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My dear Pippa

Margaret continues  
to progress slowly but will  
be an invalid for some  
time I fear - She gets up  
and totters about the room  
and goes for a drive in the  
evening and Houseman says  
she is getting on very well.

I send you copies of  
some ludicrous correspondence  
for perusal. ~~and~~

Ever your loving

Ralph

From

Rai Sahab R. L. Roy  
 Honorary Magistrate, Sealdah, Calcutta  
 member, Local Board, Serampore, District Hooghly  
 Commissioner, Manikata Municipality, Calcutta

To Darsh Blauk Singh  
 Resident Engineer  
 East Indian Railway

Dear Sir

With reference to your letter forwarding the District Magistrate's, Hooghly, letter in which he intimated to you the fact that he would come to Kamarakunda on the 16.10.14 to settle the question of the proposed removal of the present site of the Kamarakunda Station and asked you to arrange with me and Babu Hani Gopal Ghose, Govt. President of Gopalnagar Panchayat Union, for our presence there to meet him, I beg to state that I could not attend the meeting, as I was away to an up-country station for change. I have come to know that Babu Hani Gopal Ghose came to your place, and was kept standing on legs for long hours, and afterwards was told that the Agent's decision was not to alter the site. He came away then. Allow me to say that the treatment made by you shows very small consideration for his position - If gentle treatment is not made by you, no self-respecting gentleman will come to you - Babu Hani Gopal is allowed chair by Govt. Officers at meetings, and similar treatment he expects everywhere.

If you look into the records of the Agent's Office E.I.Ry you will see how very great familiarly I was acquainted with the late lamented Sir, W.A. Dring, K.C.I.E, late Agent of the E.I.Ry.

I shall thank you to kindly let me hear from you.

yours truly

R. L. Roy H.M.

P.S. If considered advisable, you can send me your reply through the Agent E.I.Ry after sending him a copy of this my letter, for I have great regard for his gentlemanliness

R.L.R

From Darsh Blank Esq  
 Resident Engineer  
 E. I. R.

To Rai Sahib R. L. Roy,  
 Through the Chief Engineer Calcutta

Dear Sir,

Babu N. G. Ghose was written to, asking him to attend at my office in the same terms as my ltr 7965 of 11. 10. 1914 to you. He failed to intimate his presence to me in any way during the time Mr. Prentice was here, though I enquired for him, and not until Mr. Prentice had left did he make himself known.

I told him that as the present station site was to be retained, there was no need for any further discussion of the matter.

As I was quite unacquainted with Babu N. G. Ghose and he did not let me know of his arrival, I fail to see in what way I have been inconsiderate with regard to him.

Why Babu N. G. Ghose did not write himself as to my supposed incivility, and in what way your intimacy with the late Sir, W. A. Dring K.C.I.E. affects this matter, I am at a loss to know.

yours faithfully  
 Darsh Blank

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The above not approved, and D.B directed to substitute the following

From Dash Blank Esq  
To Rai Sahab R.L. Roy

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Dear Sir,

I was greatly surprised to learn from your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. that Babu Hari Gopal Ghose considers that I treated him ~~with~~ discourteously during his visit to Kamarkundu on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, as I certainly had no such intention, and was quite unaware, until I received your letter, that he was aggrieved at anything which occurred on that occasion.

I wrote to Babu N.G. Ghose, in the same terms as those of my letter no 7965 of 11/10/14 to you, asking him to attend at my office on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He unfortunately failed to intimate his presence to me while Mr. Prentice was here, and although I enquired for him, it was not until Mr. Prentice had left that he made himself known to me, and that I was aware of his arrival. I then informed him that the matter had already been discussed, and that it had been decided that the present station site was to be retained.

I am exceedingly sorry that Babu N.G. Ghose did not let me know of his arrival, and that he was in consequence kept waiting outside my office instead of being invited to join in the discussion, which of course he would have been if I had known that he was present.

I am very much obliged to you for bringing this matter to my notice, and since you must be aware, from your intimate acquaintance with the late Sir W.A. Dring, that it is not the practice of Officers of the East Indian Railway to offer discourtesy to gentlemen of the position of Babu N.G. Ghose, I trust that you will be able to convince him that none was intended in this instance.

yours faithfully  
Dash Blank.

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