Fols 417-18

Standart, H.

2 Oct. 1849. On the size of naval vessels, diseases of sailors. Fols 419-20

Stewart, Dr Alexander

1 Feb. 1844. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 421-22

7 Sept. 1855. Thanks Ballingall for lecture, comments on problems of **?Sir Andrew Smith**.
Fols 423-4

Stewart, Dr James

18 Dec. 1851. On the teaching of surgery in Dublin. Fols 425-6

Stone, Dr Thomas

Mar. 1850. List of works in the Medico Chirurgical Society. Fols 427-8

Thomson, Allen

14 Oct. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for his *Outlines*. Fols 429-30

Thomson, Dr John

15 Jan. 1830. Thanks Ballingall for Introductory Lecture. Fols 431-2

Treasury Chambers (Ian Cardwill)

16 May 1846. Refusal of Ballingall's memorial requesting a retiring allowance. Fols 433-4

MS 3082.2 (continued)**Tufnell, Thomas Jolliffe (1819-1885), military surgeon, regius professor of military surgery, Dublin, 1851-60***

24 Jan. 1855. On how to make a litter to transport a wounded man out of two soldiers' coats and four muskets; concerning other medical apparatus and supplies. Includes letter to Tufnell dated 23 May 18-- from J. O. Flaherty (or O'Flaherty) illustrating the use of muskets as bearing poles. Fols 435-40

1 Sept. 1855. Re requests made to **Lord Panmure** regarding articles pertaining to field service and military equipment to be used as teaching illustrations; also a sheet, which may list the articles referred to (but did not necessarily accompany this letter). Fols 441-7

11 Oct. 1855. Sends proof of circular; matters relating to War Office, College of Surgeons and Museum. Fols 448-9

15 Oct. 1855. Regarding circular. Fols 450-52

Turner, Thomas

14 Oct. 1844. Letter of introduction regarding a student about to graduate. Fols 453-4

War Office

26 Apr. 1845. Negative reply to memorial requesting a military allowance. Fols 455-6

Warren, Dr James L.

14 Aug. 1846. Headed 'Hounslow Barracks'. Thanks Ballingall for his help in connection with a military incident. Fols 457-8

Watson, A.

14 Oct. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for copy of his book. Fols 459-60

Wells, T. Spencer [?Sir Thomas Spencer, first baronet (1818-1897), surgeon]

7 Aug. 1849. Invites Ballingall to contribute article on hospitals to *Cyclopaedia of Practical Surgery*. Fols 461-2

13 Aug. 1849. Comments on chapter on hospitals in third edition of Ballingall's book. Fols 463-4

Wetherall, Sir George Augustus (1788-1868), general

9 March 1853. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 465-6

White, Dr Archibald (1818-1882), military surgeon

17 Oct. 1850. On British military inefficiency in transporting sick and wounded soldiers, gives e.g.s from past campaigns abroad. Fols 467-9

20 Oct. 1850. Regarding transport for sick and wounded soldiers. Fols 470-71

Wilson, Robert

n.d. [not earlier than 1842]. Re letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 472-3

Wylie, John

16 Jan. 18--. Thanks Ballingall for copy of 'Remarks'. Fols 474-5

Unknown Correspondents [signatures unclear or missing]

15 Oct. 1843. Regarding letter to **Sir Robert Peel**. Fols 476-7

15 Nov. 1843. As above, conditions at Chatham, Irish politics, other matters. Fols 478-81

4 Dec. 1843. Acknowledges receipt of letter to **Sir Robert Peel**, comments. Fols 482-3

27 Dec. 1843. Regarding Dr Davidson, Ballingall's pamphlet. Fols 484-5

14 Oct. 1844. Thanks Ballingall for *Outlines of Military Surgery*. Fols 486-7

12 Mar. 1845. Comments on pamphlet. Fol. 488

28 July 1854. Fragment. Fols 489-90

15 Jul. 18--. Has presented copy of Ballingall's letter to Secretary at War, comments on desirability of instruction in military surgery. Fols 491-2

Letters -- Miscellaneous (alphabetical by sender)
MS 3082.3

Greig, David to Dr Simpson

1 Oct. 1855. Headed '17th Regt. 4th Division Camp -- Sebastopol'. Primarily on the use of chloroform and surgical cases in the Crimea. Fols 1-4

Somerset, Lord Fitzroy James Henry, first Baron Raglan (1788-1855)* to Dumbreck, Sir David (1805-1876), army medical officer*

13 Feb 1855. Headed 'Before Sepastopol' and marked 'copy'. Apology for omitting Dumbreck's name from list of officers deserving notice for conduct at battle of Inkerman. Fols 5-6

War Department (J. Peel) to Tufnell, Thomas Jolliffe (1819-1885), military surgeon, regius professor of military surgery, Dublin, 1851-60*

19 Aug. 1855. On behalf of **Lord Panmure**, appoints Tufnell as Regius Professor of Military Surgery at Dublin. Fol. 7

Army and Naval Medical Officers
MS 3082.4

17 Nov. 1801. Printed item [watermark on paper 1828]. Letter 'To the Editor of the Sun' signed 'Hibernus', in praise of Mr Young, Inspector General of Hospitals. Fol. 1
 n.d. Printed item: 'A Scheme of Promotion to effect Financial Retrenchment in the Medical Department of the Army, by the substitution of surgeons-Major for Staff Surgeons of the First Class: By a Staff Surgeon, S.C.', inscribed 'Sir G. Ballingall from the Author. Frederic ?Roberts S. S. S. C.' Fols 2-3
 n.d. Printed item entitled 'Grievances and Claims of Naval Medical Officers', with handwritten annotations and corrections. Fols 4-5
 n.d. Another copy without annotations. Fols 6-7

Chair of Military Surgery
MS 3082.5

25 Oct. 1844. 'Extract of a Memorandum by Principal Lee dated Edinburgh College...'
 Fols 1-2
 n.d. 'Reasons for admitting the Professor of Military Surgery as an Examiner for degrees'.
 Fols 3-13

Class of Military Surgery
MS 3082.6

n.d. [1835 or later]. Item comprising pp. 255-6 of a printed work, pages headed 'Military Surgery Class Prize.' Fol.1
 ? 1840-41. Three sheets, handwritten. 'List of Medical Officers of the Army, Navy, & H.E.I.C. Service who had attended the Class of Military Surgery since 1823-4'. Fols 2-7
 n.d. [1852 or later]. Notes in Ballingall's hand. Fols 8-9
 n.d. Two handwritten sheets, headed 'Notes'. Fols 10-13
 n.d. Sheet in Ballingall's hand. 'Statement relative to the Class of Mil. surgery by Med. Officers of the Army and Navy stationed at Edinburgh'. Fol 14

Memorials

MS 3082.7

- 2 Oct. 1826. Handwritten memorial from Ballingall to the Royal Commissioners for the visitation of the Scottish Universities. Fols 1-4
- 3 Oct. 1831. Printed sheet containing a letter from Ballingall to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and an extract from the above memorial (2 Oct. 1826). Fols 5-6
- 15 Apr. 1835. Printed memorial from Ballingall to directors of East India Company. Fols 7-8
- 12 Oct. 1844. Handwritten memorial from Ballingall to the Secretary at War. Fols 9-10
- 10 Apr. 1845. Handwritten memorial based on text of above with additions, omissions and corrections, accompanied by scroll letter on two half-sheets. Fols 11-14
- 10 Sept. 1852. Handwritten memorial from Ballingall to the Secretary of State for the Home Department. Fols 15-16
- n.d. [after 1831]. Printed memorial from professors at the University of Edinburgh to the Earl of Aberdeen (First Lord of the Treasury). Fols 17-18
- n.d. Handwritten memorial from 'Surgeons serving in the Army in the East' to Lord Panmure. Fols 19-22

Miscellaneous Papers**MS 3082.8**

- 3 Oct. 1854. Printed sheet headed 'Victoria R.' and signed 'By her Majesty's Command. Sidney Herbert', re-establishing the rank of Apothecary to the Forces. Fols 1-2
- n.d. 'Design for Pillar for South Gate'. Drawing and envelope. Fols 3-4
- n.d. Handwritten sheet headed 'Notes to "Was the Roman army provided with any Medical Officers?"' Fols 5-6
- n.d. Handwritten memorial headed, 'Indenture with the Kings Surgeon & his Suite' and on the back in Ballingall's hand 'Indenture Between Thomas Morstede and King Henry Vth'. Fols 7-8

Surgery and Case Histories**MS 3082.9**

- 12 May 1845. Handwritten sheet detailing case of a young soldier who died of head injuries after being pushed to the ground in the course of being locked up for drunkenness. Fol. 1
- n.d. Handwritten extract from the preface to **Baron Larrey's** *Clinique Chirurgicale*. Fols 2-3
- n.d. Two handwritten sheets headed 'Mr Spencer: Memoranda', containing notes on fever and gunshot wounds. Fols 4-7
- n.d. Offprint. Norman, Burford, 'Case of gun-shot wound: with observations.' Reprint from *The Association Medical Journal*. Inscribed 'To Sir Geo. Ballingall with W. Norman's sincere respects'. Fols 8-11
- n.d. Handwritten sheet detailing the case of Private Barrow who received facial injuries from canister shot which became lodged in his nose. Fol. 12

Testimonials**MS 3082.10**

- [1821 or 1822]. 'Testimonials in favour of George Ballingall M.D. a candidate for The Professorship of Military Surgery'. Lithograph. One testimonial dated 1815, the rest 1821. Fols 1-4
- [1821 or 1822]. Another copy. Fols 5-8

Transcripts**MS 3082.11**

- Rough transcripts of about 70% of the documents made by Dr Roger Cooter of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine.

Original Boxes**MS 3083**

Two empty 19th-century boxes which originally contained the Ballingall papers.

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