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My dear Pippa

Stone duly arrived  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> and departed the  
same day escorted to Koyal-  
Sarai by Garland and me. He  
was in a pretty good temper  
with us, but seems to be having  
an awful row with the open  
line engineers and is going to  
issue a terrific circular threat-  
ening death and destruction to  
all who do not immediately  
mend their ways. He said he

was going to add insult to injury by giving some of them tickets over the M.G.R. so that they could see what a railway ought to look like! Ha ha.

He had no news of S.F. It has not yet been sanctioned by Govt. and nobody seems to know when it will be, if ever, so the thing remains in suspense. Meantime there has been a slight fall of manna from Heaven, viz promotion, i.e. to Resident Engineer class II, namely Rs 800 a month, e.g. roof. extra. With allowances &c this is equal to £900 a year, which seems rather

vast. My promotion is not 'pucca' but is called 'sub. pro. tem' and I may have to go back to the 600 again but I don't think it is very likely. It counts from 1st August.

After seeing Stone safely off at Mughalsarai I glided imperceptibly into the train for Benares and paid a visit to Clive who is the policeman there. He showed me round all the sights. The temples &c when viewed closely are rather shoddy affairs, the Golden Temple especially being a complete fraud. The best thing, which

is very good is the view  
from the river. Mrs Clive  
is up in the hills so I didn't  
see her.

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Ralph the boy



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