

The British Museum  
London W.C.

My dear Mr. Spencer

I must apologise  
 ever so much to you  
 for before we can I thank  
 you sufficiently for your  
 extreme kindness in  
 sending me the drawing  
 of your & Mr. J. Allen  
 specimens  
 here that I had not  
 already got. I have  
 had carefully drawn  
 by Mr. J. Allen  
 on Bl. & W. artist-

in the Miss: feeling that they deserved  
the same by better hands than  
mine the work seems completed  
but I am sorry to say by persons  
who join with me in producing  
it. (the business part) has just been  
taken all with the remnant of the  
lump which I had.

we are experiencing the most extraordinary  
weather here 3 days ago it was melting  
with yesterday & today we have had to go  
back to furs & great coats. To night it  
is fine & warm again Don't talk of  
testy gloves in Australia

I am looking forward to hearing your  
book is launched. I have referred to it  
as about to be published, but I think <sup>have</sup> liked  
to have seen it before I finally did  
I am printing 20 extra copies for  
Australia so if you know of any  
one who has not had the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
2<sup>nd</sup> series & only wants his vol. alone  
let me know.

Mathews is appealing to us to  
reinstiate him as it will do him  
so great harm in his profession & saying  
that an enormous amount of work  
he has done for science - his aim & object  
is to be a man of the field you see: what  
I check upon the matter & I shall be  
pleased to hear from you

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July  
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