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Dehri
~~Dehra~~ Bridge

Dist. Shahabad

Bengal

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My dear Pippa,

We arrived at

Bombay on Sunday 31st at about

3 in the afternoon, and after a
terrible scrimmage in the Customs

house I proceeded with most
of my sticks to the hotel, where

I stayed the night. On

Monday I looked up Bob &

Willoughby Huddleston who are

both in Bombay, W. having

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had just come back from a cruise
in the Persian Gulf when he
has been catching pirates.

I had dinner with the H.s
and then proceeded to the
station when I arrived just
in time to leave most of my
luggage behind, for which I
had to pay about 40 rupees.

On the way to Allahabad
we were twice examined for
plague that is to say a
doctor darted into the carriage
made a wretched dab at your
wrist and whisked out again.

At Bombay I got instructions to
report myself to D. E. Moghat Serai Gya
Ry. at Delhi and was told that
the best way to go was by steamer
from Arrah which goes twice a
week on Tuesday & Saturday. Having
missed the Tuesday boat I stayed
at Allahabad till Friday, with
Wallack, when I saw many
friends, among others, Arthur just
going back to Bombay, the Henry
Hads, and Clive & Mrs. whom I
have not seen before. Mrs. C.
not very prepossessing. On Fri-
day having collected a beaver
and Kitnabgar of my faithful

Old man never turned up & I
left for Arrah six hours when
I arrived 6:30 P.M. The boat
starting at six in the morning
I slept in the Dak Bungalow
at Arrah, the other occupant
being a police inspector with
brown wife and children, on
going down to the boat in the
morning I found that these
wretches had taken the first
class cabin so I had to sit
in a horrid little dog box called
2nd class.

There is a weir across the
Sone at Dehri from which

two canals start, one on each side of the river; the one on the left bank goes to Arach and it is up this that the little ~~to~~ steamer crawls to Delore 58 miles and 24 hours!

Palmer met me at the landing place and drove me to his house where I am now staying. The people here are Palmer, Scott and myself on the Bridge, Nicoll the doctor, Mr. & Mrs. Barry the contractor who however is going away at the end of the month; also Mr. & Mrs. Kirkman contractor who are staying for the present

in the house and are not
bad. Mr. & Mrs. Aslett?

are also coming here shortly.
he is the engineer in charge
of the line on each side of
the bridge, so there is quite
a large society. I haven't
quite settled yet where I
am going to live - I may
chance with him or live
by myself.

As for the bridge not much
has been done; the contractor
has been unsatisfactory and
is being turned out, and the

water in the river is only
just beginning to go down
low enough to allow us to
start again. I haven't
seen much of it because I
went and got fever the day
after I got here and
have kept inside since -
not bad but it is to be
hoped that sort of thing
is not going on.

The bicycle has arrived
safely though it is in a
most filthy state - the tyres
were perfectly flat but I

you have pumped them up and
they seem to be all right.

There are several other bicy-
cles there and I believe
some of the roads are quite
decent. I must now seize
leave with love to all

your loving brother

Alfred

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