

Adelaide, 17 Oct 1895

My dear Spencer

At the end of the last epistle I received from Horn he added as a casual afterthought "You can advance Spencer £800 for publication." This I suppose means that £800 is to cover the cost of the whole magnum opus. I had a delightful chat at lunch today with the F.R.S. who, from his statements, I judge

to be much overworked. He expects to have his part finished within two months & Tate is getting on with his Geology.

They propose to have a consultation with you as to the apportionment of the £800. I will write to Horn once more & try to get him to have a map of the route included in the book, or will it be better for you to put aside so much out of the £800 & arrange with Winicke to have a reduced map prepared?

Hoping the curtain will soon be rung down on the Horn Exped:

Yrs sincerely

F. W. Bell

P.S. I fear poor old Heartland won't have much space allowed him for his canaries.