

West Park 8  
Dunrobin  
Salisbury  
4 Feb 1895

My dear Spencer,

Yours to hand by this mail  
but I am still without anything from  
either Tate or Watt - Bert forwarded  
me a note he had received from  
Stirling who does not seem to think  
that he has obtained much insight  
into the manners & customs of the  
Aborigines except what is contained  
in some notes he received from  
Gillen - I hope this is not the  
case as if his contribution is confined  
to a few bones & spears they  
will have been rather a costly addition.

I hope the book can be kept down  
to a reasonable size and that  
the matter contained will be confined  
as much as possible to the actual  
work done by the Expedition.

I want you to send me a specimen  
of the Alexandra parrot as I have  
never seen one I can get it set up  
here.

I am quite certain that all

The illustrations can be done  
better here than in Australia and  
you only send the material I will  
get them done — I will also get  
all the important letter press type written  
so that there will be no errors in  
the printing — I have not written  
anything to Adelaide that would  
delay the reports of either Galt or  
Stirling & in allowing £500 for  
publication I thought I was  
making a liberal allowance  
as you will remember that  
all you & Stirling asked before  
I left the party was £250 —  
we wont spoil the ship for the  
proverbial "haphoth of tea"

Hoping you will be able to stir  
up the dilatory members with  
their reports

Believe me

Sincerely yrs

W. A. R. O. D. N.