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Chanch
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My dear Pippa

I am still at Chanch but shall not be here much longer. I think you had better address letters now to Asanul. The coalheavers dinner passed off without any contretemps, in fact it was rather successful on account chiefly of the after dinner entertainment which consisted of winding up little horses at

the ends of strings and betting
cowries on which came in first.
This game was introduced into
the district by us and has
caught on tremendously - no
family is now complete without
it - most of last week I was
at Topori & Asaunil going
round my new beat and also
'jointly enquiring' into two acci-
dents that happened at two
stations on the same night.

A joint enquiry is made after
an accident, each department

supplying an Enquirer. This was
the first I have been on and
was rather amusing. Both accidents
were exactly the same - a goods
train ran into some wagons that
were being shunted in the station.
All the drivers and guards swore
that the signals were down, and
all the station masters and signal
men swore that they were up and
that the drivers had disregarded
them, and the thing was to judge
which were the most artistic
lies and ~~to~~ give the prize accor-

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dearly -

Have I told you that the rains are on?

The idea for the books is to spend the money in dribbles as you suggested - the following have been read: Katrina, Gentleman of France & man in black (but not Francis Cluddle) Troy Town Ships that pass in the night (ROT) :::: Egbert not read.

I hope the family has recovered from the measles with kind condolences
y. loving brother

Ralph