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Dear Mr. Nash,

It is very good of you to be willing to go through this second batch of the "Life".

It is probable that later documents may throw light back on the Crimean story; but I think I have so mapped out the story that any additional material will fit pretty easily into its proper place.

I have obtained the King's permission to use any fr. the material there may be in the royal archives; and Lord Esher is now making a search for me at Windsor. He thinks,

However, that there is not much. Possibly the Queen always sent on (as she certainly did sometimes) F. H.'s letters to the Cabinet. It would be interesting to get hold of the letter which was read at a Cabinet, as described in my Chapter XI.

I am rather puzzled at there being among our papers so few of F. H.'s letters to Sidney Herbert. Were they not sent to the Executors by Lord Stanmore?

Yours sincerely

E. T. Cook

P.S. I hope you will agree with me in thinking that there was no occasion to go into the Nurse Salisbury affair – about which there are piles of Papers. I dipped into them, but saw nothing of permanent interest.

There are some extracts in his "Memoir of S. H" from letters of hers, 1857, which I do not find among our Papers. And one can by no means assume that her extracts give a fair account. He is very spiteful.