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My dear Pippa

Though I havent
written for a fortnight I fear
this letter will be as per
usual - events dont seem to
crowd much at Cheerkoonda.

There is only one ^{thing} ~~piece~~ of
importance to say, which I
would there were not - It is
that there is now a general
report that the fiendish Rob.
ertson isnt going after all -
It appears that the hound of

a Manchester man is now wanting to get out of his arrangement with him and although Robertson telegraphed to him to ~~know~~ say if he should go, no answer has been sent. Farewell a long farewell to all my greatness.

iiiiii. The Sunday before last Palmer P.A. and Collet A.E. came to see the bridge and we went in to Arranul to the Drysdales afterwards. Here we found Rutherford & Herbert. Nothing particular happened. Herbert is going shortly to Bombay to see Harry for Christmas. On Friday Monsieur & Madame Victor Pont D.E.

came and photographed the bridge; Madame expressed her satisfaction with the progress of the bridge and the organisation of the work. On Sunday morning Cogswell of the Pioneer an Allahabad friend came for two days. He was also pleased but not having been in a jungly place before he could not hide his astonishment at our ways of life. Last night Windsor magistrate of Rancegunge dined here. He was at Cambridge with Herbert. We played dummy whist after dinner and I had the pleasure of winning 22 Rupees (£1.7.0½)!

That reminds me that the Audit
department are going to try and
cut my deputation pay. They
hate the thought of ~~my~~ my
getting it at the rate of $1/4\frac{3}{4}$.
If they succeed I shall kick.
I think I told you this before.
There is nothing else to say except
that I have got a new puppy
who is to be called Liza, alias
Aukins. (Alas poor Peew),

Goodbye my love

dont forget to send the
photos to

yr loving

Ralph.

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