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Tamil Nadu, 1977

My dear Nell

It's almost a month now since I left Cape Town promising to write to you. The suit arrived a day or two after our arrival and we were very grateful.

I have re. of course, so much to thank you for but above all your considerateness which so impressed Veronica. Incidentally I am very happy you two met. I don't doubt you would get on well.

I am having a spoke of bother once more. On our arrival here the hospital authorities knowing that I had been unemployed for almost six months decided that I qualified as a non-paying hospital patient - my hospital bill had already reached R500.00 at R4.00 per day. So they decided

I should return to Brookhurst
by train with Veronica as my special
escort. We agreed that we would
leave on the 3rd January, 1978
Only a few days ago we learnt that
they had not received the seats and
none were available for that date.

Fortunately Benjie contacted some
dear friends and the air-fare for
both Veronica and I was raised. The
stress you will have seen in the papers
for the first two weeks here I
enjoyed good health. I took long ^{walks}
in the morning and steam quite
tired out. Then all of a sudden
I developed a terrible back-ache and
it is driving me crazy for nothing
seems to ease it except pain killers.
~~There~~ ^{we're} looking forward to seeing
you and Jennifer pretty soon and hope
things will be better this time than
they were last time.

Love to you and Jennifer.
Affectionately
Robert & Veronica

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