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My dear Pippa

Pride cometh before
a fall. No sooner had I
written my last letter boasting of
my magnificent health than I was
taken with a dose of fever. It
wasn't very severe but Drysdale
insisted on my going in to Asaurs
till I had recovered which I have.
It was certainly a great improve-
ment to be in a cool house instead
of the tent which was a fearful
place to be, seedy in being that hot.
I am not going back to the tent

you will be glad to hear but I'm
going to live at Barakar in a
house. I suppose I shall go out in
a day or two. The reason of this is
partly for health and partly because
I shall have some work to do now
on the Barakar bridge, the founda-
tion stone of which was laid last
week. It is true that Drysdale
is going to officiate for Robertson
when he is on leave though he will
still keep Sherrin. I am very glad as
D. is one of the best men we've got &
he has always been v. good to me.

Yesterday was fearfully hot when
suddenly in the afternoon a storm
came up and it rained violently
for half an hour which cooled
the air considerable. Drysdale
was driving along the grand trunk
road coming in from Sherrin when
after going about 7 miles his horse

after going perfectly well suddenly
stopped and began to stagger about.
D. hastily took it out of the shafts
~~so~~ when it sank on the ground. A
bottle of soda water was poured down
its throat but in vain. Just then
the rain came which revived it
little and it was able to walk on to
NIRSA CHATI when Drysdale had ano-
ther horse and left it there. A tele-
gram came today to say it died
in the night. Was it unlucky?
I think it must have got sunstroke.
It was a very good horse and cost
about 500 rupees. This reminds me
of Primrose Day which is well
worthy of the name. She is the
sweetest little pony you ever saw.
It is certainly the prettiest pony in
the district. I am going to get
Herbert to come up on purpose

to photograph her. She is very fast
and has won two races. She is 13.2
high and 5 years old. I think I
got her extremely cheap for 350/.

I got a letter this week from
Lady Elliott asking me to Darjeeling.
Alas it cannot be.

It is pretty thundery, I think
we have got the Chota Bursat wh.
means the little rains. If so Joy.

This reminds me of the little histories
which is the most fascinating book
I have ever read. I think the best
part is the Egyptian among the
soldiers which made me scream.

Conundrum or Search Question in
How did Mr. Strachey like his foreign
note paper?

Answer Thin; but not too thin.

Farewell

your loving

Ralph.