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B. H. Hodgson Esq  
Dorseting.

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My dear Sir

We have reached  
 Dava at last, after a most  
 tedious passage the whole  
 way from Kishengung, which  
 has excited even the plain  
 Jinn's temper, against the  
 miserable Mengalis. At Rampore  
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 getting a boat able to go on  
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 in his department. which is pleasant.

boats for our people &  
things, the crew of one of  
which better quality, requiring  
to be pushed into Pubua for another.

The winds were foul the  
whole way & often stormy.  
The weather grew much better.

I wrote you from Malakal  
a pretty enough place - from  
Samoa we really had nothing  
to say - you perhaps know  
it, one of those everlasting  
green flats with good  
bananas & mango trees. The  
inhabitants are very stupid  
people, but we have seen

a book club so that Bell  
today is perhaps the only man  
who would care for me is  
obliged to have returned to  
Mooreheadland & Aitutia.

The weather was hot, the  
7. rising to 106° very dry.

I sent all my baskets of  
plants through Malakal, in  
excellent order. The beautiful  
Orchidaceae flowering through  
the chimneys of the baskets were  
flourishing. The bells I used  
but they seemed so with the  
greatest popularity & made an  
irreparable delay otherwise  
very agreeable. Mrs Bell still  
plays remarkably well with

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taste of July. I am sure I  
have her good nature to the  
my interest.

On the voyage from Rampine  
nothing occurred, & more  
detestable country than those  
plains of India is imaginable  
that so many long miles of  
country should in a tropical  
climate like this be so utterly  
devoid of interest in the  
people animals plants & geology  
is quite astonishing being so rare.  
Even I am with <sup>her</sup> ~~her~~ ~~her~~  
long fought the battle for  
India was disjunct. & we  
found ourselves obliged to  
pass the whole day reading &  
idling. Took my temperatures

of unwarmed country which I saw between  
Chumatain & the Ghafer<sup>m</sup> Woodcock etc. where the  
snowy chain is, I believe as completely broken as  
at Pari & to the west of K. Junga. All I see  
great through the water - led further behind the  
snowy Himal than ever. Reducing the latter  
to more or less meridional spurs from a mass  
of greater magnitude & real impetuosity behind.  
I see a good deal to plod over still. Remembrance  
of Griffiths & Wallace & other scattered reports & papers  
as to the rivers.

My father has received the Medical drawings  
& is greatly pleased with them. Also he has  
received the instructions from Bethune about the  
maps & is looking out for a publisher. - He keeps  
to give you his aff<sup>r</sup> regards & to thank you very  
much for the paper in the Medical which he  
has read with great interest. Poor Humberst  
had just followed to the grave one of his earliest  
friends Prof. Keble, who cut his throat in presence  
of his own family! - Humberst is put into a  
small house - but a wretched abode. My house is

I have been very much interested in the mountains.

about, from the overcasty suspicion of black  
up to the, chiefly for palms, & ash green dusty  
bamboo clumps. which with an occasional fig  
from the chara of the tropic east of this. The  
people too are more industrious people. are  
mainly Mahomedan & American & it is quite  
a delight to watch the boats & boating.  
The population is considered greatly to have  
at 60,000 (sixty thousand) & does not increase.  
The lowlands are draining the population  
when the Rice for the Calcutta market is  
being grown.  
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Pray give my best regards to all who may  
care to think of you very affectionately.  
Yours sincerely  
J. R. O'Connell

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All well & merriment is the way thro' west.  
I am greatly pleased with Sava, it is  
much the prettiest & quietest place I have seen in  
India. The streets broad clean & sweet. The  
verdure fresh & lucid, Palms & Bananas sprouting  
over white walls, neat thatched cottages, beautifully  
clean with the trees & plantain, cool & shady  
alley, no stink or filth. The many rivers do  
not the nasty dirty unsmooth piles, or absurd  
afflictions of taste & ash that Benares shows,  
but hundreds of groups of mosques, minarets &  
temples. Along every road there is lots to look  
at & one thing really fine or striking with every

keeping. There is no such a thing as a hole  
in the wall to the street. No public building, however  
magnificent, without some taste or ornament  
of the front of the Palaces Porticoes doors & so on down  
is always remarkably pretty. Often beautiful  
The pillars look like some of the nasty belled or  
rope-twist columns so offensive to the eye, but  
clean & shafts prettily moulded capitals - & lovely  
friezes & pediments, which appear thoroughly  
Byzantine to me. There is nothing fine about the  
place, not one object worth travelling 10 miles  
for, but there is every thing that is picturesque  
throughout the crumbling town, & outside all is  
verdure & I find perpetuate relief in freedom