

an effort to get together a
small sum to enable me
to get some necessary clothing
and procure a lodging until
I can get some employment
and better of position. I
have no home or friends
to go to + unless I can get a
little help nothing but
the Workhouse is in front of me.

From the regard I believe
you entertained for my
late Father + in consideration
of the dreadful position I
am placed in through no
fault of my own I venture
to appeal to you for a
little assistance to help
me to attain this object.

Clarke

(225)

Victoria Ward

Kings College Hospital

W.C.

19 Dec 1898.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to
you under the following
circumstances in the hope
that you may be able to
render me some assistance.

I am the only son of the
late Mr. Hyde Clarke and
in the past have frequently
had the honor of meeting
you with my Father at
the Anthropological and
other places - owing to personal

reverses + misfortune I was
dependent upon an allowance
from my Father at the time
of his death 3 1/2 years ago
and when he died without
leaving any estate I was
suddenly deprived of
my income - since that
time as I have no profession
I have been unable to obtain
any employment having only
military + Constabulary
experienced to fall back upon
and my age unfortunately
precludes my obtaining
any Police or similar appointment
at home or abroad. I have
been 8 months in bed in
this hospital with a bad

knee + fused knee cap
+ unable to bend the knee
or set up for that period. I
have undergone one operation
and am on the point of
undergoing another when I
shall be obliged to leave here
upon crutches which I shall
have to use for some time altho'
the doctors assume one that
the leg will eventually get quite
well - Before I came here
owing to illness + want of
employment I had to part
with anything I possessed
even to all my clothing and
am now entirely without
means or any outfit. Not
being eligible for a grant from
the Newspaper Press Fund
under their Rules I am making

I would not write this
were I not almost in
despair and I can assure
you I shall feel deeply
grateful if you can see
your way to befriending me
and I hope to be able to
make some return for
your kindness in the
future. I hope you will
pardon me for writing
in pencil but I am in
bed & cannot well use
ink -

I am, Dear Sir,
Faithfully Yours
H. Hyde Clarke

General Pitt-Rivers &c. &c. -