

I will write again when  
we are back again at  
Proquebrune.

Fondest - love from us  
all dearest beloved Pippa

Your own  
Dorothy.

Athens

8<sup>th</sup> April 1929

Address Proquebrune for future

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Dearest Pippa

I found your long letter waiting for me when we got to Athens and was most thankful for it. I think a letter of Ray's must have gone astray. So I was very thirsty for news. However we have now also been greatly refreshed by Marjorie's visit. We thought her looking very well and she didn't seem too exhausted after her fearful journey in the train. We did several plogs to gether which we enjoyed very much. She brought with her as you know <sup>a large document</sup> to which I appended several signatures and returned, registered, to Mr. Hancock.

I think your plan of staying on at 51 sounds a very good one. Every one else seems to make that kind of arrangement answer and I think it is a great thing to remain in a comfortable familiar nest with friends all round, instead of flying to some unknown flat. As for our personal money affairs it seems rather obscure as to when we shall be able to get any cash, but I suppose Godings will forward any reasonable sum on the strength of securities. In the mean while we have enough to go on with till we get ~~the~~ to London. We were very grateful to get an account of the Expo. as we

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had not had a single word about it (except a lyrical outburst from Aunt Lily) and we thought it had gone totally unperceived. We have still had nothing from Brown & Phelps.

As for summer arrangements, I gather from Marjorie that our share of household expenses would be about £5 a week in London. That does n't cover rent I know and I hope you have n't refused any very lucrative offers in order to take us in. As a matter of fact in any case it seems to me it will be very difficult for you to take us in, and I don't know how you will manage it. But I do want to come and see you all again - and the house - very very much. Ray in a letter some time ago said something about the summer and a plan of taking a house in the country. I don't feel as if we could say anything about that just at present. But I don't suppose it will be necessary to take any steps about it ~~until~~ before June. We shall try and arrive as near the beginning of <sup>the month</sup> it as possible. Simon will have a lot of work to do packing his pastels, but we shall be arriving at Proquevrou ten days sooner than we meant to & shall probably stay in a hotel till our tenant quits la Douce. We could n't resist the temptation of an earlier boat and shall leave here in the Pierre hotel on April 17<sup>th</sup> & arrive at Marseilles on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are all very well & still enjoying sights such as the Acropolis and Sunium but <sup>at</sup> the same time rather thirsting to be done with boxes & hotels.

The accounts of poor Elinor's sufferings was wretched. I do hope they are over now.

As for the frost the horror of it must have been awful!