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Although only three weeks have elapsed since my 5th letter, during that time intelligence of a more satisfactory character has been received of the state of affairs in the East; altogether matters have taken a turn, but not as yet to any very great extent; sickness is diminishing in the camp, the spirits of the men are becoming enlivened, and a little more cheering, from the prospect of some immediate active service; and as food, clothing, and shelter now appear to have been meted out to the poor fellows, it is possible more lives may be saved among that gallant band of heroes. Anything seems preferable to what they have suffered in the shape of sickness and want, and when the moment arrives they will again show what British blood can do. But if accounts have been a little on the mending tack in the Crimea, the sickness is still very great at Scutari, and fever of a truly malignant type has commenced and has already lost to us 7 military surgeons; 8 nurses are prostrated very dangerously ill, and several others have arrived in England in charge of ship loads of sick. Now this is gloomy enough, for when disease begins to attack medical men, it shows pretty clearly the virulent nature of the malady. The consequence of this state of things, has been a great scarcity of physicians and surgeons to attend the sick, who are most frightfully crowded together, miles in extent, with space barely sufficient for a surgeon to pass between each bed as the *Times* correspondent justly remarks; in this emergency Government has called upon the Governors of all the large Hospitals and Dispensaries to recommend some of their staff willing to go to the East, their appointments to be kept for them until their return; the superiors to have 2 guineas a day, and the assistants £1 5s., with a full years pay the moment their services are no longer required. These terms are very liberal, and will be the means of obtaining men of first rate talent and energy for the task. A number have been already engaged and started direct for Smyrna, where it is intended to establish a large civil hospital. The others will be for general service in the East, but principally in the hospitals at Scutari, and shores of the Bosphorus. Independent of these, Surgeons and