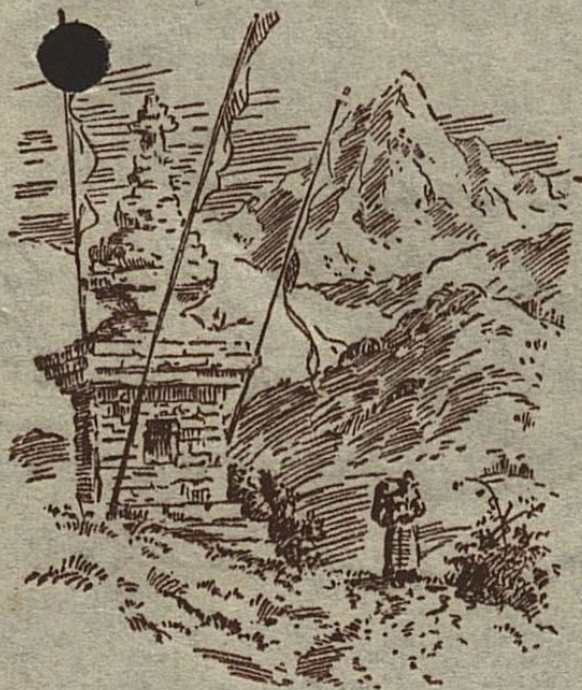


Cleavelands 1  
17<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1953



Dear Devika Rani

I was so pleased to hear from my sister lately that you & your husband are up here for a few weeks. I am looking forward to meeting you both again & shall be so pleased if you & he will forgive a very short invitation & come to lunch on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. My husband, I am sorry to say, is on tour & will not be back by then, but the Duncans from the Homes are coming &



I shall be so pleased if you  
will both join our little party  
Lunch is at 12 o'clock but  
do come about 11.30 so as  
to have time for a drink  
before that.

Please remember <sup>me</sup> to Mrs  
Rverich & Mr. G. Rverich  
I hope we shall see something  
of them soon - & that time.  
Rverich is keeping well. The  
weather is perfect now & I  
am sure she must enjoy it.

With my kind regards to  
you & your husband

Yours sincerely  
Barbara Bullock

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Clerlands <sup>2</sup>  
Kalipong  
N. West Bengal  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1953

My dear Benika

I have been meaning to write to you ever since Mr. Matthews returned to Calcutta & now I find it is over a month since you wrote your letter to me in the train & I have not answered it yet! I apologise for not doing so. Thank you for telling Mr. Matthews about us. He spent a week here & we enjoyed his visit very much. We went about with him quite a lot & took him down to the Teesta twice, along with Father Stöcke & the two of them had a great time fishing. The first day Mr. Matthews caught a tiny fish which was not worth bringing home but the second day he got one the size of a fairly large



front. we brought it back with us & had it filleted for supper & each had a small piece to taste. It was delicious - a cat-fish, Father Stöcke called it.

My sister received your letter yesterday from Bombay & asks me to thank you for it & to say she will be writing to you soon.

There is no further news about the sale of this house of course, as that cannot be completed till T.R.Hs receive permission to own property here & become permanent residents of India. And that, we shall not hear till mid August. Meanwhile the Princess is very interested in the plans she has had made for adding a new wing to the west side of the house & in enlarging the drawing room. So now, it all rests on the decision of the Government of India! we have to be patient.

The weather is very wet now but the rain comes mostly at night - which is a comfort. We are all very well & are looking forward to going over to Darjeeling to see the Coronation Film on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Morgan is going with us. Mr. Morgan is down in Calcutta again & is to stay there till end of September.

With kindest regards from us all to your husband & our love to you - Yours affectionately  
Barbara Bullock