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Geological Survey Office
Perth WA

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Dear Sir

Allow me to introduce myself to you, as one interested in aboriginal matters.

I have been collecting information regarding the use of the carved dancing boards among the central tribes here, and as Prof Spencer mentioned in his account of the Horn Expedⁿ,

that you would probably publish some further information regarding these articles

"Churinga". I would be glad to know if you have done

so as I purpose sending the results of my enquiries to one

of the scientific societies. It would be desirable to be posted up

will send samples

in District has been done to date
by others. These boards here
range up to 13 ft long when
they are carried by two men
one at each end in their country.
I have photos of a ceremonial
rod in shape not exactly seen
in these used elsewhere.
Some of the smaller ones have
snake patterns, but I think
that they must have been
of originally phallic symbols
as the snake and phallus
have always been associated
in the primitive world wide
cult. I have not heard of
the boards being used for
rain making here, but it
may be to lend importance
to this or other purposes.

Mr Price is the Chief Protector

Aborigines has been very lengthy
in his treatment of the ^{black} Department.
I have been urging him to
form Refuges within reach
of medical advice & help for
the blacks & exclude them as
funds allow. He fears the
exclusion of the blacks from
the towns of the Chief white
centres of population, but
to do this, without prior
provision for their main-
tenance would be cruel & unjust.

His idea is to prevent the spread
of the virus & consequent disease.

Would you tell me whether there is
any other similar ^{arrangement} ^{in the} ^{country}
^{excepting} ⁱⁿ ^{SA} ^{or} ^{Australia} and
if not, how is yours provided for?

There is some talk of the Federal
Govt taking over the whole
management of the Aborigines

Do you know anything as to the
Have you seen my Memoirs
on the Rock Carving of Port
Jackson, if not I will have
much pleasure in sending
you a copy

I am expecting to be away for
a few months to England after
Mid June so that I hope that
you will let me hear from
you before I leave.

I will be very glad to hear
from you however at any
time. I hold the post of
Asst Govt & Geologist - here
the work takes me a good deal
among the blacks at times

I am yours faithfully
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