

in managing the four houses, with much care to you all - I remain
yours affec
Harriet
Lyell

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Delhi

My dear Lillian

This morning I received your letter asking us not to come before till after the 2nd January. so now I don't think we can leave agra, till after the tenth, as the Durbar comes off on the 8th I believe and of course my son expects us there for that function.

I have made arrangements here for lozenges swaves at 5 Rs a maund but they won't give me Sepasrees under 25 Rs a maund. I don't think it would come cheaper if the fruit was bought in Calcutta

and sent up to Simla. 2 maunds inclusive of packing would not cost for freight for perishable articles such as fruit more than 4/8 a maund I think & if the fruit came to 1/6 Pi or 2 annas a seer it would only be at the outside freight and all say 10 Rs a maund inclusive of packing a great difference from 25 Rs a maund. kindly let me know if Sepasrees can be purchased at the above price & when is the cheapest time to buy it - I am giving you a great deal of trouble, but please forgive me. I do hope you will have a very pleasant & merry Christmas & a happy new year. nothing has been finally settled yet about Mrs Swynerton & Glencarm. If she has to go I will have a very heavy time