

Calcutta

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My dearest appa

I heard the stunning bad news. I am still dazed. Poor Appachaw and poor you. May God give you courage. It is only this morning that I prayed for Appachaw and Annachi, that they should be comforted - - - during their last years - 12 o'clock brought the news. I cannot understand, appa, but perhaps you can.

I will pray for you again and again. That is all I can do. It is that helpless feeling that I cannot bear, the feeling that dominates me now is not sorrow but a helpless anger. Whatever ~~my~~ my feelings may be, my only prayer is that you shall remain unshaken in that great trust of yours in God. Rangi was comforting me today. He said "look here, George, your father has passed that stage in which you and I are. His trust in God is sufficient to face any calamity". I want to believe it.

Why is it, my dearest Appa that you who has done no one any harm, who has lived a much much better life than most men, ~~should~~ should suffer all these. I cannot understand, I really cannot.

Wherever I am, my heart is always with you appa to share all your sorrows and discomforts.

There were three letters one to Dargalup, one to George & one to Omana
George's was in every line a reply to his letter though written several
days previously, almost anticipating his very thoughts.

to Omana,

No doubt the blow was severe. But thank God I am well sus-
tained. I believe that I did not betray myself when I appeared
in court soon after the terrible event. I have accepted this as
well as the several things of a similar nature. I believe that
this is not the end. We are far from being defeated as I told Anna
this morning.

It was a great comfort that Anna was here
these days. Greater still is the privilege she had in serving
our poor Ammachi. It is a comfort to her & me & to us all. Our
dear Ammachi will always remain a model & inspiration
to all her children. What a noble character she was.
Her love, her restraint, fortitude and above all her faith
in her God we must always remember. You take her name
& I am sure you will prove worthy of her. Ammachi is
always in my mind as an inspiration. Not that I
am in deep mourning. I am not weeping
I love her too much for that.

You will be glad to hear that I
am quite fit and cheerful. My love to
Ma & to yourself and a fond kiss to
my little darling.