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Calcutta

or any other place

4<sup>th</sup> June/95

My dear Pippa

All hopes of getting  
the Poojals at the end of my  
leave are squashed as the  
wretched Findlay won't be here  
till the middle of July. The  
earliest day I can now start  
is the 7<sup>th</sup> August when my 3  
months are due by which I  
get 7 weeks at home. But  
if I put it off till the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. the Poojals come in again

at the beginning of the leave  
and I get 9 weeks at home i.e.  
14<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. instead  
of 26<sup>th</sup> Aug. to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. This  
is worth thinking about but it  
is no good settling <sup>now</sup> because I  
am not quite sure of the exact  
day the Poojahs end, but sh<sup>d</sup>.  
be glad of your kind opinion.

The great event of the week  
has been the appearance in our  
midst of the *Aristolochia*  
*Sturtevantii* which is not a  
microbe, but a creeper with

flowers 4 ft long and a smell  
about 100 yards d<sup>o</sup>. which is  
now to be perceived at the  
horticultural gardens.

The officers of the Shropshire  
Regt. entertained their friends  
last night between the hours  
of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  on the roof of  
one of the barracks, while the  
moon shone sweetly above &  
the bands of the Shropshire &  
N. I. played as sweetly below.

Fort William is something  
like Hampton Court house. It

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You are trying to find the men  
you may consider yourself  
lucky if you get there in 2  
hours. It is hopeless to ask  
Tommy Atkins where anybody  
lives. Getting out of it is just  
as difficult & you generally  
find yourself issuing out of  
a gate diametrically opposite  
to the one you are seeking  
& which means a journey of  
about 3 miles round the  
maidan wh. at 12 midnight  
is somewhat annoying -

farewell

Yr. loving R.