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My dear Pippa,

The fairy tale has turned out to be a mirasma, and all is lost. Forbes has backed out in the following letter received this morning -
" I regret to say the project I had in hand and which, if realized, would have enabled me to make you an offer, has had to be abandoned.

I am afraid, at the present moment, there is no position vacant which would suit you.

I will keep you well in mind should an opportunity arise when your technical knowledge and great experience could be advantageously made use of.

I would recommend you to see Mr. Palmer and tell him how you are situated. He knows a great many railway men in the country, and is in constant touch with them.

yours very truly
William Forbes "

written in his own hand and marked "Private"; but it sickening? I expect when he tackled Morgan he found he was dead against it and probably had his own nominee to put forward. I think the remarks about 'the present moment' and "should an opportunity arise" are merely politeness don't you, and that prospects on the L.B. & S.C.R. are nil. Anyhow I shall now have to attack the other railways. I went up to London this morning to see Palmer about it and he said the only thing to do was to go on worrying General Managers and Directors. It was far better to get a personal interview than to write letters, and there was a much better chance of getting a personal interview if you had a letter of introduction, which worked admirably in the case of Forbes, which case was also encouraging as showing that there might be openings on English railways. He thought it better if possible for me to get my introductions from someone else than himself, the person to whom I was to tell the railway to apply for my character. He said he had given me a

very good list to Forbes and promised to do the same to anyone else. So I have now got to find someone who knows some railway bosses and will introduce me to them. I am writing to Jack, who has probably had dealings with some of them, and have made a list of Directors of all the English Railways for ready reference. Here are the names of the Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen and General Managers in case you have got any of them under your control.

Railway	Chairman	Deputy Chairman	Gen. Manager
Midland	G. Murray Smith	H. Tylston Hodgson	Sir Guy Granet
G. & R.	Lord Claud Hamilton	Sir Anthony S. Fellows	H. W. Thornton
G. W. R.	Viscount Churchill	S. Ernest Palmer	F. Potter
d. & S.W. R.	Hugh W. Drummond	Sir W. W. Portal	Sir H. A. Walker
G. N. R.	Lord Allerton	Frede. Liddell Steel	C. H. Dent
G. C. R.	Sir Alex. Henderson	Wm. Purdon Viccars	Sir Sam Fay
d. & N.W. R.	Sir Gilbert H. Claughton	Hon. Chas. Napier Laurence	Guy Callirop
N. E. R.	Lord Kimberborough	Lord Joicey	Sir A. Kaye Butterworth
S. E. & Chatham	S. H. Goss & Coe Benson Sir William Hart Dyke	Lord Hothfield Viscount Chilston	F. H. Dent

I can send the whole list of directors if you think it would be of any use, but the really important people are the General Managers though I dare say a letter from a director ~~from~~ ^{to} a G.M. ~~asking~~ asking him to see

he would be given attention. Palmer thinks there might be a chance on the G.E.R or G.W.R as he has heard rumours that their Chief Engineers will be resigning shortly.

I think your letter was full of wisdom (Auntie went into ecstasies over your grasp of the situation when it was read out to her) and that the thing to go for is a secondary post on probation with a prospect of promotion if found suitable. I shall be very glad to have the book on Trades Unions if you can mobilise it.

Your villainous creature you never say how you are getting on. I do hope you are getting better.

Fondest love from all

Ever yours
Ralph

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