

ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON
SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE CURATOR.



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My dear Spencer,

Yours of May 10-15th
to hand -

I'm so
comfort, if you will
excuse my saying so, to
find that we are not
the only Australian Mus^m
with a meagre local collⁿ,
therefore disposing of our
duplicates I wish you
would think us. But
what do you mean by
the Public Collection? That
in the Tech Museum, or
where? Unfortunately

we are as badly off for
"dupes", as for specimens
in chief, but perhaps we
may be able to do a swap.

I occasionally hear
of cawed trees that could
be obtained, but probably
before one reaches the store
it would cost £100.00
what with purchase,
felling & freight. If you
like I will put the next
parties I hear of wishing
to vend, on to you.

Re Museum - Here we
have always concluded
that you would work
the Museum Directorate
into an appendage to
your Chair, & run the two.
For heavens sake, if you
have any regard for

the Museum, & the false
 name of Zoology in
 Victoria, Report that
 man Norton out of it;
 I am only sorry to hear
 that he is a friend of
 yours! otherwise, I
 might be tempted to try
 a good deal more. I
 should much like to have
 a talk with you over
 Museum matters in
 general, more particu-
 larly as they will be ef-
 fected by this Federation,
 when it comes, which
 pray the Lord it may
 not.

Things here I cannot
 say are flourishing,
 small chance when
 means are short. The

finny part of the matter
 is that the powers do not
 object to spend money
 on bricks & mortar, but
 having done so, they seem
 to think their whole duty
 ended. We are about
 to build again (£13,500),
 a new wing to be commenced.

Personally I am only
 just peace -

Yours ever

P. Etherick

Pros. Baldwin Spencer
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P.S. I have, I think three
 very poor female

Could trucks, but good enough for you. When
 you will be in the way?