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My dear Home

I have just returned from a run over to Adelaide to see Stirling & Tate & consult with them & am in a position to let you know something more or less definite as to the work as a whole. We had a long consultation & afterwards I spent the evening with Stirling & we went over the photos of rippers so as to get some idea of what he would like in the way of illustrations.

The following is the result so far as we can tell at present & I promised them to communicate with you.

- (1) Anthropology. Stirling is & has been hard at work on this. So far

already drawn.

(2) Geology & Microology.

The estimated number of pages for the Geology is 150. This will probably include Stratigraphical Geology, Palaeontology & Physiography. Three plates (Lithographs) of fossils - Two plates () of sections are suggested.

For mineralogy the estimated number of pages is Three plates of rock section, etc are required.

(3) Botany.

The estimated number of pages is 40. Two plates are required.

In the matter of Geology - Palaeontology etc. The Physiographical Chapter has been

as Letterpress is concerned it will take about 60 Wks. of the size of volume already suggested (i.e. size of 10 1/2 plates sent home to you). This includes filler's contribution.

The plates to illustrate this fall under two heads

(1) Plates. There are some 32 of these suggested all with the exception of three or four of which are half plates, the others being quarter plates. Of those suggested I will send you prints & as soon as filler gives me permission - the negatives.

(2) Lithographs. Eight plates are suggested.

- (1) a drawing of a conchoidal stone near Hentbury
- (2) (3) - (4) ~~etc~~ copies of water drawings
- (5) weapons (outline of typical ones)
- (6) - (7) ornaments
- (8) penton language - outline drawings of hands.

The Letter series (Lithographs) can be put in hand at any time as soon as

written. The stratigraphical
& palaeontological work is well
in hand. The report on the
gold fields is complete some
time ago.

In the matter of Botany the report
is done. Prof. Tate has
promised me to let you have a
copy of the general part at an
early date.

(4) Zoology. This includes the
following separate reports.

- (1) * Mammalia. (2) * Birds.
(3) * Lizards. (4) Snakes. (5) * Amphibia.
(6) * Fishes. (7) * Mollusca. (8) * Beetles
(9) Hymenoptera (10) Orthoptera. (11) Spiders
(12) * Crustacea. (13) Hemiptera. (14) * Lepidoptera

The number of pages so far as I can
estimate will be about 170. Those
marked with an asterisk are complete
or nearly so. The others are well

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in hand. The number of
plates I think will be about
24.

Winnipeg's Journal & maps etc are
already in your possession.

A general account, if you care
to have one, could be made as
long or as short as you like but
would I should think occupy
from 20-25 pages.

In addition to these each section
must have its own index.

This means so far as I can estimate
a volume of some ⁵⁵⁰500 pages
letterpress. *Other than*

The plates (including the photos suggested
in connection with the anthropology)
will number ~~between 50 & 60.~~
45.

Beyond this will come the illustration of the general account.

So far as I can estimate the drawing on stone & printing off of 1000 copies of the plates (other than reproductions of photos.) will cost £340.

In photos. Starling wants reproduction of 33 which will occupy about the space of 16 plates. There are almost all fillers. If the photos. could be reproduced after the fashion of those in Saville Kent's book on "the great Norman Reef" they would look very well indeed.

Now the before I can get our plates drawn here it is essential to know the exact size of the volume & (1) The number which you intend to (2)

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issue. I cannot as you will see make a beginning until the first point is settled. Please let me know this as soon as ever you can as the winter is much the best time here in which to get lithographic work done. I have seen the draughtsman since receiving your last letter & he is able to begin at once & go through with the work. Please also let me have the proofs plates back as they will go in with the third article.

If you could allow me to expend a fixed sum on the lithos. (Here as at present suggested will cost as nearly as I can tell £300) then I could fairly definitely fix matters up & start to work.

As to the publishing. We are all in hopes that you will see your way to having this done out here: it will save

a very considerable amount of time
to be very much more suitable &
pleasant to all of us. No one can
possibly make an efficient editor who has
not a fair grasp of the subject matter
dealt with. The printing can be done
just as well here as at home & at probably
very little more cost - the extra expense
subsiding there be any would more than be
covered by your not having to pay an
editor.

I told Sterling & Tate that I had
asked you to let me see the work
through the press without any editor's
name appearing & to this they are quite
agreeable & I promised them to again
lay before you our very strong desire
that you ^{could} see your way to having the
publishing done out here. The
publishing can easily be arranged with
Mr Neville Mullen & Glade who are
probably now the leading firm in Australia
& the whole credit of bringing the work out might
as well belong to the latter as not.

As to the manner of publication: we

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are all anxious for the sake of saving time as well as for that of general convenience that the whole volume should consist of certain parts or sections which can be procured separately. As I said in a previous letter some people would be glad to buy the part relating to Anthropology or Zoology etc without having to purchase the whole volume. Also the publishing of the parts could go on simultaneously which would mean a very considerable saving of time as, say Zoology comes last in the whole volume then if it be published as a whole all the rest must wait to be printed till the whole of the rest is struck off & with the necessary passage too & ~~pro~~ of proofs very great delay will take place. The parts will of necessity vary in

size but this would not matter in the least.

The following sections are suggested -

Section 1.

Preface. (4 pages)
Journal (minutes)
General Account.
Maps.

Section 2.

Geology - Mineralogy.

Section 3.

Botany.

Section 4

Anthropology.

Section 5.

Zoology.

These could be either called Sections or Parts. & they would all be summarized on a page at the beginning of the first one.

Each part would be separately pagged so that several might be in the press

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at the same time & each part struck off as complete.

If you will allow me to undertake the raising I think that having a fair all round knowledge of the work of the different sections & being in easy communication with the various writers it will be of advantage to all concerned.

But whichever way you decide please let me know as soon as possible the exact size of the volume & I will then start the lithographer to work at once.

Yours very sincerely

W. Baldwin Spencer.