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Monday

My dear Pippa

At last! It is all right now,
Sir Henry yesterday removed his veto,
& all (or at any rate some) is happiness.
I was expecting all last week to hear
something from either Grace or Sir Henry,
but didn't - no doubt because of Sir Charles
Keyes' death on Tuesday, which took Sir
H. down to Sandgate till Saturday.

Yesterday afternoon I went up to town
to see Grace, & was informed by her that
her father had had a talk with her that
morning before church, & had said he
wouldn't object any longer - He said the

same to me later on, but admitted that his joy at the prospect was only limited; Lady Norman is also very depressed - I suppose partly because of the want of money & partly because she dreads the thought of Grace having to leave her to the tender mercies of Miss N. The latter was very affable to me yesterday, but whether she knows that anything is settled is doubtful.

Claude appears to have been the cause of the pronouncement being made on Sunday; he came down here on Saturday to see a friend at Sandhurst, & I happened to meet him in the road - & in answer to a remark of his that he was glad I had got through my "interview" satisfactorily, I told him I really didn't know whether I

had, as I had heard nothing definite. When he got home that evening, he appears to have told his mother that he really thought Sir Henry ought to say something at once! This she no doubt informed Sir H. about, & he consequently said the something next morning! Excellent Claude. He starts on Tuesday (tomorrow) for India. I will relate the sad adventures of the watch, price £17, when I see you next - probably on Saturday.

I have written to Mamma to inform her, but if she is still away you might forward the letter & tell Papa.

Good-bye for the present

Yours
Dick