Janius Carlton Club
29 Jan 1846

My dear Spencer,

re Anthropology

I must say that I am very disappointed in the first part of this paper — The numerous apologies for the writer's imperfections and for the unmitigable unreliability of the evidence he destroy any value the paper may have had. I cannot see any advantage in publishing vague ideas and stating that the information which gave rise to them is absolutely unreliable — it was for better to leave them out altogether and only make such statements as are borne out by reliable evidence.

For instance, page 6.

The writer is fully conscious of imperfections.
My own experience of the tribe inhabiting the Country from Yorkshire Peninsular in So. Aust. to the Aust. Right in the West and Northwards to the Plate is that although the language is mainly different, still they can understand one another and have many words in common.

The statement that the natives have a different name for a mountain & for the Wash at the foot of it - is hardly worth publishing as an anthropological discovery. It would be very funny if they called them by the same name.

In fact I think that the paper is up to the heading.
Native population wants re-drafting, all about Cattle Killing and the mansion, description of the distribution of the entrails might be omitted as they are modern habits or at least might be put in a more general way.

The purely scientific portion of the paper I have no doubt is all right.

The negatives have not yet arrived — you can get the drawings lithographed but there.

I have sent you copy of paper I read at R.C. I which you can adapt as preface so as not to clash with your general.
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Please expect my criticism gently & kindly & also give him a hint that the British Museum authorities are very indignant that nothing has been done with the Dicynodon bones.

As a matter of fact he is in rather bad odour there, someone has told them the history of the Notocycles.

Yours sincerely,

W. N. Earle

men. and put Scott Bury's photo in the book but simple a symph of heads - I enclose mine