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PARK HALL,
GREAT BARDFIELD,
BRAINTREE.

My dear Mr Spencer.

I have often wondered where you are & how you were getting along. I sent you out a little time ago a number of "man" which had a short notice of the expedition & it was not till then that I realised that we were fellow townsmen. They have been logging along much as usual. We

have had an extraordinary summer. Now
we have started harvest - 50 bush - (ab-
s.) - autumn. our heat has been excessive
ending up with a tremendous thunder storm
when the biggest rain fall they have had
for 20 years or more 2" falling in
hours in a few hours. filling the
underground at large (was. some
body calculated the rain fall as equal

to 16 million tons of water. I had to go over
to do some work at the Cambridge Museum &
the temperature there was 105°. After this
you will be feeling quite cool in the
interior of Australia, and no doubt
buying for a little of the 16 million tons
I suppose it will not be long before we get
some news of you & I hope it will be that
you & all your expedition are on your way
home safe & sound.

I am in the middle of house hunting
as I am too much out of the world here &
in the woods of railways so I am trying
to find a home within driving distance
of Natchley, as I find I have to be in
town often than I anticipated.

Hope soon to hear of you & wish the
best of luck to you & yours.

Wm. Darwin