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Dear Mother.

Once more I am in charge here. very much on my own this time. M<sup>r</sup> Beazley has gone altogether as I told you in my last letter. Capt C is in Luxor & yesterday Miss C went to Alex for a week of her leave, she had to go sooner than she intended as a stopping had/<s> come out of a double tooth, so she arranged to stay with the Director General of Customs & his wife, have a gay time for a week & also get the dental job done. so I saw her off by the night train & am now reigning supreme.

We had a very jolly time yesterday evening, a Major Anderson & General Gordon invited us to dinner on one of the big Nile steamers which was staying at Baliana for the night. of course we accepted with great joy. poshed up in pretty frocks & powdered our noses & set off. we had a lovely dinner with red wine & all trimmings & sat & talked in the lounge until it was time to start to catch the train to Cairo. Sardic & Archmud<sup>sic</sup> were at the station with the suitcases etc. Sardic complete with rifle as usual. he handed this over to me while he handed in the luggage & saw that Miss C was comfortably installed. some Egyptians seeing me with this huge weapon inquired if I was Sheikah el Guffia. We saw the train out & then returned here, as far as possible by car. & trudging across the desert the last part of the journey.

This morning our two hosts came to the temple & saw some of our work. they think it is wonderful that we are able to work in so exactly the same technique. they had seen the work that is being done at Chichago<sup>sic</sup> House Luxor & they say ours is much better, They are anxious to come & spend a few days here later on

In the morning I have to pay the mon -Tuesday morning . I washed your old Kasha coal this morning it was dry in an how. It is now would a ready for wear. I looks very nice. I have also changed my room. I am now in the one M. Beagly had it is divided into Two, so I have a bed room a a sitting room as well, it is better for Nannie as the steps up to the lower were a great trial to her. It will be more convenient in many ways although I am quele Sony to leave my Tower Igd through the ordeal of paying the men very well can you imagine me dealing with these affairs in a forcige tanguage I foreign monay!!! of women Hannic assisted as interpretation. so for my accounts agree with the sum I have in hand -Today I ricewood your letter with the 30 leg. they have come splindidly so far. I am glad Christopher enjoyed all my news. you must have had good fun talking to him about it, as he knows something of the country o'the people how he would enjoy the life here - but what a commetion he would make among the ands here -You will see in Lather's letter the news of Sandie + the wood. he is simply crasy about English wood since he tried to spin it. I must say his jungers are like magic I must take a photo of him spinning. I am trying to get a photographic record of all steges of nature weaving. The other day I took old Ahmund with his sheep & 2 Two day old lambs, one black I said I was sure Miss C would be delighted. they are both so jolly that I am sure we should enjoy having them.

To-night I had to take the Cook's account. (with Nannie's help) & give him the money for the market tomorrow.

In the morning I have to pay the men –

### <u>Tuesday morning</u>/<afternoon>. [= 21<sup>st</sup>]

I washed your old Kasha coat this morning it was dry in an hour. it is now ironed & ready for wear. & looks very nice. I have also changed my room, I am now in the one M<sup>r</sup> Beazley had, it is divided into two, so I have a bed room & a sitting room as well, it is better for Nannie as the steps up to the tower were a great trial to her. it will be more convenient in many ways although I am quite sorry to leave my tower

I got through the ordeal of paying the men very well. can you imagine me dealing with these affairs in a foreign language & foreign money!!! of course Nannie assisted as interpreter, so far my accounts agree with the sum I have in hand — To-day I received your letter with the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg. they have come splendidly so far. I am glad Christopher enjoyed all my news. you must have had good fun talking to him about it, as he knows something of the country & the people how he would enjoy the life here — but what a commotion he would make among the Arabs here —

You will see in Father's letter the news of Sardic & the wool. he is simply crazy about English wool since he tried to spin it, I must say his fingers are like magic I must take a photo of him spinning. I am trying to get a photographic record of all stages of native weaving – the other day I took old Ahmed with his sheep & 2 two day old lambs, one black

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and one red, such darlings. we picked them up & cuddled them while mama sheep nuzzled us to see what we were doing with her babies. They were soft & silky & adorable with funny long drooping ears –

I think it would make an interesting series if I could get good snaps of all the processes -

I am going to try to get a series of pot making & bread making also –

> Lots of love to you all Myrtle.

P.S. The princesses did not wear viels<sup>sic</sup> they belong to the New Egyptian party & try to be ultra European. the result is not very pleasing – They are partly Turkish by birth.

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