

Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>

Stallack Lodge  
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Colombo.

My dearest George

I hope you have been getting the weather reports all right - it will be very interesting to hear whether you can trace a connection with our weather - how long afterwards. Since sending you the observatory report yesterday we have had the most terrific storm - gale of wind from S.W. - torrents of rain + thunder - we had noticed very heavy clouds at the sunset - it looked as if something were approaching, but the storm didn't break till about 1 a.m. last night. It was most violent for nearly three hours so if you get the same you had better be on the look out - I wonder how far you have got now - I do hope you are getting on well + making good time - we were very disappointed not getting up to Diyatalawa last Monday. we were all packed up - everything planned when a wire came from the C.C. postponing the whole move + in a furious temper that he hadn't been told some little minor details that no one thought he would want to know. I believe there were some very heated telegrams between him + our Colonel

but of course it didn't alter things & we  
have just had to wait here in the heat &  
packed & angry! There is hardly anyone  
left down here now, but I believe we really  
shall get off on Monday ~~and~~ & are much  
looking forward to getting up to the hills & a  
cool atmosphere. Ralph is going off for a  
week's shooting on Thursday - he & another  
man & they ought to have quite a good  
time & see a lot of interesting country. They  
are going to camp out & I believe try for  
panther & bears at night as it will be full  
moon. When he gets back we expect  
Wynyard for a few days on his way home  
from Shanghai. This place is getting rather  
gay now with the flamboyant trees & others  
all coming into flower - I am afraid we shall  
miss them at their best. We took the children  
to the museum the other evening. Really most  
interesting - besides all the Ceylon animals, birds  
insects, precious stones &c. They had a very  
interesting room of the native handicrafts -  
pottery &c. some of it most attractive. I believe  
you get the best things of that sort at Kandy &  
we must certainly make an expedition there  
when we get back here.

with much love & let me have a line  
When you can - you loving sister  
Mae