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Lillooah

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My dear Pippa

Here I am at Lillooah living in the top floor of one of the two storeyed houses built for the Carriage & Wagon foremen. There are 4 rooms drawing room dining room and 2 bed rooms one of which is occupied at present by Pincombe who will stay here till Sevenoaks returns. in a

month or so. Not having
got my cooking arrange-
ments etc in order yet
we go and feed in the
Sevenoaker's house next
door using his pots and
pans and crockery.

Sevenoaker's house is exactly
the same as this, the
ground floors being used
for office.

This isn't at all a bad
sort of place and will
be very nice when it
is cleared up and

made tidy. At present
when the ground is not
a jungle it is littered
about with heaps of
earth bricks iron and
other rubbish and looks
as horrible as places al-
ways do where building
is going on.

The work is far more
amusing than the old
P.A. job but the number
of things to be done ~~each~~
at once - each far more
urgent than the other - is
terrific especially as I

have got to find out
learn up everything that
has been done from the
beginning. But I am
gradually beginning to
feel less at sea than
I did at first. The
great rush now is in
making two new platforms
(part of the new Howrah
station) and the lines for
them to bring in the
Bengal Express trains. The
lines go through the old
Carriage & Wagon (C & W)
shops at Howrah, part
of which have to be

pulled down to let them through, and extreme tact has to be used to avoid having fearful rows with the C & W people on account of interfering with their work &c.

Going on at Dillooah now is the building of the new shops and houses and gas works and the general laying out of the estate viz road making, tank digging, tree planting &c. Also

vast quantities of earth.
work to level up the
ground - Then at Howrah
shortly coming on is a
miniature Thames embank-
ment along the Hooghly
and later on the new
station which Halvey is
designing which will
entail a complete alter-
ation of the lines in
Howrah station yard
and a new bridge over
the railway - Another
part of this job is a
new jetty for the stores

yard along the river with
a big engine house for
hydraulic cranes, but
this is nearly finished -
I have also got to look
after the new offices
being built in Calcutta
and there are probably
many other things which
I have not yet discovered.
There is, as you thought,
a charming variety about
the Howrah new Works -

It is only 10 minutes
by train from here to
Howrah so it is easy to

go in to Calcutta if
there is anything amusing
going on - I generally
go in on Saturday
evening and stay Sunday
with the George Huds -

I must now seize
I hope young Rickman
is an acquisition to
the neighbourhood

I enclose a howl
from Oliver
with love

Yrs
Ralph