



The University of Melbourne

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My dear Horn,

A few days ago I sent you a cable after consulting with W. Belt. The reason of it was that we are in rather a fix. Winnecher's maps & journal have been handed back to him with the information that you do not require them & he is accordingly making arrangements to publish them elsewhere. Now if they are out before the narrative & the map (Part I of our work) we shall be to a certain extent forestalled & especially in one particular about which I am particularly anxious. As you know it was our intention to name the long valley in the McDonnell Ranges the 'Horn' valley & I have accordingly followed out this idea in all the letterpress. I now understand that on Winnecher's big map it is called Mercurie Valley. If we don't get priority by publishing first then the latter name will have to stand & considerable confusion will ensue. The journal doesn't matter so much as to my

Acting on your letter of Jan 29 wherein you say "I have sent
I have had the general chapters & preface set up in this form but shall not print them in page
form till we have a better illustration on hand & have to be referred to. I have left instead of your
remarks about the natives."

thinking it is preeminently uninteresting that
is of its final form be that in which I
saw & read part of it some time ago.

I made certain suggestions to Kelt on the
matter & he will communicate with you by
Cable should circumstances oblige him to
take action.

Winnicke has been very
friendly with me & personally I am not
anxious to do anything against him but we
must protect ourselves & the best way in
which we can do this is to publish at an
early a moment as possible, after which
it matters little what takes place.

~~It seems to me that on your write to me
sending out a copy of your address &
instructing me to adapt it as an introduction
so as not to clash with my general
account.~~

Accordingly I have done this.
By this mail I send you a copy of
my narrative which I have endeavored to
write in such a way as to give an account
of the country passed through, a good deal
of natural history which could not well be
brought into the strictly scientific reports &
a general popular summary of the work done
in all departments.

I have shown it
to Melville the publisher who has read it
through & is much pleased with it & says
that he thinks it will well serve its purpose.

You speak of my being perturbed in
 mind. I must confess that at times I
 have been and with good cause. The
 sometimes exactly contrary instructions which you
 send me at intervals of time & the
 sporadic way in which you take no notice of
 questions has been enough to perturb the
 mind of the most unobtrusive editor. If
 you could see your letters to me &
 realize also how awkward my work has often
 been made by the lack of replies to questions
 you would probably be a little astonished.
 As it is I am very much desiring to receive
 copies of maps - narrative illustrations &
 to publish the final parts. We are
 entirely dependent on you as to when the
 whole thing is published. I would
 do if you give up to Centre again
 W.M.S.