

Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia,

Adelaide, 8th May 1902

Dear Spencer,

Your last has been
too long unanswered but I have
been on the ground & besides I
wanted to be able to tell you of an
arrangement I propose which I
think should end your reproaches
re specimens - This winter I am
going to send Tietz over to your
Museum - the Australian Museum
perhaps ^{the} Brisbane - He knows
all we have got and no doubt
we can ^{not only} square off the debt you
say, & no doubt with justice, is owing
by us to you but make a fresh
deal. Besides I want him to see
how you have done your ethnology.

I know you treated us well enough
in re Horn Expedⁿ things - but
Sydney did us for of the birds we
only

got a very few common species,

However we will try to do the fair thing by you & we have always diprotodum & fall back upon for I don't expect you have got much of him.

I don't exactly know when Lucy will be coming round to you - probably June or July when it is too damp to work at the bone.

I myself hope to pass through Melbourne en route to Brisbane but that will be later on. Digz however will have primary plover.

I expect you^{also} will be pretty hard at work with the results of your trip - I do curse these lectures which take up so much time & energy.

Jella was with us a night on his way home - more talkative

than ever - I don't think anyone else got a word in all the evening. He said you were coming over again.

Believe me

Sincerely,

E. C. Stirling