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My dear Henry, The Meeting
that began about the Anniversary
has nearly got quite over &
does very much about quarter
of nine in a late hour, but
that day I think will be
taken from the getting of the
congratulations & reports, before
I hear of anything with you, I
am thankful to get them, as you had
could have them out. I think
explained then by saying that the
elaboration of it was a slight
the reference would have been given
to the getting. May that night the
bleeding began again, the water
dry. From that time there have
gradually come off, but there

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is still a tinge of blood with the
phlegm. Had the signs of this
quite disappeared, I would have
entered to the Senate House
personally to make our charge
but as this the risk is too great
and in my weakened state
such another attack of blood spitting
might be attended with very
serious consequences. I trust
therefore that you will allow me
to make our charge by letter only.
You will see from my application
for furlough, that I have acted
upon which Reynolds told you, viz
that subsidiary leave could be
given for only 14 days. Today's
pay I shall get, if you will
be good enough to report that
I made our charge in the afternoon

of the day. Then from the 12th to the 25th
will come under subsidiary leave
and my furlough will begin from
the 26th by which time I shall probably
be ready to leave Calcutta. I
fear I shall not be able again to
undertake the duties of a Professor
in the Presidency College, Calcutta, to
lecture to the very large classes
that I have always had, it needs
a strain of voice of which I
shall never again be capable.

I shall be so glad to see
you again. I am, I trust, far
far out of your way to and from
your work. If any afternoon,
you can make a convenient time
to look in, I shall be glad of your
visiting.

Yours sincerely
Robt. Howard