

Charlottesville, Va.
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Dear Professor,

As Goes from Crown Point is going to Staasatta tomorrow I am sending you a consignment of beasty and this note by him.

I was very sorry to hear of your home trouble, and hope that all is now quite well again. With this anxiety added to the colossal amount of work you have on hand, I can well understand your feeling jaded, and only wish that you could take a run up here during the winter months when the trip would really do you good.

I don't think I quite realized what

The work of editing was until I had a
look thro' the bulky volume you sent.
It is really a splendid work in every
way, and must make a big stir in the
Scientific world. Speaking of it, Minot
in a recent letter says respectfully "Owing
to Spencer's indomitable energy I form it
likely to have another How for the Kingdom!
See that he (How) is rather an ardent ad-
vocate of State, especially at the Colonial
Institute where he caused the August 21st
of the Vampires to shake with his jokes
about C. A. Sumner if he gave them
that description of a camel which so
tickled the S. A. Public, or confined
himself to the humorous experiences he
had between Bonasseth and A. L. Dend!"

We had a nice rain on the 21st which,
altho' it did not put any water into the
Crest, has made the places look nice
and green - I started the ferns out
to the front immediately it fell, but

they were unable to get any more. I am
now sending them to Codnatchura, and
if the waterhole there has been filled they
will be able to get Urpuela and Swarra.
with any other plants that may be desirable
enough to him in that vicinity -

As some Crickets on the tableland had been
killed I stretched them for bristles this morning
and succeeded in getting two varieties -

One a reddish brown in color and the
other colorless and transparent with
the lines of growth few and rather
faintly marked. So far I have not been
able to get any with the dorsal line
separated as in your sketch, but I will
keep an look out for them - I was able
to get two in Mullins, and I got one
unaltered which is in the bottle with
other specimens -

I am still looking for you can
suggest how quiet things are - I'll
never hear from and Field tells me

He is working like a Trojan night & day
at his Ethnological notes. Gummow has
it that recently he got up in his sleep
and adjourned to the wash house from which
there presently came a sound of chanting
accompanied with vigorous stamping
of feet; and on the astonished night operator
going to see what was the matter
He found the Pontiff, artistically decorated
with Day & Martin, and with fancy patterns
in postage stamp reliefs bestowed over his
ample person, corroborating away like
an ~~and~~ Oronoko warrior!

The blacks had a rain corroborce here a fortnight
ago, and I saw several of the morning dances. These
take place about an hour before sunrise, and
have a vivid effect on our in the dim half light.
Some of the head dresses are very elaborate, and the
different chants with the corresponding dances remove
the monotony so common in their other corroborces.

When you come up we will get them to go through
the series - With kind regards

Professor W. Baldwin Spencer

Yours sincerely
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