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Dear Mr. Phipps

The above hand  
of write is supposed to be of a  
French character, I don't know  
why..... The Inspection  
passed off all right with  
no accidents - no mention  
was made of P.A.s or such  
like, but Robertson said  
it was all gay about my  
furlough. Also he was  
agreeable to my priv. leave  
so with any fortune you will

hear next week that I am  
off by the morning train  
to Mussoorie for 27 days.

But there is extreme doubt  
about it owing to an idiotic  
interpretation that has been  
attached to a certain rule.

If my leave is squashed on  
this account a long boring  
enraged full and particular  
explanation will be given in  
our next with a glossary  
of terms at the end. This  
reminds me of Wain of H. How

S. Colvin could suppose it was  
far the best thing ever written  
by R.U.S. seems to me strange.  
I believe if he had finished  
it he would have cut out  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the present book.  
What do you think? I like  
the Courtship of M. Buckler  
very much especially his  
young woman.

George Huddleston was  
with the Inspection. He is  
going to stay a day here  
on the way back. His leg

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is all right again for the present but he will have to have an operation some day. The Gov. Consulting engineer was a rather crossgrained party by the name of Savory who was the youthful companion of the Edward & Ashurst Strathely.

Herewith application from Ujiali Din for disposal.

Yr<sup>s</sup> Truly  
Ralph Strathely  
Offs Resident Engineer