

Bayle Chambers  
Dec 4/99

My dear Spencer

Very many thanks  
for your kind letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult.  
and also for the invitation to  
come and put up at your place  
nothing would have pleased me  
better but I am afraid I shall  
be unable to get away to avail  
myself of your generosity. I have  
been compelled to stick at my  
work almost night and day to cope  
with the pest that has set in  
this has led to ~~the~~ indisposition. I  
was fairly knocked up for about  
a week and so far have not  
been able yet to start my paper  
on Central Australia which  
by the way I don't think will be

as interesting as I should wish it  
to be and which I will try and  
forward to you for inspection

I have since your last visit  
SA changed my condition by  
taking unto myself a little wife  
so when next you visit SA you  
must come and spend a few days  
with us I think you will like my  
old place and the odd and odd  
you will find there will I think  
interest you. With best wishes

& kindest regards

Yours very sincerely  
Chas. W. W. W.

If by any possible chance I should be  
able to get away I will let you know  
I should indeed very much wish to meet  
some of the gentlemen you mention as  
well as others who may attend the Ass. May