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Calcutta

28<sup>th</sup> May 195

My dear Pippa

This is going to be  
 the scrubbiest letter I have  
 yet written to you the reason  
 being the ~~latest~~ lateness of the  
 hour the laziness of the writer  
 and the nullity of news.

I heard about W. F. today  
 but fear he cannot come in  
 time for the Poojahs but  
 no matter the Caledonia  
 sails on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July and

perhaps I shall be able to go  
in her (the fast ship)

The latest joke at no 45  
is to enquire politely after  
Mr. Strachey <sup>meaning me</sup>  
on account of the idiots at  
the fort sending a card to  
a musical evening for Mr. X  
Mr. Strachey.

All is well except my  
collar wh. I should like  
you to view.

Farewell yr.

loving brother Ralph (batchelor).