

WINDSTOCK, VERMONT

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My dear Spencer

Your letter

gave me great pleasure, and
so far as my very moderate
influence will go I shall
do my best to further your
project. The preliminary
outline paper was sent to
me in type by the editor

of Nature and I looked through it. Happening to see at Malvern I have not seen last weeks number, but when I got back this evening I hope to find it here or in this week. Mr. J. Allen had kindly sent me the Anthropology of the Horn Expedition, which opened up a new structure field, and reading the paper make me sure that the newly described

totem system is of great importance toward the understanding of the whole totem business, the usual theories of which seem to me ~~unintelligible~~, whereas your scheme, though new as it is, is at any rate rational, as a piece of savage reasoning.

I will send your typescript as soon as it comes, and shall probably then communicate with

Macmillans. The difficulty
will be to secure a sufficient
sale among the general public
in addition to the anthropologists,
who though anthropology has
come on wonderfully in the last
few years, cannot yet take an
edition. However I will do
all in my power. It particularly
delights me that you have made
your mark in anthropology when
the opportunity offered. W^m Tylor joins
me in best wishes of our truly
Edward B Tylor