My dear Spencer,

Yours is hand by this mail but I am still without anything from either Dake or Watt— Belh forwarded me a note he had received from Stirling who does not seem to think 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 Evans notes he received from Jelten—I hope this is not the case as if his contribution is confined to a few books & reports they will have been rather a costly addition. I hope the boat can be kept down to a reasonable price 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 and 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 & either Dale or
Stirling & in allowing those for
publication I thought I was
making a liberal allowance
as you will remember that
all you & Stirling acted before
I left the party was £250 —
We went apart the shift for the
proverbial "half of this"
Nothing you will be able to sti-
upy the dilatory members with
their reports

Believe me

Sincerely yours

W. B.

[Signature]