

West Park
Dunsterham
Salisbury
13 May 1895

My dear Spencer.

Yours enclosing drawings
of frogs to hand also journal.

You rather misunderstood my letter re
publication — I had no intention of
submitting your work to any one with
a view of getting an opinion as to the
value of it, or of allowing it to be altered
in any respect — I quite appreciate
your loyalty in connection with the
whole matter and also the undoubted
ability & energy you have displayed.
but I cannot say that I am equally
well pleased as regards the other
members — Stirling has apparently
done nothing and as Gats and Wall
have preserved a dignified silence
I am at a loss to know whether they
found anything of interest on the
trip. With regard to the amount
to be allotted you for reproduction
of plates you don't give me any
idea of what amount you are

likely to require — When on the
journey you said £250 should
do the whole book — This amount
I have agreed to increase to £800
and if this is not enough I don't
mean that your work shall suffer
from want of a little more, but
I cannot possibly appropriate the
whole amount without knowing
more about the other sections
For instance Wall undertakes petrology
& mineralogy — The former could
not involve a great amount of
writing or illustration ^{or name} as the rock
formation is not new, and I don't
think displays great variation
whereas of minerals there don't appear
to have been any — of course this
is to a great extent inference on
my part, but until I get the report
I cannot form any estimate of its
value or the cost of publication
Botany of course covers a wider
field but here again I am
without any information except

references in your Journal
Winnetts I understand has prepared
Elaborate plans, which are of no use
for publication and rather trench
upon Watts department — These
I never authorized & don't want,
all that is necessary is a sketch
plan of the route traversed with
the Camps marked so as to be clear
the references of the scientific
numbers — These are said by Belt
to be valued by Winnetts at about
£200 —

Winnetts Journal I could not
permit of publishing in its present
form, as it would be an insult
to all the other numbers, as the
tone of it is that he directed all
the operations and that the scientific
simply carried out his instructions
Your trip to Ayer's Rock which was
the most trying & one of the most
important, is simply referred to
Chemically, whilst the birds of place
is given to a hunt for Corrobboree
stones in some cases.

I may show your field drawings & report to some scientists, not with a view of ascertaining their value as that is self evident and the manuscript most interesting reading but simply to let them see the kind of work that is being prepared for publication.

As soon as I get the prints of all the photos I will send you an album containing the lot

In conclusion let me assure you that if any of the reports have to be curtailed or expense reduced yours will be the last to suffer

Let me know the maximum amount you require to do your portions well

Yours sincerely
W. A. H. S. J.