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Campbell Hospital

Dated Calcutta the 13th July [18]84

Dear Sir [Robert Koch],

I am just in receipt of yours of the 25th June last, and take this first opportunity of thanking you for your paper on tuberculosis so kindly sent me and which I have received safe. Allow me also to congratulate you on the acknowledgement of your Government's appreciation of your services in the cholera commission and of which I am personally very happy to learn.

I send by next mail two more boxes of cover glasses with abstract notes on each case; from some of the cholera cases out of which I have made cover glasses for you, I have sent the liver, spleen, portions of the intestines to Sir Joseph Sayer London, who has asked for them through Doctor Mackenzie. Since you left India the ravages from cholera have been very great and I am sorry for your sake you were not here yourself. I tried a number of experiments on Cats, Dogs, Jackhals [Jackals], Rats, Pigs after I had read of Dr. Richard's experiments, but in no case could I get results as Dr. Richards states he obtained. I had given the alvine dejections immediately as passed; after keeping it for one, two, three, and four days; I also took the dejector and covered it with a layer of human fat and a little mustard oil, trying as far as I could assimilate conditions of the serum seen floating in the tanks in Calcutta, but with no results. I also tried bacon fat, but in every the cases results were total failures in giving cholera to the animals experimented on.

I could have sent you more cover glasses but that you did not want those in which the contents of the jejunum were haemorrhagic in character. The Cholera in Calcutta now is subsiding as well as Small-Pox which was epidemic this year. I shall certainly continue sending you cover glasses so long as opportunity affords my doing so; but the number of specimens I am afraid will be few.

Remember me kindly to Dr. Gaffky and with kind regards.

I remain
Yours faithfully
Dr. Dissent

To Dr. R. Koch

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C. J. DISSENT.

Campbell Hospital

Dated Calcutta the 18th July/74.

Dear Sir,

I am just in receipt of yours of the 25th June last, and take this first opportunity of thanking you for your paper on tuberculosis so kindly sent me and which I have received safe. Allow me also to congratulate you on the acknowledgement of your Government's appreciation of your services in the Cholera commission and of which I am personally very happy to learn.

I send by next mail two more boxes of cover glasses with abstract notes on each case; from some of the Cholera cases out of which I have made cover glasses for you, I have sent the liver, spleen, portions of the intestines to Sir Joseph Lister London, who has asked for them through Doctor Mackenzie. Since you left India the ravages from cholera have been very great and I am sorry for your sake you were not here yourself. I tried a number of experiments on Cats, Dogs, Jackhals, Rats, Pigs after I had read of Dr. Richards' experiments, but in no case could I get results as Dr. Richards states he obtained. I had given the urine dejections immediately as passed; after keeping it for one, two, three, and four days; I also took the dejector and covered it with

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Remember me kindly to Dr. Goffkey and with kind regards.

I remain
yours faithfully

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To
Dr. A. Koch.

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specify will be few.

Remember me kindly to Dr. Jeffrey and
with kind regards

of London
Yours faithfully
W. B. R. Nichol

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