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My dear Pippa

We expect to arrive at Aden this afternoon about 2 o'clock. We have had smooth seas so far, but the heat in the Red Sea, particularly yesterday, was abominable; there was a following wind so it was very stuffy.

Richard P. doesn't much like the heat, but as far as I can see is in excellent health. He is rather fretful but eats & sleeps well so he is not much the worse for it, though it is impossible to persuade Margaret that he is not on the brink



of apoplexy - Margaret would be very well if she didn't worry so much about nothing, however, I suppose as time goes on she will take things more calmly.

This ship is one vast sardine tin and it is impossible to move an inch on deck without pushing a few dozen overboard. They are mostly Australians but there are also vast quantities of Indians and I expect the Oriental will be pretty full too. The people at our table are Mr & Mrs Pope, judge of Ranchi, very nice, Mr & Mrs Smith (Swainson) Colonel Plassey & Mrs also nice and a few women attendants. Sir Hannam Singh is not on board, but to make up for him we have got

Tommas! who came via Amindivi with the mails and your letters both of which were safely received. The 4<sup>th</sup> Officer was 4<sup>th</sup> on the Soudan when we went home and greeted me as an old friend at Marseilles. I introduced him to Richard

Packing not finished  
must rush off. Goodbye  
dearest Pippa - Love  
to all from the 3.

W<sup>th</sup> loving brother  
Ralph

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