October 5, 1929

Dear Dr. Jacocks:-

I was very glad to hear from you and would have replied earlier only a rather severe functional heart attack accompanied by considerable weakness has laid me by the heels and my correspondence has been greatly neglected. Moreover I am condemned to stay in London until sometime next year, and avoid work as much as possible. Your ability to live in a warm climate excites my envy. I wish it were possible for me to do it just now. However, we have a very pleasant flat in the Queen Anne's Mansions here and expect to enjoy the cold weather if it is not too cold and foggy.

Dr. Nell and several other of our old Ceylon friends visited London this summer and we greatly enjoyed meeting them.

Is there any chance of your visiting England within the next year? We would be greatly pleased to see you again.

My wife and niece join me in all good wishes, and I remain

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNMENT OF TRAVANCORE

Trivandrum
Travancore
India
May 17, 1929

Dear Doctor Wood,

Many thanks for your letter of January 12 relating to the visit to Ceylon of Mr Cobe and his daughter. The letter was handed to me when I passed through Colombo in March on my way to this place. I much regret that I was not in Ceylon to see your friends as I am sure that I would have enjoyed their company.

You may know Travancore from your Indian experience. The country is much like Ceylon, but not so advanced or sophisticated. It is very backward in health matters and naturally there is much to do.

The first job is to build up a personnel before I can really do very much work. It is believed by the local physicians that there are serious problems in malaria, filariosis, hookworm disease, leprosy, yaws and tuberculosis. Add to that infant mortality and sanitation. The task seems pretty big. A cholera epidemic, just ended took 10,000 lives.

The climate here is much like that of Colombo. We get a good drenching from the S.W. monsoon and a fair share of the N.E rains. There are some fine lia estates in the hills.

I was much pleased to hear from you again and hope you will enjoy the summer in England. If you come this way again I should be very glad to see you.

My very best wishes to yourself, Mrs Wood and your niece.

Sincerely yours
W.P. Jacocks