

Raukwe

S. S. Kassicit
at sea
March 18 1854

My dear Father,
The Kabi had a
pleasant time from his
hot water than was
have been expected at this
season, and hope to be
in Adeb at the experiment
tomorrow morning - after
a short stay at home of my
household so well as at my
place for winter -
at my present one of
the best - one of the
old in the country of course

2) actually recent date
(Oct. 27.) which is the
case of Florence having
successfully to get over
another crisis, for the
first time, & an other. I
must alter date. ^(Oct. 27)
Yours, which after was
during across the Pacific
to Australia, had come only
20 farthings royal for England.
You speak of it having
been required from the
on account of impregnation
for the whole of the
account for it. Learning
then the date to really go
before we slept. The answer

at Christmas time, (I fancied that they
had no right to stop foreign letters on
any such grounds.)

No congratulations Florence, for my ^{doing my} sincerity. I am glad she is ^{or has}
done so well, and as pleased, as I
fancy she will be or at least ought
to be herself, that it is a boy - The
present uncertain and transitional
stage of the world's history is I
should imagine very unlikely to be

favourable to the weaker sex -

It was very good of Mrs. C. to write and
I must try to express my kind thanks to
her - Writing rightly here is I know
no child's play, but a ^{difficult} labour
undertaken only when some special
reason exists.

Our way of life so far has been a singularly
prosperous one - I bid fair to continue so
until the end - The journey in form a most
regular & interesting ^{and} ^{to} ^{be} ^{thought} ^{of} ^{as} ^{one} ^{of} ^{the} ^{best} ^{of} ^{the} ^{year}

41, The Australian route -
Conversation now instead
of being about gold &
wheat, business & pleasure,
is all "service" shop, in
character, who is now
in which requirements,
station or ship, what
changes, promotions or
retiring allowances
to be expected and so
forth. A more completely
different world of
thought and interest it
would be difficult to
find. We have one
general, two or three Colonels
and a host of junior off

5) two surgeons, civil
servants, engineers, and
three or four negroes on their
way to attend to foreign
affairs when he is in
hospital. A bright, intelligent
& earnest man for the
most part, although his wife
often quarrels with family
& she complains particularly to
themselves. The Maharajah
of Cooh Behar, who is
travelling with a private
sec^y and a English attaché
& servants, is a very pleasant
fellow, & gives the English
man a pleasure in the
way of playing, which
cricket & billiards &c. give

one a very interesting concrete example of the
innumerable changes that have been and
are being accomplished in our Indian
Empire, changes not material only but
affecting the whole structure of primitive
manners, ways & habits.

I have had my hands pretty full one way
or another, & a number of small ailments,
to look after and attend more serious
cases. Our Jerry or chief of the nation
died this morning of abscess of the liver,
from which he had suffered for several weeks.
My other patients are I trust on the high
road to recovery -

I have had no home news except Mr & Mrs Little
for some time now, but I trust that when
it does again reach me I shall learn of
pleasant happenings & bright prospects for the
future. I do hope you have made up your
mind to taking a thorough rest during the
coming summer, and know how busy
your winter's work always is.

With all loving good wishes to Mother & Eva
Believe me, as always,
Your affectionate son,
P. Macdonald when you are kind
to remember me very kindly to your
father & mother.