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Cannizaro
Wimbledon

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1875-1896

My dear Spencer,

I have received
the Geological report & I must
say my feeling was one of
keen disappointment — The
Curt description of the Gorges
and of the Macdonnells generally
and also of Chambers pillar &
Ayers rock was not what I
expected — Also the absence
of any speculative theory as to
to what had happened in
relation to the changes since
Diprotodon days.

The British Museum people
are looking forward to some
information as to the Diprotodon
and Nototherium & also

a reference to the Ethical
Sushwain birds - I am
sure it will add immensely
to the popularity of the work
if you or Shirley can
contribute even a short
article in reference to them
or even the Orprobodons alone
as I find the keenest interest
is taken by a very large
number of people, in these
Ethical animals - a
drawing also of the skeleton
and a few facts as to
their size &c & supposed
habits would be a good
addition.

The paper I read at
R.C.I. although only short
and unscientific has

aroused a great interest
and has been favorably
criticised by a large section
of the press - and I have
had several invitations to
reprint it, but have
declined doing so at present.

I note what you say
about Wells plates - he
had them done himself &
I thought them very bad.

I enclose some reproduced
photos. I daresay they
could have been better
done in Australia, but
they were done by the best
people in London, & Cass
Gillies name will appear on
the finished plates.

These plates are from
Belt & Co. for another £300
if you so promised, this is

The first intimation I have received that the work would cost more than £500 in fact in several of your letters you have assured me that it would not exceed that — The expense here of reproducing in good style the photos will be heavy

In part one I must ask you to send home your general chapters in type so that I can get it printed here in conjunction with my preface as I cannot well write the latter without knowing what I am prefacing and I cannot arrange the illustrations

I have substituted the Circumcision Group enclosed for the one you sent as it is more natural, the other was too evidently a put up job I have had the stone wall taken out and also the white man

It is a great pity that there is so much European rage in

Some of Gullens photos
 I mean the white burn cloths
 on the lubras and also
 the half clothed natives
 in the foreground of some.
 I would have had them
 taken out if they had been
 our own negatives — Otherwise
 they are very good.

Just give Stirling a hint
 that Sir W. Flower & the
 museum people are very
 impatient about the Dipodomys
 & that if he does not do
 something with the bones
 they will be asking permission
 from the S.A. Govt. to send
 up for a skeleton themselves
 They say he has had them
 for three years and done
 nothing — Of course its

No business of mine, Except
that they Counsel the whole
thing with our Expedition

Please Send your General
Chapters as soon as possible
as I want to see the things
Complete.

I am sorry to find
Bell left your album
behind - however I'll
be able to add some
more photos now

Yours truly
W. H. H. H.

Please send to Chief Justice
Wag the completed parts
of the work & illustrations