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69, LANCASTER GATE. W.

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My dear Oliver

I got your letter yesterday & am glad to hear that you are all right again & gone back to work. I have been too busy all day to be able to attend to your wants of various sorts but it seems to me that it will cost more to send the things you ask for to Eton than to buy them there or at Wotton where you will certainly be able to get Tacks Screws & Screw Drivers as cheap as

at London - by the same
research applies to Stamps
& Postal Cards. Therefore
let me know whether you have
not yet got a few shillings worth
wants to set yourself up with
these things - The sooner you
begin to provide yourself out
of your pocket money with
small objects which you want
the better it will be for you
as you will learn what these
things cost & get into the way
of managing for yourself which
you should now begin to do.

Miss Hackett has written to
your mother about your

ailment & expresses a wish
that you should for some time
be careful what you eat &
therefore you must attend perfectly
to what the doctor may have
told you on this score.

[Extract
from the
India
Committee
- 1889]

I had my last meeting at
the India Office & Sir Henry
Rawlinson on the Senior Member
of Council made a little speech
battering me up & I made a neat
and appropriate reply - and
then shook hands & went away.
McCroft was not there.

This afternoon I became a
Director of the East India Railway
Company & next week shall be
permitted to be Chairman.

I have sent your letter on

to your Mother at Redwood Nurseries
She will know about the
Photographs of which I know
nothing. Ralph also went off
to Scotland on Monday Evening
having been asked for by Telegram
The Weddy is today.

I think your Mother has
settled to keep on M^{rs}. Vicqueant
till Xmas at least.

Nothing more has come about
Ralph's confinement yet.

Yr aff father

W. Thackeray

When you write say what
you are doing in the before way
& I hope you are perfectly independent