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My dear Pippa

The only thing that has occurred this week is another dinner at Bathie's which was a fearfully dreary performance as instead of the Jennings' Mr & Mrs Tommy (Cousneave) were there. How anyone can ask that brute into their house I can't imagine, especially Bathie as you would be able to when you hear this. Bathie used to be medical adviser of a certain Company of which Tommy was the manager, and used to get 50 rupees

every month as a retaining fee. He was regularly paid this for two years by a cheque signed by Tommy, when Tommy was sacked for some villainy. The next month Bathe was surprised at getting a cheque for 100 rupees and wrote to ask why when he was told that that was his regular pay. It then appeared that Tommy had regularly put down 100 rupees in the Co's books and pocketed half every month! One more tale.

Tommy's brother in law had discovered some excellent coal land which he wanted to buy. It had to be done at once as other people might swoop in at any time and snatch it off. Unluckily his brother in law was ill

at the time so he asked Tommy to take up the land for him - Tommy said certainly and went off and bought it for himself and now gets 1200 rupees a month out of the property. He relates this humorous incident himself with roars of laughter. Isn't he a sweet creature?

There is nothing else to say except that I am going to see a nautch to night given by the loco. batoos on the occasion of the Kali Poojah
so Goodbye

Yr loving brother

Ralph Stathery