

February 1857

The Watchman and Wesleyan Advertiser 04 February 1857

"Mrs. Seacole was warmly congratulated by those in Court, and said that she was quite ready to go out to India if she could be of any service to the army."

July & August 1857

[Festival Surrey Gardens, Monday 27 July -- Thursday 30 July 1857]

Essex Standard Friday 31 July 1857

"MRS. SEACOLE. — A series of festivals have been given this week at the Surrey Gardens, in behalf of Mrs. Seacole. Who obtained great popularity among the soldiers in the Crimea by constant acts of kindness, and who incurred great losses by being [?....] to dispose of her stock on the sudden termination of the war. The festivals, which were given under the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief and other distinguished officers, and have been very numerous attended, will, it is hoped, relieve her of her difficulties. In an interview with the Secretary at War, which took place on Wednesday, it is related that Mrs. Seacole expressed her desire to set out immediately for India. "Give me," said the excellent old lady, "my needle and thread, my medicine chest, my bandages, my probe and scissors, and I'm off." It can hardly be doubted that every facility will be afforded her."

Liverpool Daily Post Friday 31 July 1857

"THE SEACOLE FESTIVAL. — On Wednesday night the general public were admitted at the ordinary prices, and on no previous occasion have the Royal Surrey Gardens been thronged by a greater multitude. [.....]

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Leeds Times Saturday 01 August 1857

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Morning Chronicle Monday 03 August 1857

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Shields Daily Gazette Monday 03 August 1857

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The Ipswich Journal Saturday 08 August 1857

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Westmorland Gazette Saturday 08 August 1857

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London Standard Friday 28 August 1857

"IN RE THE ROYAL SURREY GARDENS COMPANY (LIMITED).

This was the adjourned meeting to decide whether the order from winding up this company should issue or not; and at the time appointed (half-past two o'clock) the court was crowded with parties interested in the matter.

Mr. Chidley appeared for Mr. George, of the refreshment department; Mr. George for Mrs. Seacole; [...]

NB uitgebreid stuk over gang van zaken w.b. Company Surrey Gardens Company!

"Mr. George, on behalf of Mrs. Seacole, said that lady was about to proceed to India, and was refused an account of the receipts at the four fêtes given at the gardens for her benefit.

Mr. Coppock said, the directors never had any communication with Mrs. Seacole, but with a committee of which Lord Rokeby was chairman, and the money was paid into the bank day by day and would be paid into the committee in the course of a few days. [...]"

September 1857

London Daily News Monday 21 September 1857

"Hospital Nurses in India.

To the Editor of the Daily News.

Sir,— I have this morning been informed that a recent number of the *Daily News* contains an article saying that women should go out to India to nurse the sick and wounded.

I beg, in reply, to state that many are willing and ready; that myself and others addresses a letter to the Hon. East India Company on the 18th of July, requesting to be permitted to proceed without delay to superintend and direct the wives of soldiers in nursing the sick and wounded.

During a five months' residence at Scutari, under Miss Nightingale, I had frequent opportunities of knowing how useful that class of women could be made, and that many of them were employed to attend cases of extreme danger. I beg to enclose a copy of the letter I received from the Court of Directors. I have also heard that 40 ladies (myself among the rest) have offered their services to Mrs. Seacole. I shall feel greatly obliged by your permitting this (and the enclosed, if you think proper) to appear in your valuable paper as early as possible.

A NURSE IN THE LATE WAR.

(Copy.)"

""East India House, August 22, 1857.

"Madam,— I have laid before the Court of Directors of the East India Company your letter of the 18th ultimo offering your services to proceed to India under the present emergency, with a view to direct the wives of soldiers in their attendance on the sick and wounded. In reply I am desired to convey to you the expression of the Court's appreciation of the benevolence which has induced you to

make the offer.

‘I am, however, directed to inform you that in India every station has its regimental hospital, and every moveable force in the field its regimental and general hospital. Also, that no European women would be allowed to follow the camp. You will therefore perceive that the military service in India affords no opening for especial measures to secure to the sick and wounded attendance of the nature to which your letter relates.

“I am, madam, your obedient humble servant,

(Signed) “James C. Melvill.””

Liverpool Mercury Wednesday 23 September 1857

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Exeter and Plymouth Gazette Saturday 26 September 1857

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“A nurse in the late war” writes to the papers stating that she has offered to go to India to nurse the sick and wounded in a similar manner. She has also heard that forty women had in a similar manner offered their services to Mrs. Seacole. In reply, she received a letter from the India-house, in which the secretary says: — I am desired to convey to you the expression of the court’s appreciation of the benevolence which has induced you to make the offer. I am, however, directed to inform you that in India every station has its regimental and general hospital. Also, that no European women would be allowed to follow the camp. You will, therefore, perceive that the military service in India affords an opening for especial measures to secure to the sick and wounded attendance of the nature to which your letter relates.”

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Newcastle Guardian and Tyne Mercury Saturday 26 September 1857

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Dumfries and Galloway Standard Wednesday 30 September 1857

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October 1857

The Newcastle Courant Friday 02 October 2 1857

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Stirling Observer Thursday 08 October 1857

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February 1858

Leicester Chronicle Wednesday 17 February 1858

"REMARKS ON PASSING EVENTS.

The Indian news affords renewed matter for congratulation, as all seems to be progressing most favourably. Our successes have been marked, and fresh blows have been inflicted on the mutineers, from which they seem unable to recover. The details will be found in another place. Reinforcements are arriving rapidly, and the Commander-in-Chief will soon be at liberty to give decisive battle to the rebels in their stronghold, [...], where, fortunately for his plans, they are all congregating. While on this subject we may add an interesting piece of news, which we are sure will be received with satisfaction. All must remember good Mrs. Seacole, "Mother Seacole," the soldiers' friend, and did her best to relieve all who needed aid, without distinction, and to say a word of comfort to the dying. Her sufferings were great, her losses heavy, and yet this good creature is about to sail for India, and to commence again her work as mother, nurse, and friend of the British soldier. May He who watches over all protect this woman in her Samaritan labours, and restore her to these shores."

Morning Chronicle Thursday 18 February 1858

"MRS. SEACOLE, THE SOLDIERS' FRIEND. — In five weeks from this time the devoted Mrs. Seacole will sail for India to commence again her work as mother, nurse, and friend to the British soldier."

Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser Saturday 20 February 1858

"In five weeks from this time the devoted Mrs. Seacole will sail for India to commence again her work as mother, nurse, and friend to the British soldier."

Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette Thursday 25 February 1858

"In five weeks from this time, the devoted Mrs. Seacole will sail for India to commence again her work as mother, nurse, and friend to the British soldier."

Lincolnshire Chronicle Friday 26 February 1858

"Amongst others at the meeting, at Willis's-Rooms, in aid of soldiers' wives and families, was Mother Seacole, the soldiers' friend: on the landing her hand was grasped by many a brave fellow (officers and men) whom she had succoured and saved in the Crimea: [of ;] she is about to sail for India, to commence again her work as mother and nurse to the British soldier."

Berrow's Worcester Journal Saturday 27 February 1858

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Bristol Mercury Saturday 27 February 1858

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Hereford Times Saturday 27 February 1858

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North Wales Chronicle Saturday 27 February 1858

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March 1858

Sherborne Mercury Tuesday 09 March 1858

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November 1859

Reynolds's Newspaper Sunday 13 November 1859

"REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

THE WEST INDIES AND THE SPANISH MAIN. By A. TROLLOPE *Chapman and Hall, Piccadilly* — This is a most amusing description of a trip to the West Indies, Cuba, Central America, &c., by a gentleman hitherto better known by his works of fiction than of travel. At Jamaica, Mr. Trollope instals himself at an hotel kept by a sister of Mrs. Seacole, of Crimean celebrity. The good hostess confidentially informed her guest that Mrs. Seacole wanted to go India during the rebellion there, "but Queen Victoria would not let her — her life was too precious." Mr. Trollope says "there is much that is prepossessing in the ordinary good humour of the negro, and much, also, that is picturesque in his tastes." In fact, the black man figures favourably in Mr. Trollope's pages, and evidently stands well in his estimation. [...]"