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Campore
15th July 96

My dear Pippa,

I am sitting in Theodore's private room at the lawcourts waiting for a car to come on in which I represent the E.I.R. as defendant. Having arrived at 10.30 I find that the car won't come on till 12 so I have seized the opportunity to write the weekly (?) budget. (Theodore has gone to court and a client who came in a short time ago was much scandalised at finding me rifling the drawers of the writing table in the vain attempt to discover some notepaper).

We are enjoying at present what is called a break in the rains, i.e. a chunk of the hot weather has got onto the time machine and

appeared from limbo.

I got a letter from Herbert the
cautious the other day part of which
was as follows (True Copy)

"... Robertson But I have reason to
believe there will be changes in the Chief
Engineer's Office 3 months hence"

I can't remember the rest exactly but
he says he thinks I am in the running
for the P.A. ship which is rather exciting
but if it comes off looks rather bad
for furlough in December. But I damn
I shall hear all about it at the
inspection which comes round at the end
of this month.

Many thanks for the splendid gift
of 5 books which arrived yesterday

none of which I have read before - Shows
of joy followed one another in rapid
succession as book after book was
hastily unwrapped, title page viewed and
passed on for the next.

The painful client has gone to sleep in
a chair and is in eminent danger of
discolating his neck.

Ashwick Dick passed through yesterday
on his way to Santa where I believe he
is going to try to arrange retiring from Gov.
service. He is going to stop here a day
or two next week on his way to Bombay
(he is going home for 3 months in the Caledonia)

Enter pleader.

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Twenty to four - The brute of a magistrate hasn't
turned up yet !! letter probably missed post

Ralph