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My dear Ralph

I have your letter of the 13th May.

You are in the same difficulty that many Indians are. You have come to the time when for some reason or other life in India becomes hateful or impossible. But you are in a better position, ~~than~~ (except in war-time, which affects every question most deeply - I mean such a war as we are in the midst of) than most men. You have only to look through the list of Indian Directors to see that this is so.

I should say that when peace comes again - when will it! - you will have as good a chance as anyone of falling on your legs, and might very well chance it. But you must be at home to do so, and must look about yourself. Your friends cannot help you unless you are on the spot. You must find the job, and they must then get it for you. But you must if possible wait till the war is over - i.e. certainly till after next cold season is passed at the least.

And the financial question is a difficult one. You can do - or rather could do so - a great deal with £700 a year ~~to~~ before the war - what you will be able

to do with it afterwards is quite another question. Taxation will be enormous, rates frightful, wages awful, and possibly cost of necessaries greatly increased.

Had you been at home when the war broke out, your friends might have found you a place amongst the numerous new offices which have been created. Your brother Oliver has done exceedingly well for himself. Huddleston has added immensely to his income and is quite in clover. And perhaps even now your cousin who has got a capital job at the India Office might be able to help you. This is certain, we cannot help a man in your position. There are now and then vacancies in our Inspector's staff suited to an Assistant Secy. Supt. but even this is a closed shop at present.

Be sure of this however that if a chance does occur of helping you to what you want I will certainly do all I can for you

Yours most sincerely
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