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My dear Fison

I send you  
herewith a short note written  
some time ago to the J.A.I. Its  
credits may perhaps be partly  
accounted to the fact that it was  
rolled out of me during rather  
rough weather in the Mediterranean  
to the uttermost degree of which I  
have no doubt but that you will  
suggest it would have been  
advisable to consign it as in the  
case of another theory.

However here it goes and you  
need not trouble to read it.

Have you heard lately from  
Frozier: Once more a 'suggestion' of  
yours has borne fruit. F. writes  
me to say that he is getting up a

petition addressed to the honors that  
be requesting them to grant Jellen &  
myself the necessary leave of absence  
to go up north to study the tribes  
between Alice Springs & Port Darwin.

He is however seized with a  
'sharky dread' as to whether after  
all he & I would care to go. I  
have written him a line easing his  
mind on this point and now when  
it comes to hand I shall have to  
rely upon you for the customary  
testimonial from "some clergyman or  
other reputable individual" to state that  
the said ~~petition~~ petition was not, sub  
rosa, got up or at least suggested by  
myself: otherwise the domestic hearth  
may have its peace disturbed.

Yours sincerely

W. Baldwin Spencer.