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Allahabad
25th Sept.

My dear Pippa

Last Friday old-field set off for Meini Tal which is the nearest hill station to Allahabad.

After a short stay there & a little tour around India he is going home. I must say that I slightly envy him, but partly console myself that he has taken the

house on a lease of 2 years
and will probably have to pay
large sums to get quit of it.

I have just heard that I
shall get the railway house
when the critter who is now
in it goes. Nothing else
has occurred except that
I have discovered that I
am developing (already) a
most fiendish temper. If
you could see me raging at
an unfortunate punkah coolie

for going to sleep instead of
pulling the punkah, you would
be seriously alarmed. You
said in your last letter that
you were ditto, which shows our
sympathetic nature.

Please pass on the humble
petition to his honor as my
life is being worn away by
repeated questions if a 'chit'
(weekday word for certificate)
has yet arrived. I tried to
explain to the 'old man' that

Richard Sahib had been lately
visiting the Queen and having tiffin
with her in a friendly way, but
I don't think he quite followed
as he only answered by requesting
me to give the Jural^{*} Sahib his
finest & largest salaam
love to everybody

Yr loving brother

Ralph Strachey

* General } P.S. I saw Campbell about
I think I shall be able to send a
specimen diagram next week 708(c)

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