

Camp Kyelang,

Sept. 4th 1932

Dear Colonel Mahon,

I was trying to find out who started the rumour about our bribing the Thakur. It appears that HLB had heard it from Mr. Freake, and that the latter had been told by P.C. himself. Mr. Asboe told me that he had also heard the rumour but was unable to find out the original source. Col. Johnson must have heard it from Mr. Freake. Zodpa denies any knowledge of it, and it did not reach us otherwise. It seems strange that whenever we give a return present to someone, rumours of this sort start spreading. The watch given to P.C. was, as you know, a return present for his services last year which were entirely satisfactory. You know that Mr. Thapar had told the Thakur to assist us during our stay in Lahul last year, and the man has been helpful, and not only assisted us by lending horses, books etc, but even presented us with small Tibetan curios. It was only proper for us to repay his courtesy. For example, Capt. Waugh had received a present of a thang-ka from a local lama, whose brother accompanied Capt. Waugh to Spiti, and in return has sent him through Mr. Asboe a case with oil-colours. Nobody thought it strange, although it was known that Capt. Waugh had a pretty bad time in Spiti, and that his servants came to blows with local hillmen.

Rup Chand and Tashi have gone with Mr. Gill to Manchat, and I am interested to see whether he will take them on to Naggar. I hear Rup Chand is going to Lahore next winter for treatment.

We had the Asboes and their missionary friend for tea yesterday. No more rumours locally. Thanks God!

With heartiest greetings to Mrs Mahon and yourself
from us all,

Yours very sincerely,

Dear Col. Mabon,

I was trying to find out who started the rumour about our buying the Tracker. It appears that HLB had heard it from Mr. Freese, and the latter ^{told him that he had} heard it from P.C. himself. Mr. Astor told me he had ^{also} heard the rumour, but was unable to find out the original source. Col. Johnson must have heard it from Mr. Freese. Zoda denies any knowledge of it, and it did not ^{reach us} ~~come~~ otherwise. It seems strange that whenever we give a ^{return} present to someone, rumours of this sort start spreading. The watch given to P.C. was, as you know, a return present for his services last year, which were entirely satisfactory. ^{you know that} Mr. Thayer had told the Thayer ^{last year} ~~Warrior~~ us during our stay in Kyelau, and the man was helpful, and not

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~~small~~ ^{us with small} Tibetan curios. It was only
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In camp Capt. Waugh had
received a present of a Thangka from
a local lama, ^{who had accompanied us to Gyir} and in return had
sent him through Mr. Asher a
case with oil-colours. Nobody thought
it strange, although ^{it was known} that Capt.
Waugh had a pretty bad time
in Gyir, and that his servants
came to blows with local
hillmen.

Rup Chend & Tashi have gone
out on file to Manchar, and
I am anxious to see whether he
will take them on to Naggar.
I hear Rup Chend is going to Lahore
next winter to ~~treat his leg~~ for
treatment.

We had Mr. Asher in tea yesterday.
No more rumours locally. Thanks
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November 17th 1933

Colonel A.E.Mahon, D.S.O.

Menali .

Dear Colonel M a h o n ,

Your heartfelt Message of yesterday gives me the opportunity to begin this memorable day with the same hearty wishes of reciprocity. Thus the Banner of Peace also in this respect calls forth in space feelings of mutual goodwill and friendliness. I clearly visualize how, if the whole world would simultaneously express similar thoughts to yours, the most terrifying walls of darkness would crumble under such vibrations of united benevolent force.

It is most instructive to see, how the Banner gathered around itself all those positive elements whom we wished to see amongst our friends and it is a great blessing to have as one's friends precisely those whom one desires to have.

We have just received a cable that yesterday President Roosevelt invited our Delegation to call on him and to present to him the resolutions of the Organizing Committee. We have already repeatedly heard that he most sympathetically stressed the high importance of the Banner. Under this benevolent sign the Convention is to open to-day.

With our best wishes to Mrs Mahon and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

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Dec. 16, 1935.

My dear Colonel Mahon,

Many many thanks for your excellent article in the India Monthly. I have already often felt your sincere friendly hand and now this is once more expressed so beautifully as a token of your cordiality. Such articles will help you during your meetings and travels once more, to strengthen the note of Peace and Constructiveness, which form the base of all my work. May the people, who for some reason have not heard of it yet, become convinced of this my benevolent goodwill. In everything and always we know that Light conquers darkness!

We send to Mrs Mahon and yourself our very best greetings and we shall think on Christmas Eve how you spend this memorable day in peaceful Pandora. Mme de Roerich was delighted to receive Mrs Mahon's cordial letter and joins me in these best wishes.

In Spirit with you ,

December 23, 1935.

My dear Colonel Mahon,

May I ask you for the following favour?
Since you will be in Kulu tomorrow, could you very kindly have the enclosed two statements attested in Kulu by either the Magistrate, Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar or Hony:Magistrate and return them with all annexed papers through our driver, whom we are thus also sending to Kulu tomorrow with our car. Naturally he can take part of your luggage to Kulu, if needed. I want to send the letter by airmail tomorrow so the driver should return with the midday service. If not possible to attest my signature, please return the papers anyhow by the driver.

Once more with very best from Mme de Roerich
and myself to Mrs Mahon and you

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. It would be preferably to
have both the original letters
and there copies certified. The
telegrams have already be certified.

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January 11 , 1936.

Dear Colonel Mahon,

The other day, while looking over some material I have run across the following passage in the tax form of the U.S.A.: I enclose it herewith for your perusal and opinion, afterwards please send it back as we have no other. As far as I can make out the first four lines of INSTRUCTIONS "Liability for filing Returns" are self-explanatory and cover the question we wanted to know . It seems to me from the above information that a non-resident, non-citizen, living abroad is not liable to file returns. How otherways could this be understood? Perhaps you have a lawyer friend whom you could show the above passage for ^{legal} this interpretation, this being the latest form used in the U.S.A.

I would greatly appreciate if you could obtain this interpretation at your earliest convenience.

I hope Mrs Mahon and yourself are enjoying the weather at Lahore, where I gather from newspapers there was a drop of temperature. Our Kulu Valley is behaving well

and to-day we have again sunshine.

The New-York battle front continues its rounding up movement and I am surprized that you have not been so-far blessed with an epistle from yonder shore. However do not loose hope .

We all send you our best thoughts and greetings .
With heartiest wishes to Mrs Mahon and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

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January 23rd 1936.

My dear Colonel Mahon,

I am replying to your last letter to Svetoslav, and at a rather sad hour: let us send to the demised ~~King-Emperor~~ our best thoughts.

We have read the letter of Mr. Frank Rutter, which you sent us and which we return herewith with thanks. Regarding his suggestion about the Tate Gallery, this question should be ascertained in a most friendly way. There is an old proverb, that "one does not enter a foreign monastery with one's own precepts". Also in this case it would be better to find out their requirements, their space, their date and all other questions which may arise in this connection. Every Gallery, and the more so a Museum, has its own rules. I fully understand that Mr. Rutter indicates the Tate Gallery - this shows his serious attitude to my exhibition. But Museums are often engaged for long periods and current extraordinary events may also influence the circumstances. Therefore I think that one may ask the Tate Gallery, basing oneself on Mr. Rutter's letter, and in this case it would seem advisable to add for the Director of the Tate Gallery some

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literature (perhaps Tandan, The Corona Mundi monograph, and certainly one has to give him the names of the previous Board of my exhibition Committee in London in 1920). It may further be useful to add a copy of Rutter's article.

I also was very glad to hear that Mrs Mahon escaped so miraculously the danger of fire, and we all hope that you will keep in the best of health.

Mme de Roerich sends her heartiest greetings to you both, in which we all join,

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 4, 1936

My dear Colonel Mahon,

Many thanks for your letter with the news that you have written to London about the exhibition. Let us expect good news.

We fully understand your indignation and astonishment at the alleged news about the Pact. You will readily understand how we are also shocked hearing of these methods of the trio, who are ready to involve the whole world, if only to fortify their malicious attempts. Since then we have heard of another attack from the same front. According to a cable, there has appeared on Jan. 30th in the newspaper in America something vicious about the expedition. But the next day this news was retracted by the Department, exonerating the Expedition. No doubt every filth comes from the same dirty source - the trio. If we take into consideration that on the following day was to be the hearing against Mr. Horch on the part of the three offended Trustees, it becomes clear that this was organized to prejudice the judge's mind. We do not know of any details in the course of time we shall no doubt receive the clip-

pings, but since you sometimes receive them earlier, I shall be obliged if you would kindly forward it to me when you receive it.

No doubt Mrs Mahon and you feel how all this reacts upon Mme de Roerich's heart - for indeed some unheard-of malice is being manufactured by this evil trio.

Regarding the news about the Pact, it is quite unbelievable, if these statements were not made in the office of lawyers during official negotiations. One really has to be on guard against the trio like in a dark night on a crossroad!

Many thanks for your care about Svetoslav's proposed visit. Yesterday Dr. Coutts was here and stated his diagnosis, assuring that an operation is not needed, but suggesting to have x-ray-photos taken. He mentioned that there is a good installation also in Lahore. Therefore Svetoslav intends to go to Lahore and he is writing you himself about the date.

Mme de Roerich and we all are sending heartiest greetings to Mrs Mahon and yourself and hope that by now you will have completely recovered.

Yours very sincerely,

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April 20th 1936.

Dear Colonel Mahon,

Yesterday we saw Mr and Mrs Golley for tea and I had a chance to take up the question of the land with him. He suggested that we should apply for ~~upper~~ land to Mr. Burke and advised to explain to him that the seedlings will have to be transplanted about June. Working on the promise that the upper land can be given in any case, we have over one hundred thousand seedlings ready which will have to be transplanted by June the latest. Could you please apply for the upper plot Pharl ~~that the~~ the matter of the lower plot altogether. Pharl is on Chanderkhani.

Thanking you and hoping that it will go through soon, with best wishes to Mrs Mahon and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

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My dear Colonel Mahon,

Many many thanks for your cordial wishes - indeed from you there always radiates the very best. We are so glad that your health is steadily improving and we wish that you give your organism time to patiently re-establish its equilibrium.

Many thanks for the Sunday Standard. It was the first newspaper welcome.

We are not at all surprized by the rude behaviour of the Statesman because already since 1923 he was adamant in his hostility, without any cause whatsoever. Thus this hostility also has already its jubilee anniversary and probable the Statesman prefers some false information about Kulu. Requiescant in pace !

Now comes the fun. You sent us a clipping from the "Night and Day" magazine of Aug.17,1937 containing an article "Visitors' Book" by Dennis Kincaid. In this article the apparently friendly author quotes passages from my alleged inscriptions in Hotel visitors' books in

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Goa and Kashmir. In Goa I have never been in all my life! And in Kashmir, as well as in all hotels of the world, I have never made any inscriptions, except my name and address when required and even this was usually written by Georges. The question now arises - is this some fantastic fiction or does there perhaps exist a mysterious double? From the fact that the author refers to "Sacre de Printemps" it is obvious that he has really me in view and is probably unintentionally misled. But if we assume that such a double really exists and wanders with my name on his lips, and perhaps pretending to be myself, - this would be interesting to find out. Perhaps you, as an interested biographer for the sake of truth could write him a friendly letter, asking him what more he knows about this and telling him the above facts. At the same time one may perhaps ask the Nedou Hotel in Srinagar whether any inscription has appeared above name. Also, why should I write about Islam? All this points to a certain mystery, and you know that I even dislike this very word, because it reminds me of mist. By the way, we stayed at Nedous in Srinagar in spring 1925. I expect all this may interest you.

Mme de Roerich and we all are sending you and Mrs Mahon our best greetings,
in Spirit with you

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13-OCT-1937

My dear Colonel Mahon,

Again from you there have come beneficial signs - your most beautiful Message for the 10th for which please accept my heartiest thanks - to-day the Daily Herald and the other day the "India" magazine. Thanksalso for the Orient. All these days lately we received many touching tokens of friendship from different countries. We have already a cable from Riga about the great success of their Congress. It will interest you to hear that England's eminent poet Gordon Bottomley has sent a beautifully written message and that the London Library in person of Mr.C.H.Wright has also sent congratulations. I was also moved receiving an unexpected hearty message from the Wiener Secession - although I am a Honorary Member there I have for thirty years had no direct contact with them, and I wonder how they got the date?

Mme Roerich and we all are sending to Mrs Mahon and yourself your best wishes,

in Spirit with you