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My dear Pippa

I don't think
there is much to be said
under the circumstances -
I want go to Dillooah
before the end of this month
when Aslett returns - I
have been over to view the
place and it doesn't seem
bad. A good deal has
been done but vast quan-
tities of work have still
to be done and I shall

have no time to spare
for repinings -

The weather here lately
has been vile - very hot
and the atmosphere saturat-
ed with water and per-
fectly still - but now I
think the monsoon really
has set in at last and
things are more bearable.

George Huddleston has
been laid up with swollen
veins in his leg for the
last fortnight but is
nearly well again now. He
came downstairs today for

the first time. Ernest
Hud (the young one in
the Indian Marine who
distinguished himself on
the Warren Hastings) has
arrived in Calcutta having
been telegraphed for from
Burmah to assist in
working the transport ar-
rangements for troops going
to China - He is immense-
ly big & burly and very
like Willoughby only twice
the size.

Miss Severs the girl who
was staying with the George's
has departed - She ~~was~~^{is} a

charming girl and is
greatly missed. These are
all the news - I think
you and Dorothy will have
to come out here next cold
weather on a globe trotting
expedition - I will work out
the details later on - mean-
time let the idea soak in.

Yr. loving brother

Ralph

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