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If the murderer left a portion of his clothing behind & some of his blood I can understand a dog following up or if you could show him a particular spot where he had been standing even, but on a London pavement where people have been walking all the evening there may be scores of scents almost as keen as those of the murderer.
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Yours truly,
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4 Whitehall Place S.W.

9th October 1888

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I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Charles Warren

Document 5: reference HO 144/221

Police letter, 11 Nov 1888. From Thomas Gribton suggesting that policemen should dress up as women

PLEASE TO KEEP THE BRASS FASTENING OF THE TAG OUTSIDE.

HOME OFFICE RECEIVED 13 NOV. 88

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DATE 11 Nov 1888. Mr. Thomas Blair

REFERENCES, &c. East End Murders.
Offers suggestion for capturing the murderer.

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Let a number of men—say twelve be selected, of short stature, and as far as possible of effeminate appearance, but of known courage & tried nerve. Dress them as females of the class from whom the victims are selected, arm them with the best and lightest weapons

and distribute them over the district haunted by the murderer.

Note, The men would require to be fair actors, and behave in the natural manner of women of that class, further they would require to be shadowed by help, in an unobtrusive way, and the whole scheme would require to be kept absolutely secret, for once let the press get a hint of it, and farewell

to any chance of success.

This plan is based on the theory that the murderer solicits intercourse, and that the woman accompanies him to a quiet spot, where the crime is committed, while in the act, so that men who undertake the duty of capturing him would require to have all their wits about them.

Thos Blair
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H.O.
Done
11-9-89

Our experience in connection with the last Whitechapel murder shows that notwithstanding every precaution the murderer has been enabled to slip through our patrols, and dispose of the body of his victim without being observed by police. All that I can do is to strengthen the force of police in the locality, and make it more difficult than before for these lamentable occurrences to take place. For this purpose I shall require 100 more men, both uniform and plain clothes. I cannot possibly arrange for their transfer from other Divisions, which have already furnished men for the last 18 months, and therefore ask for an

augmentation of 100 men for a couple of months, in addition to those whom I have already had under H.O. letter.

As soon as I can see my way to reduce the number of S of S men, I will rely upon my doing so, but we must put a stop to these Whitechapel outrages, and for this purpose the number of men applied for is absolutely necessary. I trust therefore that I may receive immediate sanction to supply the above number of men for the time mentioned.

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Document 7: reference MEPO 3/142 (p.4 – 5)

'Jack' letter, 24 Sept 1888. 'Dear Sir I do wish to give myself up ...'



Dear sir
I do wish to give myself up
I am in misery with nightmare
I am the man who committed
all these murders in the last
six months my name is [redacted] and
I am a slauterer and work at
[redacted] I
have found the woman I wanted
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sep 24 1888
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25 SEP 88
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keep the Boro road clear
or I might take a
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photo
[redacted]
of knife
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On Her Majesty's [sic] service

Sir Charles Warren

Commissioner of Police

Scotland Yard

[Postmarked] London SE 12 SP 24 1888

Sept 24 1888

Dear Sir

I do wish to give myself up I am in misery with nightmare I am the man who committed all these murders in the last six months my name is [silhouette of coffin] so and so I am a horse slauterer [sic] and work at name [blocked out] address [blocked out] I have found the woman I wanted that is Chapman and I done what I called slautered [sic] her but if any one comes I will surrender but I am not going to walk to the station by myself so I am yours truly [silhouette of coffin]

Keep the Boro road clear or I might take a trip up there photo of knife[silhouette of knife]

This is the knife that I done these murders with it is small handle with a large long blade sharpe both sides

Document 8: reference MEPO 3/142

'Jack' letter, 4 Oct 1888. 'Spring Heel Jack The Whitechapel Murderer'

October 4th 1888
Spring Heel Jack
The Whitechapel Murderer

I am an American I have been in London the last ten months and have murdered no less than six women I mean to make a dozen of it now while I am about it I think I may as well have six men in blue to make the number as I see there is a few too many knocking about the last but looking for one but I am above upon their heel every day and will be for some time yet and I was in the court at Newnes Street watching the blue boys washing the blood matter away sorry to give you so much trouble but what I have sworn to do I will do at the cost of my own life at night I have been sleeping in Bow cemetery and I have to tell you know so who has found the women

I mean settling as they will not give me the chance of going evidence against me I shall shortly have to sleep in some of my quarters from Bow cemetery as I have enlightened you in that matter I have written this on the Embankment near Waterloo

Jack the Ripper

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I will rip a few more
So help my God I
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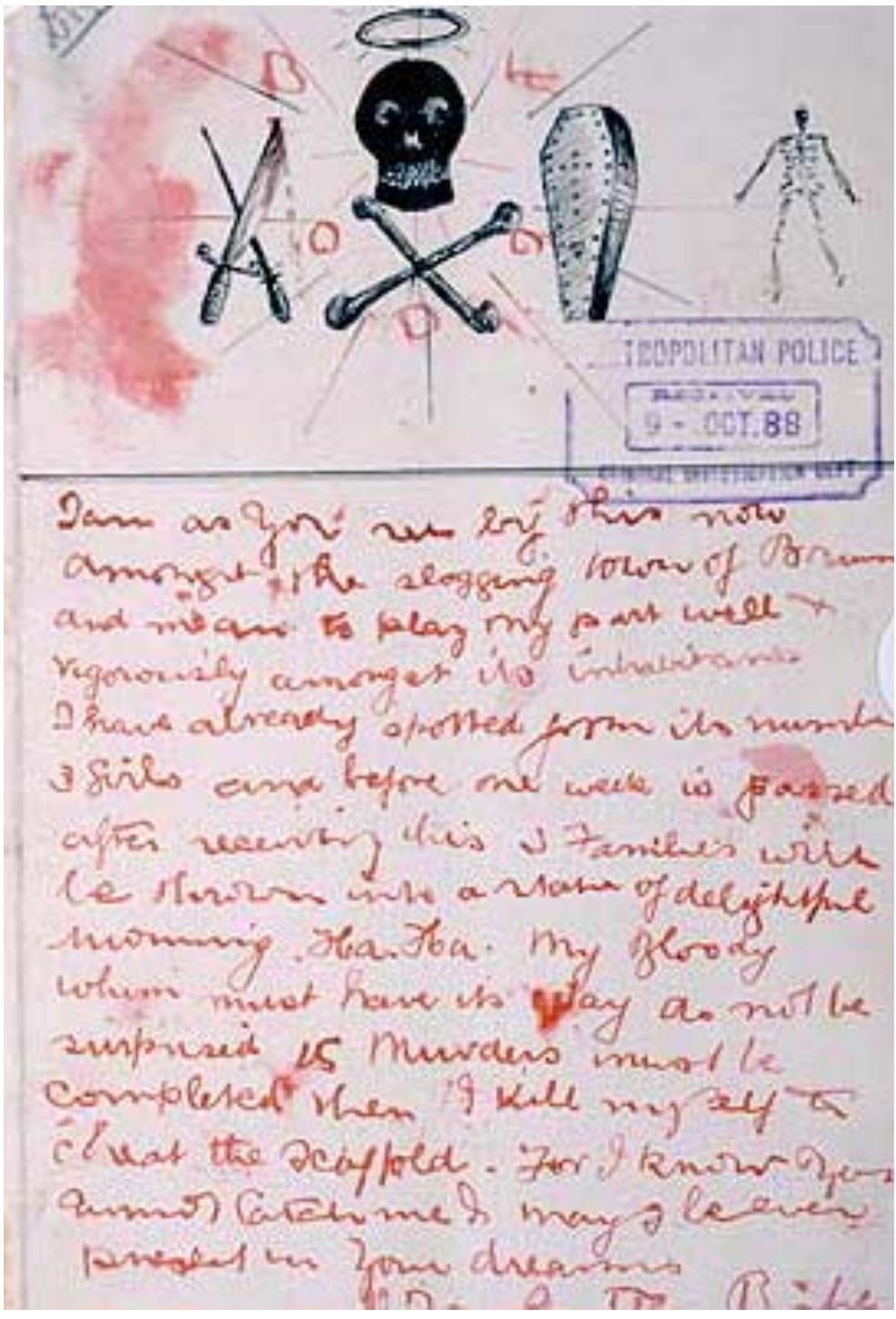
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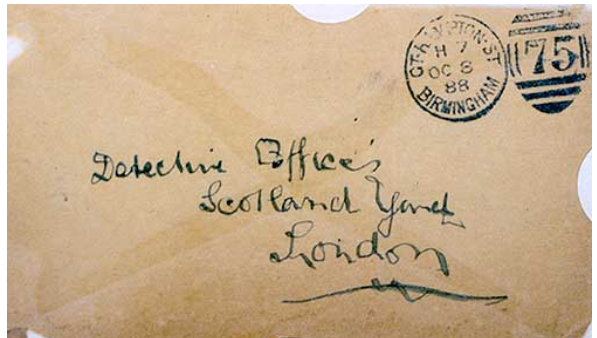
[Image of two knives with blood dripping from them]

Document 9: reference MEPO 3/142

'Jack' letter, 8 Oct 1888. 'I am ... amongst the slogging town of Brum ...'



I am as you see by this now
amongst the slogging town of Brum
and mean to play my part well &
vigorously amongst its inhabitants
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J. D. R.



Document 9 transcript: reference MEPO 3/142, p.160

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Detective Offices

Scotland Yard

London

[Postmarked 8 October 1888 Birmingham]

[Images and the letters B L O O D at the top]

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Jack the Ripper

Document 10: reference MEPO 3/142

'Jack' letter, 19 Oct 1888 sent to Charles Warren. 'Dear boss iff you are the boss ...'

Oct 19 1888 Wouster
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right man 100 miles off
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use will not catch me
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a week have spotted 3
cut will visit them again
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Post this on me way hope
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Jack a Poland Jew
Better known as Jack the Ripper
A drop of Strides Blood

Document 10 transcript: reference MEPO 3/142 p. 252

'Jack' letter, 19 Oct 1888 sent to Charles Warren. 'Dear boss iff you are the boss ...'

October 19 1888

Wouster

Dear boss iff you are the boss you have not got the right man 100 miles off
scent bloodhounds no use will not catch me have been in Wouster a week
have spotted 3 out will visit them again shortly [sic] don't know much about
this part off too Brum to-day

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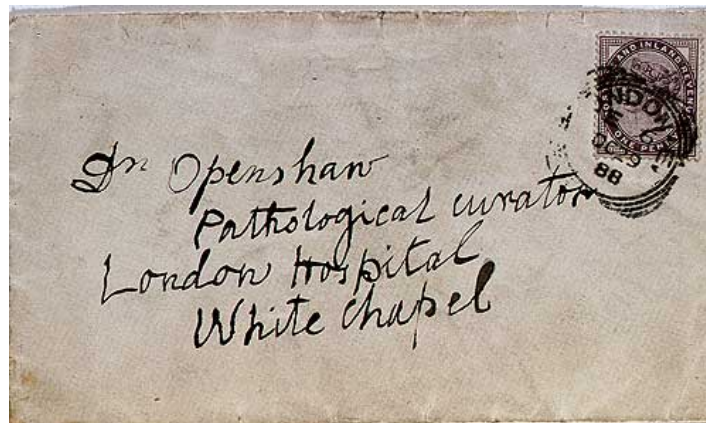
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Document 11: reference MEPO 3/3157

'Jack' letter, 29 Oct 1888. Sent to Dr Openshaw, 'Old boss you was rite ...'



Old boss you was rite it was
the left kidney i was goin to
be operate agin close to your
aspitte just as i was goin
to drop mi wife along of
er doomin throate them
cusses of coppers spoilt
the game but i guess i wil
be on the job soon and will
send you another bit of
innards Jack the ripper

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with his microscope and scalpul
a lookin at a kidney
with a slide collect up

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Dr Openshaw
Pathological Curator
London Hospital
Whitechapel

[Postmarked London 29 October 1888]

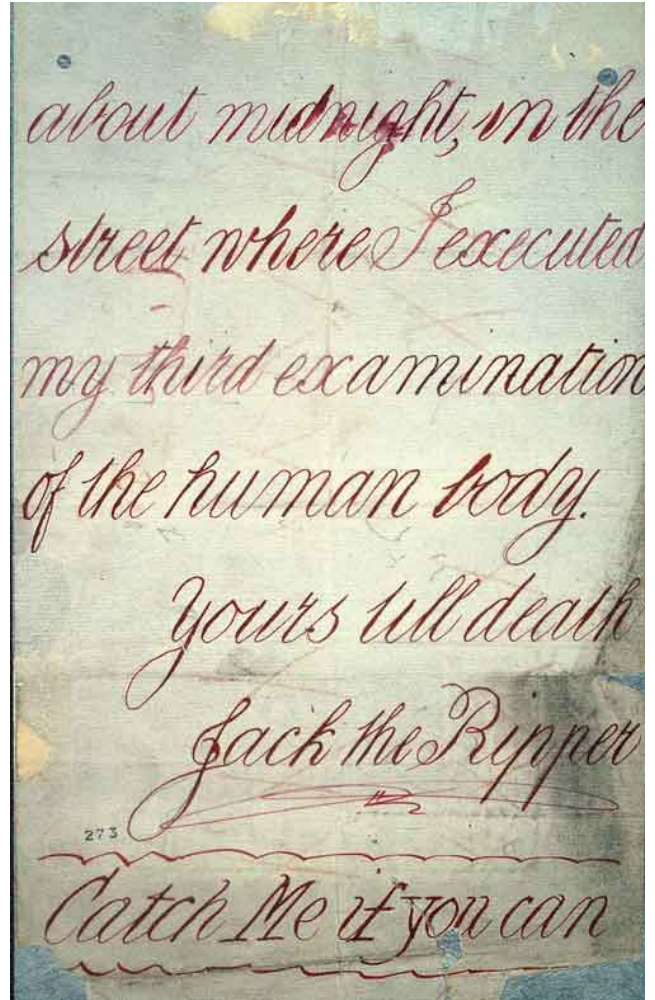
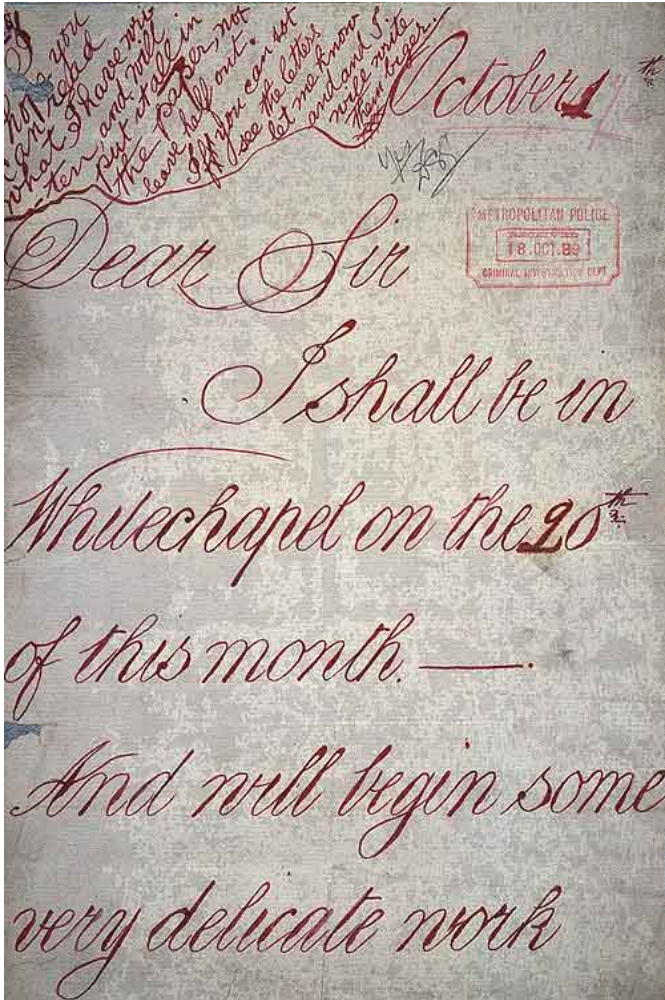
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Jack the ripper

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Kidney with a slide cocked up

Document 12: reference MEPO 3/142

'Jack' letter, 17 Oct 1889. 'Dear Sir I shall be in Whitechapel on the 20th...'



Document 12 transcript: reference MEPO 3/142, p.272

'Jack' letter, 17 Oct 1889. 'Dear Sir I shall be in Whitechapel on the 20th...'

October 17

Dear Sir

I shall be in Whitechapel on the 20th of this month - And will begin some very delicate work about midnight, in the street where I executed my third examination of the human body.

Yours till death

Jack the Ripper

Catch Me if you can

PS I hope you can read what I have written, and will put it all in the paper, and not leave half out. If you can not see the letters let me know and and I will write them bigger [sic]

XXX

HA!!!