



c/o The Agent
E. I. Co.
Calcutta

20th July 1855

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My dear Pippa,

I suppose Messrs
has informed you of my removal
to Calcutta to act as officiating
Deputy C.S. Anyhow here I am
having arrived on Saturday last.
I am living with Douglas who
has taken Highet's house no 12
Theater Road so am very comfort-
ably lodged. In offering me
the appointment Highet gave me
the option of remaining at Alla-
habad, but I thought I had
better accept, though I don't
suppose I shall benefit pecu-
narily as the extra Rs 150/.



will probably be swallowed up by the extra cost of living in Calcutta. Highet will be back about the middle of October and I shall take my leave as soon as I can afterwards - 3 months priv. or 9 full months or perhaps 10, depending on when I can get away.

Douglas tells me that an incident is going ~~to~~ the Board today for a Traffic Officer i.e. Oliver so I suppose he will be out again before long - I hope I shant just miss him. It is rather disappointing that he should be clawed back again to the East but I suppose the N.E. Ry was helpless and he is doing the

best thing - It has been kept a dead secret and I expect there will be a howl of rage when it is discovered.

We had a very bad hot weather this year but it is now delightfully cool (as long as you sit perfectly still under an electric fan) As soon as you begin to move about you discover that the air is charged with moisture to the point of saturation.

I dont think anything of much interest happened at Allahabad while I was there except my getting the Maharaja's fee. Maggie told me of the fearful scene which occurred when she divulged it. Lucky it wasnt referred to the Board for orders. You will be glad to hear he has paid up, which he would probably not have done if I hadn't

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insisted on receiving ~~the amount~~ cash before delivery, having been advised of His Highness's methods! The Porters are unchanged in all respects and frequently enquired after the Begum's health. Their little boy is a most fascinating person and a polished man of the world.

Maggie writes very cheerfully from Scarborough. It is a pity they are such miles away from everybody but it appears to suit their constitutions and Dicky seems to be enjoying himself immensely paddling in the sea and making sand pies.

I have had 2 teeth pulled out lately on account of toothache, but am otherwise very well and am getting horribly fat. This is a dull letter but perhaps better than nothing at all -
down to everybody
your loving brother Ralph

How is Lady Randal? I heard of her dreadful accident but no other word.

Old Parks

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