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My dear Pippen

I have been pondering  
on the subject of leave and it  
now appears to me that unless  
I get the promise of S.F. or  
something equally good next  
October I shall be an M.V.G.  
to take 6 months furlough  
in March as I shall lose  
nearly 3 months priv. leave &  
2 months furlough by doing  
so. I now believe it will

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be better to chuck the special leave and wait till the beginning of August when I have 3 months priv. leave due - and then in March 1901 go for 18 months furlough - If there is sufficient inducement I still think 6 months now is the best, but if they are not going to give me anything special on coming back I now think it hardly worth while to lose all that good privilege leave. It

~~it~~ depends also a good deal on whether I shall be able to get priv. leave in Aug. and furlough after - Stone is coming here on Sunday & I will interview him on the subject and write further next week.

At last we have had rain - not before it was wanted by the crops and it is cold raw and dank and I have got a severe cold in the nose - I sympathize with you poor creatures with your

influenza. It was a great  
shock to hear that Frederick  
had departed to Nottingham  
as keeper of a Restoroug.  
I hope he will prosper -

Yours well

Yr loving brother

Ralph