My dear Spencer

I was very pleased on my return from Paris yesterday to receive your letter. I wish very much that I had met you here, but this being deemed me, I now wish you every possible success and also a pleasant trip. I wish I could have gone with you. I would have done my best to be of some use.

You ask me if I could suggest any likely localities about your while in Paris. There are two where I think you and Gilder would find some things of great interest. One is the Tribes that frequented the Buchanan ruin, they are without a doubt, the most perfectly
(physically) developed blacks I have seen, equal if not superior on an average to the Caucasian then there is another tribe on the Sandover North East about 200 miles of Alice Springs, I saw that many of them with smallpox mark and as this is a numerous tribe it extends over a large area, they have no connection with the Barrow Creek or Queensland tribes and their language so my blacks more boy told me differs entirely for those of the tribes with which he was acquainted, then again there is an interesting point to clear up in this region, on the South side of the Sandover I first discovered an old drag back, this was seen again 10 years afterwards still distinctly visible, such marks
May last for 50 years in this country, the track was very old
when I saw it in 1873 or 1874
but I felt sure it was still visible.
I followed it without any difficulty
and finally could trace it on my map for over 200 miles.
Althou I had been prevented me
from seeing this middle part that time.
I do not know if Drucker had
a vehicle but I think not. I
once questioned Baron von Drucker.
but he too, although persuaded the
best authority confirmed to me that
he was uncertain on this point.
Now this track was travelling
westward I saw it about 50 miles
further (at its eastern point) west of the Queensland
Boundary in Latitude 21° 30' and
East of the Boundary
a tributary, the Sandown in Latitude
22° 20' Longitude 155° 5', a rumour
of which Hillen may have something
reached me when both east of
Alice Springs the a party of white
men had passed and that the
horses had died on the shaft of
the dray somewhere in the direction
in which I last saw the track.
It was a two-wheeled dray without a
brake - in crossing the small streams it
seemed out with the main River. The marks
on the eastern side were only found
while those on the western side
were always deeply indented and this
travelled.
I could tell to Drucker etc and think
it must have been during a rainy
short season. Wishing you and your
way success and a pleasant and
peaceful time and with kindest regards
to both Belurene and your children
I remain, your very sincerely
Chas W. McCormick