

NORTHERN CLUB
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My Dear Spencer,

I was much interested in your letter, and also highly gratified to receive your intense interest in the Australian aboriginal! Evidently my disengagement caught you in the middle of a glowing passage in your M.S.!

But I agree with your criticism - my opinion as expressed in the letter sent you was that of the "ordinary man-in-the-street". I give way on the subject of original research. But I may assure that my ethnologically & historically considered this Maori has some of the elements of a fresh race savagery. A fellow who can kill you

Cook you, & eat you after swallowing your
dead eyes, & yet be a dignified & punctilious
gentleman, and a man of the word - is
a personality. But —

My purpose in writing is to say that if I
can get all managed it I shall stay a night
as I pass through on Monday next March 8th
But as we commence on Tuesday 10th specially,
I must wait till I arrive in Sydney to find
out by wire of the time you be spared, I
shall send you a wire in that case. But if
you are not in town, or if it is at all un-
-venient for you or Mrs. Spence that I should
- come please do not bother in the least about
me, as I cannot give you more definite infor-
-mation of my plans now.

I have had great luck here. Sir George Grey

replies has two boxes of manuscripts which
he has got even, & he has allowed me to
go through them all - of course with
superficiality. He has promised to put them in
my disposal again two years hence.

I regret to say he has no ink any autographs
left of Gray's concerning Australasia.

I have inquired of another man in Auckland, &
he is going through his papers tonight.
I am not sure that from your letter, it is
necessary to be on an Australasian subject,
but the paragraph reads like it.

I send you a letter to his family, and
am bringing you an address for Sydney

man who was once resident in N. Zealand
& who according to Thomas. George is a wealthy
man to have such.

Thanking you for the information about
Dawson, & hoping to see you some
number if it can be managed by Mr P
W.

Yours very truly

Geo. C. Stanger

P.S. I shall give you a good deal of information
about Tuller if I see him in thirty days. He is
a very man & an enthusiast
G.C.S.