

Gen. Whitlock
19 July 1913

Col. Ferriss —

See 20737

20736

Batcombe 19 July —

My Dear Ferriss

Having been many years behind the curtain I know perfectly well the difficulties that attend such exertions as you have volunteered in the service of your dear Friends, the delay therefore after the assurances of A. R. A. your intentions does not so very much alarm me — I must however beg of you to tell me if there is any hitch, or if the business still waits a favorable opportunity of communication between the great bodies —

Be assured my good Friends that it is not about myself that I betray so much anxiety — but for those who suffer unduly in my unfortunate Cause — I find by sad experience that however much Mr W. & myself might be disposed to concede ourselves to what it has pleased God to visit us with, it is impossible to brace, a want of competency in their hard times & ^{to} work near children in ^{the} face where dusty a little time back were so different an appearance —

Mr W is worse in spirit than in health
Willy & Maria quite well believe their
kind remembrance — Ever yours
G. Whitlock

