

Mrs. Piper's Cottage
Belauagh
Wroxham. Norfolk.

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My dear Pippa. I don't think we shall come to
Cambridge till next week as we had a strange job
back (are any start) to do things tomorrow. We have
had a man the day. Home. This evening we are
homeless, helpless voyagers with no prospect of any sort
of rooms; to wit, we are the proprietors of our own
completely furnished cottage, have dined splendidly & will
sleep like princes. When I say completely furnished I mean
1 small wicker table 4 kitchen chairs 2 mattresses on
the floors upstairs 2 blankets 1 pillow 3 plates 1
saucepan 1 frying pan & thank goodness enough stores to
last our Bank Holiday. All which represents our recovery
from an overwhelming disaster. The boat had left the bank
with a lame screw which deposited money for which had
never asked) - really because someone else had evidently
bribed him to let him have it. No boat that with a
cabin to be had anywhere for love or money but a lovely
boat for my party offered. So that if only we could get
today we were saved but - Wroxham had not a bed or
to be correct 1 single bed. At this village 5 miles up
the river we got rooms for 1 night only (so we started
homeless this evening - being vain all the time a

pretty bad outlook of poor Julian see his sail
vanishing into thin air. However thro' the clergymen I
heard of an empty cottage & managed to get it for a
week & people have been anxious. Everything we came
back to the cottage we found things at the door. 2
old tin cans, 3 cracked saucers, 4 chairs a washstand
etc. Then we rushed off to Wroxham trying to remember
all the necessary things for house keeping till next
Tuesday - & managed to get in or nearly all & brought
them by boat 5 miles away in a thunderstorm.
However here we are & feel as proud and useful
as Indians on Johnson Cruise.

The country lovely. The view the best I've
seen out of France. It's much more sympathetic
to me than any other English country - the colour
right, the trees grow in the right places & of
the right shape. So you see we shall feel after
this effort that we must stay the week & so
will stay over the next Sunday at Cambridge. I'll
let her Ladyship know the exact day of our
arrival.

Yrs. Pique.

P.S. to I wish you were here to be entertained
why not come for next week end. We shd. be
so proud to entertain her, & Julian will go on Sat. so
it's quite serious please.

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