Dear Mrs Edwards,

I am a journalist based with BBC London Television News - the regional news programme for London - and I have been researching a piece on Mary Seacole. She was recently voted the most famous Black Briton and we are planning to broadcast a news feature on her next Monday, February 11th.

There are very few pictures of Mrs Seacole but I understand that one of the images of her is held by the National Library of Jamaica. The image which I have seen on your website is of Mary's head shoulders and upper body, apparently sitting down and it appears to be a grey/black and white print.

I would be very grateful if you would give me permission to use the print next Monday, on our lunchtime news and evening news. They piece will, I hope, broaden people's understanding of this remarkable woman.

BBC London is also planning a website article on her and would if possible like to use the image there. We would of course credit the National Library on our online site and would be more than happy to have a link to the National Library of Jamaican's own website.

I do hope this is possible.

Best Wishes,

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(senior producer, BBC London)

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