

Little India
Wednesday

June 9/04

Dearest Bernard,

We got down
safely ~~without~~ any adventures
We had priests & 3 or 4 laborers
who all seemed to be protest-
ants though their manners
looked french & N.C. ish -
The drive was cold, but clear
star-light - & no wind so not
unpleasant. & the rising
dawn was breaking before
we reached the house. The
birds twittering, & white herons
gleaning -

The garden looks very
well nearly all the seeds
well up & the perennial
toppies growing volcanically -
no sign of the shells in the
front-lads & the old roses
look very dead - only at the

roots much greenness or life.
We were a long time in getting
Eva's trunk unlocked but at
last she managed it - herself.

The faithless Turkey, did not
bring our trunks down till
nearly 2 o'clock today, so we could
not get on much - I had to
eat - both dinner & breakfast
without a table cloth, or
even a fork, we had spoons &
knives, & no doubt they were
better than chop sticks.

Both the little girls bed &
ours are dreadful all the
tacking seems to have given
way & the lumpy contents to
be shifting about - in which, their
own safety lay in being left
quietly flat - they have been
hauled about & shaken up
& I doubt if your head were
lie even as easy as one that
wears a coronet if we have
to put up with it. I will
inquire if anything for a repair
can be got here but nothing can
be done to the little girls -

Mrs Malion's promised bed
has not arrived but carpet
& paper & tacks are all here -
We will begin retelling to-
morrow, unpacking has been
all we could do today. We are
rather pleased to find the sofa
looking more shabby than we
had remembered as we feel
justified in having bought a
new cover -

Of the two keys you gave me
one certainly opens yr cupboard
the other does not open that
work shop - so the ~~key~~ is
out of our reach - Can you
have exchanged it for another
like it - ?

We have not yet found
many forgets - Eves' grammar
& Geography have not been brought
the ~~to~~ not find the farmer's
hopful care or Lois wd come upon
it - Either her school Geog or
Bernardi's one wh. she was
using will do - B.S.'s Algebra
is on top of the books on the
lowest shelf in the back
drawing room -

I never knew the roads so
rough as last night - The
weather today is beautiful
but cool -

I hope you get more
light & air now the trees
have been thinned

The Boney's have Cooks
yellow & green than ever
wainright's coming this week
'Farber' tonight, & so on -

Kull thinks we do need
more chairs & I fear she is
right - The market ones
do do all right - I will find
out if they can be got here -

Love to all - I hope
for a grand reunion before
very long - I trust Mrs. D
has remembered the coal & the
addition - The room looks
capital, I mean Cook's room -
We call her Carry - she seems
quite nice so far obliging &
sensible - but soft -

Arrive
The train was not in till 17 - 10 -
never do far matter