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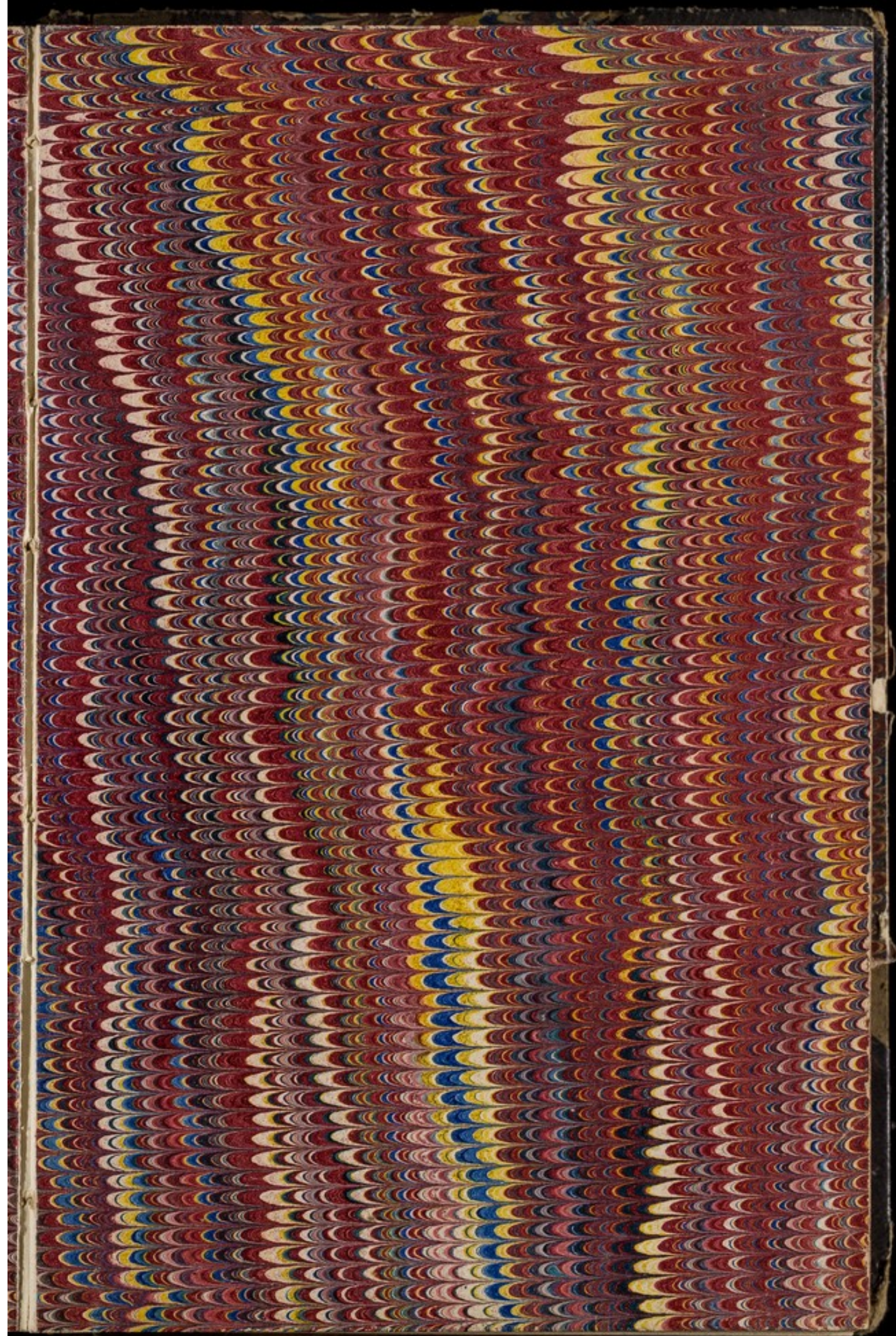
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Notes in India.
At Poona & Mr. Abro,
Ahmedabad, & Deesa
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At Poona in the Deccan, 1867.

The 45th Regt. had been more than one year at Poona — since the beginning of November 1865 to end of 1866.

1st January 1867.

There are 51 men in hospital.

The weather is rather cold: thermometer falling sometimes as low as 52° + in the night; while in the day it rises to 85° or 88° in the shade.

This range of temperature makes it trying to those who have any form of liver-complaint. I have smart pain in that quarter every day; chiefly from before day-break until about 9 a.m.

It is said that a telegram has been received from England

directing the preparation of an expedition for the invasion of Abyssinia: the troops to consist of three European regiments of infantry; several of native infantry; 1 of European cavalry; three of native cavalry; with several batteries of artillery. We are spoken of as likely to go.

2^d January,

The officer amateurs of the reg^t performed "Raising the Wind" last night in the regimental theatre, in a very creditable manner.

Mr Rop, the Scotch chaplain, tells me that his thermometer a few nights ago shewed $49^{\circ}F$: while in past years 37° has been registered at Poona.

This morning my servants killed a green snake in my

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bath-room, where he was hiding under a rolled-up mat. As usual, they had smashed up his head: so that I could not examine his teeth: but I think it is a harmless variety. Of course, the servants said he was "bahut khrāb", very bad.

4th Jan.

Riding through the city of Poona, I was amused by watching a sweet-meat maker working up a mass of tenacious sweet stuff, throwing a 'bight' of it over a peg in the wall, and pulling at the sugary rope until he drew it out four feet or so, throwing over a double bight, and so on: all the while, the filthy dust from the road being worked up with the luscious mass.

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5 Jan.

My knee, hurt about two weeks ago by my wicked horse Bungus falling upon me in the road, threatens to inflame and to lay me up. Brigadier Sir C. Staveland, commanding this brigade, a day or two ago lost a valuable horse — worth 2000 rupees — it fell dead under him at the Bund. Col. Graves, too, of the 3^d Light Cavalry, lost a valuable horse by sudden death.

7th Jan.

Obliged to go on the sick list, on account of my sore knee. Pity: as Speedy, the surgeon, is not in good health, & there is no one else to do the work.

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8th Jan:

Had a begging visit from the Rom. Cath. Priest of St. Patrick's, on the road near the Skolapore bridge.

He is getting subscriptions towards a new harmonium for the church.

A good many of ours have subscribed. Would the Rom. Catholics do as much for us?

9th Jan.

The Poona Bachelors gave a ball to the station - at Mr Wedderburn's house.

D. Currie C.B. Deputy Insp. Gen. of Hospitals, British Forces, inspected our hospital, barracks &c.

12th Jan.

Martin advises me to try to get home if my liver continues to trouble me.

Met Dr Skues, surgeon of 109th Regiment. They have come from

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Aden. Talking of the expedition of last year from Aden into the Country of the Fudhali Arabs, — they went about 50 miles, with 400 Europeans and 2000 Arab auxiliaries.

Speedy has been retrenched 180 rupees for hospital clothing, which the Commander-in-chief on one of his visits last year, ordered him to apply for.

13th Jan.

63 men in hospital.

Mercur. temp. last night only

15th Jan.

Sir C. Staveley, on one of his visits to our hospital, found fault with the linen not being so white as he liked: but the material is not very good; the Dhobies' pay is small, and they won't buy

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much soap. They wash for as
about 3600 pieces a-month;
each Shob's pay being rupees
a-month. The cloth is cotton,
not linen; it can never look
like household linen.

16th Jan.

Martin & Durrant, having heard
of a panther near Poonundher,
where they are stationed, went
down into a neighbouring valley,
found the beast & shot him:
he did not shew fight.

Glaisher says - "The air in India
"has a higher temperature than
"in England; but also a much
"larger amount of dissolved water;
"although the relat. am^t. of mois-
"ture to temperature is less in India.
"The actual am^t. of diss^d water
"may be taken as indicating the

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"Amount of organic matter
"in the air, of which water is
"solvent and vehicle; and
"hence, although the relat. amt.
"of water in the air is less in India
"than in England, the atmosphere,
"as far as humidity bears on
"health, is more humid than
"in England."

17th Jan.

By a letter from Col. Preston
it appears that our regiment is
to bear the name of the
"Herwood Foresters."

18th Jan.

Busy writing a sanitary report
and topographical report
for the station for 1866, for
Speedy, who is not well.
Capt. M^r: Quire, 1st Royal, is
here. He is pressing upon the

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notice of the authorities a "soldier's
bed" for camp — a hammock,
suspended from two sticks, planted
in the ground & secured to pegs.
It has been received with favour
at home. It obviates disad-
vantage of sleeping on the ground,
and is about the 20th part of the
weight of a wooden cot.

19th Jan.

Rather warmer again.

Min. 64° F. Max. 82

21st Jan.

Consulting Govt. Record — Reports on
Sattara Districts — Bombay selection.

Also, Kolapore in Bombay Govt.
Record, new series, n° III — 1854

The late Rajah of Sattara died in
1848, having adopted a boy whom
he named Bulwant Rao Bhonsle,
with title of Rajadnya. The Home
Govt. decided that Sattara had

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lapsed, by failure of heirs, to the power which bestowed it, and should be annexed. Mr. Frere (now Sir Bartle Frere, Governor of Bombay) has appointed Commissioner, with entire civil power in the state, under Government.

The ex-rajah died at Benares, 1847; leaving a daughter, Goyra Sahab, married to Geshwant Rao Goojer, commonly called Nana Sahab, and two children.

The Punt of Bhoré is a jaghirdar of Sattara, and one of the 8 hereditary ministers of the Marhatta empire, with the title of Punt Saches. His name is Chimnaji Ragoonath Punt Saches, now about 34 years old.

He attended Sir Bartle Frere's durbar last year, with other Sardars of the Deccan. Revenue in 1852, Rs. 1,16,075.

Area of territory about 500 sq. miles.

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The soldiers played "Woodcock's
"Little Game" on the 22nd, and a
burlesque.

23rd Jan.

Although the weather is warmer in
the day, the nights are cold. I was
awakened this morning by the cold;
although I had a woollen shirt on
and a Scotch plaid over me.

Surgeon Speedy on sick list, and
I in medical charge. I am to re-
lieve Apist: Surgeon Vallence from
musketry duty, as he is required
more for duty at hospital.

Capt. Clore and Lieut. Lefroy
joined from England. Voyage in
"Professilite", sailing ship, 103 days.

Unpleasant things - Ens. Gunn
had absented himself without
leave to Bombay. A court of enquiry
had made its report to Gen. Smith,

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whose decision was read out to the assembled officers by Brig.

Gen. Stanley today. As Ens.

Gunn's resignation of the service had gone in and had been accepted by the C. in C., Ens. Gunn is released from arrest.

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25 Jan.

Rode with Martin to the Bund yesterday evening.

Mr Bromhead very ill - pyreptic symptoms connected with a scrophulous abscess in neck.

Ens. Bridge very ill with some pulmonary attack at Lolaba, contracted whilst convalescent from fever.

26 Jan.

More unpleasant matters -

Brig. Gen. Stanley expressed his opinion, before the officers of the Regiment, of conduct of

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Lieut. Chambers in regard to gambling.

Hooke arrived from Poornahur.
27th Jan.

English mail. The Gazette contains the order for the 45th to bear name of "Sherwood Foresters", in consideration of its ~~close~~ association with the "County of Nottingham, and of its distinguished services."

29th Jan.

Vallence desires me to send him before a medical board. The Surgeon sick, and the second assist. surgeon declaring himself unfit for duty. A nice state of things. Too often the case in this climate.

31st Jan.

Hooke goes down to Bombay to-night, to go before a medical board.

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D. Leith, Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Bombay Service, is going home to England, after 38 years service.
1 Feb.

I find that tape-worm prevails amongst the European Sappers & Miners, and their families. We have medical charge of them. They never filter the water for one thing. I have rectified this.
2^d Feb.

Pa. Workman met with a severe accident last night, coming home from the Gen. Depot, falling into a deep quarry.

I find poor Speedy far from well, bodily & mentally: and he must go home. When he goes, I lose my best friend in the regiment. Min. 637.

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4 Feb.

Forwarded Speedy's certificate & his case.

A telegram says that Lord Cranbourne has decided upon an expedition to Abyssinia.

5 Feb.

Very busy all day: no time for a ride in evening.

7 Feb.

How vastly superior George Eliot's "Felix Holt" is to the heaps of books by lady-writers of the day.

The ramoosee, or watchman, of the house behind mine, died suddenly. Found his wife sitting with him in her arms, rocking herself to & fro, now & then laying her head upon his shoulder; all the while a knot of people staring in through the open door.

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11th Feb.

Although the temperature does not fall below 62° at night, I am awakened by the cold, notwithstanding a blanket and a plaid over me. Rumour to effect that all the departments of supply for the army are to be brought under one responsible chief - 'civil Chief of the Staff.'

12th Feb.

Speedy left for Bombay, to appear before a medical board. Goad to embark for England, to go through course of drill with the new Snider Enfield rifle.

13th Feb.

Met the Board of Health this morning, regarding certain defects I had reported.

61 men in hospital.

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15th Feb.

Speedy returned; the board having
invalided him to England.

V. Lancet for Jan. 5.

Heath's successful case of aneurism
of innominate by simultaneous
ligature of subclavian & carotid.

Lancet Jan 19 Jan.

Belladonna in severe colic and
obstipat. with vomiting — $\frac{1}{2}$ grain
Ext. bellad. every 4 hours,
bellad. oint. to abd.

warm bath & enem. ol. ric.

De Morgan's plan of ligature of vessels —
instead of leaving the ends hanging
out of wound, passes them through
skin close to where they are tied:
they remain innocuous, & come
away without trouble.

16 Feb.

Warm weather seems to have set in.

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17th Feb.

Decided to send Capt. Adams before a board for leave to England — health impaired by service and fever in India.

18th Feb.

In evening, was called by Valence to consult with him as to cause of death in a native woman at the Church Mission. Had to take body to dead-house at Bazaar office, where we examined it. Found natural causes. Detained until 7.30 p.m.

19 Feb.

Gram sells for 9 seers a rupee 1st sort; 2^d sort 10 seers. Took over charge of regiment and documents from Speedy.

20 Feb.

The Treasury at Kurrachee has

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been plundered by men of the
33^d. They say the reg^t. will be
sent to Aden.

21 Feb.

A soldier, who had been much ex-
posed to sun while playing at
'long-bullets', was brought to hospital
with symptoms of insolation - eyes
much congested - 11/20 - spinal
irritation - vomiting.

23^d Feb.

D. Simpson called, on way to Serow, to
take charge of Poona Horse -
Told me particulars of death by
suicide of poor D. Sanders, sur-
geon of 49th. He had been disap-
pointed about an exchange to a
brigade of artillery going home (11/7)
and was very anxious to get home
to his wife & children. He became
ill, & attempted his life. Was sent
up to Mt. Abu, with D. Corban &

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Major Gosling. Said he would sit down to write a home letter for the mail. The others left the room. He got hold of a loaded revolver, & shot himself.

28th Feb.

Speedy left, with Mr. Speedy, for Bombay & England. Min. 63.

27th Feb.

Moved into Speedy's house, N. 9 Shorpoorie Lane.

1st March

Several cases of fever coming in - ushered in by diarrhoea or dysentery - owing to increasing heat of weather.

2nd March

Bridge is about to be brought before a medical board at Bombay.

Ens. Curtis joined from England. Humphrey laid up with fever.

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9th March.

Selecting weakly men to be sent to the hill sanitarium of Poorundhar. Several men begged not to be sent. They find the place dull, and no drink to be had.

Received for medical charge of the European Sappers & Miners for month of Feb. the munificent reward of Rs. 4-4; having paid 4 weekly visits, written several official letters for their benefit, sent in weekly reports of sick in duplicate, & one monthly Report in triplicate, besides having visited patients in their lines as often as twice a day. I gave it to the hospital sergeant.

11th March.

Rumoured that Dr. Livingstone has been murdered in Africa.

Went up to 90° today, in 200m.

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12 March

May. in west room 93° today.
68 men in hospital.

13th March

Note to Mr. R. Wornum,
Keeper of National Gallery,
London, about the supposed
Rubens in my father's
possession.

19th March

Maj. Gen. Smith inspected the
barracks & hospital. Took
opportunity, of representing the
injury sustained by our regi-
ment from syphilis, and what
measures were likely to lessen
it.

21st March.

The bird which makes the grooey
in the Deccan resound all
day long with his loud
ringing, monotonous, note,

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is rather difficult to get sight of. He perches high up in the tree, near the very top. The Mahratas here call him 'Sutar' or carpenter. His note is not unlike the sound made by a hammer striking a hard log: but it is like a strong middle note from a large flute.

The male is rather less than a Thrush, ashy brown on back, lighter underneath; throat yellow and crimson; breast grey & crimson. Female smaller; no crimson. I first heard it near Gou in 1885, but could not see it. The note is very loud & resonant for a bird of the size.

23rd March.

A dust-storm in afternoon, from N.W., after which a slight rain. After this the air was deliciously fragrant.

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25 March

This is the last day of the Hindu festival of Holi; the servants have applied for leave, and for my signature for a gallon of Porter! Porter is certainly better than their toddy: but I do not care to have to 'stand treat' on their innumerable holidays.

The Commander in Chief inspected all troops of the garrison today on parade on the Maidan, or Plain.

Tree common enough here - called Shekut, or Shekta - 'drum-stick' at Madras.

The long thin pod is used as food, with or without curry, & is sweet and pleasant.

The headquarter staff go with the C. in C. to the hills,

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on the first of next month -
to Mahabuleswar.

28 March

The Commander in Chief, Sir Robert
Napier, with headquarters staff,
visited the regimental barracks,
hospital &c minutely. I was
cordially thanked by him for what
he had seen in the hospital, and
for its condition &c.

3^d April

Vallencia is gazetted Asst. Surgeon
to 3^d Dragoon Guard, who are at
Ahmednuggur, some 70 miles off.

6th April

Very hot already. 103° in shade,
outside house, north side;
in the room shut up 93°.

10th April

St. Lambard, formerly of 54th,
joined from England.

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11 April

Blaze, Bayly, and Townley
are out in the Ghats about
30 or 40 miles off, after
tigers &c. Blaze writes to me
that Townley has been wounded
by a panther which he had
wounded, at Somboli, near
Karkalla - bitten severely
above elbow & torn by her
claws on back, but no bones
broken.

12th April.

Very busy all day, with
office work & the sick - too
late for dinner.

Coming back from dinner, found
that my mussal had
gone to the back verandah
to get a bottle of soda water
to put in my bedroom, when
he found a cobra among

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The wet straw in which the bottles were kept. Going into my bed. room for a stick, he said he found he was followed by the snake which took up its position under my bed. He drove it out into the dressing room where he & his fellow-servants killed it. About a week before, LeRoy & I had come home after a ride: it was dark, & the boy stood at the door with a lantern to show us in under the porch. I had just time to stop LeRoy, who is very short-sighted, before he put his foot upon a snake lying on a mat in front of the door-step. We wounded him but he escaped, as the boy's light was blown out. The servants

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think that I have had a narrow escape & that my fortune is great; as they believe that when a snake has been wounded it will follow the man for 20 miles, or if he has killed its mate.

Next night, another snake was seen emerging from a hole in the garden in front of the porch.

15th April.

Bazley came in from Samboli. Louley is doing well. They next, he says, to have killed a tiger and a panther by this time: but most of their hunters are afraid to beat properly, since the mauling received by Fletcher of the Artillery. This party is then quite about 2 years ago. At one

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village in the Ghât, the people
had lost 50 head of cattle by
tigers last year.

19 April.

Vallence on sick list.

I had a heavy day's work of
it, visiting hospitals, inspecting
Sapper Lines, and seeing about
a house for Spens, ~~at~~ the
neighbourhood of Sudder
Bazaar; afterwards visiting
sick officers &c.

22^d April

Serjt. Simpson, Master-tailor,
died of fever. I find that he had
been in the habit of wearing only
a little wide awake hat
in going to & fro from his quar-
ter to the workshop in the sun;
& that he had been 5 days ill
before he reported himself sick.
He had served a number of years

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in the W. Indies, and thought he could go about with impunity as he did there.

25 April.

Very hot weather: 104° in shade of porch, which is tiled & covered with creepers: inside house 98° F.

Really a hot day.

1 May

D^r. Arch^d. Gordon C.B., the new Inspector General of Hospitals for British Troops, visited hospital today. I took him round, and gave him all the information which I thought he would require, also shewing him the barracks, married quarters &c. I may have looked for some words of commendation (I know I felt zealous in my work): but all he said was, to ask me what my pay was, and to say it was ^averra good

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May." I told him that compared with the scale of pay when he was assistant surgeon in India it seemed good: but that it was not very good when the dearth of living was taken into consideration. He is a curmudgeon, in my opinion, without a soul above rupees.

2 May

Hot wind, with devils flying about. One of them partly unroofed the thatched bungalow behind Willoughby's.

Willoughby has applied for 6 M. leave preparatory to retiring from service. Thunder amongst adjoining hills.

3^d May.

Heard from Townley from Rhima Sunker far up in the Ghats: they have only got one bear: heard of 3 tigers, but could not find. Townley all right again.

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Badly off for water in the Ghor-
poree Lines, & have to apply
to the 22^d N. I. for leave to
draw from their wells.

4 May

Staff Surgeon Funnemore has
been directed to join the 45th
Reg^t to take medical charge.
Why did they not rather put
him in charge of the 49th,
which is now in med. charge
of an apst; surgeon much
my junior? Perhaps because
Poon is much nearer to
Bombay than Deesa.

6th May

Smart rain among the hills
in neighbourhood. Beginning
of the Mohurram festival.
Slept out in the open air last
night; my bedroom being insup-
portably close.

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It may be that the staff surgeon who is coming here is not sent to Deesa because the exchange negotiated between the artillery surgeon and the late D. Sanders may yet hold good. This is probably the cause.

About the end of March the European Guard at the back of the Bazaar Office, Sudder Bazaar, was done away with. I was ^{then} about to represent the sanitary condition of this guard house, and the risk the men ran of disease.

8th May

Staff Surgeon J. H. Finemore joined for duty with the regiment - order, 2nd May.

11 May.

D. Gordon C.B. came down from Mahabeshwar. He was 25 hours on the road, owing to heavy rain. Some travellers had to get coolies to drag their carriages.

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through the mud.

Much cooler here since rain fall in neighbourhood.

D^r Veale, R.A. appointed Secretary & Statistical officer to D^r Gordon, the Insp. General of Hospitals, British Service at Bombay. D^r V. is at present in med. charge of Albor Sanatorium.

15 May.

A man, presenting cholera-like symptoms, admitted to hospital - J^r. M^c Gath - married - Oran-guiny, after some pain, we found that he & his wife had eaten some bazaar pork the day before, for supper.

Notes of case: -

Admitted about 8 a.m. 15th May, with vomiting & purging. Was well enough yesterday. Has profuse diarrhoea, with much pain, & sweating. Evacuations watery, containing pieces of undigested

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Potato. Is subject to similar attacks.
Ordered sinapism, & Mist. Halleri.

Up to 11 a.m. many times purged, with
pain - no cramps - Eyes congested, bluish-red.
P. 100, full: skin moist. great thirst: no
headache now. Ice & slices of lime.

After this voided some bloody mucus.

Apothecary administered enema of ipecac.,
after wh. he seemed better. Drowsy.

No more purging today.

16th Slight dysenteric motions.

Recovered.

16th May

Last night I received a letter from
Lt. Col. Dillon, Military Secretary
to the Com. in Chief, asking if it
would be agreeable to me to be ap-
pointed to the charge of a Hill
Sanitarium - Mount Abu.

Col. Parish says that although he
would rather I should stay with the
regiment, he will not object.

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18th May

Paid a visit to Martin at
Poonundhar, returning on the
19th.

26th May.

Recd a letter from Dr. Currie,
stating that he regretted that
he was obliged to supersede me
in med. charge of the regiment:
but that he had recommended
me, for my 'merits', for a full
med. charge of M^t Abov.

27th May

Recd order from the Adjutant Gen-
eral to proceed to M^t Abov to
take medical charge of the Sani-
tarium - at public expense.
order dated "Mahabuleshwar,
25th May '67.

29th May

Finished a draught of Report of
Medical transactions, and health

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of the regiment in general from beginning of the year to end of April; with a sketch of Sanitary transactions to date. Handed them over to Dr Finchemore.

31st May

Left Poona for M^t. Abov, by Bombay - by 11 p.m. train.

1 June

Arr. Bombay and put up at the Byculla Hotel. No train for Ahmedabad until tomorrow morning. This climate, after Poona, very moist and muggy, causing perspiration to stream off one's face.

Made acquaintance of J^r. Ludovic Newart, the new P. M. O. of the Presidency division - a very pleasant man. Also in his circle.

2nd June

Left for Ahmedabad by 7 a.m. train. Arrived at this old walled city

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Ahmedabad
about 10 p.m. - distance from
Bombay about 300 miles.
Several important and interesting
places are passed on this line, the
Bombay & Baroda railway - or
rather, the Bombay, Baroda, &
Cent. India Ry.

It passes within sight of Bassain, once
an important Portuguese town;
close past the walls (Delhi Gate)
of Surat; Broach; & Baroda.

I put up for the night at the
traveller's room at the railway
station, where there is accommoda-
tion for three or four persons.

3rd June.

Early in the morning, strolled about
the suburbs and through the city.

There are some elegant remains of
mosques & tombs here, which Fergu-
son's book had taught me to ad-
mire. The wall is entire.

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Many of the houses have beautifully carved wood-work about them.

The number of dogs about the city is wonderful - great red or yellow curs. Dined at the R. A. Mess, out at camp, with Jago, S. A. S.

Left for Deesa about 11 p.m. in a bullock shigram, with pair of bullocks - a spring cart, with two wheels, & a hood - fitted inside so as to allow mattress to be spread full length. My light baggage & 1 servant accompanied me in a Country cart with 4 oxen. Left my other servant ^{to come up} with heavy baggage, which has not arrived from Bombay by goods train.

It is the height of the hot weather here, and something to remember.

Hot winds all day long.

Hire of shigram & 2 oxen, Ahmedabad to Deesa 28 rupees; the Country cart & 4

Ahmedabad to Deesa

oxen, 26 rupees - half paid in advance here.

4 June

Reached Kullhole, said to be 18 miles from Ahmedabad, about 7 a.m. This is foreign territory, the Guickwar of Baroda's. A small village, within a mud wall. Fine trees all about it. Several wells: water muddy-tasted, but sweet. Traveller's bungalow here is one of native plan, small, but not very bad: scarcely any furniture.

Very hot here. Paid puttiwala in charge 4 annas; water-carrier 2 annas. The puttiwala says his pay is 4 rupees a-month. He will procure milk & other small supplies for travellers. In the bazaar there is scarcely anything but the grains used by natives. Ahmedabad bread

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I found very good. A traveller ought to take with him half a dozen loaves wrapped in plantain leaf. Wrote a letter to my father; and sent it off by a runner (the first villager whom the puttivala recommended) to be posted at Ahmedabad. Gave him 8 annas. (It reached safely, as I afterwards heard)

Left Kullole about 3 p.m., the heat still excessive. Rode a sandy track.

5th June

Reached Langrej about 1 a.m. — in Guickwar's territory. Bungalow seems English-built — good, on a high plinth, on a rising ground, close to a large tank near the village. The tank contains water-fowl, and snuggars. There is good shooting about here in cold season; black buck, chinkara, duck, teal, snipe, and koolun (edible crane).

Journey to Deesa and

The natives told me that an English soldier, one of a detachment on the march, was killed here by a mugger while bathing in the tank. He left a wife and two children, who were marching with him. Milk to be got here: no fruit.

A small temple in the village shows rich carving on the pillars. There is a distinctive style about the temple architecture up here, compared with that of the Deccan.

Got my boy to make me some 'ganu' cakes, of flour, which were very good, but for the sand which had got mixed up with the flour.

Left Langrej about 4 p.m. on the 5th; the road very sandy and heavy for the vehicles.

McCulloch - 1867.

6th June

Reached Jatalwasna about 3.15 a.m., having halted a short time at Mysana, while I was asleep. Water-melons were very abundant a little way from Langrej; some of them of the finer kinds, delicious in this terrible heat. Hot as it is, there is freshness in this open air life, and I don't dislike it. You enjoy the comparative coolness of the bungalow all the more.

It is necessary, in travelling through this country, as in Rajpootana, to have a guide to accompany you at night. You get a new one at each village, & pay him about $\frac{1}{2}$ anna: and it is still more necessary when you halt at night, to have

To Deesa and

a puggee, a watchman from the village, if you wish to escape the adroit thieves. It is a black-mail.

The western sky was obscured by a mist of hot drifting ^{fine} sand, ~~of~~ through which the sun, as it declined, looks pale and sickly. The two little pups which I had with me feel the heat terribly. You ought to have two or three of the water-bottles of the country in the cart, which evaporate & cool the water. The Scinde ones, small, of grey colour, are the best in India: but at Ahmedabad very good ones can be got.

Bungalow at Jatalwasna good. Only milk to be had. The wells in this hot country are

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of great importance. Much labour is bestowed upon them.

They are often finely built.

Near Ahmedabad are some famous wells, with underground chambers opening upon them.

See Ferguson on Indian Architecture. I like to watch the ^{groups of} people about the wells, their attitude & their gestures; the thirsty, dusty, travellers coming up to drink; the tired horses & oxen under the trees. Most of the male travellers march with sword & buckler as in the olden time; some with matchlock beside; the Bheels with bow & arrow.

Left Jatalwasna about Noon, notwithstanding the heat, being anxious to get on.

7th June.

Along a sandy tract, with patches of cultivation and fair growth of

to Mt. Abu

crops wherever wells supplied the
needful water - slowly plodding
on in the intense heat, the hot
wind bearing in its breath a
cloud of fine sand which in-
creases thirst by entering the mouth
& nostrils. Reached Sidpoor
about 6.45 p.m.

The bungalow, although in the
Guickwar's territory is an
English-built one, standing on
the high bank of the river
which separates it from the
town of Sidpoor. The house is
a good one.

A fine temple stands near the
river, below the bungalow, with
an unusually high-walled court,
and towers at the angles -
rather an unusual design -
the details all of handsome
work. Rested about

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2 hours; left for Patosen
about 9.30 p.m.

8th June - Saturday

Reached Patosen about 6.15
a.m.

A good bungalow,
with 3 rooms, a high veran-
dah, punkah in each room;
standing on high ground,
and on a high plinth.

Water muddy.

Notwithstanding the heat,
I left a few minutes after
noon; and after a weary
and hot journey, reached
Deesa about 6.30 p.m.

In this weather, approaching
Deesa, you get the idea that
it is hiding in the desert -
no habitations beyond the bar-
racks; only the scrub-covered
waste and drifting sand.

As you enter the station

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the trees increase in number.
The neem is the commonest
tree: at this season it is covered
with green leaves and small
greenish blossoms of conside-
rable fragrance. It is the
Melia azadirachta of botanists.
The barracks look new & trim.
The bungalows look as if their
owners took some care of them.
The barracks seem mostly new:
have roof ventilation by ridge
and clerestory. Family quarters
in 3 blocks, in echelon, to catch
the breeze. Evidently a very
hot station: now, it is positively
glowing with heat. Put up
at the traveller's bungalow.
Found an old acquaintance,
Swinhoe, of the Commissariat,
formerly of the 56th Regt. I
knew him at Colaba.

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His wife & children are up at Mt. Abou, and he is going up today. Offers to get me on with him, which I gladly accept.

About 4 p.m. we started for Abou, Swinhoe riding a camel, I a pony: next stage I took the camel, and Swinhoe a horse which was awaiting him, and on we pushed along the deep sandy track.

The last stage, to the foot of Mt. Abou, or rather to Anadra, the village about 2 miles from the foot, on the road toward Upper Rajpootana, he did in a light cart without springs, drawn by bullocks, which jolted terribly; yet I slept through most of it.

At Anadra, in the early morning, we had a cup of tea,

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a cheroot, and set off, mounted on mules belonging to the Commissariat, which will be used to bring down soldiers.

The ascent of the mountain is very steep: but a good path has been cut in a zig-zag along its piny and rocky sides.

The mountain is of immense size - its base begirt with thick jungle. It is quite isolated from other mountains. Viewed from the plain at Anadra it looks like a huge barrier, with a rugged outline: one has but little idea of the real configuration of the mountain.

It is said to be about 50 miles round the base.

The ascent, on mules, took us exactly one hour and a

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quarter, from the base.

Reached the station of Abov,
which is some two miles from
the top of the ascent, towards
the middle of the mountain,
about 9 a. m. on the

9th of June.

The ascent must be nearly
4000 feet. The mountain
rises at many points
above the height of the
station, and even above
the new Sanitarium, which
stands at least 4500 ft above
the sea. The mountain
rises directly out of the sandy
plain, which is not much
above the sea-level. The highest
peak of Abov, where there is a
temple of great sanctity, is
about 5700 ft. above the sea
level. This peak is several

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miles distant from the station.

My brother officer, Raymond, Capt. in 45th, and Commandant of Aboo Sanitarium, is away in the plains on a shooting excursion, with ^{out} Hogg, A. 2^d W. Gen. of North² Division, and Capt. Heyland of 1st Light Cavalry. They went down about 12 miles off, where a tiger had been marked ~~off~~ down.

I arrived at Aboo without luggage, and without any clothes except what I took in - namely, a pair of cord riding breeches, a cotton coat of khaki, and a pair of riding boots, a very jolly dress, but scarcely for calling upon the General in. The officer Commanding the Northern Division, Maj. Gen. Tapp, C.B., an old acquaint-

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tance of the regt. at Colaba,
where he was Brigadier at
Bombay, is here for some time;
and Brig. Gen. Taylor, of the
2^d Cavalry, is coming up from
Deesa (in which command Abo is)
where he commands the brigade,
which is a complete field force
in itself - Consisting of the 49th
Regt. (British), a regt. of native
infantry, a regt. of Light Cavalry
(1st Bombay), a battery of artillery,
with camp equipage, and elephants,
& animals complete.

11 June.

Found Abo hotter than I expected.
It is unusually close & hot, the
weather about to change. I am
surprised at the heat, the number
of flies & mosquitoes; the last
are very troublesome at night.
I am staying in Hayward's house,

M^t Alor.

on one of the heights near the
Sanitarium & Barracks.

15 June

Dined with Major General Tapp.
Met Brigadier Gen. Taylor &
some Gen & others.

17th June

Hayward & party returned from
shooting. A week in the jungle.
Only got one bear. Hogg shot
another, but lost it, being at
the time alone. The tiger, which
was marked down, they beat for;
but he broke and got away.

Rain fell today

18th June

Weather very sultry.

19 June

Concert & ball at Col. Eden's,
the Agent for the Governor General
for the Rajpootana States.
Nearly all the people of the

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Station, residents & visitors,
present. The band of the Eniporra
regt, drums & pipes, discoursed Droll
Dance music. Good Supper in the
large Shamyana, outside.

23 June

This place has not as yet agreed
with me. I came up here thin,
but all the better for my week of
hard journeying. Now I feel out of
sorts - weak & listless, and with
a bad appetite. The drying-up
of the recent showers has developed
more malaria, apparently. I felt
very much better after taking quini-
nine.

24 June.

Gen. Tapp tells me that he has had a very
favourable report of Teethul on the
Coast of Gujerat, as a sanitarium;
and that orders have been received
to build quarters there for 201 men,

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married men, and staff sergeants. The health of the men sent there is said to have been greatly benefited. They say that Colaba Sanitarium is to be done away with - a mistake, I think, as a coast sanitarium is much needed for the troops in the Deccan, at Poona, Ahmednuggur, Satlara, &c. Certain cases of sickness can only be sent to the coast. True, a better site than Colaba might be found somewhere on the shores of Bombay Harbour.

25 June

Dined with Col: Eden, from whom I learned a good deal about the architectural remains and natural features of some of the Rajpootana states, all of which he knows well.

26th June.

Rumour says our regt. is to move to the

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Madras Presidency, and that the station will be Secunderabad. An end to my hopes of crossing Rajpootana, visiting Agra, Delhi, Lucknow, which I intended doing if the Regt. were ordered to Bengal.

27th June.

The station shrouded in mist. One or two showers. Clothing all damp; requiring the use of the seegree, or basket of ^{burning} charcoal to dry ~~them~~. it, and to keep it dry.

Stevens, an officer of 1st Cavalry, at Deesa, has been attacked and cut down by one of the Sowars, receiving a scalp-wound. The sowar was cut down & severely wounded by the native officers present.

At the enquiry, the sowar said that devils had come to him, that he was tired of life, that he could "get no money".

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28th June

D^r Moore, surgeon to ^{the} political agency for the Soudhpore state (in Rajpootana), & surgeon in Bombay Med. Service, called. When he first visited Aboon in 1859, he found all the European officers then on the hill, some 6 or 7, ill with fever. The Sanitarium was then in one of the hollows, where the Commissariat now have their piggery. He recommended that the Sanitarium should be abandoned, which was done at last. D^r Hadaway visited it, and told Sir W^m Mansfield that he could prove from D^r Moore's figures that the place was more feverish than most stations. Indeed, Moore said more feverish, according to the

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per-centage of cases, than any place in India. (There is some fallacy here) His deductions were published in separate Gen. Orders in 1862. Visceral complications do no good here. Enteric disease rarely benefits. Syph. does little good.

29th June

Our officers, at Poona, have started a "News Letter", for the amusement of the reg^t and of the Station.

D^r Moon describes the hill disease as he has seen it here.

D^r Lowndes, Surg. Rajpootana Agency, who has visited the hill for years, has not observed it. It w^d seem to result from the hill climate acting upon hepatic hyperactivity or other derangement.

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Contracted in the plains. Chief characteristic is the whitish excretion, occurring chiefly in the morning.

2^d July.

Visited Dr. Lowndes to remove the band, all but the thumb, in a native woman affected with a malignant growth ~~involving~~ the metacarpus and fingers. The tumor was more prominent in some parts, where it was ulcerating.

Age 55. What a dirty place the so-called hospital of the Agency was — a mean, dirty shed!

3^d July

The horse-keepers here ask large pay — 8 & 9 rupees a month. All servants look for higher pay here: they don't like the hill.

4 July.

Misty, with thin rain. Saw

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far from well.

Saw an out-patient of Lounds; a native, with leprosy in its early stage. The great toe was ulcerated on its under surface; but showed tendency to heal under acetic acid. The skin of feet and legs showed lumps like slightly raised cicatrices - also part of the disease; and the skin was ^{in a state of} anæsthesia, particularly in lower extremities. Also, a slight paleness on feet & legs.

Jopp & Le Breton dined with us: they leave for Deesa tomorrow. Many people - most of the visitors, have left for the plains.

5 July.

Still unwell, but rather better.

Dined at the Inceys. M^{rs} Incey is a daughter of Gen. Lawrence, brother of the present Viceroy, Sir John Lawrence. About 12

W^c Above

ladies and gentlemen. Capt. Inpay's
is much the best house on the hill.

Rained heavily at night.

6 & 7th July

Rain & mist.

9th July

Yesterday & today misty & raining.
About mid-day Hayward, Fisher
& I walked out to the edge of
the mountain, where the great
flight of steps leads to the holy
spot on the side of the moun-
tain, called the Gae Mukh, or
Cow's mouth. But for the
mist we should have had a
splendid view of the steep, wood
clad mountain-side, and the
jungle-covered plain below, with
winding rivers. Still unwell;
& the walk over about 8
miles of rough mountain path
was too much for me.

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About 4 p.m. we were in our sitting room when we felt the shock of an earth-quake — accompanied by a loud rumbling noise, like a huge stone rolling over a rocky surface. Fine in evening. Earthquakes are not uncommon here. The fine temples of Dilwara, on this mountain, are partially injured by the shock of an earthquake.

Lounds & Blair dined with us.

11 July

Still unwell. Short of breath on walking — from hepatic enlargement.

12 July

An unpleasant rumour has reached us that on the regt. being transferred to the Madras Army, it will be sent to Burmah, to relieve 3/60th Rifles.

A bright, sunny day: so

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that one can open up the entire house, and dry clothes and furniture. Not 3 inches of rain here yet; whereas at Byculla, Bombay, they have had 27 inches already.

13 July

My claim for travelling expenses from Poona to Abou has been refused, although it was in order that I should travel at "the public expense" - on the ground that I get more pay here than I did at Poona.

14 July

I heard from John that James, poor fellow, had been seriously ill; but that he had been better when John wrote.

16th July.

Went with Impey and Hayward

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to Gae-Mukh, where there is a gathering of pilgrims today, visiting the shrine. The view was magnificent from the top of the path which leads down to the temple — over jungle-clad spurs of mountain and over the plain, the latter with the course of the Bünās river marked in sand among the green jungle near the site of the ancient Chandranti, a city of the Rajpoots (see Tod's "Rajasthan".)

The Gae Mukh is a rudely carved cow's head, in stone, serving as a spout for the spring which here issues from the mountain side. The shrine stands against a high bank. A basin of stone-work receives the water, in which the devotees wash themselves. The crowd

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was an interesting one, including many different castes and races of Hindus. They received us with civility; especially a sturdy-looking and somewhat truculent-like Thakoor, armed with revolver. Most of the people were armed.

The Thakoor referred to is a rebel against the Joudhpore state, I think. He was out with the rebels in 1857. He and some others hanged some Europeans, for plunder, for which he was outlawed.

He made himself very pleasant and civil to us, spreading a shawl for us to sit upon.

We took our tiffin under the fine trees close by: but had to keep a sharp look out for bees, swarms of which

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are apt to attack one here,
if disturbed.

18 July.

Thunder storm. Spent evening
with the Surveys very pleasant-
ly, looking over Surveys most
interesting photographic views,
by himself, of landscapes and
buildings in Rajpootana - also,
portraits of natives of different
castes and trades, and tribes.

19 July

Dined at Col. Eden's - a
bachelor party of 10 or 12.

Heavy rain.

20 July

Dined with Major Black, of the
Erinpore Force, and his sisters,
two Misses Black, elderly ladies.

Nice people, all of them.

Rained heavily over night -

more than 2 inches fell.

M^r. Moor

23rd July

Hayward & I dined with
M^r. Arthur, wife of Col.
Arthur, political agent for
one of the Rajpootana states
Capt. Innes

is political superintendent
(that is the word - not
Agent) for Soudhpore;
Col. Nixon at Bodehpore.

There are several others.
They all report to Col. Eden.
This is a fine appointment;
one of considerable power,
high standing, and splendid
emolument, something like
£6000 a-year.

A group of us were photo-
graphed by Coleridge,
Dr Coleridge's son:-

M^r. & Miss Arthur; Dr &
M^r. Moore; Dr Coleridge;

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Col. Eden; Hayward, Fisher
and Cary (49 "Reg.") and myself.

25th July

Hayward, Coleridge & I went
out toward Gae Muck,
beating for spur-fowl - saw
several, but got none.

26th July.

A pic-nic to Achilghur -
the party consisting of Col. Eden,
Impey, Moore, Blair, Fisher,
Hayward, Cary & myself -
We spent the day there. The
distance is about 4 miles from
the station. The road is very
rugged - a stony mountain
path, like a tarent-bed, which
it was all the horses could do
to climb. My young grey
tutor, which I keep for Heyland,
is an admirable walker over
this sort of ground; he has no

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shoe, and steps as securely as a goat, almost. The shod horses did not get on nearly so well. The winding path up the ravine was very picturesque; the path overshadowed by large Karunda bushes, hung with the beautiful creeper, called here ghora bel, which is given as fodder to the horses in the rains. The higher parts of the ravine command lovely views of woodland and rocky scenery.

Achilghur is one of the spots of most interest on the Abov Mountain. On the rocky heights are certain temples and ruins of a fortress. It was one of the strongholds of a Rajpoot clan; and was the scene of one of the

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last stands made by the Raj-
poots against the Mussulman
invaders. There are two chief
temples: one on the rocky height;
the other below. In the court of
the lower temple is the brazen bull,
which bears marks of instruments
driven into it by the Moguls who
thought it must contain treasure:
and beside it is erected a trident of
iron, said to have been made from the
spear-heads of the vanquished Mo-
guls. The latter were successful at
the first onset, and commenced to
plunder & deface the temple, when
a swarm of bees, heaven-sent -
from the bowels of the brazen bull,
the legend says - but doubtless from
the overhanging trees - attacked the
Moguls, who, thrown into con-
fusion by these dangerous assai-
launts, were attacked and over-

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ruined, with great slaughter, by
the Rajpoots. The pillars and
porches of these temples display
much elaborate design -
marble carving, in the form of
small figures of divinities; and
delicately executed work in the
ceilings.

The plain of Coria, visible from
Achilghur, is a comparatively
level tract high up on the
shoulder of the mountain, or
rather, at the foot of its highest
peak. It would be a good
site; only it is surrounded on
a great measure by heights;
although it evidently drains
towards the Achilghur valley,
in which a tank stands, chiefly
supplied, it seems, from Coria.
It might be much improved
by Drainage.

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Wild-vine valley -

2 August

A pic-nic in Wild-vine valley,
amidst picturesque rocks and
crupen-crowned trees.

7 August

M^r. Wolfe, schoolmistress of the
Abor School, very ill with
dysentery. I have medical
charge of the Abor Lawrence
School, containing about 50
boys & girls, of European pa-
rentage, or East Indian-
founded & endowed by Sir H.
Lawrence, the Viceroy's brother.

10 August.

Tried a Richardson's Ether Spray
Machine which I have just
got out from England - made
by Krohne & Jessiman, of
London, with a metal force-
pump, as I desired. It works
very well: but I can't get the

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proper quality of ether here.

Hayward & I live together in my home; for which we pay Rs. 35 a-month.

My share of the price for July was 113 rupees; for August been 21; say total 140 rupees; excluding servants & private bazaar account.

16 August.

Private theatricals at Col.

Eden's - a Comedietta, in which M^r Arthur, Kenton, Daughton, Insuper, Blair, & Hayward took parts.

Dance and supper afterwards.

19 August.

Very heavy rain fell within the last 24 hours - eleven inches and six tenths. From

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6 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. today, there
2.37 inches more. How it poured!

24 Aug.

The mails from Bombay are
often late - roads being nearly
impassable owing to the heavy
rains, and some rivers un-
fordable. The past 5 days
only one newspaper has
reached us. It is said the rivers
between this & Ahmedabad (150 miles
off) have not been so high for
10 years. The bridge on the B.R.
Railway over the Nerbudda has
been injured by floods.

25th Aug.

It has been raining more or less
every day for eight days.

26th Aug.

Up to this morning, total rainfall
for the year is 37.14 inches.

Appropos of the Public Works De-

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partment in India—
"Public Works Department"
it has not inaptly been
called—a price is required
for the med. officer's quarters—
The estimate prepared is 500
rupees. Two latrines for
native followers have been
finished at the barracks—
costing about 1000 rupees,
& a further charge has been
sent in for them—only 4
seats in each.

29th Aug.

Weather clearing. Rode to
the "Gate of Abou", the
gap in the massive rock,
at the edge of the mountain,
through which the road
begins to descend. Walked
down as far as the Am
Pani, sweet waters, or

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Mango Waters — ^{then is} a fine
grove of mango trees, under
which a rivulet flows —
about halfway down the
mountain side. Some women
passed me on the path, shouting
and screaming to people further
down. In answer to my question
"What is the matter?", they hastily
said something about "My
child", or "stolen a child."

Kidnapping going on!

Received a note from Martin:
he has received orders to be ready
to start for Abyssinia with the
first, or exploring expedition.

The Director General of our medi-
cal department has done away
with those secret, or "confidential",
reports by med. officers, upon officers
serving under them. A good thing.

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3^d Sep:

Heard from Clove yesterday - Our regiment has been medically inspected, for active service. The "Times of India" says that a telegram has been received by Sir Robert Napier, to effect that the Abyssinian Captives have been released. Don't believe it.

4 Sep:

No post from Bombay - roads impassable.

7 Sep:

Had a very nasty fall today. Riding home from hospital, down the hill from Hayward's old house, came suddenly upon a flock of sheep near the bridge in the valley; the pony at a gallop. The sheep did not get out of the way: there was no time to pull up, and I c^d not pull to ^{either} ~~one~~ side, as the path is raised at one place & hemmed in by rocks at another.

The pony was tripped up by the sheep, going at a gallop, and fell, I being shot on his head amongst the sheep & striking the ground violently. My helmet saved my head, but I cut my face pretty smartly, and sprained my hand & cut it & my knee. I thought I should have been killed. The shepherd made no attempt when he saw me coming to get the sheep out of the way.

24th Sept

Pic-nic at the "Toad Rock", above the Lake. Fisher seized with ague in the midst of the party.

Hayward went to Poona in the beginning of the month.

26th Sept

Cholera is prevailing amongst the 2^d Queen's at Nusseerabad. They have in a short time lost 43 men,

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16 women, & 26 children; and it is reported that there has been great mismanagement. The Brigadier is said not to have visited the place more than once in 15 days - they were encamped all together among graves of the men of 186th who died of cholera in a former year - No water - 2 days marching a few miles - misery. How many lives are yearly lost from want of precaution in teaching troops, their families, their officers, aye, & their doctors, how to live on first arrival in India!

6 Oct.

Rayward returned from Poona today.

18th Oct.

Look into our house & St. Stace of the battery of R.A. at Deesa, who is convalescent from sunstroke.

This is the second time he has had it. I tell him he must go home. He will not have it so, & becomes angry. This is pathognomonic. People who have had sunstroke are often remarkably obstinate in exposing themselves to the sun, & think they stand the sun very well. This officer was riding about in the middle of the day in his forage-cap, in September, & was seized after he got home, and became insensible.

(He did not go home - it did not suit his views - but got appointed to a mountain battery in Kattiwar. He afterwards read in the papers that he had had another sunstroke.)

It is now certain that he

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are to go to Abyssinia; and
Hayward & I are preparing to
dispose of our furniture &
surplus kit, to be ready to
leave Abou. Hayward has
been very lucky. He has held
his appointment within a few
days of the two years he was
entitled to hold it. It would
have been better for my pocket
had I held mine a little
longer - to the extent of some
£30 a month.

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the copy of the
report of the
committee on
the subject of
the proposed
amendment to
the constitution
of the state
of New York
in relation to
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been Photographed.

