



Monday~ 3rd June 1901

...work of assisting my brother in his portraits. Of the sketches

I made only one is a figure study, the rest are all landscapes. It must be mentioned that these sketches were made during the spare hours I could snatch from our serious work. Udaipur offers a wide scope for any number of landscape studies.

Tuesday~ 4th June 1901

This morning Rev. Dr Shepherd and Mr Lillie-the superintendent of the local railway-came to see the pictures. The former who is a good physician of considerable practice here was consulted with regard to Appay's state of health. He insisted on our instant removal to a drier and better ventilated house if his treatment should have any effect. He is an exceedingly good man.

Wednesday~ 5th June 1901

We have got the permission of the Durbar to remove to what is called here Wingate's Bungalow-a spacious and well furnished house on the top of a hill overlooking the Fateh Sagar Lake. Dr Shepherd called again this morning and in the evening we removed to our new residence. Appay's health is still very bad but it is a consolation we have got a good doctor to treat him.

Thursday~ 6th June 1901

We feel much more comfortable here than in Arnir House. This afternoon there are signs of the approach of the monsoon, there is a strong westerly wind, there was drizzling rain accompanied by thunder. Appay has no fever today. Mr Hamir Singhji called in the evening to enquire if we were comfortable here.

Friday~ 7th June 1901

This evening we received a telegram from eldest cousin that the Elaya Raja of Travancore expired last evening of Diabetes-a very sad news. What a calamity to Travancore to lose her two only remaining Princes within so short a time of each other. We had not even dreamt of such a thing taking place.

Saturday~ 8th June 1901

The news of the death of the Elaya Raja in his prime weighs on me heavily. That amiable Prince before he was estranged from his parents and us by Ranga Rao has great affection and regard for me and my cousin K.R.R. as we had been classmates and companions from early boyhood...

