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Dearest One, There are thousands
of things I want to tell you

1. We can go into Herchel House on
Monday 29th. I have a Chambers Club
Committee on Friday the 27th &
cannot get down before that night as
Crane will be away. I hope to be
arrange for the furniture to be
cleared (after 2 or 3 days packing etc)
from the Holt on the Saturday morning
at latest
x & go by rail in the vans so that it will
be here on the Monday. The only question

is whether I should be there for the packing
in which case we might put off & I could
perhaps stay Monday. I shall be very sorry
not to be there particularly for the garden -
but I doubt if it's worth while & if I bring
the car we can still take a few plants if
I think of any you haven't taken.

2. I'm afraid you will think I have not
conquered the issue of getting more paper
from Teffrei - They now have a new book.
But - though 40 days have to be allowed
to get all their things, we shall have
that ~~the~~ time to decide about the hall
etc. & we must now wait & do it
on the spot - be sure to have all
the paper patterns together for that
purpose.

3. I saw Uncle Lawrence - arranged not to have the mantle piece at present - we must see what we can do with paint etc. Meanwhile I might get a chance of looking at tiles. I have an address from L.A.T. of a firm who supply Dutch tiles but I want the one your father told us of - which I can't find - have you it? - if not will you get it from him again or I will. There's no hurry about the tiles.

4. I will try - make out a list of plants I can think of - for your guidance - will you inform Westbrook when we shall want the stuff from there. My

improvement is that we shall want all we can get from anywhere - what about France? Aren't I greedy?

5. The sale at Herschel House is on Tuesday 30th - in a tent in the garden. There is so little from the house that it won't interfere with our moving in - but much else is included & some may be of use to us.
6. I'm not at all sure we hadn't better go to the Allitts until that is over.
7. There will certainly be good new beds in the sale - I don't think your bargain with Masby is a good one considering it means an extra mattress. However I had better leave the matter

of bed's entire) in your hands & you must just do the best you can.

8. Will you go carefully into the matter of fixtures in the Holt - e.g. what electric light fittings we can take. It would probably be best to get a man up a screw etc - but I will let you know about that point; and not of ~~the~~ staircase rods but their sockets; and ? curtain rods - I will ~~talk~~ write to Alex. Turner & ask their advice.
9. Curtains - let us wait now & decide any others on the spot - I incline to the new zig zag stuff for the study - it is pretty good.

10. Sealing-wax paint can't be used -
it is complicated - various ways -
but I suppose we might get the
colour without using sealing wax.

L.A.T. thought we should probably
get too much of it unless we used
gold with it (cheap gold paint); but
if it is to be worked on could you do
a design in a single colour white or
yellow or amber on the doors a some
simple affair on the staircase? If not
I wonder if we hadn't better aim at
something altogether different - I'm
very towards brown stain again if
it can be managed.

Do think a lot about the staircase -
as we are not going to spend money

on the drawing room mantle piece we
can afford a bit more. I shall have
one more pattern from Jeffries v. good
blue or green on white ground rather
expensive; or anyway we could use the
drawing garden for the Hall if you like.
Its more important to keep that light
than the staircase - hence? cream
doors!

A very tiring drive ~~to~~ back last night
with a lot of mist. The clan quite
good but no improvement in numbers.
A big committee on Tuesday, but good
work done. Jassar wouldn't turn up
- he is angry about turning down Finch.

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Quite kind / Many stories about Finch
- Bruce in a hotel in Switzerland
where Finch had been was asked whether
it was he who was helping Finch to
arrange the next expedition.

Contradict that tale about shortage of
funds - we don't want that sort of
talk. Longstaff had heard of it &
thought it very wrong of Farrar -
& it's not true.

Finch very rapid with Longstaff.
Hinks has written to Crangue about
my going & I brought up the question
with him yesterday though Hinks's
letter hadn't turned up. He has not
turned it down definitely. But I don't

think they will hear of my going - It
will be a big sacrifice for me either way.
It is wretched not being able to talk to
you about this, darling - You must
tell me if you can't bear the idea of
my going again & that will settle it
anyway.

Now I must stop -

Great love to you & many kisses
to the children -

Your loving
George

I want Mrs Phipps's address
about a telephone acct.

Also if you remember
the name of Gail's
demopon - write to em -
lost their screen -

Read K's letter enclosed!