Yemmack Creek
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My dear Professor

Very pleased to hear that you have such success with your lectures. But it beats me how you can find time to do so much. The busy mind of Mount is been so busy preparing his paper that he has not been able to find time for letter writing for nearly a year. I must apologize for him. The mail said poor Frank has not a minute that he can call his own.

Am glad you asked for the lizard this week. I will be able to get some in a week or two. An old friend of yours Anna Maria has promised to start out next week or so. She is the most reliable hunter here. I have hopes of securing a few specimens. Sorry that chance will not be left to do the thing. He always liked the job.

You will be glad to hear that we have at least had a splendid Rainfall. Nearly six inches recorded in five days.
of a nice steady roiling rain. I was unable to move away from the station for a week owing to the boggy state of the ground. The clouds came from the S.E. and I think very heavy rain must have fallen in North New South Wales. A week previous there was no sign of any rain even. The prospect of one of the worst droughts known in these parts. All is now changed to fall colours shooting up everywhere. Your typical "Vi Senvy" spot has been fed a foot deep all over. The whole implement. Thanks that I have not forgotten what you told me and am answering all I can lay hands on. Thanks I must have at least 150 now, all collected since you were here also a number of stone axes, Tomahawks etc. They have cut a good run in. Tobacco pipes to suit I think I will be able to set some interest on the outlay during the next 10 years. I hear you have wrote to the papers continuing people against making it the Winemakers depot field. They are either too foolish to believe you
Advise or have more money than they know what to do with. The field is almost a proved one, but already hundreds will have to turn back without having a try. The Brothers in Adelaide arrested by false reports from O'Connell & others, ran some of the shares up to a fictitious price & then sold out. People on the field are just beginning to realise that they have been hoodwinked. One says he expects some one will have a job to find the pieces of the remains after they have not been finished with the Doctor. There are one or two really good above out there but they will not be able to sell until investors forget what has occurred. Everything floundering in the swamps & hope to have a better crop than last year. Cattle are still selling well & we hope to dispose of everything this year. Scott send kindest regards. Poor Cowie went to town last week very ill. The Doctor thinks he is either suffering from the effects of a stroke or locomotor ataxia.
He said he was very chary of his brother's health. He is very anxious to hear what the Doctor says on his arrival in Adelaide. I must get my brother to find out. He will have your letter by next mail. They are all well. She is a little better. She is not as well as she was. She is not a fearful size when he laughs. She always sits about just as if an earthquake was travelling past. —

I trust she will find you and yours in the best of health with kind regards. Believe me your very general

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